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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

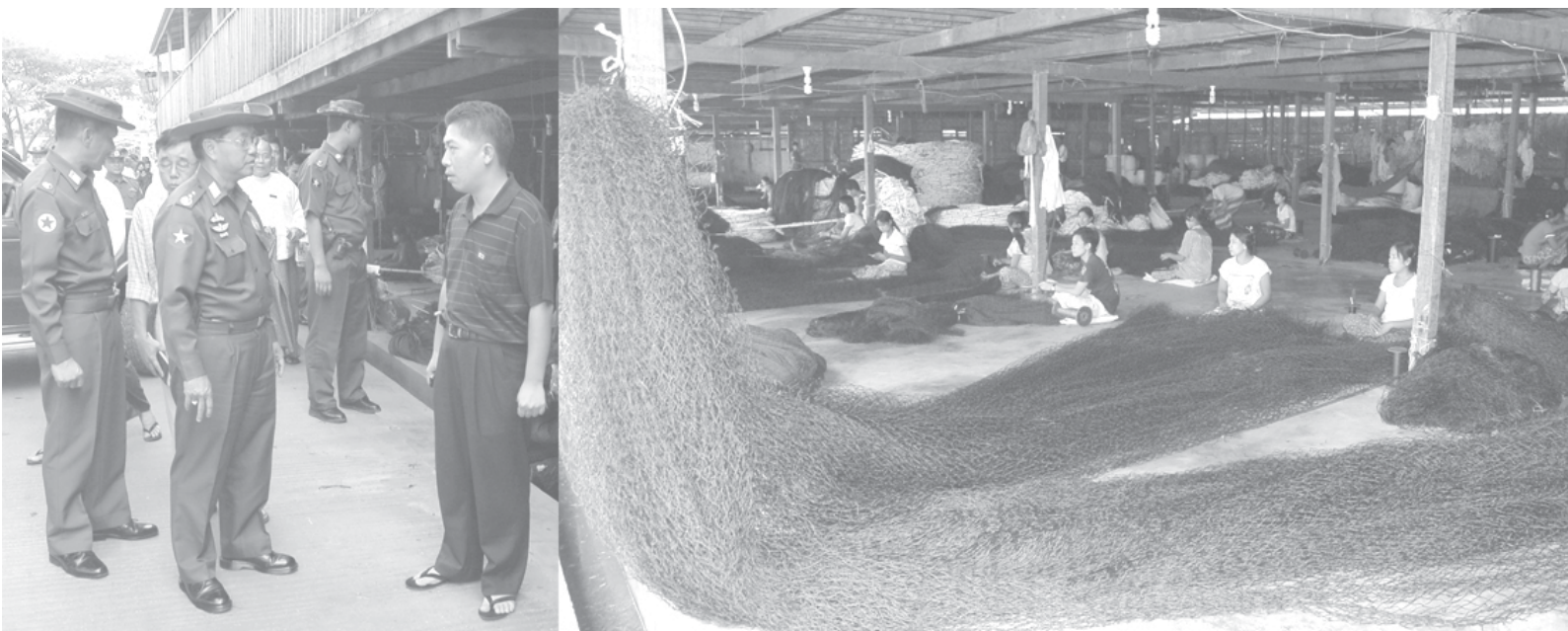
Four economic objectives

- * 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

Factories, workshops operating with momentum in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone



YANGON, 11 Sept— At Good Morning Factory of Myanmar Mayson Industries Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone of Hlinethaya Township this afternoon, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command

Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, heard reports on operating of factories, strength of workers, production works and requirements presented by Chairman of the Industrial Zone Management Committee U Myat Thin Aung.

Good Morning Factory Manager U Win Naung reported on production process of snacks at

the factory with the efforts of 754 workers the whole day and distribution of products to the market. Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed various kinds of snacks and productivities.

At the Aquatic Products Factory of Great International Co Ltd, they inspected processing and packaging of export prawn. (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe views production of Myanmar East Sea Fishing Net Industry Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone of Hlinethaya Township.—MNA

Online knowledge for business

YANGON, 11 Sept— Officials of the Ministry of Commerce gave talks on export/import licences and applying of business online at UMFCCL Office Tower here on 5 September.

The talks, jointly sponsored by the Working Committee for Trade, Finance and Revenue of the UMFCCL, were opened with an address by Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of the body. —MNA

Optimal conditions set for spacewalk

BEIJING, 11 Sept— Bringing forward the launch date of China's third manned spacecraft by one month will maximize conditions for the country's highly anticipated inaugural spacewalk, experts have said.

The Shenzhou VII spacecraft was first scheduled for take off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Gansu Province at the end of October.

The spacecraft was later rescheduled for take off between Sept 25 and 30.

Compared with the initial launching window in October, the position of the sun during the new

period would enable astronauts to walk out of the space module in sunlight and avoid returning in

“total darkness”, the Beijing Evening News recently quoted an expert as saying.—Internet



Engineers inspect Shenzhou VII spacecraft in a testing facility in Jiuquan, Gansu Province.

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INSIDE

In pursuance of the goal of democracy

This is why checks and balances have been included in the present constitution. There have been separate branches of power such as executive, legislative and judicial powers plus checks and balances. The 25 percent participation of Tatmadawmen representatives is to serve as a force for check and balance to protect the national interests.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Remain vigilant against terrorist instigation and plots

Myanmar, in pursuance of the national goal of building up a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map step by step in conformity with its historical background and the lifestyle of the people.

The State constitution designed for democratic transition has been adopted with the approval of 92.48 per cent of the voters in the referendum. Plans are now under way to hold multiparty democracy general elections in accordance with the new State constitution in 2010.

However, internal and external saboteurs are resorting to various means to disrupt the plans for transition to democracy. Their destructive activities range from a variety of movements launched under the cloak of democracy and human rights to terrorist attacks, causing public panic and casualties.

The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council announced at the press conference 1/2008 that Human Rights Defenders and Promoters (HRDP) is playing a major role in inciting protests and committing destructive acts in the nation.

It has been also exposed that the Forum for Democracy in Burma (FDB) based in Maesok in the neighbouring country is mobilizing young members of NLD from Myanmar, and conducting explosives courses for them to commit subversive acts in the nation.

Therefore, the entire people have to remain vigilant against and expose anti-government groups' plots to perpetrate bomb attacks, and instigation of internal and external saboteurs to destabilize the nation.

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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

An to get better airport



Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and ministers inspect construction tasks of An airport in An Township.—TRANSPORTATION

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Spet — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected construction of An airport in An on 6 September.

First, Director-General of the Department of Civil Aviation U Tun Hlaing reported the commander and the ministers on placing concrete over the runway, site for building, clearance of approach road and installation of signals for the runway.

Then, the commander and the transport minister gave instructions and inspected progress at the airport. Next, the commander and the ministers met with members of An Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

At Sittway Airport, the director-general of the DAC reported the commander and the ministers on paving of the runway, repairing task of the airport, installation of signal for the runway and sanitation works. After hearing the report, the commander and the ministers fulfilled the needs and visited the airport.

MNA

Sony presents high end projectors

YANGON, 11 Sept—Sony Business Projectors Seminar was held at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday.

After opening speech of Managing Director U Wai Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd, Director U Thein Tun Aung of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise extended greetings. Then, Mr Thomas Wong of Sony Singapore

Broadcast and Professional Product Division explained facts about the projector.

Full HD Projector VPL-FH 300, furnished with 2 million Resolution and High End technology, was displayed at the seminar. Unlike former SD Projector, the new projector can lash sharper pictures. Video Projector, the lens of

which can be adjusted according to the room and screen to ensure high resolution, will also be on sale. Projector with HD technology can minimize and save money and time. As a special program for office and company, Excellent Performance Data Projector will be on sale with reasonable price.

MNA

Strong earthquake issued

YANGON, 11 Sept—

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued that a strong earthquake of intensity 6.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about 2300 miles southeast of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 6 hr 40 min 16 sec MST today.—MNA

Managing Director U Wai Lwin delivers an address at Sony Business Projectors Seminar at Traders Hotel.

MNA



Blasts shake Iraqi city of Karbala, killing three

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept—Two bombs exploded an hour apart late Wednesday in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, killing at least two people and wounding 15 others, including women and children, police and hospital officials said. The first blast occurred shortly after 11 pm in the centre of Karbala near a police checkpoint about 800 yards from the shrine of Imam Hussein, one of the world's most sacred shrines for Shiite Muslims, the officials said. One person was killed and 12 were wounded.

The second bomb went off about an hour later outside the office of a govern-



Iraqis gather at a site a bomb blast in Karbala, south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 Sept, 2008. —INTERNET

ment agency that cares for Shiite religious sites near another shrine, for Imam Abbas. The blast killed one

person, wounded three and damaged nearby houses, police said.

All the officials spoke

on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release information to media.—Internet

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 517

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept—As of Wednesday, 10 Sept, 2008, at least 517 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures Wednesday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 368 were killed by hostile action.—Internet

US marks seventh 9/11 anniversary

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—New York has paused to remember the times two planes struck the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001 - an attack that killed nearly 3,000 people.

Four moments of silence are being held to mark the times when four hijacked passenger planes hit the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

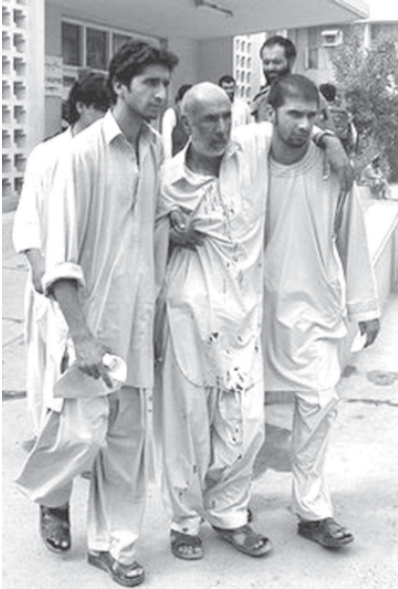
The attacks, which triggered the US-led invasion of Afghanistan to topple the Taleban and the Bush administration's war on terror, are regarded as the defining moment of the president's time in office.

Internet

Police inspect the ruins of a car after an explosion in Beisour, east of Beirut, on 10 Sept, 2008. A car bomb killed a senior activist of a Druze pro-Syrian Lebanese faction and wounded three others in a village east of Beirut, security sources said on Wednesday.—INTERNET



Afghans say life no better after invasion



Afghan men assist a man injured in a suicide bombing in Kandahar on 7 Sept, 2008. Two suicide bombers struck inside the police headquarters in Afghanistan's southern city of Kandahar leaving dozens of people dead and wounded, officials said.

SPIN BOLDK, 11 Sept—Seven years after the attacks on New York and Washington, the event that sparked off the US-led invasion of Afghanistan, many Afghans say life is no better and some say it's worse.

"After the 9/11 attacks, when the US and her allies overthrew the Taliban government, the US promised the Afghan

nation stability, safety and jobs," Haji Allah Dad, a 60-year-old trader in the southern town of Spin Boldak, said.

"But they have done nothing for us. They drop bombs on the civilian population and have killed thousands of Afghans in the last seven years, while the Taliban get stronger day by day."

"We feel no change in our lives," said Mohammad Usman, a 40-year-old shopkeeper from Spin Boldak.

"They (foreign forces) are not the enemy of the Taliban, they are the enemy of the Afghan people. The US Army calls us al Qaeda and kills us but we don't know what al-Qaeda is."—Internet

Top US advisor 'not convinced we're winning' in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept—US Joint Chiefs Chairman Admiral Michael Mullen has warned time was running out to defeat an intensifying insurgency in Afghanistan and said he was "not convinced we're winning" in the country.

Mullen, the top military advisor to US Defence Secretary Robert Gates, said he has commissioned "a new, more comprehensive military strategy for the region that covers both sides of that border" between Afghanistan and Pakistan, an area the United States says is being used as an insurgent safe haven.

He called the recent decision by US President George W Bush to send 4,500 troops from Iraq to



US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm Michael Mullen

Afghanistan "a good and important start" even though it fell short of commanders' requests for three more brigades or about 10,000 troops.

"Frankly, I judge the risk of not sending them too great a risk to ignore," he said at a hearing before the House Armed Services Committee.

"I'm not convinced we're winning it in Afghanistan." he said.

Internet

No victory in Iraq says Petraeus



US faces a long struggle in Iraq.

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept—The outgoing commander of US troops in Iraq, Gen David Petraeus, has said that he will never declare victory there.

Gen Petraeus said that recent security gains were "not irreversible" and that the US still faced

a "long struggle".

When asked if US troops could withdraw from Iraqi cities by the middle of next year, he said that would be "doable".

In his next job leading the US Central Command, Gen Petraeus will also oversee operations in Afghanistan.

He said "the trends in Afghanistan have not gone in the right direction... and that had to be addressed".

Internet

7 years later, no closer to Bin Laden

LONDON, 11 Sept—Seven years after 11 Sept, 2001, in spite of President Bush's vows, the mastermind of the deadliest terrorist attacks on American soil, Osama bin Laden, is still at large and leading a resurgent al Qaeda.

Since that day, al Qaeda has struck in Madrid, London, Bali, and Casablanca. The group has claimed more than a dozen terror attacks around the world and many hundreds more in Iraq and Afghanistan, leaving thousands of dead and wounded.

"These attacks are stark reminders that the threat of terrorism is real and still a danger to the entire world," said Maj Gen Robert Cone, the US military commander in Afghanistan.

Internet

EU expects sharper-than-expected economic slowdown this year

BRUSSELS, 11 Sept—The European Commission said here on Wednesday it has expected sharper-than-expected economic slowdown in 2008.

An interim forecast from the EC, the executive arm of the EU, said that economic growth is expected to post 1.3 percent in 2008 in the 15-nation euro zone, 0.4 percentage points lower than an April forecast.

In the 27-nation European Union, growth is predicted at 1.4 percent

this year, around 0.6 percentage point less than forecast in April.

The forecast is calculated on the basis of updated projections for France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the United Kingdom, which together account for about 80 percent of the EU's GDP.

The forecast blamed deepening financial turmoil, soaring commodity prices and spreading shocks to several housing markets for the slow-

down.

Following continued strong rise in commodity prices, inflation is expected to reach 3.6 percent or so in the euro zone for the months to come in 2008, and 3.8 percent in the EU, representing an upward revision, although inflation could be at a turning point as the impact of past increases in energy and food prices gradually fades in the coming months, the forecast said.

Internet

Cambodia, US to sign trade, agriculture, industry deal

PHNOM PENH, 11 Sept—Cambodia and the United States will sign a trade, agriculture and industry deal on 15 Sept when the US Deputy Secretary of State John D Negroponte visits here on 14-16 Sept, a senior official said Wednesday.

Negroponte's visit will make the two countries move a step forward for bilateral ties, said Sok An, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Council of Ministers.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and Negroponte will preside over the signing ceremony of a grant aid project for 24 million US dollars in health sector, he said, adding that the fund of the health project will be operated by NGOs but monitored by the Cambodian government. During

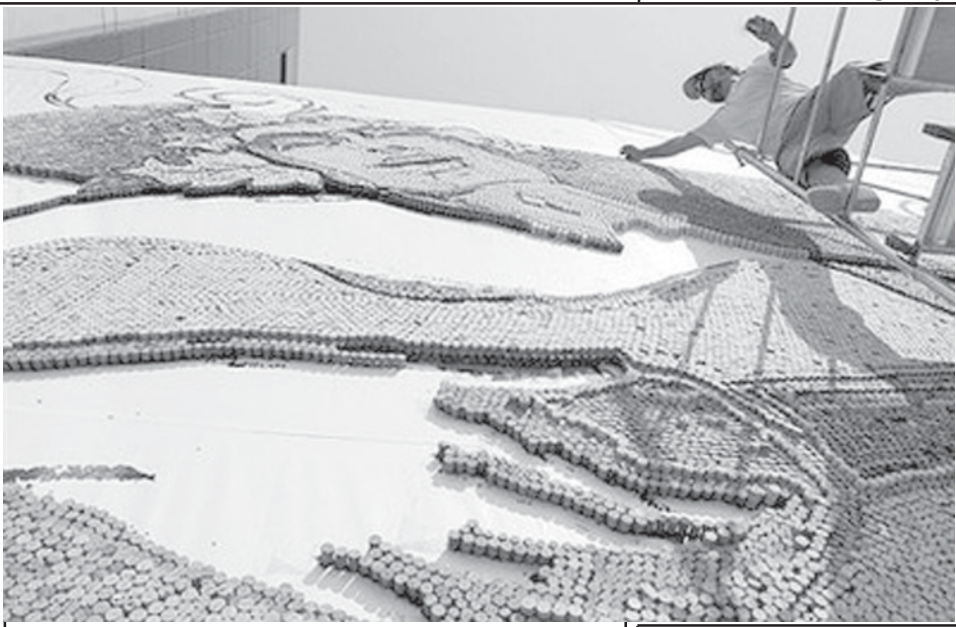
this trip, Negroponte will meet with government officials, opposition leaders and representatives of Cambodia's civil society, a Press release from the US Embassy said earlier this week.

As the centerpiece of the visit, the deputy secretary of state plans to

meet with Hun Sen, it said.

Cambodia's apparel exports to the US totalled 1.16 billion US dollars in the first half of the year, up from 1.13 billion US dollars in the same period of 2007, according to official statistics.

Internet



Albanian painter Saimir Strati, 42, works on "The Guitarist" mosaic using cork at the Sheraton Hotel in Tirana in August 2008. An Albanian artist has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for a third time, this time with a large mosaic constructed out of bottle corks.—INTERNET

Residents walk as waves hit a pier in Key West, Florida, as Hurricane Ike passes to the south on 9 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET



Functionaries and salesmen of local enterprises attend a training session of electronic commerce in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 10 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Indonesia to increase oil production next year

JAKARTA, 11 Sept—The Indonesian government and House of Representatives have agreed to raise the country's oil production level to around 960,000 barrels per day, according to local media on Wednesday.

"The projected production level would be met by applying an exploration and refinery method that were more effective," the national Antara news agency

quoted Indonesian lawmaker Harry AzharAziz as saying.

"The method is meant to minimize the declining rate," he added.

The number is higher than the government's suggestion of 950,000

barrels per day including a swapping volume of 50,000 barrels.

He said that the production slim down, 1.8 percent lower than the 2008 level, was to allow early production predictions. —Internet

Ford to cut 500 workers at Ontario crossover plant

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Ford Motor Co said Wednesday it will eliminate 500 employees at its crossover assembly plant in Oakville, Ontario, as sales of the vehicles designed to woo SUV and truck buyers continue to slump.

Ford of Canada spokeswoman Lauren More said the company will phase out the third shift in the plant's body and paint work areas over the next several weeks.

"It's due to, as you're very aware, an overall softening of vehicle sales in the US," More said.

Ford is offering addi-

tional retirement incentives to eligible workers at the plant as a way to achieve the cuts.

The package includes a \$7,500 retirement allowance and a \$3,500 voucher to purchase a Ford vehicle, More said.

"It would be too soon to say how many people will be taking the retirement incentives because we are just offering them," More said.—Internet

Dollar at lower 107 yen in Tokyo

TOKYO, 11 Sept—The US dollar traded at the lower 107 yen level in Tokyo early Thursday.

The dollar was quoted at 107.40-45 yen at 9 am, compared with 107.64-74 yen in New York and 107.17-18 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Wednesday.

The euro traded at 1.3938-3943 dollars and 149.70-75 yen, against 1.3995-4005 dollars and 150.70-80 yen in New York and 1.4162-4163 dollars and 151.78-82 yen in Tokyo late Wednesday.

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Japan's core machinery orders fall in July

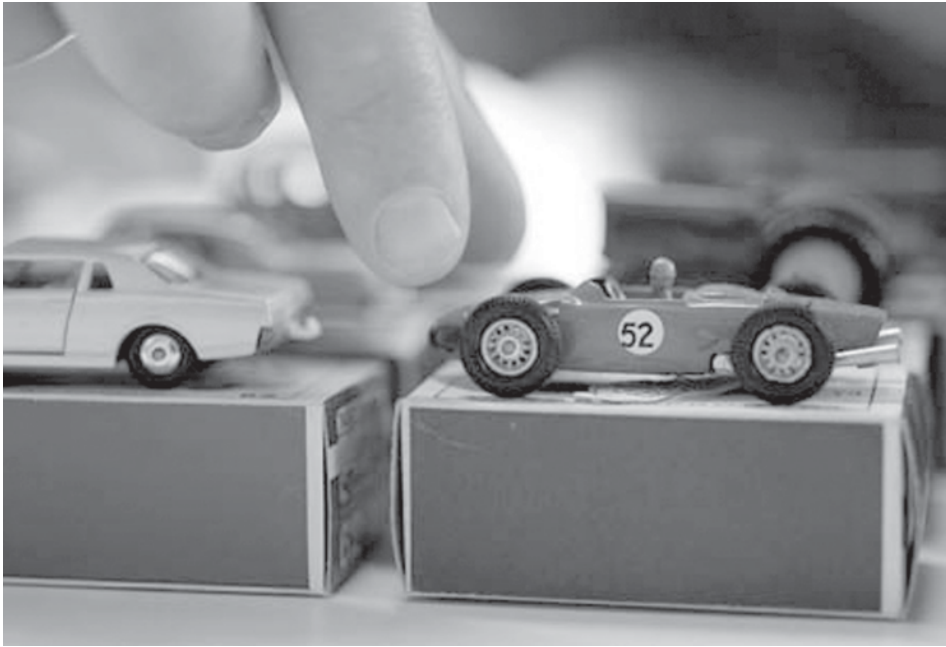
TOKYO, 11 Sept—A key barometer of corporate capital spending in Japan fell for the second consecutive month in July, suggesting that manufacturers are bracing for slower demand in the months ahead.

The Cabinet Office said Thursday core private-sector machinery orders, which exclude often volatile orders from electric power companies and those for ships, fell 3.9 percent to 1.04 trillion yen (\$9.67 billion) in July from the previous month.

Led by declines in demand from chemical and oil-product makers, the figure follows a 2.6 percent decline in June and a 10.4 percent jump in May.

The data showed that compared with a year earlier and without seasonal adjustments, core orders fell 4.7 percent in July.

Internet



A matchbox toy Ferrari racing car (R) valued at seventy pounds (\$123) to be auctioned is seen at Vectis Auctions in Thornaby, northern England on 10 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

16 people killed by rainstorms, floods in southern Iran: report

TEHERAN, 11 Sept—Some 16 people were killed in heavy rainstorms and floods in southern Iran on Tuesday night, the official IRNA news agency reported on Wednesday. Some 11 people were killed in Bazoft district in southern province of Chahalmahal va Bakhtiyari, provincial natural disaster headquarters official Sattar Farhadi told IRNA.

In nearby Lebed village, a mother and her daughter were killed by the flood while 50 houses were destroyed, Farhadi said, adding that five fish farms in Bazoft were destroyed by flood which also killed 1,030 cattles and damaged 300 acres of paddy fields in the district. According to IRNA, heavy rainstorm also killed 3 people and injured another 4 in southwestern province of Khuzestan's cities of Ahvaz and Gatyand

Xinhua

Strong earthquake in southern Iran kills four

TEHERAN, 11 Sept—A strong earthquake of 6.1 magnitude on the Richter Scale struck southern Iran on Wednesday, killing 4 people and wounding 34 so far, local media reported. Iran's state television quoted Bageri, head of the country's Crisis Management Organization, as saying that the centre of the earthquake was between Iran's southern port city of Bandar Khamir and Qeshm Island in southern province of Hormozgan.

The Geophysics Institute of Teheran University, registered the quake at 15:30 hours local time (1100 GMT), Iran's official IRNA news agency said.

The epicentre of the quake which lasted about 30 seconds was located in 26.99 degrees north latitude and 55.75 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua



A member of Iran's Revolutionary Guard carries a boy injured during an earthquake in Qeshm Island in the Persian Gulf, 1100 km (684 miles) southeast of Teheran on 10 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

First test-tube monkeys given birth in China

BEIJING, 11 Sept—Chinese scientists have given birth to the country's first test-tube monkeys, which is believed to be the first step to engineer gene-modified monkeys.

Dr Sun Qiang of the East China Normal University led the primate research group to create the seven macaques, a type of monkeys that are fond of eating crabs. Their experiments were published by the latest edition of the

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

Closest among animals to physique, genetic nature and behaviour of human beings, primate models are usually used for studying medical treatment for human diseases. Under the state-financed program that focuses on the primate reproductive research and bio-engineering, Dr Sun said, "Our next step is to bring about more test-tube monkeys and eventually make gene-modified monkeys benefiting for

medical research."

Chinese scientists are now catching up with leading scientists in developed countries in engineering transgenic monkeys. American researchers have already produced the world's first gene-modified monkey, Andi. The scientific community has tried to use such monkeys to find new ways to treat diabetes, the Alzheimer's, AIDS and breast cancer. Test-tube technology is the best available way to breed transgenic monkeys, experts said.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Study: Osteoarthritis not helped by knee surgery

BEIJING, 11 Sept—Arthroscopic knee surgery is no better than more conservative treatment in reducing joint symptoms or improving functions for patients suffering from osteoarthritis.

In a study in The New England Journal of Medicine, researchers at the University of Western Ontario in Canada studied 178 men and women suffering from moderate to severe arthritis in their knees.

All of the patients were provided with physical therapy as well as medications such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.

Eighty-six of the patients also received arthroscopic surgery, which involves making small incisions in the knee, inserting an arthroscope to see the joint, and then flushing debris from the knee or shaving rough areas of cartilage and cleansing the joint.

They were then tracked for two years to assess the severity of their osteoarthritis. At the end of two years, the researchers concluded that compared with nonsurgical treatment, arthroscopic surgery of the knee did not improve joint symptoms or function for people suffering from osteoarthritis of the knee.—Xinhua



The mass gymnastic performance "Arirang" is held in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), on 10 Sept, 2008, marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of the nation. —XINHUA

Car explosion east of Beirut killed top Druze official

BEIRUT, 11 Sept—A ranking official of the Druze Lebanese Democratic Party was killed in a car explosion in Baisour town, east of Beirut, local NBN TV reported Wednesday.

The Press officer of the party Akram Msharafief told Elnashra website that the official, Saleh Aridi, died in the explosion in Mont Lebanon district of Aley, and four others were injured. He refused to accuse any party.

Aridi is a ranking official of the party's political bureau and known to be an active member.

The Lebanese Democratic Party is a Druze opposition party headed by Minister of Youth and

Sports Talal Arsalan, who is known to be a pro-Syrian Druze leader.

Xinhua



A handicapped woman goes upstairs with the help of a "climbing machine" in the Palace Museum, or the Forbidden City, in Beijing on 10 Sept, 2008. Thanks to the obstacle-free facilities for handicapped people, now they can visit scenic spots here with much more convenience.—XINHUA

In pursuance of the goal of democracy

Si Thu Aung

Everyone has his own concepts, convictions and goals as well as own policies to achieve the goals. A student, for instance, has to be punctual for his class and study regularly with the concept of valuing school education to become educated and achieve the goal. A layperson has to perform meditation with the concept of valuing Nirvana in order to attain fruition. And a person seeking sensual pleasure has to make money through various means to have his wishes fulfilled.

In like manner, every country or organization has own goals. In general, an unstable country tries to restore stability; a developing country, to become a developed one; and a developed country, to make greater progress. Myanmar's ultimate goal is to become a peaceful, modern and developed democratic country. There will be no Myanmar citizen who refuses to accept this goal.

Stability is a fundamental requirement for restoration of peace; and economic growth, for development of the nation. Stability and economic development are interrelated with each other. A country without stability is not in a position to do businesses, and a country with economic decline lacks stability. Mostly, least developed countries face internal armed insurgency and terrorist acts more than other global nations. When such a country faces loss of economic foundations, investments, productivity and labour, it runs economic decline. It is natural that economic crisis is followed by public dissatisfaction and outrage. Poor people with low intellectual power sometimes get involved in a riot, resulting from their ignorance or fear of being harmed. Poverty and instability have an effect on each other, as evidenced by some incidents faced by least developed countries in Africa.

It is common knowledge that it took a long time for Myanmar to escape from instability and underdevelopment triggered by internal armed strife that came into being soon after it regained independence. Therefore, every citizen aspires to

peace, stability and development of the nation. These days, we often see failed states on TV that are going through the hell of dire straits with lack of stability, resulting from advancements in international relations and expanding commerce. The national people, who have been to neighbouring countries, regional countries and global countries on business or visit witnessed the development of those countries, and they are well convinced of requirements for peace, stability and development of the motherland.

The people have chosen the path of discipline-flourishing democracy in pursuing the goal of building up a peaceful, modern and developed nation, free from instability and poverty.

In that regard, some argue that discipline is inclusive when it comes to democracy, so there is no need to add the word "discipline-flourishing" to the goal. Various definitions of the word "democracy" highlight freedom rather than discipline and restriction. That means in a democracy country, it is required to protect every citizen's freedom, especially freedom of thought and expression in the political arena. And discipline and restriction are included in the requirements of democracy in order that a human society will not be in disorder. Individual freedom can be exercised at will when there is no other person around. However, if someone is a member of an organization, he is obliged to restrict and control his wishes. It is said, "Man is born free", but the freedom of a citizen is to be limited. Moreover, there are some more restrictions and limits in a human society such as social etiquette, moral conduct, and religious restrictions.

In my opinion, the word "discipline-flourishing" means discipline and a sense of duty in combination. If a person comes to have a sense of duty, then he will come to have conviction and discipline, as a result. Then, he will be able to decide how much he should restrict his freedom in order that his activities will not have adverse effects on others' interests. For those who fail to restrict their freedom when it is needed, it

is required to enforce the rules and regulations in order that such persons cannot exercise their freedom excessively.

Actually, democracy covers freedom, however sense of duty, and discipline are just conditional requirements. I do not think democracy and sense of duty and discipline always go together. Sense of duty and discipline are national character that can be achieved only after a human society is nurtured and guided in various sectors. Here, I would like to present the experiences I gained while on my visits to the capital of the world's largest democracy country and the capital of the world's largest one-party country. In the first country, I noticed that many people spit betel spittle indiscriminately. The spots of betel spittle were everywhere. Cars passed each other very narrowly. So, many cars had broken wing mirrors and dented bodies, and paints on the bodies peeled off.

There, I saw many people (men) urinating freely on roadsides. At every place, many people were seen urinating turning their backs to the roads. Having a walk, I smelt that offending odor constantly. Not only dwellers but also cows and monkeys enjoyed freedom of going round, assembling and searching food in the capital. Unlike that, in the capital of the world's largest one-party country, people were not allowed to urinate on roadsides. Public water closets were installed near busy markets. Anyone could use them free of charge. But, the water closets were as clean as those in hotels. There were no spots of betel spittle on every road. Rose beds were seen on roadsides. No one vandalized those flower beds. Bicycles were left on roadsides without being locked, but there was no one who stole such an unguarded bicycle. I present my experiences as they were without any bias. My presentation is just intended to prove that democracy and flourishing discipline do not come into existence together.

So, the word "discipline-flourishing" is fixed. Today in the world, not every democracy country can restore stability and enjoy development. Among the democracies, some are stable and developed ones, whereas some are unstable and developing ones. What is the difference between the two groups is that in the first countries, the majority of the people have high intellectual power with moderate incomes. The majority of the people are of educated middle class in those countries, so there are not too many public grievances as a result of small social and economic gap between the people. The majority of the people honour disciplines with a sense, so those countries are stable and developed. Despite freedom bestowed according to the democracy rights, every citizen takes great care in enjoying freedom, so their activities do not have adverse effects on others, and the people can lead a peaceful life. If a person violates the disciplines, such a person will face punitive punishment.

C Wright Mills once said that the more freedom a person without a sense of discipline was vested with, the more likely he would fail to honour discipline. It will be dangerous if democracy rights are bestowed cent per cent on the people when the majority of the people do not abide by the discipline or have a sense of discipline.

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In my opinion, the word "discipline-flourishing" means discipline and a sense of duty in combination. If a person comes to have a sense of duty, then he will come to have conviction and discipline, as a result. Then, he will be able to decide how much he should restrict his freedom in order that his activities will not have adverse effects on others' interests. For those who fail to restrict their freedom when it is needed, it is required to enforce the rules and regulations in order that such persons cannot exercise their freedom excessively.

In pursuance of the goal of democracy

Si Thu Aung

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Particularly, granting cent-per-cent freedom can cause tragedies and instability in such nations that have great development gap, that have different races, religions and styles and that have racial hatreds among fellow citizens. In reality, there is a thin layer of sense of duty and discipline between democracy with excessive rights and anarchism.

Myanmar has held this concept if we look at her political way of building a new nation by laying down the seven-step Road Map. Myanmar has been far from its democratic practices for about 50 years, and I am ashamed to say that our own people lack sense of duty and discipline. Studying the legitimate political parties existing in the nation, even the parties with their signboards reading 'democracy' are just practising the top-down system in which only subordinates must follow the appointments, orders and decisions of their superiors of the central. Again, the system they are practising is not the bottom-up one in which the appointments are made according to the desires of those at lower level and are accepted as party policies. In such a situation, if democracy is to be practised without limits, the situation will worsen and there will be "more out of control and disadvantages rather than advantages."

This is why checks and balances have been included in the present constitution. There have been separate branches of power such as executive, legislative and judicial powers plus checks and balances. The 25 percent participation of Tatmadawman representatives is to serve as a force for check and balance to protect the national interests. These points can be found in early stages of emerging democracies and it is natural. In a neighbouring nation that has been exercising constitutional monarchy plus parliamentary democracy since 1932, there are still appointed members of parliament. Even though that country has been practising multi-party democracy for 76 years, drafting various constitutions, it stills practises the system of formation of a parliament with elected representatives constituting 30 percent and appointed representatives constituting 70 percent, saying that

the people are not yet ready for Western-style democracy. So, the people in mobs are demanding changes in the system. These are the lessons to learn. In reality, it is not good to leave something as much as free. If a nation goes on its way after considering its prevailing objective conditions in political and social affairs, that nation is less likely to deviate from its way.

Looking at the situation of Myanmar, building a new nation is concerned with three stake-holders to serve the national interest. They are the people, the government and the political groups. Political groups mean political parties, peace groups and other groups. Of the three stake-holders, the government and the majority of the people have a strong desire to successfully complete the seven-step Road Map. In particular, most of the people no longer want to live a life without a constitution and without a specific goal. They want their nation to be a normal one. They wish to live an independent, peaceful life within the frame of law. Therefore, more than 92 percent of the people unanimously supported the new constitution in the last May national referendum. And this means that the people have given the greenlight to the seven-step Road Map as well as the mandate to the Tatmadaw government to serve as an interim government till the emergence of a democratic nation. So it can be said that both the government and the people have the same interest and the same desire.

I think in the political forces there are two groups – one accepts the mandate and the other does not accept it. The group opposing the mandate is the one sticking to the 1990 election result.

Here, there are the 2008 mandate and the 1990 results. So we should consider what will serve the interests of the State and the people better and what will conform to the objective conditions more.

To analyze this, we should have three main points. The first point is the supporting force. In the 2008 mandate 92.48 percent of the eligible voters have cast 'yes' votes. But in the 1990 result only 38.13 percent favoured the NLD.

The second point is modernization and the time and circumstance. The 2008 mandate has recently been approved by the people. The 1990

result has passed about 18 years and been outdated leaving a generation of voters behind. In other words, the result has gone bad already. For example, the rice cooked three days ago can be called rice. But no one will say that it's wholesome to eat it as it is still rice. Please consider what should be eaten, the warm rice that has been cooked just recently or the rice that has already gone bad.

The third point is the soonest implementation of the Road Map. If we are to march towards in a smooth way without difficulty in accord with the 2008 mandate, a new nation will emerge in next two years. If we go in accord with the 1990 result, all has to be done from the start and it is totally impossible. First, the ruling government will have to step down and an interim government has to be formed. Who will be in the interim government? There will be struggles to take the seat. How violent the power struggles in the 1988 disturbances were even though the throne was still far and far away! How could a constitution be drawn? There were no peace groups in 1990. With their emergence now, would they have a seat? Would only the winning party monopolize the drafting of the constitution? Can we say it is all-inclusive then? So what shall we do if other parties such as groups of new generations, national politics, Wunthanu, and modern political science and economy, other political parties, national race groups and peace groups make their demands or take to the streets to express their wishes freely? There are some people who want eight states, some who want eleven and some who want fourteen. What's more, there might be other very complicated issues. If all express their wishes freely, there will be no end. It's a headache just imagine.

What I want to say for sure is the people no longer want to wait for next 15 or 20 years. Now is the age of the Internet or the age of globalization. If we cannot keep with the times now, we will be left behind tomorrow.

The last thing I would like to say is the concept of mandate. Mandate is not a charter that is placed between the voters and the representatives or between the mandate giver and the receiver. Scholars have said those who have a mandate are always to serve not only the interest of their own and supporters but also that of the State and the people as laws have to be promulgated that are beneficial to all the citizens regardless of eligible voters, ineligible voters or abstainers.

The ultimate desire of the entire people is to march toward the goal of a new modern and peaceful developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in the soonest way.

If one actually respects the people and cherishes the nation, the goal can be seen on the straight, smooth road. So let's march towards a new peaceful nation in accord with the wishes of the people by ignoring doubts, hatreds, refusals and giving up attempts to go backwards.

Translation: MS+ST

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Factories, workshops operating with momentum...

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At the factory of Myanmar East Sea Fishing Net Industry Co Ltd, they looked into manufacturing of fishing nets and equipment.

At Opal Garment Factory, they viewed tasks of 2,000 workers.

Hlinethaya Industrial Zone was established in 1995. A total of 502 factories and workshops are manufacturing foodstuff, textiles, chemicals, paper and stationery, personal goods, machine and machinery, construction materials, aquatic products, electronics, automobiles, forest products and pulses and beans.—MNA

Wise one protects non-intoxication as supreme treasure

Fools, men of little intelligence, betake themselves to intoxication. The wise one protects non-intoxication as a supreme treasure.

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Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Supply Department of Yangon Electric Power Supply Board.

ELECTRIC POWER-2

EP-2 Minister facilitates works of MEPE, EPSE

YANGON, 11 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected storage of electric meters, cable and equipment for sub-power station at the supply department of Yangon Elec-

tric Power Supply Board on 8 September.

At the department, the minister heard a report by Director U Soe Thein of YEPSB and fulfilled the needs.

Next, the minister inspected store department, power line, underground cable and fulfilled the needs.

At Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Electric Power Supply Enterprise, the minister looked into the arrival of ASCR cable and equipment of sub-power station for special development project (Nay Pyi Taw), special development project (Tatkon), power transportation project (North), gas and steam department and construction project of Kengtung-Loilem and Yeywa-Belin power line.

Next, Deputy Director U Maung Soe of MEPE and Deputy Director U Maung Win of EPSE reported to the minister on arrival of electrical items at the jetty and airport and storage of

electrical items for special development projects and gave instructions to them. The minister inspected equipment for sub-power station and

ACSR cable for special development project (Nay Pyi Taw, Tatkon), current transformer, wave trap, 230 KV cable and related items.—MNA



Commandant of Indian National Defence College Vice-Admiral S Bhasin, AVSM, VSM, wife and party being seen off at Yangon Int'l Airport —MNA

Indian NDC delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 11 Sept— The Indian delegation led by Commandant of Indian National Defence College Vice-Admiral S Bhasin, AVSM, VSM and wife left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Commandant of Defence Services Medical Academy Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin, Commandant of Defence Services Nursing and Paramedical Sciences Brig-Gen Hla Myint Shwe and Indian Military Attaché Colonel Manoj Mukund Naravane.—MNA

ChaungU, Wetlet enjoy progress

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept —CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint looked into regional development tasks in ChaungU and Wetlet townships on 5 September.

At affiliated middle school of Kyeegon Village in ChaungU Township, the minister met USDA members and accepted 1200 application for membership of USDA. He later donated exercise books and sports gear to the villages.

Next, the minister attended the opening of earth road which links Shwepangon and Taohn villages in Wetlet Township. Wellwishers contributed K 6 million to spend on building the road.

After the opening of Mekon village primary school, the minister met with residents and presented exercises books and sports gear to them.

Next, the minister attended sinking of tube well in Minkon Village post-primary school in the township, and the USDA CEC and family donated K 1,630,000 to sink the tube-well. He accepted 1300 membership applications and donated stationery and sports gear to residents and 50 bags of cement to complete the school building. At Tharai Village post-primary school, the minister received 1720 membership applications presented by USDAs of Tharai village-tract and donated 110 bags of cement to complete a school building, a TV set, stationery and sports items.

In Wetlet Township, the minister met with USDA executives at township USDA office, and inspected progress of earth road which links Khawtaw and Aungchantha villages. At Khawtaw village, the minister accepted 1200 membership applications, and handed over exercise books and sports gear to residents. Next, the minister met secretaries and executives in Shwebo districts and fulfilled the needs.— MNA



Executive Member of MWEA Daw Cho Thiri Maung seen before her departure for Japan to attend Masters Degree Course on Business Administration at Yangon Int'l Airport on 10 September 2008.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Col San Shwe Tha of the Ministry of Defence as Director-General of the Central Inland Freight-handling Committee Office under the Ministry of Labour on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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

Bokpyin in southern Myanmar witnesses progress

Maj-Gen Tha Aye looks into processing of algae of Kyaw Kyaw Phyto Co Ltd in Kyunsu Township.—MNA

Farmers show excellent agricultural skill

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin was present at the transplanting skill contest of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District for 2008-2009 and agricultural outstanding award presentation ceremony for 2007/2008 held at Seikhaungyoe village of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township on 9 September.

Next, the commander and wife and party watched the transplanting skills contest. Afterwards they viewed harvesters and power tillers displayed by Agriculture Mechanization Department and Good Brothers Company, and booths of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise, Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise, Myanma Agriculture Service and Fisheries Department.

Next, the commander and departmental officials presented prizes to winners. Afterwards, the commander handed prizes to Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township for the agriculture sector and transplanting skills contest for 2008-2009. And the wife of the commander presented second prize to Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township in the transplanting skills contest. Next, officials handed prizes to winners in the transplanting skills contest.

A total of four teams—Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township and Union Solidarity and Development Association— took part in the transplanting skills contest to mark exceeding the targeted production of monsoon paddy of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials, Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence viewed broadcasting of fertilizer on paddy plantations at Kamachaung Village-tract in Bokpyin Township on 6 September.

At the hall of Bokpyin Township PDC, they met departmental officials, social organization members and local people of Bokpyin Township and Pyigyimandaing. Officials reported on regional development, agriculture, economic, education, health and social sectors. The commander gave a supplementary report. After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Tha Aye fulfilled the requirements.

At Bokpyin Township Hospital (50-bed), they

looked into maintenance of the hospital with K 53 million contribution of South Dagon Oil Palm Co. Maj-Gen Tha Aye presented cash assistance to the patients. At Bokpyin Station Hall, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met servicemen and family members and provided supplies to them. He attended the coordination meeting of Kawthoung District Agricultural Supervisory Committee.

They viewed development of Bokpyin Township in a motorcade. At Bo Hla Pe Port, Maj-Gen Tha Aye heard report on progress in repairing of the jetty being undertaken by Township Development Affairs Committee and gave necessary instructions.

In the evening, they looked into processing of algae by Kyaw Kyaw Phyto Co Ltd at Panlonaw Island in Kyunsu Township.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects transplanting skill contest in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District.—MNA

People to contribute more to donation of pure and safe blood for surgery and blood transfusion

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

There is a saying that goes “Blood is Life”. The metabolism of the human body needs an adequate volume of blood for its regular process. Especially, the blood must be pure. Therefore, it is more important for availability of safe and pure blood.

A news crew of the Myanma Alin daily had an interview with Dr Thida Aung, In-charge of the National Blood Centre in the compound of Yangon General Hospital.

First, Dr Thida Aung explained, “We have been giving educative talks and organizing the blood donors to be able to collect pure blood since 2004 under the instructions of the Ministry of Health and the Department of Health. As availability of pure blood is very important, we are undertaking collection of pure blood across the nation.”

Indeed, blood is essential for performing surgery and blood transfusion. It is very important that the blood must be safe. As such, the National Blood Centre is striving for collecting safe and pure blood.

“The centre is carrying out the task to provide educative talks for blood donors, the scrutinizing points of the blood banks for the safe blood donation of donors and recipients and systematic registration of blood do-

nors. Blood banks have been performing their functions to provide safe and sufficient blood to the needy patients since 2004,” In-charge Dr Thida Aung of the National Blood Centre continued.

To receive pure and safe blood, blood recipient patients, blood donors and the people must have a wide scope of knowledge. Actually, careless donation of blood without checking is very dangerous.

She continued to say, “Those wishing to donate blood have to realize the importance of blood transfusion. Likewise, the people have to correctly participate in blood transfusion works and blood donation. To enable them to understand the above points, we are disseminating health knowledge through print and electronic media. Moreover, we have made field trips to the countryside. As a result, remarkable progress can be witnessed.”

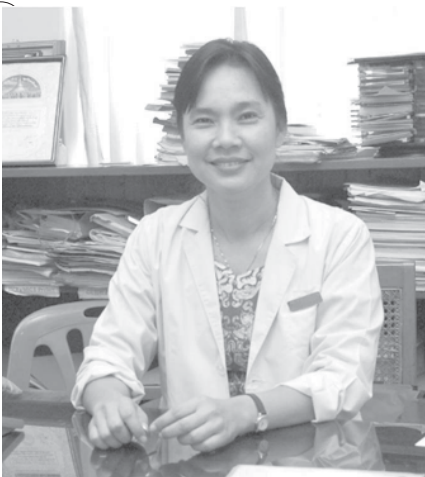
It is necessary to give the correct knowledge of health to the people for making assessment on wrong concepts on blood donation. In this regard, the test must be conducted for prevention against the infection of virus to the patients through blood. There are certain points to be followed just before the blood donation.

Dr Thida Aung

Pure blood

“Availability of pure blood is very important.”

Dr Thida Aung, In-charge of National Blood Centre



said to the Myanma Alin, “The blood donors should make decisions on donating blood only after assessing themselves. To know these points, we give pamphlets asking specific questions to the donors before blood donation. Everybody may be blood donors. However, the blood of everybody may not be safe and pure. To realize this point, the pamphlets are given to those wishing to donate blood before their donations.”

There are also points preventing blood donors from doing so. Under the circumstances they will have to wait for the required time to donate blood.

“As part of efforts to broaden the scope of knowledge for the blood donors, we are conducting training courses for the blood banks to make systematic assessments. In 2004-2005, the centre joining hands with the Red Cross Society of Yangon University opened the

courses. Similar training courses were conducted in Mandalay, Myitkyina and Patheingyi in 2006. Likewise, the training courses were provided to officials of the blood banks and blood donors in Magway, Mawlamyine and Taunggyi in 2007. As a result of our efforts, the people assist the treatment with transfusion of safe and pure blood,” Dr Thida Aung further explained.

It was reported that thanks to the health knowledge courses, safe blood donations increased from 35 to 75 per cent in Yangon, from 40 to 65 per cent in Mandalay, by 20 per cent in Patheingyi from 30 to 65 per cent in Myitkyina from 2004 to 2006. This was the results of harmonious cooperation of the people with a wide scope of knowledge. Moreover, there was the remarkable increase of the number of blood donors and the noteworthy decrease of infectious virus in the blood of the donors.

It is obvious that the responsible blood donors and contributors play an important role in saving the patients. That is why all the people are to actively participate in the task of collecting pure and safe blood.

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Myanma Alin: 10-9-2008



Systematic checking of blood

Systematic checking of blood is being conducted at National Blood Centre.

Excellent Judokas emerge in Japan Cup

YANGON, 11 Sept— A ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the Fifth Japan Cup Judo Tournament-2008 organized by Myanmar Judo Federation was held at Aung San Gymnasium here yesterday.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, members of Central Working Committee of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation (Central), Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and officials, the president and the vice-president, the secretary and executives of Myanmar Judo Federation and guests.

At the end of the final matches, Working Committee of MWSF (Central) Secretary Daw L Khun Yi awarded first prize winner Aye Aye Thin (Ministry of Industry-1), second prize winner Zin Mi Mi Than (Ministry of Rail Transportation) and joint-third winners Awhla Phaw and Ei Phyu Sin (Ministry of Sports) in the Women’s 57 Kilos event, First Secretary Ms Satoko Toku of the Japanese Embassy awarded first



Mr Yasuaki Nogawa awards Japan Cup Judo championship-2008 trophy to Ministry of Construction team.—MJF

prize winner Aye Aye Aung (Ministry of Construction), second Thanda Win (Ministry of Industry-1) and joint-third winners Swe Zin Oo (Ministry of Construction) and Khin Lapyae Wun (Ministry of Sports) in 63 Kilos event, Chairman of Defence Services Judo-Gymnastics Committee Executive Member of MJF Col San Myint Oo awarded the first prize winner Kat Ciin Pong (Ministry of Forestry) in the men’s under-55 kilo event, second Aung Soe Moe (Ministry of Forestry) and joint-third Maung Thura (Ministry of Defence) and Aung Tun Kyaw (Ministry of Rail Transportation) in 55 Kilos event and President of MJF U Tun Tun awarded the first prize winner Wunna Tun (Ministry of Defence), second Hein Lat Zaw (Ministry of Rail Transportation) and joint-third Aye Myint Lwin (Ministry of Defence) and Shein Bo Bo (Ministry of Construction) in 60 Kilos event.

Vice-President Mr Fumihiko Yano of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCY) (Yangon) awarded the best player prize to Ma Aye Aye Aung (Ministry of Construction) and Maung Thura Zaw (Ministry of Defence) in the events.

Next, the Japanese Ambassador presented trophy for the Japan Cup Judo Championship-2008 to the Ministry of Construction Judo Team.

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Obama accuses McCain camp of lies, phony outrage



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama.

INTERNET

NORFOLK (Va), 11 Sept — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Wednesday accused Republican John McCain's campaign of using "lies and

phony outrage and Swift-boat politics" in claiming he used a sexist comment against vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Calling it "the latest made-up controversy by the John McCain campaign," Obama responded to the Republicans' charge that he was referring to Palin when he used the phrase "lipstick on a pig" at a campaign stop Tuesday.

"I don't care what they say about me. But I love

this country too much to let them take over another election with lies and phony outrage and Swift-boat politics. Enough is enough," he said.

Obama's reference to swift boating was to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, an outside group that in 2004 made unsubstantiated allegations about Democratic nominee John Kerry's decorated military record in Vietnam.

Internet

Russian strategic bombers land in Venezuela

CARACAS (Venezuela), 11 Sept — Two Russian strategic bombers landed in Venezuela on Wednesday as part of military maneuvers, President Hugo Chavez said, welcoming the unprecedented deployment at a time of increasing tensions between Moscow and the US.

The Venezuelan leader said the two Russian Tu-160 bombers will conduct maneuvers and that he hopes to "fly one of those



A Tupolev-160 warplane.—INTERNET

things" himself.

Russian military analysts said it was the first time Russian strategic bombers have landed in the Western Hemisphere since the Cold

War. The provocative foray into Venezuela was certain to add to the strain in US-Russian relations created over Russia's war in Georgia.

Chavez called the deployment part of a move toward a "pluri-polar world" — a reference to moving away from US dominance. "The Yankee hegemony is finished," Chavez said in a televised speech.

Internet

Powerful quake hits eastern Indonesia, no casualty

JAKARTA, 11 Sept — A shallow earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 rocked North Maluku Province on Thursday morning, but no initial damage or casualties were reported, the local meteorology agency and officials said here. The agency issued a tsunami warning, but the tsunami did not occur, an official of the agency Jajat Sudrajat said. In Tobelo of North Halmahera District of North Maluku Province, where the quake's intensity was felt the strongest at 4 to 5 MMI (modified mercalli intensity), there was no initial report of damage or casualties, a local official at the Tobelo District office Heni Rosana said.

"There is no report of house damage or casualties," he told Xinhua on telephone from the District. The National Disaster Management Agency and the Health Ministry also confirmed the statement. The quake



shakes were felt in Sulawesi and Maluku Islands with the intensity at 3 MMI, Jajat Sudrajat said.

MNA/Xinhua

Military helicopter crashes in Israel, killing two

JERUSALEM, 11 Sept — A military helicopter crashed at sundown Wednesday in northern Israel and burst into flames, the military said, and two crew members were killed, according to media reports.

Channel 10 TV said two Cobra attack helicopters were flying in formation. One helicopter lost its rotor and went down near the Israeli town of Afula, killing two people, the rescue service and Israeli media said.

Channel 10 TV reported the two dead were the pilot and weapons officer on the stricken helicopter. The report said the helicopter was about 40 years old and is not capable of carrying passengers.

Internet



Bulgarian archaeologist Nikolai Ovcharov shows an almost 7,000-year-old stone tablet found in Bulgaria during a news conference in Sofia. The tablet bears carvings that might turn out to be one of the world's oldest inscriptions. It carries five distinct signs each made up of two elements, Ovcharov said.

Algae-dyed polar bears puzzle Japan zoo visitors

Green-colored polar bears are drawing questions from puzzled visitors at a Japanese zoo. Three normally white polar bears at Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens in central Japan changed their color in July after swimming in a pond with an overgrowth of algae.

The sight of green polar bears has prompted many questions from visitors concerned about whether the animals are sick or carrying mold, zoo official Masami Kurobe said Sunday.

"Visitors seem to be shocked by the color, and we are asked every day why they are so green," he said.

High temperatures in July and August and less-frequent water changes because of the zoo's conservation efforts caused an algae growth in the bear pond and safety moat, Kurobe said.

Algae that enters hollow spaces in the bears' fur is hard to rinse off, he said. The bears are expected to return to their natural color when the algae growth subsides in November, Kurobe said.



Wanted: ride to Mojave Desert for wayward tortoise

Sadie the desert tortoise needs a ride to an adoptive home in the Mojave Desert — the sooner the better. The 10-inch reptile, found at a US 95 rest stop in Idaho, has thrived at the Kiwani Wambli wildlife rehabilitation center north of Spokane since July but is unlikely to do so well with the onset of fall, center operator Dotty Cooper said.

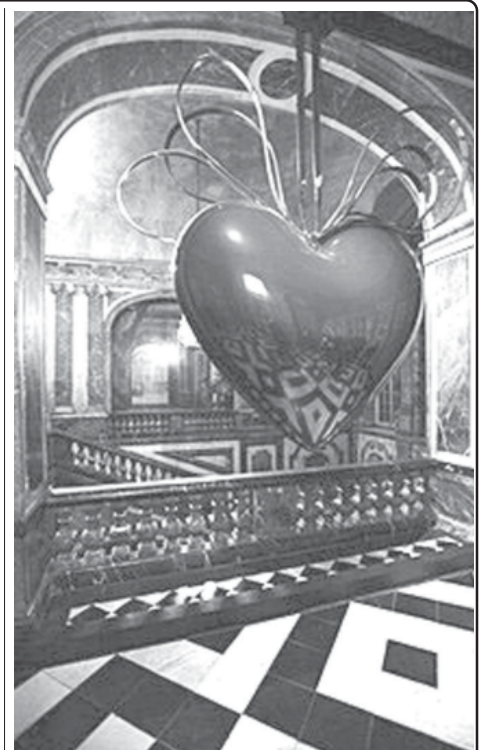
"It's just way too cold," she said. Cold-blooded desert tortoises are unaccustomed to temperatures below 40, much less when the mercury dips to freezing temperatures.

To survive a winter in Cusick, Sadie would have to be kept indoors for months. She has shared a pen with an orphaned fawn. Sadie even showed the fawn how to forage for greens to eat — a process much harder for humans to demonstrate, Cooper said. The duo once wandered off after the tortoise burrowed under a plastic fence.

Illinois kindergarten golfer has ace

Look out Tiger Woods, 5-year-old Drew Gray's got game. The kindergartner had a hole-in-one — though it doesn't count because it was on par-3 course — last week on the 75-yard, fifth hole at Yorktown Golf Club.

The shot was witnessed by several family members and verified by course owner John Bethard. Drew is the youngest player to ace a hole at the course, Bethard said. Drew has been playing golf on family outings for two years. He played this summer in the club's golf camp for 4-to-8-year-olds, Bethard said.



Hanging Heart : Picture taken at the Chateau de Versailles, western Paris, shows "Hanging Heart", a sculpture of top-selling US artist Jeff Koons.

NEWSALBUM

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDERS

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for supply of the following in Myanmar Kyat:

(i) Tender No12(T)4/MR(ML)2008-2009

Spare Parts for RBE Locomotives152-Items
(MS Angle Iron, Bar, Pipe, Socket, PE-6 Engine Spares, Repair Kit, Switch, Gauge, Bolt, Nut, Transmission Spares, O'Ring, Paint, Tape, Thinner, Putty, Polish, Brush, Electrical Parts, Ball Bearing, Carbon, Relay, Charger, Battery, Cable, Fuse, Lamp, Choke, Vernish.)

(ii) Tender No12(T)5/MR(ML)2008-2009

Spare Parts for LRBE Locomotives240-Items
(Engine Foundation, Piston Ring, Con: Rod, Inlet & Exhaust Valve, Sleeve, Hand Pump, Filter, O'Ring, Gasket, Clutch, Brake, Valve, Radiator, Axle & Back Shaft, Shock absorber, Sliding Window, Tyre, Bolt & Nut, Rubber Hose, Cock, Rubber Pipe, Tape, Belt, Paint Brush, Putty, Battery, Breaker, Carbon Brush, Clip, Wire, Lead, Glue, Gauge, Speedometer & meters.)

Closing Date/Time - 16.10.2008 (Thursday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 15.9.2008 during office hours and for further detail please call:
Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways,
Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon.
Phone: 01-291994, 01-291985, 01-201555 (Ext-601, 602)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG DA VOY NO (8004)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (8004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.9.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN-BHD
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (307)

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
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Indonesia lifts tsunami warning

JAKARTA, 11 Sept—Indonesia lifted a tsunami warning issued after a 7.6 magnitude quake on Thursday, the meteorology agency said here. The quake rattled at 07:00 Jakarta time (0000GMT) with the epicenter at 122 kilometers northwest Ternate of North Maluku province and at 10 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency JAjat Sudrajat said. "The tsunami warning ends for the 7.6 magnitude quake," a text message from the agency said.—Internet

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Filipino students gestures
as their school bus passes
flooded streets in Manila,
Philippines on 10 Sept,
2008. Tropical storm with
international name
Sinlakuremained a threat
to the northern portion of
the country as it
maintained its strength
packing a maximum
winds of 140 kilometres
per hour and gustiness of
170 kilometres per hour,
bringing heavy rains and
strong winds.—INTERNET



Laos reports bird flu outbreak

HANOI, 11 Sept—Samples from dead ducks in Laos' northern Luang Prabang Province have been tested positive to bird flu virus, prompting local authorities to cull thousands of poultry to curb the disease's spread, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* reported Tuesday.

The authorities, already culling 3,000 fowls, plan to cull over 7,000 others in the province's Nambak District. Ducks started to die on 27 August. They have been banned from transport, trade and consumption in the district. No human cases have been recorded, and Lao authorities are advising locals to take preventative measures.

Laos used to rely on bird flu laboratory tests from Thailand and Vietnam. The construction of a testing facility in Laos last year enables local officials to independently confirm bird flu outbreaks, the newspaper said. A new international standard laboratory, funded by the Japanese Government, is currently under construction in Laos' Vientiane capital city. — MNA/Xinhua

Hyundai signs fair trade pact with suppliers

SEOUL, 11 Sept—Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group, South Korea's No1 automaker, said it signed a fair trade agreement with its 2,368 suppliers to promote a win-win relationship with its small and medium-sized partners, *Korea Herald* reported Wednesday.

"The deal has paved the way for Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group to establish a fair trade order with partner companies and promote mutual growth through co-existence and cooperation," said the group, adding that this is the first time that a single firm has agreed on a fair trade pact with such a large number of firms.

Under the agreement, Hyundai-Kia group will observe subcontracting laws, adopt three guidelines on co-existence and cooperation and prepare comprehensive measures to support partner firms.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani President advised to accept resignation of PML-N ministers

ISLAMABAD, 11 Sept—Muslim League-Nawaz Pakistani Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani has advised the President Asif Ali Zardari to accept the resignations tendered by the Federal Ministers of Pakistan

Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported Wednesday.

The APP quoted Pakistan People's Party (PPP) member of National Assembly Farzana Raja as saying that PPP would respect the decision of PML-N to sit on opposition benches in the centre. Emerging as the two largest parties in National Assembly in the general elections held in February, the PPP and PML-N agreed in March to form a coalition government and restore some 60 judges who were sacked in November last year when former President Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency.

Internet

Pakistan's Army chief warns US to keep troops out

ISLAMABAD, 11 Sept—Pakistan's Army chief said on Wednesday Pakistan would not allow foreign troops to conduct operations on its soil after a cross-border incursion by US commandos.

The strongly-worded statement by General Ashfaq Kayani coincided with comments by the US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, that a "more comprehensive strategy" was being formed to combat the threat from the

Taleban and al-Qaeda in the region.

Kayani, who met Mullen and other senior US commanders on an aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean on August 28, delivered a clear message that foreign forces would not be tolerated on Pakistani territory, without directly referring to the Mullen's comments.

"The sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country will be defended at all cost and no external force is allowed to

conduct operations ... inside Pakistan," a military statement quoted General Ashfaq Kayani as saying.

Helicopter-borne US commandos carried out a ground assault in Pakistan's South Waziristan, a sanctuary for al-Qaeda operatives, last week, the first known incursion into Pakistan by US troops since the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan, killing 20 people, including women and children.—MNA/Reuters

No hope for 'several hundred' missing in China landslide: official

XIANGFEN, 11 Sept—Several hundred people believed missing after an industrial landslide engulfed a Chinese town are likely dead, with 128 already confirmed killed, State Press said Thursday, citing a senior official.

Minister of Work Safety Wang Jun said "several hundred" people are thought buried in the mud and sludge that came cascading down onto the village after a mining waste reservoir burst its banks on Monday, the *China Daily* reported.

"There is almost no hope of their survival ... they have been buried for three days," the paper quoted Wang as saying.

The landslide in Taoshi township, Shanxi province, buried an entire village of 1,000 people, including a market that



Rescuers search for survivors after a mud and rock slide in Linfen City, north China's Shanxi Province. Several hundred people believed missing after the landslide engulfed a Chinese town are likely to be dead, with 128 already confirmed killed, State Press have said.—INTERNET

was full of shoppers attending a "major fair," the *China Daily* reported, citing witnesses.—Internet

Canada PM: Troops home from Afghanistan in 2011

TORONTO, 11 Sept — Prime Minister Stephen Harper promised for the first time Wednesday that Canada's troops in Afghanistan will be withdrawn in 2011, as his minority government looks to win support in national elections next month.

Harper, who has been a steadfast ally of President Bush in the post-11 Sept fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan, said Canadians do not have the appetite to keep their soldiers in Afghanistan beyond 10 years.

Harper's pledge goes beyond an agreement Parliament passed in March stipulating only that Canada remove troops in 2011 from Afghanistan's southern province of

Kandahar, the former Taliban stronghold that has become the epicenter of fighting.

The parliamentary agreement left the door open to moving them elsewhere in the country.

The prime minister's vow to leave Afghanistan

comes as the Canadian death toll in the conflict approaches 100. Canada has lost 97 soldiers and one diplomat in Afghanistan, and the mission — largely unpopular domestically — was expected to be an issue in the campaign.—Internet



A worker stands in front of the 'Upside Down House' in Trassenheide on Usedom Island, northern Germany, on 26 Aug 2008. The house of an entrepreneur from Poland is part of the project 'The World Upside Down' that should allow visitors a different view of every day items. — INTERNET



This undated handout picture shows Dixie, a 15-year-old cat who was reunited with her owner Gilly Delaney after going missing nine years ago.—INTERNET

Crews pull body from collapsed Va building rubble

CHESTER, 11 Sept—A construction worker was killed Wednesday when a partially built retail and residential building collapsed in a Richmond suburb, officials said.

Emergency crews found the body of Scott Giordano, 38, of Disputanta, Va., about six hours

after the collapse and continued to search for anyone else who might have been trapped, said Chesterfield County Fire Battalion Chief Robby Dawson.

One other male worker with minor injuries was taken to a hospital.

Dispatchers received

reports that up to a dozen workers were inside when a 60-foot-section came crashing down around noon.

Because it wasn't clear how many people were actually in the building, Dawson said the search would continue through the night.—Internet

Texas girds for the worst as deadly Ike closes in

HOUSTON, 11 Sept—Texas authorities have ordered coastal evacuations as deadly Hurricane Ike strengthened to a



People wait in the flooded village of Surgidero de Batabano, south of Havana, on 10 Sept 2008. INTERNET

Category Two storm in the Gulf of Mexico and headed toward the southern US coast after ravaging Cuba and the Caribbean.

Ike could slam into the Texas coast immediately south of the port of Galveston late Friday or early Saturday as an even stronger storm, the National Hurricane Centre forecast. "Ike is expected to become a major hurricane by Thursday," the centre

said, referring to storms of Category Three and above intensity on the five-level Simpson-Saffir scale.

Texans living on the Gulf Coast were reminded of the "Great Storm" of 1900, an infamous hurricane that killed some 6,000 people and produced a storm surge that submerged much of Galveston.

Area residents also have fresh memories of Hurricane Rita, a powerful system heading in their direction in 2005 just weeks after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. Two million people tried to flee the Galveston-Houston area before Rita hit, creating massive highway traffic jams with 20-hour backups. Rita however shifted in the last hours and made landfall east near the border with Louisiana, and the damage to the area was minimal. Internet

SPORTS

USA, Mexico, Costa Rica continue march toward South Africa football WC 2010

CHICAGO, 11 Sept—The United States, Mexico and Costa Rica remained unbeaten in the semi-final phase of regional World Cup qualifying Wednesday, continuing their march toward South Africa 2010.

The United States stretched their lead atop Group 1 with a 3-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago.

Mexico, bidding farewell to striker Cuauhtemoc Blanco, downed Canada 2-1 in Tuxtla Gutierrez to consolidate their position atop Group 2, while Group 3 leaders Costa Rica beat hosts Haiti 3-1 in Port-au-Prince.—*Internet*



Defender Cyndy Gray (right) of Trinidad & Tobago shoves Clint Dempsey of the US during FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier at Toyota Park, on 10 Sept, in Bridgeview, Illinois. USA won 3-0.—INTERNET

Danish smash and grab shocks Portuguese

LISBON, 11 Sept—Denmark came from behind with two goals in injury time to shock Portugal 3-2 in their World Cup Group one qualifier in Lisbon on Wednesday.

A penalty from Chelsea star Deco four minutes from time looked to have secured a routine win for the Portuguese, coached by former Manchester United assistant manager Carlos Queiroz, after Arsenal's Nicklas Bendtner had levelled the hosts opener on 42 minutes from United winger Nani.

But in a frantic fi-

nale the Danes, surprise European champions in 2002 turned the match on its head as Christian Poulsen netted in the 90th minute and Daniel Jensen scored the clincher in the second minute of time added on.

Internet



Italy's Daniele De Rossi (L) jumps over Georgia's goalkeeper Loria during their World Cup 2010 qualifying football match in Udine. INTERNET

De Rossi fires Italy past Georgia

UDINE (Italy), 11 Sept—As Roma midfielder Daniele De Rossi proved the match winner with a brace as Italy at times laboured to a 2-0 victory over Georgia on Wednesday.

The victory ensured the Italians went top of World Cup qualifying Group Eight following a scoreless draw between Montenegro and Ireland.

Coach Marcelo Lippi was pleased to have started with two wins out of two following the 2-1 victory in Cyprus on Saturday and said that his players would be in better shape physically for their two October matches.

Internet



Germany's striker Miroslav Klose waves to supporters at the conclusion of their World Cup 2010 qualifying football match against Finland. The match ended in a 3-3 draw, with three goals for Klose.—INTERNET

Loew's trust pays off as hat-trick Klose seals draw

HELSINKI, 11 Sept—Germany coach Joachim Loew said trust in striker Miroslav Klose paid off as his hat-trick sealed a 3-3 draw in Helsinki where die Mannschaft narrowly avoided a shock defeat to Finland on Wednesday.

Despite recent criticism from the German Press after a barren spell in front of goal for Bayern Munich, Klose silenced his critics by finishing his hat-trick seven minutes from time to equalise in the 2010 World Cup qualifier.

The 30-year-old has now scored 44 goals in 84 games to leave him just four away from becoming Germany's third-highest goalscorer and Loew was full of praise for his forward who broke Finnish hearts.—*Internet*



French forward Thierry Henry controls the ball during the WC 2010 qualifying football match France vs Serbia, at Stade de France stadium in Saint-Denis. France won 2-1.—INTERNET

Henry, Anelka launch French football revival against Serbia

PARIS, 11 Sept—Thierry Henry and Nicolas Anelka struck a goal apiece to help secure a crucial 2-1 victory for France over Serbia in their second Group 7 match of qualifying for the 2010 World Cup here on Wednesday.

Barcelona striker Henry opened the scoring in the 55th minute with second-half substitute Anelka producing a fine solo effort to grab France's second just after the hour. Serbia scored inside the last quarter hour when Branislav Ivanovic rose to head home from a corner.

After a stunning 3-1 defeat to Austria last weekend, France and their enigmatic coach Raymond Domenech have been under huge pressure to win the hearts and minds of fans, especially in the wake of crashing out of the Euro 2008 at the group stage.—*Internet*

Hat-trick hero Walcott calls time on Beckham era

ZAGREB, 11 Sept—The Walcott's stunning hat-trick against Croatia may have ensured that David Beckham will never make another start for England.

The Arsenal teenager was handed his slot on the right at the expense of 33-year-old Beckham and manager Fabio Capello's judgement was vindicated by his three-goal display in a memorable 4-1 win.

Beckham did come on in the closing minutes of the match to win his 105th cap, moving him level with Billy Wright as the joint fourth most capped player for his country.

Four more cameo appearances would take Beckham past Bobby Moore's 108 caps and make him the most capped outfield player in the country's history (goalkeeper Peter Shilton holds the overall record with 125 caps).

But the LA Galaxy midfielder's chances of reclaiming a starting spot look slim, partly as a result of some advice he gave Walcott ahead of Wednesday night's match.—*Internet*



England's Wayne Rooney (right) and Rio Ferdinand celebrate with Theo Walcott (number 7) during a World Cup 2010 qualifying football match between Croatia and England in Zagreb. England won 4-1.—INTERNET

Koreas finish all square as Aussies start with a win

ABU DHABI, 11 Sept—Bitter rivals North Korea and South Korea fought out a 1-1 draw in the latest round of final Asian 2010 World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday while Australia got their campaign off to a winning start.

The Aussies handed Uzbekistan a 1-0 defeat in Tashkent thanks to a rare international goal from Scott Chipperfield - playing only his second international in 19 months - as they bid to reach their second successive finals.

The Uzbeks hopes of reaching the finals for the first time look remote after two successive defeats as do those of the UAE - they lost to North Korea in their opening match at the weekend - after they let a 1-0 lead slip, ending up losing 2-1 to Asian giants Saudi Arabia.

The other match ended 1-1 between a 10-man Bahrain and Qatar, who also missed a penalty.

The Korean neigh-

bours fought out a tedious affair played in the neutral city of Shanghai, with only about 500 fans turning up at the Hongkou Stadium.

They saw North Korean Hong Yong-Jo convert a penalty in the 63rd minute but the South's Ki Sung-Yeung scored five minutes later to salvage the draw.—*Internet*



North Korea's Kim Yong-jun (R) and South Korea's Kim Nam-il fight for the ball during the World Cup 2010 qualifier soccer match against South Korea at Shanghai Hongkou Football Stadium, in Shanghai. North and South Korea drew 1-1.—INTERNET

Marine from Owings Mills dies in Afghanistan blast

KABUL, 11 Sept—A Marine captain from Owings Mills was killed Tuesday while serving as a communications officer in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said today. Capt Jesse Melton III, 29, was working with a team helping to train members of the Afghan National Army when a roadside bomb exploded, killing him, another Marine officer, a member of the US Navy and an Afghani interpreter, said his mother, Janice Chance.

“He was a man of honour and a servant leader,” she said tonight as their family’s Owings Mills home filled with friends and relatives. “He knew there were missions to do and work to do, and for the greater good, he was a Marine all the way.”

Internet

Bolivia President asks US ambassador to leave

LAPAZ (Bolivia), 11 Sept—President Evo Morales said Wednesday that he is expelling the US

ambassador in Bolivia for allegedly inciting violent opposition protests.

Morales’ announcement came hours after his government said a pipeline blast triggered by saboteurs forced the country to cut natural gas exports to Brazil by 10 percent.

“Without fear of the empire, I declare the US ambassador ‘persona non grata,’” Morales said in a speech at the presidential palace.

He said he asked his Foreign Minister to send a diplomatic note to Ambassador Philip Goldberg

telling the American to go home.

“We don’t want separatists, divisionists,” Bolivia’s leftist president added.

In Washington, US State Department spokesman Gordon Duguid called the accusation “baseless” and said the US government had not yet received a note about the ambassador.

The US Embassy in Bolivia said on its Web site that Goldberg learned of Morales’ action during a meeting with Bolivia’s Foreign Minister.

Internet

IAEA chief will not seek another term

VIENNA, 11 Sept—International Atomic Energy Agency Director Mohamed ElBaradei plans to leave office after his third term expires in November 2009, according to an IAEA memo released on Wednesday.

ElBaradei who has presided over politically volatile IAEA investigations into nuclear activities of North Korea, Iran, Libya and Syria since becoming director in 1997, “is not available for a further term in office,” the memo said.

MNA/Reuters

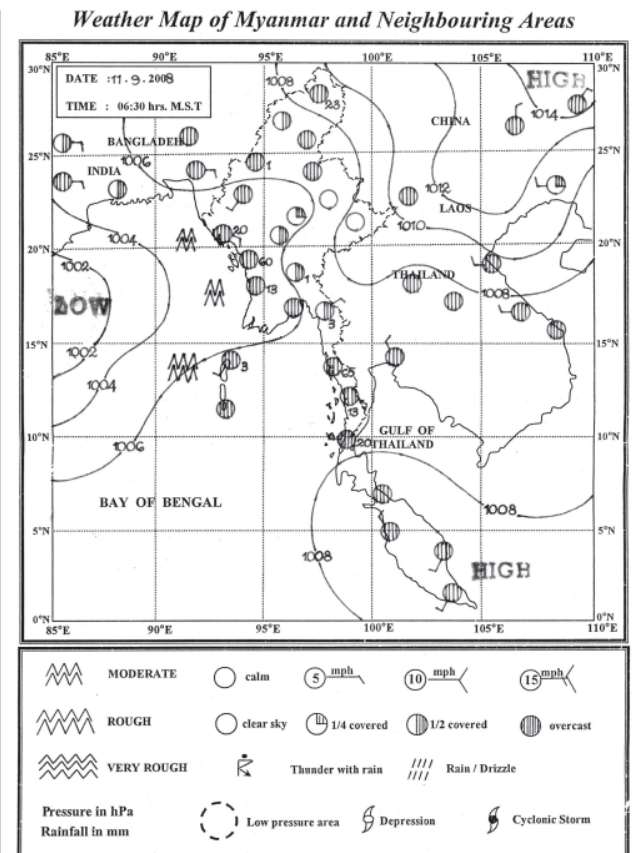


Japanese soldiers during a ceremony marking an end to the deployment of Japanese troops in Iraq in July 2006.—INTERNET

Japan to end Iraq mission

TOKYO, 11 Sept—Japan said Tuesday it was ending an air mission in Iraq, wrapping up a military deployment which was historic for the pacifist nation but deeply unpopular at home. Foreign Minister Masahiko Komura said Japan planned by the end of the year to bring back the planes which flew goods and personnel into Iraq in support of the United Nations and US-led coalition.

The mission was the last Japanese military operation in Iraq after Japan, which has been officially pacifist since defeat in World War II, ended a landmark ground deployment in 2006. “After continued consultations with Iraq, we have come to believe that the situation in Iraq has gradually improved and that we are gradually achieving the purpose” of the Japanese mission, Komura said.—Internet



WEATHER

Thursday, 11 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (2.68) inches, Dawei (2.56) inches, Kyaukpau (2.36) inches, Mogok (1.81) inches, Kawthoung (1.66) inches, Kyeikami (1.35) inches and Putao (0.90) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-9-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 11-9-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-9-2008 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 10-9-2008 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-9-2008 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.32) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (81.97) inches at Mingaladon, (92.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (111.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (19:30) hours MST on 10-9-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of southwest monsoon from the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 12 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy
exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:50 am
5. The mirror images of

- the musical oldies
- 8:00 am
6. Song of national
races
- 8:10 am
7. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်
မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊
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(ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်
ဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်
ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Musical programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
2. Songs of yes-

- teryears
- 4:20 pm
3. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:30 pm
4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:40 pm
5. Song to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
6. အဆိုဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:00 pm
7. “ငွေကြေးကိစ္စ မှန်သမျှ
ဘဏ်ကိုသာ အားကိုးကြ”
(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ဝိယ၊
ပုလဲဝင်း၊ ဖူးစုံ၊ သဇင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သ))
- 5:30 pm
8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်

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ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညက်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း”
(အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:00 pm
14. News.
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား”
(အပိုင်း-၂၈)

Efforts made to generate more hydropower



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects No. 2 Beluchaung Hydropower Plant (Lawpita) in Loikaw Township.—MNA

Flower arrangement for interior decoration

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A ceremony to open the flower arrangement course, jointly conducted by Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Social Welfare Department, was held at the hall of Yinthaway Yadana Pre-school of SWD here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Leader Daw Tin Tin Nwe of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of MWAFF, heads of departments and Working Group Leaders of MWAFF Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Daw Kyin Khine, Daw Aye Aye, Dr Daw Sandar Aung, Daw Nilar Thaw, members, sub-working group leaders, members of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana district and township WAOs, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, responsible persons of SWD and trainees.

Leader Daw Tin Tin Nwe delivered an opening speech.

Principal Daw Tin Tin Aye of the Vocational Training School under the SWD reported on arrangements for the course. After the ceremony, responsible persons of MWAFF and trainees viewed demonstrations by flower arrangement course.

A total of 40 trainees are attending the one-week course.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae inspected the runway of Loikaw Airport in Loikaw yesterday.

At Nyeinchanyae Hall in Loikaw, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with servicemen and family members of Loikaw Station and then presented stationery and sports gear through Brig-Gen Win Myint and Lt-Col Khin Maung Soe.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with departmental officials, social organization members

and townselders at the Town Hall in Loikaw.

On arrival at No. 2 Beluchaung Hydropower Plant (Lawpita), they handed over books for the library and stationery for employees of the plant donated by Ministry of Information and Ministry of Education through the officials concerned.

Next, they looked into generating of power with six 28-megawatt generators at the hydropower plant.

At No. 1 Beluchaung Hydropower Plant, they inspected generating with two 14-megawatt turbines.

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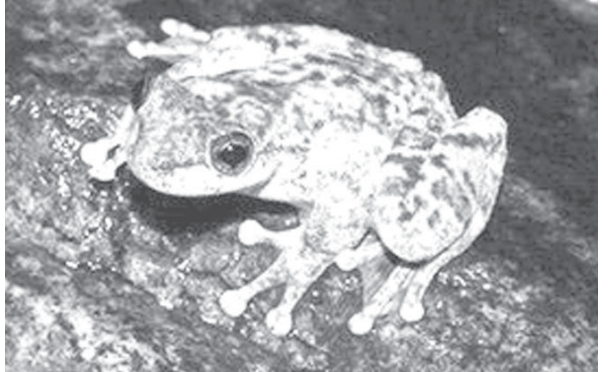
YANGON, 11 Sept—The 10th Annual Conference of General Practitioners Society of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) will be held at the building of MMA in Pathein on 9 and 10 November 2008.

At the conference, professors, well-experienced physicians and specialists will give lectures. Pharmaceutical companies will also open medicines and medical booths.

Those pharmaceutical companies wishing to open medical booths at the conference may contact Chairman Dr Kyi Pe (Orthopedic Specialist) Ph-042-24292, Secretary Dr Sit Tin (GP) Ph-042-24425 and Joint-Secretary Dr Min Hsaung (GP) Ph-042-25290.

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Australian researchers discover elusive frog



SYDNEY, 11 Sept—A tiny frog species thought by many experts to be extinct has been rediscovered alive and well in a remote area of Australia's tropical north, researchers said Thursday.

The 1.5 inch-long Armoured Mistfrog had not been seen since 1991, and many experts assumed it had been wiped out by a devastating fungus that struck northern Queensland state.

But two months ago, a doctoral student at James Cook University in Townsville conducting research on another frog species in Queensland stumbled across what appeared to be several Armoured Mistfrogs in a creek, said professor Ross Alford, head of a research team on threatened frogs at the university.

Conrad Hoskin, a researcher at The Australian National University in Canberra who has been studying the evolutionary biology of north Queensland frogs for the past 10 years, conducted DNA tests on tissue samples from the frogs and determined they were the elusive Armoured Mistfrog.—Internet



Pamphlets

Photo shows edu-cative teleplays, CDs and pamphlets for the people to ensure availability of safe and pure blood.

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