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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

Pruhso and Dimawhso of Kayah State see unprecedented development



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects newly-built school building of Technological University in Loikaw. — MNA

It's about ASEAN

YANGON, 12 Sept — Talks on ASEAN organized by International Relations Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at Dagon Thiri Hall of No. 1 Basic Education High

School in Dagon Township on 9 September.

Lecturer Dr Daw Win Mar Hlaing of International Relations Department of Yangon University gave talks on ASEAN. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—In brotherly meeting with servicemen and family members of Pruhso Station in Pruhso yesterday, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and Kayah State PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Win Myint, handed sports gear, exercise books and stationery to the family members.

At Tawwin Thazin Hall, he met with departmental officials, social or-

ganization members and local people, and handed over books and stationery donated by the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Education to officials.

They visited Pruhso Basic Education High School and Township Hospital. In Nyaungzin Village, they viewed thriving groundnut plantation.

In Dimawhso, Maj-

Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave away books and stationery donated by the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Education to officials. While in Dimawhso, they looked into flow of water into Ngwetaung Dam and supply of water.

Ngwetaung Dam is an earthen type and its embankment is 35 feet high and 6,000 feet long.

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BEIJING, 12 Sept — The new building to house China's National Library opened Tuesday. The new building has enough floor space to make the library the world's third largest in terms of area. The 250,000 square meters at the National Library in Beijing are surpassed only by national libraries in France and the United States.

The new structure in west central Beijing is the second phase of library construction. It has storage rooms, displays of ancient books, reading rooms and a digital library. Phase 2 alone encompasses 80 thousand square meters.

There are 29-hundred seats. The library is equipped to serve about 8,000 readers daily with about 600,000 books. Readers also have wireless access to the Internet on their laptops. They may also use any of the 460 computers in the new building.

Internet

World third biggest library



The 250,000 square metres at the National Library in Beijing are surpassed only by national libraries in France and the United States.

Talks on Business Strategies & Dashboards

YANGON, 12 Sept—Talks of scholars, organized by Information and IT enhancement working committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, was held at Mingalar Hall of UMFCI Tower here on 6 September. Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of UMFCI gave a speech on the occasion. Rector U Maw Than (Retd) of Yangon Institute of Economics gave talks on Business Strategies & Dashboards and answered the queries raised by those present.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 13 September, 2008

Strive together for building a new democratic nation

The emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation is the national goal aspired by the entire mass of the people.

Peace and stability, strong national economy and development of human resources constitute a prerequisite for the emergence of a new nation. The government is making all-out efforts for fulfilling such requirements while leading the nation in the process of transition to democracy.

Peace and stability is imperative in building a new democratic nation. Internal insurgency often reigns along with violence in some underdeveloped nations. This has resulted in decline in production, thereby leading the nation to disarray.

Therefore, the entire national people are to stamp out any act that is detrimental to peace and stability and national interest.

At present, the government is taking systematic measures for the emergence of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Meanwhile, holding negative views, internal and external elements are attempting to undermine the efforts of the government by applying various means and ways. The destructive elements are launching such violence as detonating bombs.

Now, efforts for building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation are in full swing. At such a time, the entire national people are to actively take part in the drive for successful realization of the tasks while preventing and exposing atrocities perpetrated by internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State.

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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

Government fuel price lower than actual cost

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept— The government is selling fuel to the public at a price lower than the actual cost, said Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi in meeting with staff at the hall of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, in Yangon on 8 September evening.

He continued to say that departmental instructions have been given to managing directors to supervise the tasks for correct and accurate issuing and supplying of fuel among oil refinery managers, heads of fuel installations and fuel stations. The ministry will investigate fuel misuse cases by using various ways and means and action will be taken against those offenders, he added. The minister stressed the need to deal with the customers.

After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs.

The meeting was attended by the director (sales) of MMPE, the general manager of central fuel installation (Danitaw) and officials.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi gives a speech in meeting with staff of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise.

ENERGY

265 drug related cases exposed in August

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department seized 265 drug related cases in August 2008 — 151.1667 kilos of opium in 65 cases, 7.485 kilos of heroin in 80 cases, 69.5 kilos of morphine in one case, 66.3272 kilos of opium oil in 11 cases, 1263.29 kilos of low-grade opium in 15 cases, 10.5989 kilos of marijuana in 21 cases, 142955.5 stimulant tablets in 50 cases, 13.77 kilos of opium speciosa in eight cases, 0.03 litre of cough syrup, 19.35 kilos of Ephedrine in two cases, 10 Ativan tablets in one case, 5 kilos of Alprazolam, four cases in failure to register and other

four cases.

Action was taken against 420 persons—346 men and 74 women— in 265 cases in August 2008.—MNA

How to operate professional cameras

YANGON, 12 Sept — Sony Broadcast and Professional (Service Caravan 2008) was launched at the Traders Hotel yesterday.

It was intended to educate users on maintenance methods and systematic use of Sony products and to gain more brand loyalty by offering repair service by service engineers of Broadcast and Professional service Team and TMW Enterprise Ltd.—MNA



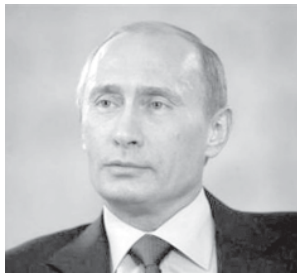
Enthusiasts of professional camera seen at Sony Broadcast and Professional (Service Caravan 2008).

MNA

Putin warns West against starting arms race

SOCHI, 12 Sept—Prime Minister Vladimir Putin warned the West on Thursday against starting an arms race in Europe by stationing a US missile defence shield near Russia's borders and said there was no basis for a new Cold War.

Putin, who has taken a robust stance on Russia's conflict with Georgia over the South Ossetia region, blamed Washington rather than Moscow for resurrecting Soviet-style



**Prime Minister
Vladimir Putin**

rhetoric.

"Today there are no ideological contradictions. There is no basis for a Cold War," Putin told a group of reporters at a three-hour

lunch briefing at his retreat in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

"There is no basis for mutual animosity... Russia has no imperialist ambitions," he said.

Russia was criticized by the United States and European governments for sending troops into Georgia last month and then recognizing the two breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent states.—*Internet*



Residents look at a damaged vehicle after a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad's Habibiya district on 11 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

10 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL (Afghanistan), 12 Sept—US-led coalition troops killed more than 10 militants and detained two others during two separate raids in Afghanistan, the coalition said Friday.

The militants were killed in Tagab district of northern Kapisa province during a Thursday raid on an insurgent commander involved in roadside bomb attacks, the coalition said in a statement.

"Coalition forces were engaged with small-arms fire from multiple groups of armed militants as they entered a compound. The force returned fire, killing the militants," the statement said.—*Internet*

US firm ambushed again in Afghan south, 23 dead

KABUL, 12 Sept—At least 23 people were killed when Taliban insurgents ambushed a U.S. security firm convoy in southwestern Afghanistan on Friday, provincial officials said, the second attack on the firm in as many days.

Farah provincial police chief Khalilullah Rahmani said 15 of the dead were Taliban militants killed in the fighting that broke out following the ambush.

Rahmani said US Protection and Investigations, a firm involved in escorting supplies for coalition forces, also suffered casualties but he had no details.

He said four Afghan guards and four civilians had been killed in the ambush that took place when the convoy was passing through Bakwa district in Farah province.

Violence has hit its worst level in Afghanistan since the Taliban's overthrow in 2001. More than 2,700 people including some 1,100 civilians have been killed so far this year, aid agencies say.—*Internet*

Deaths make 2008 deadliest for US in Afghanistan

KABUL (Afghanistan), 12 Sept—Insurgents killed two US troops in Afghanistan on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks Thursday, making 2008 the deadliest year for American forces since US troops invaded the country in 2001 for sheltering Osama bin Laden. The deaths brought the number of troops who have died in Afghanistan this year to 113, according to an Associated Press tally, surpassing last year's record toll of 111.

Afghanistan was the launching pad for al-Qaida's terrorist attacks on 11 Sept, 2001. US forces invaded in October 2001 in response and quickly drove the Taliban out of power. Across Afghanistan, US troops paused in silence Thursday to commemorate the 9/11 attacks.—*Internet*

Missile attack from drone kills 13 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 Sept — A missile fired from a drone aircraft killed at least 13 people and wounded five others Friday in a village in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border, according to Pakistani intelligence sources.

The missile strike happened in a region of Pakistan that is rife with Islamic extremism. Previous missile strikes there have targeted members of al Qaeda and suspected Taliban militants.

Two missiles hit the North Waziristan village of Tola Khel, near the main town of Miranshah, early Friday, according to Allah

Zaman, a security official in Miranshah.

A missile attack on the compound of a key Taliban

commander in northwest Pakistan Monday killed 25 people, including the newly appointed al Qaeda

chief in Pakistan, Abu Haris, a guard who was also wounded in the attack told CNN Tuesday.—*Internet*



Activists hold placards during an anti-US protest to condemn strikes in Pakistani tribal areas along the Afghanistan border, in Multan, 11 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

Car Bombing Kills 32, Wounds 43 North of Baghdad



attacks in areas north of Baghdad, where violence has been slower to decline than elsewhere in the country. Earlier Friday, a suicide bomber blew himself up in front of a Shiite mosque farther north in Sinjar as worshippers left prayers at midday, killing two civilians and wounding 15, police chief Col Awad Kahlil said.

Internet

BAGHDAD, 12 Sept —A car bomb ripped through a crowded commercial district in a mainly Shiite town north of Baghdad on Friday, killing at least 32 people and wounding 43, Iraqi officials said.

The explosion in

Dujail was apparently targeting a police station but instead it badly damaged a nearby medical clinic, according to police. Concrete barriers largely protected the police station, the officials said.

Friday's blast was the latest in a series of



This US Air Force file photo shows an unmanned Predator aerial vehicle with a Hellfire missile attached to it.

INTERNET



Houses destroyed by Hurricane Ike stand in Pinar del Rio on 11 September, 2008. Ike has caused widespread damage and a panorama of destruction in Cuba, still reeling from the more powerful Hurricane Gustav 10 days ago.—INTERNET

Crude oil slides near \$100

NEW YORK, 12 Sept — Crude oil ended lower after tumbling near 100 US dollars a barrel for the first time in five months on Thursday as a strong dollar overshadowed supply concern caused by the Hurricane Ike. Light, sweet crude for October delivery dropped 1.71 dollars to settle at 100.87 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices initially fell in the morning session and slid to as low as 100.10 dollars a barrel, the lowest point in more than five months. The dollar continued its rally and rose to a one-year high against the euro. The dollar also gained strongly against the sterling pound and the Japanese yen. The strengthening dollar reduced the appeal of commodities like crude to be used as hedges against inflation. Meanwhile, the market is still concerned about the weak demand for energy. The US Energy Department reported a 2 percent, or 58 billion cubic feet, increase in the US natural gas inventory during the week ended 5 September. Crude futures pared some losses in the afternoon session as the Hurricane Ike, which is expected to make landfall along the US Texas coast on Saturday, has forced several refineries in the region to shut down. But many see two digit of oil prices highly possible despite the hurricane.—Internet



An artists rendering shows an Ares I crew launch vehicle. NASA on Wednesday cleared the launch system being developed to replace the space shuttle for a detailed design review, confident the Ares rocket will meet technical, safety and budget requirements.—INTERNET

UAE firm to develop 500-m-USD iconic towers in Libya

ABU DHABI, 12 Sept—Nobles Properties, a real estate firm of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), plans to develop a project of iconic towers worth 500 million US dollars in Libyan capital of Tripoli, local newspaper Gulf News reported on Thursday. The project named “Tripolis Towers” in the heart of Tripoli will be developed in line with an agreement between

Nobles Properties and OYA Tourism Investment and Development, a subsidiary of Libya’s Economic and Social Development Fund, according to the report. The “Tripolis Towers” will comprise two 40-storey residential towers on 275,000 square feet of waterfront land in Tripoli. The total built-up area will be 3.5 million square feet. One tower will include

a five-star hotel with business facilities, serviced apartments and retail space. The second tower will contain office space. The agreement with OYA Tourism Investment and Development to develop the “Tripolis Towers” was a “significant” agreement in Libya as part of Nobles Properties’s plans to expand in the Arab world, the company’s chairman Omar Ayesh said. —Internet

ADB funds Azerbaijan power transmission project

MANILA, 12 Sept—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Thursday said it is helping Azerbaijan upgrade its aging power transmission facilities through a 160-million-US-dollar loan. The regional bank said the 25-year loan will help build a double-circuit 220 kilovolt transmission line and associated substation facilities, replacing two existing lines which have been in use for about 60 years by state-owned power company Azerenergy. The energy sector plays a central role in Azerbaijan’s economy, contributing one-third of the country’s gross domestic product in 2007. But unlike oil and gas, the power transmission and distribution industry has suffered from a major lack of investment. The upgrade will remove transmission choke points, lower system losses, and provide a more stable power supply, especially in the key Azeri industrial hub, near the capital city of Baku. It will also cut the need for imported electricity, optimize the country’s hydropower resource, and reduce fossil fuel consumption and pollution. Over 20 percent of Azerbaijan’s energy equipment and more than half of its network facilities are well beyond their useful life, resulting in frequent power failures, system losses, and the threat of a collapse of the energy grid. — Internet

Yahoo challenges Google in mobile phone market

LOS ANGELES, 12 Sept — Yahoo said on Thursday that it is looking to the quickly growing mobile phone market to catch up with rival Google in the online realm, it was reported on Thursday. “We want to create and enable a mobile ecosystem for billions of users,” said Marco Boerries, executive vice president of Yahoo’s Connected Life division. “We’re turning everyone that uses voice today into a mobile data user.” Yahoo’s one Connect service, a social address service that marries a cell

phone contacts list with social networks, is premiering on the iPhone and iPod Touch, according to Boerries. The service, which is available now in the Apple Store, allows

users to pull their friends and contacts together into one application, enabling them to communicate via instant messaging, e-mail, text messaging or phone. Internet



Mickey Mouse performs atop a float during a Halloween parade at Tokyo Disneyland in Urayasu, near Tokyo, Japan, on 12 Sept, 2008. INTERNET

The Time Square Yahoo sign is seen in New York.—INTERNET





Volunteers for the Beijing Paralympic Games show the mooncakes they make at a Paralympics city volunteer stand near the Xidan Shopping Center in downtown Beijing, capital of China, on 11 Sept, 2008.

XINHUA

McCain, Obama meet at forum in New York

NEW YORK, 12 Sept— US presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama came together Thursday night for half-hour appearances at a TIME-sponsored forum on national service at Columbia University in New York.

The presidential candidates put aside partisan politics as the nation remembered the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

McCain took the stage first with moderators Time Managing Editor Rick Stengel and Judy Woodruff of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), a non-profit public broadcasting television service with 354 member TV stations in the United States. Both candidates were asked similar questions relating to the 9/11 terror attacks, the promotion of national service among various others.

The forum is part of a two-day summit meant to promote national service. —Xinhua

Syrian-Russian naval cooperation grows

BEIRUT, 12 Sept —Russia said Friday it was renovating a Syrian port for use by the Russian fleet, signaling an effort to establish a firmer foothold in the Mediterranean at a time of tensions with the United States over Georgia.

Syria was Moscow's strongest Mideast ally during the Cold War. The alliance largely waned after the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union, though Russia has continued some weapons sales to Damascus.

But Syrian President Bashar Assad has increasingly reached out to Russia recently, including seeking weapons and offering broader military cooperation. —Xinhua

Samsung, Hynix to jointly research on next-generation semiconductors

SEOUL, 12 Sept — Samsung Electronics Co and Hynix Semiconductor Inc, world's No 1 and No 2 computer memory chip maker, will jointly research on next-generation semiconductors starting from next January, the South Korea's Ministry of Knowledge Economy said Thursday.

According to the ministry, Samsung and Hynix are to make a 24 billion won (21.8 million US dol-

lars) investment over the next four years for developing futuristic chips and various non-volatile memory devices.

The ministry said that it will support half of the planned investment.

The futuristic chips such as spin torque transfer magnetic random access memory (STT-MRAM) could help manufacturers to overcome the current 40-nanometer integration ceiling of flash memory

units and provide a new potential for electronic devices, the ministry said.

Non-volatile memory devices are also considered important as they can store information even when the device is turned off.

The ministry said the newly developed technologies are to be used to get hold of 40 percent market share in the non-volatile memory market by 2012. —Xinhua



Stefania Fernandez (C), from Trujillo state, waves after she was crowned Miss Venezuela 2008 at the Miss Venezuela contest in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, on 10 Sept, 2008.

XINHUA

Survey: China becomes global tourist attraction with Olympics impact

SHANGHAI, 12 Sept — China has become a global tourist attraction after the Beijing Olympics which concluded on 24 Aug, according to a survey released by the Nielson Company here on Thursday.

The survey said the Olympics not only built up China's image but also served as an advertisement for China's tourism.

The online survey was conducted on con-

sumers in 16 countries and regions before the Games' opening ceremony and after the closing.

About 80 percent of the respondents had not been to China before the events and 50 percent of them expressed hopes of visiting China after the Games.

According to the survey, 70 percent of the respondents felt Beijing was more modern and scientific than what

they had thought.

The most interested respondents were from Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Mexico, Taiwan, South Africa and the Republic of Korea.

Pan Wen, in charge of Chinese tourism research of the Nielson Company, said the World Tourism organization predicted that China would become the largest tourist attraction in the world with 137 million foreign tourists every year. —Xinhua

Unidentified disease hits 1,000 in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 12 Sept—At least 1,000 people have been reportedly affected by an unidentified disease in some villages of Gulmi district in western Nepal, while number of pneumonia patients has gone drastically up in the district.

According to the *National News Agency* RSS Friday's report, the unidentified disease gripped Darling for a week and Neta and Paudi Amarai in the district, some 200 km west of Kathmandu, for the last four days. The disease is characterized by headache, fever, common cold, fainting and diarrhea.

With the number of patients increasing, the Village Development Committees (VDCs) have fallen short of medicines, the RSS said. Young people in between 14 to 20 years of age were more affected. Classes in schools have also been affected due to the disease.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Quake of magnitude 5.5 jolts W China

BEIJING, 12 Sept — An aftershock measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit western China at 1:38 am Friday, the National Seismograph Network Centre said.

The quake struck an area at 32.9 degrees north latitude and 105.6 degrees east longitude. The depth of the epicentre is about 6 km.

The area joins Qingchuan County of Guangyuan City in southwestern Sichuan Province, Wudu District of Longnan City of northwestern Gansu Province, and Ningqiang County of Hanzhong City of northwestern Shaanxi Province. No casualties have been reported. —Xinhua

Ferrari cars are displayed during the 2008 Shanghai Import Auto Show in Shanghai, east China, on 11 Sept, 2008. Autos with nearly 40 luxury brands including Ferrari, Maserati, and Rolls Royce were exhibited in the show.

XINHUA



Venezuela’s Chavez says US ambassador must leave



Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez.
INTERNET

CARACAS (Venezuela), 12 Sept—President Hugo Chavez ordered the US ambassador to leave Venezuela within 72 hours on Thursday, accusing the diplomat of conspiring

against his government and saying he would also withdraw his own envoy from Washington immediately. Chavez made the move in solidarity with Bolivia after his Andean ally expelled the US diplomat there, accusing him of aiding violent protests. He said a new American ambassador will not be welcome in Caracas “until there’s a US government that respects the people of Latin America,” suggesting that

diplomatic relations will be scaled back until President Bush leaves the White House. “They’re trying to do here what they were doing in Bolivia,” Chavez said, accusing Washington of trying to oust him. “That’s enough ... from you, Yankees,” Chavez said, using an expletive. Waving his fists in the air, he added: “I hold the government of the United States responsible for being behind all the conspiracies against our nations!”—Internet

Russia prepares to start Georgia pullout

POTI (Georgia), 12 Sept— Russian troops prepared Friday to start a tentative pull-out from Georgia as Moscow vowed to strengthen its military after last month’s war and turned its diplomatic fire on Ukraine. As the troops readied to move to the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, Prime Minister Vladimir Putin dismissed Western accu-

sations that Russia’s military intervention into Georgia was part of an “imperial” agenda. “We do not have and will not have any of the imperial ambitions that people accuse us of,” Putin said in the southern resort of Sochi. On the ground there were increasing signs Russian forces were withdrawing in line with pledges made Monday by

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev after he met an EU delegation in Moscow. Troops were making preparations to leave at three of the posts mentioned in the agreement, one near Poti and the other two near Senaki, which has a strategic airbase that was bombed by Russia during the August 8-12 conflict. Internet

14 injured in tunnel fire under English Channel

COQUELLES (France), 12 Sept—A fire broke out Thursday on a train carrying trucks under the English Channel between England and France, injuring 14 people and shutting down traffic in the undersea rail tunnel, officials said. About 100 firefighters from both sides of the channel got the blaze under control, but it was not entirely extinguished hours later, said Georges Bos, a spokesman for France’s Pas-de-Calais region, which was handling the emergency response.

The train was carrying 32 people — mostly truck drivers accompanying their vehicles — when the blaze erupted at mid-afternoon about 7 miles from the French side, officials said. All were evacuated safely. The fire broke out on



Police direct traffic off of a closed motorway heading towards the Channel Tunnel outside Maidstone in southern England, on 11 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

one of the trucks loaded on the train, but the truck drivers were in a separate rail-car. Traffic through the 30-mile tunnel would remain suspended at least until Friday, French rail operator SNCF said.—Internet

Texas prepares for a gigantic Hurricane Ike

HOUSTON, 12 Sept—Cars and trucks streamed inland and chemical companies buttoned up their plants Thursday as a gigantic Hurricane Ike took aim at the heart of the US refining industry and threatened to send a wall of water crashing toward Houston. Nearly 1 million people along the Texas coast were ordered to evacuate ahead of the storm, which was expected to strike late Friday or early Saturday. But in a calculated risk aimed at avoid-

ing total gridlock, authorities told most people in the nation’s fourth-largest city to just hunker down. Ike was steering almost directly for Houston, where gleaming skyscrapers, the nation’s biggest refinery and NASA’s Johnson Space Center lie in areas vulnerable to wind and floodwaters. Forecasters said the storm was likely to come ashore as a Category 3, with winds up to 130 mph. Internet

NEWSALBUM

“Addicted” elephant heads back after heroin detox cure

An Asian elephant who became addicted to drugs after eating a banana smeared with heroin is headed back to Kunming after a three-year detoxification program in China’s southernmost Hainan Province.

The 4-year-old male elephant, Xiguang, became addicted in March 2005.

He was among six elephants lured by animal smugglers along the border. They used the bananas as bait for the animals, which were being brought into China’s Dehong Autonomous Prefecture.

Police captured the elephants on May 8 that year. Xiguang was sent to a wild animal protection center in Hainan three months later, after he was confirmed to be suffering from withdrawal symptoms.

Rehabilitation experts and vets gave him injections of methadone, at five times human doses, for a year. Xiguang fully recovered after rehabilitation.

Jaywalker allegedly moons motorists after ticket

Athens-Clarke police have arrested a woman who they say started mooning motorists after she received a ticket for jaywalking. An officer stopped the 23-year-old woman and a friend about 1:10 am after they walked diagonally across the intersection in downtown Athens.

Police said both women had been drinking and were upset and disorderly as the officer began writing them tickets for not crossing in a crosswalk.

Police said after getting the citation, the Covington woman walked across Clayton Street and lifted her skirt, then walked to the middle of Jackson Street and did it again, walking around while shaking her buttocks in front of oncoming traffic.

Cross-dressing thief leaves fake breast behind

Police in Port St Lucie are on the lookout for a cross-dressing man who snatched a 74-year-old woman’s purse. As if that weren’t odd enough, they’re depending on a strange clue. The suspect left behind a condom filled with water he had been using as a fake breast.

The woman said she believed the thief followed her while shopping. A witness told investigators he was wearing a short denim skirt and black tube top, and fled in a silver car with two other male crossdressers.

Ode in the Road

What is claimed to be the world’s longest poem, written by French public notary Patrick Huet, is stretched to almost one kilometre (0.62 miles) on a car-race track in Champier, southeast France, on 4 Aug, 2006

Vistors watch a rare albino alligator on display at the Los Angeles Zoo at the start of the zoo’s summer promotion of “Out of The Swamp”. The promotion will give visitors a glimpse of the elusive alligator and educate families on the importance of swamps. According to Cajun Lore, staring into the eyes of a white gator means good luck and fortune will follow.

A chimpanzee at the Zoo of Zurich enjoys an ice pop, composed of fruits frozen in ice in Zurich, Switzerland. The chimp enjoys the goodie as temperatures climbed above 90 degrees in Zurich.

UNSG lauds China for “good examples” in Eco development

UNITED NATIONS, 12 Sept— UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Thursday spoke highly of China’s “good examples” in terms of economic development, urging the world’s largest developing nation to share its experience with other developing economies.

As one of the fastest growing economies, China has shown “many good examples”, Ban told a Press conference at the UN Headquarters.

“These examples should be shared, transferred and emulated by many developing countries,” he said.

The Secretary-General said he was “very much encouraged and grateful” to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, who has agreed to attend the UN high-level meeting on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) slated for 25 September.

Representatives from some 150 countries, including more than 90 heads of state or government, are expected to attend the event, which will be convened by Ban with the aim to generate further actions to reach the MDGs by 2015.

“I sincerely hope that member states will learn and China will be able to share their experience,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua



Artist Jorg Muller stands inside a giant tube of water as part of an act called NousTube during the Fringe Theatre Festival at Grand Canal Square in the city of Dublin, on 12, Sept 2008.

INTERNET

Pirates free German, Japanese-run ships

NAIROBI, 12 Sept— Pirates holding about a dozen boats off lawless Somalia have freed a German-owned cargo ship and a Japanese-operated chemical tanker after ransom payments, a maritime group and sources on the ground said on Thursday.

Andrew Mwangura, of the East African Seafarers’ Association, said large ransoms might have been paid in both cases. The Gulf of Aden is a major sea artery used by some 20,000 vessels a year heading to and from the Suez Canal.

Mwangura cited shipping sources as confirming the release of the German-owned boat, which he named as the *BBC Trinidad*, and its 13-member crew. The vessel had been seized on 21 August.

Sources close to the pirate gangs based in the northern Somali region of Puntland also confirmed that the *MT Irene*, registered in Panama but managed from Japan, was going free. *Irene* was also seized on August 21 and carrying a crew of 15 Filipinos and three Croats.

MNA/Reuters

Greece unearths treasures at Alexander’s birthplace

ATHENS, 12 Sept— Archaeologists have unearthed gold jewellery, weapons and pottery at an ancient burial site near Pella in northern Greece, the birthplace of Alexander the Great, the Culture Ministry said on Thursday.

The excavations at the vast cemetery uncovered 43 graves dating from 650-279 BC which shed light on the early development of the Macedonian kingdom, which had an empire that stretched as far as India under Alexander’s conquests.

Among the most interesting discoveries were the graves of 20 warriors dating to the late Archaic period, between 580 and 460 BC, the ministry said in a statement. Some were buried in bronze helmets alongside iron swords and knives. Their eyes, mouths and chests were covered in gold foil richly decorated with drawings of lions and other animals symbolizing royal power.

“The discovery is rich in historical importance, shedding light on Macedonian culture during the Archaic period,” Pavlos Chrysostomou, who headed the eight-year project that investigated a total of 900 graves, told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters



Painted lanterns hang from the ceiling of a passage way at Singapore’s Buddha Tooth Relic Temple on Sept, 2008 as part of the temple’s decoration for the mid-autumn festival.—INTERNET

Russian bombers will return in days from Venezuela

Moscow, 12 Sept— Two Russian long-range bombers will return to base from Venezuela in four days after a visit designed to show off Moscow’s military strength and build ties with a foe of the United States.

The bombers, known in the West by the NATO codename “Blackjack”, are capable of carrying nuclear weapons but were not doing so during the flight to South America. They will return to Russia on September 15, Air Force commander Vladimir Drik told *Interfax* news agency.

“There were no nuclear weapons on board

these planes,” Drik said.

The visit by the *Tu-160* bombers is a sign of Russian assertiveness at a time of tension with the United States, including over the Russia-Georgia conflict and US plans for a missile defence shield in eastern Europe.

Residents could see the large white bombers — one emblazoned with a red star and the Russian flag, the other carrying a blue circle with a picture of a swan — standing at a Venezuelan Air Force base near the industrial city of Maracay. —*Internet*

Floods in N Iraq kill three, wash away homes

ARBIL (IRAQ), 12 Sept— Floods killed at least three people, damaged or ruined 100 homes and washed away two bridges in a remote part of northern Iraq’s Kurdistan region, the local council chief said on Thursday.

The flooding late on Wednesday also left roads in the area impassable, cutting it off from aid, Abdul Wahid Gwani, chief of the affected Choman District, told *Reuters*. — MNA/Reuters



Children pass by displays of models of North Korea’s Scud-B missile, center green, and other South Korea’s missiles at Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul, South Korea, on 11 Sept, 2008.

Internet

Pruhso and Dimawhso of Kayah State...

(from page 1)
The dam can irrigate 5,818 acres of monsoon paddy and 2,026 acres of summer paddy.
At Dimawhso Station hall, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members of the station and presented books, stationery

and sports gear to them. On arrival at Dimawhso BEHS, they handed over books and stationery donated by the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Education to Headmaster U Tong Sway.
On visiting Dimawhso Township Hospital, they presented cash

assistance to patients and medicines and cash provided by the Ministry of Health to hospital officials. In Loikaw, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected newly-built school building for Loikaw Technological University and production process of U Tun Tun Oil Mill in No 1 Industrial Ward, Loikaw.

MNA

Cash assistance for students

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Wellwishers set up an education trust fund at No. 3 Basic Education High School here this morning.

Officials including Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin accepted the cash donation.
The commander

also made a speech at the ceremony at which boys and girls of the school presented dance programmes to the guests.

MNA



Maj-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donations of wellwishers.— MNA

Yangon roads under major repair

YANGON, 12 Sept— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected roadworks on Pyay road in front of National Museum, here on 10 September.

Staff of Engineering Department (road and bridge) of YCDC has been

carrying out work for ensuring smooth transport along Pyay road. He inspected laying of asphalt concrete on nine streets between Anawrahta and Maha Bandoola roads. The work has been supervised by Lanmadaw Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.—MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looks into repair work on Pyay Road in Dagon Township.— YCDC

The Pairs

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

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MoU on rendering assistance for malaria control project signed

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept— Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Japanese

Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa signed the MoU on rendering assistance for malaria control project

in Myanmar at the hall of the ministry at 2 pm today. Next, they exchanged notes.

MNA



Minister U Soe Tha and Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa sign an MoU on rendering assistance for malaria control project in Myanmar. —MNA

MWEA Executive leaves for Japan

YANGON, 12 Sept— Under the MBA Program Scholarship, Executive Daw Cho Thiri Maung of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association left

here by air for Japan to take Masters Degree Course on 10 September at Hitotsubashi University (Graduate School of International Corporate

Strategy) in Tokyo. She was seen off at Yangon International Airport by MWEA Secretary Daw Hla Wady, Joint Secretary Daw Khin Lay and officials. —MNA

Bombs explode in Bago Div

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Two explosions occurred in a video lounge of Theindan ward in Kyaukkyi, Bago Division at 8:20 and 8:30 pm yesterday.

The sources said that a boy found a hand-made time bomb made of plastic box under the

display of a vendor in Theindan ward in Kyaukkyi and it was reported to authorities concerned. A bomb exploded at 8:20 pm and another at 8:30 pm in a video house while authorities concerned were inspecting that vendor and surroundings.

The explosion left one man and one woman dead and eight men and one woman wounded, but not serious. They were sent to Kyaukkyi People Hospital. It is learnt that the public denounce terrorist acts and are desirous of arresting those terrorists.—MNA

Development tasks going on well in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, CEC members of Union Solidarity and Development Association 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 Thien on 8 September, gave speeches at City Hall of Sittway where they met with de-

partmental officials, townsenders and social organizations.

Afterwards, the commander and the ministers handed over USDA uniforms, K 3.5 million to be used in construction of jetties, clothes, books, journals and magazines to responsible persons.

After that, the commander and the ministers attended the ceremony to meet with merchants and entrepreneurs in Sittway of Rakhine State. At the ceremony, the commander and USDA CEC member In-charge of

Rakhine State Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered opening speeches.

Merchants, industrialists, fishery entrepreneurs, agricultural and livestock entrepreneurs took part in the discussion.

The commander and the ministers attended the monsoon paddy weeding and fertilizers broadcasting held at Kandawgyi plantation of Mingan ward in Sittway and viewed fertilizers, weeding and fertilizer broadcasting.

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



USDA CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe meets traders and entrepreneurs in Sittway.

TRANSPORT

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department issued an announcement today that the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is (1335) cm according to the (11:30) hr MST observation today. It may reach its danger level (1342) cm during the next 24 hours.

According to the (11:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (758) cm and it has exceeded by (8) cm (about 3 inches) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hours.

According to the (11:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokahtawady river at Myitnge is (879) cm and it has exceeded by (9) cm (about 4 inches) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (870) cm during the next (24) hours. — MNA

Mine blast injures villager in Kyaukkyi Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — A man living in Kayinkya Village stepped on an insurgent-planted mine and was injured in his right heel while he was plucking bamboo shoots near the bamboo grove together with three other men near Kyauktan Village in Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, at 7 am on 10 September. The man named Po Pyu is receiving treatment at Mone Station Hospital.—MNA

Hlinethaya Township USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 12 Sept — An annual general meeting of Hlinethaya Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the office of the township association yesterday with an address by Executive Daw San San Nwe of Yangon Division USDA.

Joint Secretary U Tin Yu of Yangon North District USDA presented prizes to outstanding students and Executive U Kyaw Tint of the district USDA, to the ward/ village USDAs and members who took part in rescue and reconstruction works of Ayeyawady Division.

Next, Secretary U Nyan Win of the township USDA accepted cash donations and the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the executive of Yangon North District USDA. — MNA



Hlinethaya Township USDA Secretary U Nyan Win accepts K 100,000 donated by township PDC.—NLM

English Language Institute opened



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Dr Ashin Kegunaratana open English Language Institute.

MNA

YANGON, 12 Sept — The English Language Institute was opened in conjunction with the opening ceremony of Basic English Proficiency Course of the Ministry of Religious Affairs at the Pitakattaik Training Hall on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Religious Adviser Dr Ashin Kegunaratana to Maha Garuna Buddhist Association of Singapore formally opened the department.

Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana extended greetings. Dr Ashin Kegunaratana explained his donation for opening of the department and training course.

Wellwishers of the Maha Garuna Buddhist Association donated computers and related accessories worth K 7,942,000 to the minister. Next, they visited the training hall and computer room.

Trainee monks of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and staff of the Ministry of Religious Affairs are attending the three-month course.

MNA

Network of railroads for equitable development of regions

Article & Photos: Aung (Myanma Railways)



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min views completion of Kyunchaung Station on Pwintbyu-Pakokku section.

MR

Nowadays, better transport is indispensable for development of the nation. As such, the government has been extending the construction of rail tracks and motor roads for development of all the regions of the Union. At present, the people have easy access to various places in the whole Union in a short time and are able to earn their livelihoods well.

The Head of State had given guidance, saying that despite the fact that there was not much difference in availability of land and water resources, the west bank of Ayeyawady River is poorer in the transport facility than that on the east bank. He stressed the need to construct Kyangin-Pakokku railroad for ensuring equitable development of both regions in the economic and social sectors. On completion, the said railroad will link with the existing railroads, and the people can make trips through Patheingyi-Kyangin-Pakokku-Kalay route in addition to easy access to Pakokku, Nyaung U, Monywa, Ye U, Khamti and Myittha. Hence, the 110 miles long Kyangin-Thayet railroad section, the 100 miles long Thayet-Pwintbyu railroad section and the 110 miles long Pwintbyu-Pakokku section out of the 320 miles long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad are under construction simultaneously.

Kyangin-Thayet section consists of the 14.5 miles long part in

Ayeyawady Division, the 48.0 miles long part in Bago Division and the 47.5 miles long part in Magway Division. Choosing the axis and preliminary works of the railroad section commenced on 1-8-2006.

As part of implementing the railroad section giving the first priority, the 40-mile Kyangin-

cated in Ayeyawady Division and Htaukkyantgon, Kwinhla, Pegyi and Okshitpin stations in Bago Division. The 38 miles long Kyangin-Okshitpin section has been put into service on 1-3-2008.

On 25-6-2007, earth work of 35-mile Okshitpin-Kanma section started and construction of bridges on

Moreover, the plan is under way to build railway stations along the railroad.

Along Kyangin-Thayet railroad, 360 bridges out of 460 have been completed and 18 bridges are under construction, while arrangements are being made for building the remaining 82 bridges. On completion,



Special train passing through Kyawphu Bridge on Kyangin-Okshitpin section in Ayeyawady Division.—MR

Okshitpin section out of Kyangin-Thayet railroad section has been inaugurated recently. At present, the 35-mile Okshitpin-Kanma section is under construction. As the third priority, the 35 miles long Kanma-Thayet section will be undertaken.

On 14-8-2006, the earth work of Kyangin-Okshitpin section started, and the bridges along the section were constructed on 11-10-2006. The earth work completed on 31-8-2007 and construction of the bridges has been undertaken on 29-10-2007. A total of 120 bridges lie on the railroad.

Along Kyangin-Okshitpin section, Betye and Sharbo stations are lo-

20-5-2007. The railroad section comprises 22 miles long rail tracks in Bago Division and 13 miles long tracks in Magway Division. Out of 185 bridges, the 715 feet long Madae Creek Bridge and two other bridges of above 180 feet long are under construction. The remaining bridges have been built. Construction of Thedaw and Natmauk stations have completed and remaining four stations are under construction.

The earth works of 35-mile Kanma-Thayet section started on 25-6-2007 and construction of the bridges on 10-11-2007. Of them, the 685 feet long Mindon Creek Bridge is under construction.

Division and Pakokku of Magway Division via Okshitpin Station.

Furthermore, the people from Kanma can travel to Pyay, Kyangin, Hinthada and Patheingyi by train all the year round and the residents from Kanma can enjoy the fruits of rail transportation sector by directly visiting Thayet, Minhla, Minbu and Pakokku.

The railroad will pass through Thayet, Malun, Minhla, Minbu and Pwintbyu townships. The railroad section includes 49.29 miles long Thayet-Malun portion, 27.78 miles long Malun-Minbu portion and 21.13 miles long Minbu-Pwintbyu portion.

At present, preliminary engineering works and earth works started. Construction of the 57-mile earth section has completed and the remaining 20 miles long earth work is in progress.

Out of 205 bridges, 48 bridges have so far been built along the section. Arrangements are being made to build 20 railway stations on Thayet-Pwintbyu section. On completion, both banks of Ayeyawady River can easily be linked each other through Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway).

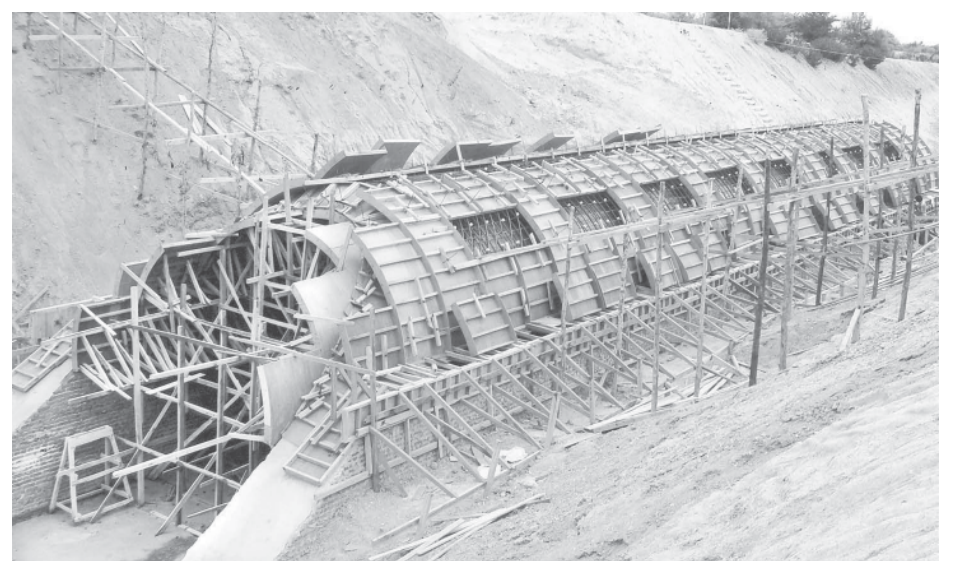
Thayet-Pwintbyu section will pass through Seikpyu, Salin and Pwintbyu townships. The construction task commenced on 1-4-2007. The railroad section was divided into five parts—27-

mile Pakokku-Kyunchaung section, 15-mile Kyunchaung-Yawchaung section, 24-mile Yawchaung-Seikpyu section, 29 mile Seikpyu-Salin section and 15-mile Salin-Pwintbyu section. Preliminary engineering and land survey works started.

The plan is under way to build 217 bridges along the railroad section. So far, 48 bridges have been put into service, and nine bridges are under construction.

Especially, a 154-foot tube that is 27 feet underground is being built near mile post 9/0 on Patheingyi-Monywa road between Pakokku and Kyunchaung. Out of 27 railway stations along the railroad section, three stations are under construction. On completion, the local people can travel from Patheingyi to Pakokku directly while passengers and commodities can be transported smoothly from Pakokku to Gangaw region and Kalay of Sagaing Division, from Kalay to Chin State, from Pakokku, Chaung U, Monywa, Ye U and Khamti to Myittha of Kachin State. That is why the whole Kyangin-Pakokku railroad will play a vital role in ensuring equitable development of both eastern and western banks of Ayeyawady River.

Translation: TTA
Myanma Alin: 7-9-2008



A railway tube is under construction on Pwintbyu-Pakokku section.—MR

NATO will not take part in Pakistan raids

BRUSSELS, 12 Sept— NATO will not take part in a proposed US strategy of conducting raids into Pakistan from Afghanistan against Taliban and al-Qaeda militants, a spokesman said on Thursday.

“The NATO policy, that is our mandate, ends at the border,” James Appathurai told a regular news briefing.

“There are no ground or air incursions by NATO forces into Pakistani territory.”

NATO states would discuss the issue, Appathurai said, but he added: “Let me stress, it is not NATO that will be sending its forces across the border.”

The 26 NATO defence ministers will hold an informal meeting on 18-

19 September meeting in London, but Appathurai said the next opportunity for them to discuss Afghan operations would be at a ministerial meeting in Budapest on 9-10 October.

The spokesman said a solution needed to be found to growing extremism in tribal areas of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan.

Internet



Assembly line workers join the cab to the chassis of Chrysler's new 2009 Dodge Ram pickup being assembled at the Warren Truck Plant in Warren, Mich, on 12 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Afghan men at the site of the suicide car bomb attack in Kandahar. Two Taliban-style suicide blasts struck Afghanistan Thursday, killing at least four Afghans and wounding about a dozen more, government officials said.

INTERNET

Cuba rejects again US strings attached Hurricane aid

HAVANA, 12 Sept— The Cuban Government has for a second time rejected the US offer of post hurricane aid with strings attached, saying Thursday that the country will overcome the situation.

The US authorities, who have had an economic ban on Cuba for 50 years, said Tuesday they were ready to send aid to Cuba

—but only on the condition that it is accompanied by experts to evaluate the damage.

In a statement released Thursday, the Cuban Foreign Ministry said the country has plenty of trained experts for evaluation work.

The statement said the White House had expressed “its sorrow for the damages produced by

Hurricane Ike to the Cuban people, and insists on sending to the island a humanitarian evaluation team to inspect the affected areas.”

Yet “if the US Government really wants to help the Cuban people, it should allow basic commodities to sell to Cuba ... such as materials to repair houses and to restore the electricity network,” the statement added.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela cuts US carriers' flights in spat

CARACAS, 12 Sept— The government of President Hugo Chavez is cutting back Venezuelan flights by US airlines, creating a new source of tension between the United States and one of its leading oil suppliers.

Days after the Bush Administration questioned the security at Venezuelan airports, AMR Corp's American Airlines and Delta Airlines said on Thursday Venezuela ordered a reduction in flights to take effect 28 September.

The other major US airline operating routes from Venezuela, Continental, is also targeted, the *El Universal* newspaper reported. Continental officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

MNA/Reuters

Iran ship firm dismisses US charges, sanctions

TEHERAN, 12 Sept— An Iranian shipping firm has denied US accusations it had violated shipping rules and said Washington's sanctions would not harm its business, an Iranian news agency reported on Thursday.

The United States imposed sanctions on Wednesday on Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) and affiliates to exert pressure on Iran over its nuclear plans, which Washington says mask a bid to make atomic bombs.

Iran insists its nuclear programme is peaceful. “Activities of this company are exactly in the framework of international laws and regulations. There has been no violation of regulations and laws concerning this industry,” Iran's *Mehr* news agency quoted a statement from IRISL as saying.

MNA/Reuters



Eight killed in Bolivia clashes, US tensions rise

SANTA CRUZ (Bolivia), 12 Sept— At least eight people were killed as violent anti-government protests flared in Bolivia on Thursday, creating havoc in the natural gas industry and raising tensions with the United States.

Opposition activists shot dead seven peasant farmers in the remote Amazon region of Pando, a government official said, describing the incident as a massacre. An employee of the opposition-led regional government was also killed.

“We're talking about a real massacre and the person responsible is the Pando governor,” said Deputy Minister of Social Movements Sacha Llorenti.

President Evo Morales' leftist government blames the unrest on rightist governors who control four of the poor country's nine regions.

The opposition demands greater autonomy and energy revenue and opposes plans by Morales, a former coca farmer and Bolivia's first indigenous president, to rewrite the Constitution and distribute land to the poor.

MNA/Reuters



Demonstrators chant slogans as they burn a placard symbolizing a US flag during a rally after Friday prayers in Baghdad's Sadr City on 12 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

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The Olympic dream of a paralyzed girl

BEIJING, 12 Sept—The life of Dong Ming, a wheel-chair-bound girl from Hubei Province, became intertwined with the Olympics through her roles as an Olympic torch bearer and Paralympic volunteer.

“My current daily work includes distributing meal coupons for all the volunteers at the National Aquatics Center and welcoming senior guests at the VIP entrance.”

The 22-year-old said her happiest day here was 8 September, when Premier Wen Jiabao chatted with her and encouraged her with an inscription before going to watch the games.

“It’s unbelievable, since I never dared to imagine the day when I could meet Premier Wen face to face. The feeling at that moment was fantastic.”

Dong Ming says this is the best way for her to fulfill her Olympic dream, though it differs from her original plan.

Dong Ming once dreamed of competing for China in the Olympic diving pools. But her dream slid permanently out of reach when a swimming accident left her paralyzed at the age of nine. —Internet



Dong Ming currently spends her days distributing meal coupons for volunteers working at the Water Cube.
INTERNET

WFP sends 60,000 food rations to Haiti

PANAMA CITY, 12 Sept—The United Nations World Food Program (WFP) sent 60,000 food rations to the hurricane victims in Haiti, WFP spokesman Elio Rujano told Xinhua Thursday.

Rujano said that the WFP staff Wednesday loaded about 31 tons of food, machinery and first-aid kits on a plane.

The aid materials were transported to Haiti under

the cooperation of several humanitarian communities including Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development, the Deposit of Humanitarian Answer, and the Humanitarian Logistic Center of the Spanish Cooperation for Latin America, Rujano said.

It was the second plane of humanitarian aid that the WFP has sent to Haiti, where Storms Fay and

Hanna, Hurricanes Gustav and Ike left more than 800,000 victims.

The first plane had already reached Haiti last week with four boats, several outboard motors and electricity generators aboard.

The WFP has so far distributed over 371 tons of food to more than 60,800 Haitian victims in the most-hit zones.

Internet

13 mine officials detained after China landslide



Rescuers use heavy machines searching for victims buried under the mud, at a village housing area, following the rain-triggered mud slide at Xiangfen County in Linfen, north China's Shanxi province, on 11 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

XIANGFEN (China), 12 Sept—Authorities have detained 13 officials of a mine whose dump site collapsed to trigger a landslide that blanketed a village and killed at least 151 people in northern China, state media said Friday.

The death toll could rise sharply as rescue workers comb through 74 acres of

sludge and mining waste covering the area, where hundreds more people may be buried. The workers have covered about half the area, and it could take several more days to cover the rest, state media said. The landslide Monday in Shanxi province's Xiangfen county was triggered when the retaining wall of a mining dump

containing tons of liquid iron-ore waste collapsed, inundating the village of 1,300 residents and an outdoor market with hundreds of patrons in a matter of minutes.—Internet

South Korea has no comment on North missile report

SEOUL, 12 Sept—South Korean officials on Thursday declined to comment on reports that North Korea was completing a new missile test site capable of launching long-range ballistic missiles.

US broadcaster CNN quoted analysts as saying North Korea was near completion of a missile test site about 30 miles (50 kilometres) from its border with China that could be used to test its *Taepodong-2* long-range missile. South Korean Defence and Unification Ministry officials declined to comment on the report at separate news briefings.

Joseph Bermudez, a senior analyst with Jane's Information Group, told CNN the launch site is larger, more costly and more sophisticated than a previous site the North has used before to launch missiles.

“This is a national programme in their desire to expand both their space launch and ballistic missile launch programmes,” he said in comments posted on CNN's website.—MNA/Reuters

Armed killings cost nations billions of dollars

GENEVA, 12 Sept—The United States leads the world in economic loss from deaths caused by armed crime, according to a global survey released Friday.

The US registered an estimated loss of up to

\$45.1 billion in terms of economic productivity because of violent crimes, said the report by the UN Development Program and the Geneva-based Small Arms Survey.

At least 490,000 people are killed in armed crimes each year worldwide, placing a huge economic cost and social burden on nations, the report said.

The report did not give a country-by-country breakdown of the numbers of people killed in armed crimes.

But the report said that Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica and South Africa are among the countries with the highest numbers of recorded violent crimes in the world.—Internet

China bee swarm kills six in car smash and stings

BEIJING, 12 Sept—Three people were stung to death after a truck carrying dozens of bees hives overturned in northeast China and three more were killed on the road as they tried to steer clear of the swarm, newspapers said on Thursday. The bee-hive truck collided with a farm vehicle on Wednesday and overturned near Changchun, the capital of Jilin Province, the *China Daily* said.

Pictures showed thousands of bees swarming around the accident site as workers, wearing protective clothing, cleared the debris.

The East Asia Economy and Trade News said three more people were killed hours later when two trucks collided as they tried to avoid the swarm.

MNA/Reuters

Hepatitis kills 110, infects 7,100 in Uganda: agency

KAMPALA, 12 Sept—The death toll for highly infectious hepatitis E has risen to at least 110 people with 7,100 more infected since last year's outbreak began in northern Uganda, an aid agency said on Friday.

"Despite aggressive emergency interventions over the past 11 months, the outbreak has yet to be eradicated and its elimination will only be achieved with comprehensive, long-term investment in essential services," the International Rescue Committee (IRC) said.

"It's almost one year since the first case of Hepatitis E was reported in Kitgum District, northern Uganda: a disease that has since infected more than 7,100 people and killed at least 110," it said in a

statement.

Hepatitis E is similar to hepatitis A, and is usually transmitted via contaminated food.

"We have a situation where thousands of

displaced people are returning to villages that lack sufficient sanitation, clean drinking water and basic healthcare services," IRC said.

Internet

Visitors look at "Lotus" a creation of Zada Hadid Architects, laureates of the 2004 Pritzker Prize, presenting a concept of both a piece of unfolding furniture and a house during a presentation of the 11th Venice International Architecture Exhibition.

INTERNET



Child deaths fall slightly to 9.2 million in 2007: UN

LONDON, 12 Sept—More than 9 million children globally died before their fifth birthday in 2007, down slightly from 2006, but a huge gap remains between rich and poor countries, especially in Africa, UNICEF said on Friday.

Efforts to promote

breastfeeding, immunizations and anti-malaria measures have helped cut child deaths to 9.2 million from 9.7 million a year ago and 12.7 million in 1990, the figures from the United Nations Children's Fund showed.

"Since 1960, the global under-five mortality rate



A malnourished baby cries in his mother's lap near Sheshemene, southern Ethiopia

INTERNET

has declined more than 60 percent, and the new data shows the downward trend continues," UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman said in a statement.

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Two explosions go off near Freeport mine

JAKARTA, 12 Sept—Two suspected bombs went off near a massive mine operated by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. in eastern Indonesia, police said Friday. No one was injured and there was little damage.

The near simultaneous blasts happened 10 miles from the Grasberg mine in Papua province early Friday, said PT Freeport Indonesia spokesman, Mindo Pangaribuan. He declined to elaborate until the police probe was complete.

"We can only say that the incident did not disturb our operations," he said. "Things are running normally."

Witnesses said more than a dozen members of the country's elite anti-terror unit arrived at the targeted sites — a bridge and a nearby security post — to investigate and that more were on the way.

"An unidentified group was trying to attack Freeport's facilities," said Lt Col Tri Suseno, a military commander in the area. "Police are still investigating the type of explosives used."

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British team capture first pictures of Africa's 'unicorn'

LONDON, 12 Sept—The okapi, an African animal so elusive that it was once believed to be a mythical unicorn, has been photographed in the wild for the first time, the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) said Thursday.

Camera traps set by the ZSL and the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN) captured pictures of the

okapi in Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The pictures have dispelled fears that the species had died out in more than a decade of civil war.

Dr Noelle Kumpel, ZSL's Bushmeat and Forests Conservation Programme Manager, said: "To have captured the first-ever photographs of such a charismatic

creature is amazing, and particularly special for ZSL given that the species was originally described here over a century ago.

"Okapi are very shy and rare animals, which is why conventional surveys only tend to record droppings and other signs of their presence."

The okapi, which have a black, giraffe-like tongue and zebra-like stripes on their behind, were last spotted in the Virunga National Park nearly 50 years ago on the west bank of the Semliki River.

The new ZSL survey revealed a previously unknown okapi population on the east side of the river.

Thierry Lusenge, a member of ZSL's Democratic Republic of Congo survey team, said: "The photographs clearly show the stripes on their rear, which act like unique fingerprints."

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An Okapi in the Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The okapi, an African animal so elusive that it was once believed to be a mythical unicorn, has been photographed in the wild for the first time, the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) said Thursday.—INTERNET

Philippines to suffer worst climate change devastation

MANILA, 12 Sept—The Philippines faces serious threats of climate change as the rising temperature and sea level will devastate most of the archipelago's ecology system, a U.S. space scientist warned here Friday.

Josefino Comiso, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) physicist who made climate change studies, said the Philippines is very vulnerable to warming climate because it is home to a high diversity of species.

Comiso, a contributing author to the

report on climate change of Nobel winner Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, is in Manila for a visit to share his knowledge with Philippine scientists, the online news network INQUIRER.NET reported.

Comiso said that the country's coral reefs, home to algae and hundreds of species of fish, are under immediate threat.

"The Philippines is not emitting a lot of carbon dioxide, but it's going to be the biggest victim of climate change," he said. —Internet

World Water Congress urges more attention to developing countries

VIENNA, 12 Sept—International water experts attending the 6th World Water Congress said on Friday that more attention should be given to problems in the developing countries, including those with regard to water supplies and sanitation.

It is estimated that about 60 countries, most of them developing countries in the Middle East, North Africa, the sub-

Sahara region as well as South and Central Asia, will face a shortage of water supply till 2050, according to the 6th World Water Congress.

The six-day congress, organized by the International Water Association (IWA), opened here on Sunday, with the attendance of about 3,000 experts and scholars from around the world.

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SPORTS

England ask FIFA to probe racist taunts at Heskey



Emile Heskey of England kicks the ball during World Cup 2010 qualifying match against Croatia in Zagreb. —INTERNET

LONDON, 12 Sept—The Football Association (FA) has asked FIFA to launch an investigation into claims of racial abuse aimed at Emile Heskey during the team’s World

Cup qualifying win over Croatia.

“We can confirm that we will be making a report to FIFA about the racist chanting aimed at Emile Heskey by some Croatia fans during the World Cup qualifying game in Zagreb.” a FA spokesman said.

“It is unacceptable for anyone to be subjected to racial abuse and we will be asking FIFA to investigate this.

“The FA and England team are determined to do all they can to eradicate any form of racism from football and society.” England’s 4-1 away win over the Croats was marred by racist abuse directed at black striker Heskey.

Internet

Rangers’ Nippert keeps A’s in check with 6-1 win



Texas Rangers pitcher Dustin Nippert works against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning of a baseball game, on 11 Sept, 2008, in Oakland, Calif. INTERNET

OAKLAND (Calif), 12 Sept—Hank Blalock homered, Chris Davis and Joaquin Arias each drove in two runs and the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 6-1 on Thursday night.

Dustin Nippert (3-4) matched his career high with seven strikeouts in five strong innings, allowing four hits and one run to win back-to-back starts for the Rangers — another impressive outing in just his fourth start of 2008.

Davis hit a two-run double in the third after

Arias put the Rangers ahead with a two-run single in the second against Dallas Braden (5-4), who had gone 2-0 over his previous three outings.

Josh Hamilton, who left after the seventh with a bruised right foot, had three hits for the Rangers and is 16-for-31 over his last nine games. Every Texas starter had at least one hit.—*Internet*

Russia’s Andrey Kuvaev (C) jumps for the ball during the Group A preliminary of men’s 7-a-side football at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, on 12 Sept, 2008. Russia beat Brazil 3-0.—XINHUA



Titans’ Young says he never wavered about football

NASHVILLE, 12 Sept— Tenn - Titans quarterback Vince Young insists he never wavered in his commitment to football. All that concern over his mental state? He says he was upset as he dealt with his first serious injury, and he didn’t realize he had to tell his mother where he was going anymore. Then the media went overboard.

Young spoke publicly Thursday for the first time since Titans coach Jeff Fisher called police for help in locating the quarterback Monday night because of concerns over his emotional well-being. His mother, Felicia Young, also told a local newspaper that the quarterback had indicated he didn’t want to play football anymore because of all the negativity he faced.

Internet



Tennessee Titans

Beckham says he do not play every game for England

LONDON, 12 Sept—David Beckham no longer expects to play in every game for England and was happy to be in the squad for the 4-1 victory in Croatia on Wednesday inspired by a hat-trick by teenager Theo Walcott.

“I’m pleased for Theo and the team, and I am happy to be here with the squad, but I don’t expect to play in every game anymore,” the former captain said after England’s convincing World Cup qualifying win put them top of Group Six.

“That’s the way it is now,” 33-year-old Beckham was quoted as saying in Friday’s *Guardian* newspaper. “I was happy to get on in both games (Andorra and Croatia) and

would have liked to have played more but it’s all about the team and the squad, and qualifying for the World Cup.

Internet

Bulgarian weightlifters banned for doping

SOFIA, 12 Sept — Nine Bulgarian weightlifters who tested positive for a banned substance in June have been suspended for four years and two have been banned for life, the Bulgarian state agency for youth and sport said on Thursday.

The agency announced that the domestic federation has been fined 465,000 US dollars by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).

The Balkan country withdrew its teams from the Beijing Olympics after eight men and three women failed doping tests during a training camp.

MNA/Reuters

Struggling Everton won’t rush Cahill

LIVERPOOL(England), 12 Sept—Struggling Everton will not rush influential Australian midfielder Tim Cahill back into action, the English Premier League club’s manager David Moyes said.

Cahill hasn’t played since March because of a broken foot and has missed the start of the new season as well as Australia’s opening World Cup qualifier in Uzbekistan in midweek.

The 28-year-old Cahill has returned to full training, but no date has yet been set for his return to the first team.

“Tim has started training again and we are glad to have him back with us,” said Moyes.

“We have missed him a great deal since he has been out. We have followed instructions from his surgeon and the early signs we have seen from Tim are good.

“He looks really sharp and fit and he’s obviously looked after himself during the time he was out. I don’t know when he’ll be available again but he’s coming along nicely just now. The one thing we won’t do, though, is take any risks with him.”

Cahill scored 10 league goals last season and played a crucial role in helping Everton to fifth place in the table and a spot in the UEFA Cup.—*Internet*



Struggling Everton will not rush influential Australian midfielder Tim Cahill (seen here in 2007) back into action, the English Premier League club’s manager David Moyes said. INTERNET

K-Rod ties saves record in win over Mariners

ANAHEIM, 12 Sept— Francisco Rodriguez got the final three outs for his 57th save to tie Bobby Thigpen’s major league record, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Seattle Mariners 7-4 on Thursday night.

Thigpen set the record in 1990 with the Chicago White Sox.

The Angels clinched the AL West title on Wednesday.

Rodriguez replaced Scot Shields with runners on first and second and no outs. He got Ichiro Suzuki to ground into a double play, gave up an RBI single to Jeremy Reed and a single to Adrian Beltre before finally ending it on Raul Ibanez’s broken-bat grounder to first.

Rodriguez has blown six saves, one of those in his seven chances against the Mariners.—*Internet*



Los Angeles Angels relief pitcher Francisco Rodriguez celebrates after the final out of his 57th save this season tying a MLB record in a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Anaheim, Calif., on 11 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Robbers raid ancestral Obama home in Kenya

NAIROBI, 12 Sept—Burglars broke into the home of US presidential hopeful Barack Obama's grandmother in a Kenyan village but were quickly caught, police said on Thursday.

"These are just people ... who think that Obama has been sending me a lot of money," said Sarah Obama, the Illinois Senator's 85-year-old step-grandmother.

Nothing was stolen during the raid on Wednesday, but police arrested four suspects after a chase by local residents in Kogelo Village, west Kenya.

"The thieves were local boys. They broke a door, climbed on the roof and were attempting to steal the solar panel when the alarm was raised," Kenyan police spokesman Eric Kiraithe said.

Obama was born in Hawaii to a White American mother and a Kenyan father, and he is idolized by many Kenyans as one of their own who has succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

MNA/Reuters

Karzai opposes long-term presence of foreign troops

KABUL, 12 Sept—President Hamid Karzai said on Thursday he opposed the long-term presence of foreign troops in Afghanistan, adding any new US strategy to tackle militancy must involve a greater role for his government.

Some 71,000 troops under the command of the US military and NATO are in Afghanistan where the al-Qaeda-backed Taliban, ousted in a US-led invasion in 2001, have made a comeback since 2005.

Western commanders

have not given a timeframe for any troop pullout, saying it depended on how soon Afghan forces can stand on their feet.

"Ultimately, we through our forces, measures and resources should protect our land," Karzai said in response to a question about foreign forces at a news conference. "It is natural that the international community cannot stay here forever and it is not good for us that they stay (for a long time)."

Anger has been mounting in Afghanistan after a spike in civilian casualties in coalition airstrikes in recent weeks and opened up a rift between the Karzai government and the Western coalition forces that back it.

MNA/Reuters

British soldier killed in blast in Afghanistan

LONDON, 12 Sept—A British soldier has been killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan, Britain's Defence Ministry said on Thursday.

The unidentified soldier, from the Royal Logistic Corps, was on a routine patrol near Musa Qala in Helmand Province on Wednesday when he was caught in the blast.

His death raises the number of British troops killed in Afghanistan to 118 since it joined the US-led invasion of the country in 2001.

Most of Britain's 8,100 troops are based in Helmand, a desert province that is the heartland of Taliban support. — MNA/Reuters

Explosion hits rail near Colombo

COLOMBO, 12 Sept—An explosion struck a railway track near the capital Colombo on Thursday for the second time in two days but caused no injuries and only minor damage, the military said. The blast hit the rail line near Kelaniya, about 10 kilometres (six miles) north of Colombo.

"Nobody was injured and only about a foot of the track was damaged," military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said.

Earlier, a railway official said all trains on the route were stopped as a precaution.

On Wednesday night, a small explosion hit a section of railway line in Mount Lavinia south of the capital but caused no damage or injuries. Authorities said they were still investigating who may be responsible for that explosion.

MNA/Reuters

22 new cases of chikungunya fever reported in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 12 Sept—The Health Ministry Friday said that 22 new cases of mosquito-borne chikungunya fever have been reported since the last update on 5, Sept bringing the total number to 200 cases this year.

The ministry said half of the 22 new cases were imported and the victims had a history of traveling to Malaysia.

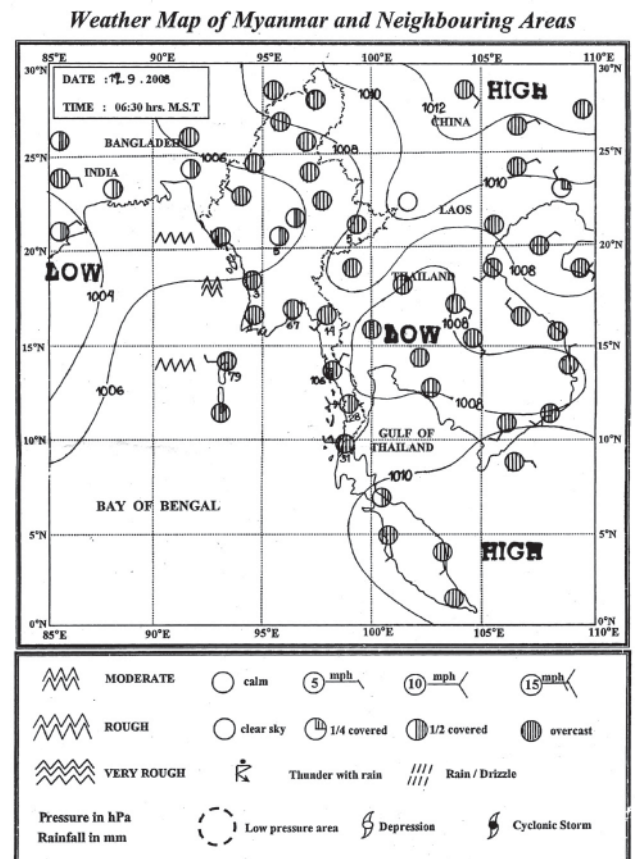
Of the 11 local cases, two are part of a new cluster, seven are linked to existing clusters, while the remaining two are isolated cases that occurred in separate locations.

The National Environment Agency continues to conduct checks in those areas to eradicate mosquito breeding sites.

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Palestinian Haula Hamdan, 32, sits with her four children whose father lives in the Gaza Strip, at her home on the West Bank village of Rafat, near Nablus, on 10 Sept, 2008. A new Israeli policy is deepening the separation between the West Bank and Gaza and tearing Palestinian families apart, in violation of international law, two Israeli human rights groups said in a joint report Wednesday.



Means sought to boost aqua products in Taninthayi Div

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials looked into a 50-ton ice factory and 100-ton capacity cold storage of Kyaw Kyaw Phyo Co in Panlounaw island and chilled fish and

ship level departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders at No. 70 BEPPS of the village and presented relief supplies to fire victims who were provided with 171 man's wear longyis, 171 woman's wear longyis and 200 dozens of exercise books. They later went to Daungkumaw crab breeding farm of Kaung Kaung livestock breeding Co in

scallops, production line and packaging of lobsters, drying of prawns with drier and selecting of dried shrimps according to their qualities. Later, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party viewed the production process of finished goods from raw fish in raw fish factory and cold storage and ASK Adaman Co Ltd, setting up of the quality of finished goods with ma-



Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence looks into Daungkumaw crab breeding farm in Kyunsu Township. —MNA

lobsters on 7 September. Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party proceeded to Thechaung village of Yekantaung village-tract in Kyunsu township where they viewed houses, vendors, and rural health care centres. They met town-

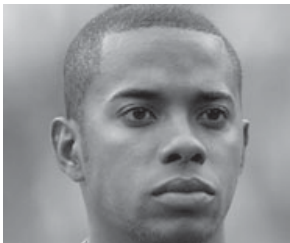
which they inspected breeding of crabs with rafts. Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party proceeded to Asaungkaung Industries Co Ltd in Myeik and looked into extracting of meat from

chines, preparing of cuttlefish in fumigated cold storage for selling them as value-added goods. They then looked into packaging of quality fresh water fish, fresh and sea water lobsters of Minzarni Co Ltd.—MNA

Retribution

* Although shouting “democracy” publicly,
Plots and schemes are indeed,
For economic sanctions against motherland,
To make people impoverished is intended,
And to get the public into dire straits, then,
Thereby testing the public patience,
Soon will such person get people’s punishment.

Soe Moe Kyaw (Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana)



Manchester City manager Mark Hughes says Brazilian star Robinho is relishing the prospect of facing Chelsea.

Robinho ready

MANCHESTER, 12 Sept—The 24-year-old is expected to make his City debut on Saturday and Hughes said Robinho had made a point of saying how much he was looking forward to facing the club who came close to signing him from Real Madrid - only to be gazumped by

City’s £32.5m bid. City have hired a private jet to fly back their South American players Robinho, Elano, Jo and Pablo Zabaleta from international duty and they are due to arrive in Manchester at midnight on Thursday, giving them vital extra hours to prepare for the match with Chelsea on Saturday evening.

All eyes however will be on Robinho, and Hughes said: “On the day I met him in London 10 days ago, one of the first things he said was that he can’t wait for the game because he can’t wait to play against Chelsea, so that’s a good sign. “The intention is that he plays a part on Saturday. The one impression everyone has of Robinho is that as soon as he gets the ball you sense something is going to happen and I think everyone will see that at the weekend.

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Special train sets off after inauguration of Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section.

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