

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

Volunteers honoured for their contributions to cultivation of monsoon paddy in storm-hit Labutta Township

YANGON, 14 Sept— Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe attended the ceremony to honour volunteers who contributed to ploughing in cultivation of monsoon paddy in storm-hit Labutta Township, at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Myaungmya Basic Education High School No. 1 on 9 September.

The commander presented certificates of honour and gifts to chairmen of Myaungmya, Wakema and Einme Township PDCs.

Volunteers from Myaungmya Township ploughed 4,082 acres of farmlands with the use of 105 in 11 villages of Laygwagyi Village-tract in storm-hit Labutta Township. Those from Wakema Township also ploughed 3,180 acres of farmlands with the use of 120 power-tillers in nine villages of Phoneygikon Village of Labutta Township. Those from Einme Township ploughed 2,642.50 acres of farmlands with the use of 100 power-tillers in eight villages of Saluseik Village-tract in Labutta Township.

The exhibition on farming implements manufactured by Myaungmya Industrial Zone was held for meeting the target production of summer paddy in 2008-09. The commander viewed natural fertilizers, (See page 8)



Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe inspects farm machinery.—MNA

Pocket projector gets early screening

It looks like 3M is trying to bring back the good old-fashioned vacation slideshow.

The company is reportedly close to rolling out a miniature, portable digital video projector, the likes of which could be used to project digital photos, PowerPoint presentations, or cat-on-a-treadmill videos wherever you see fit.

The lucky ducks over at *Popular Science* got an early look at the MPro110 and report that after plugging it into a DVD player, they were able to project a movie up to 11 inches wide on various pieces of furniture, walls, and co-workers' body parts. The picture fared much better (and bigger) in a dark room.

Apparently 3M had planned to officially announce the projector in a few weeks, but an overly enthusiastic German division of the company let the cat out of the bag a little early with a *press release*.

According to PopSci, the MPro will cost \$359. And a video on the 3M site indicates it will have

the ability to hook up to a laptop, digital camera, iPod, and other mobile devices (a little *Mario Kart* racing action, perhaps?). At that price and with that kind of hookup capability, the MPro would be a viable option for taking business presentations on the road or even filling in as a less-expensive home theater device (though speakers aren't included).

Internet



Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (3)

The collaborative efforts the entire people have made with patriotic spirit, nationalist fervour and Union Spirit have remedied a variety of dire straits triggered by the catastrophe.

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Remain vigilant against terrorists

Peace and stability of the State and the rule of law are instrumental in building up a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

So the government is trying its utmost to ensure peace and stability and the rule of law in the whole Union enlisting the strength of the entire national people. In the meantime, arrangements are being made for ensuring balanced development of all parts of the country including border regions.

With combined efforts of both the State and the people for nation-building tasks, the whole country has seen peace and stability plus a network of roads, bridges and airports and education and health infrastructures.

While the State and the people are working together for national development, internal and external anti-government groups in the name of human rights are putting political pressures and attempting to cause public unrest and panic by committing terrorist acts.

The people, therefore, are to remain vigilant against and expose the terrorists trying to commit atrocities in townships, wards and villages with national outlook.

All in all, all the national people are to ward off any danger of destructive elements attempting to harm stability of the State and lives and property of the people as the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are striving together for building up a new democratic nation.

Business Manager U Tin Maung Aye Lwin of Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd extends greetings at lucky draw programme.

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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

Mayangon Township USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 14 Sept —CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung addressed USDA annual general meeting at Social Welfare Institute on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township, this afternoon.

The minister presented prizes and certificates of honour to six students who passed with distinctions in the matriculation examination, those volunteering for rehabilitation tasks in the storm-affected areas and two executive members of the township USDA who helped expose a criminal case that occurred in Mayangon Township.

The CEC member accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

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USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents prize to an outstanding student.

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Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — According to the observation at 16:30 hours MST today, a low pressure formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining West Central Bay developed into a depression and is centered the sea about 190 miles southeast of Kolkata, India. It is forecast that the depression may have been crossing Orissa Coast and moving towards inland of India during the next 24 hours.

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Flood news

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept— The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that according to the 11:30 hr M.S. T 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 remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next two days.

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Pylon of power grid across Ayeyawady River inspected

YANGON, 14 Sept—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected overflow of Ayeyawady River around pylon No. 147 of 230 KV power grid and bank erosion near Kazindaw Village in Pantanaw Township yesterday afternoon.

Manager of Power Supply Project (South) Superintending Engineer U Saw Win Maung of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise reported on bank erosion at the pylon and regular supply of electricity to Ayeyawady Division.

The deputy minister viewed change of water course in the river, bank erosion and linkage of pylons on either bank of the river and fulfilled the requirements of the task.—MNA

Mamee Co Ltd to choose lucky winners

YANGON, 14 Sept—The lucky draw programme of Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Co Ltd was introduced at Summit Parkview Hotel here today.

On the occasion, Business Manager U Tin Maung Aye Lwin of the Co extended greetings and U Nay Myo of Asia Light Co Ltd explained Mamee noodle distribution.

Next, Business Manager U Tin Maung Aye Lwin explained the lucky draw programme worth K 120 million and began the lucky draw for attendees.

The lucky draw programme will be held tomorrow. The winning prizes— K 1 million, K 500,000 and K 100,000 are sent to Myanmar Mamee Double Decker in Mingladon Industry, other prizes to Asia Light branches and sales agents. The sales agents that presented prizes to winners will be awarded 10 percent of the prize and lucky draw prizes can be drawn not later than 15 January in 2009.— MNA





People inspect damage after car bombing in Dujail, 80 kilometers (50 miles) miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 Sept, 2008. On Friday, a car bomb ripped through a crowded commercial district in Dujail. Iraqi police said 32 people died and that four of the wounded died in a hospital on Saturday, raising the death toll to 36.—INTERNET

British soldier killed in Afghan blast

LONDON, 14 Sept — Britain's military says one of its soldiers has been killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan. The death brings to 120 the number of British military personnel who have died while serving in Afghanistan since the US-led invasion.—Internet

Iraq: bomb kills 4 US-backed, Sunni fighters

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—Iraqi officials say a bomb has killed the leader of a US-backed, Sunni armed group in a western district of Baghdad.

The officials say the bomb exploded Saturday night in the car of Fuad Ali Hussein, killing him as well as his deputy and two bodyguards.

Hussein was head of a neighborhood awakening council — a term describing Sunni fighters who have turned against al-Qaida in Iraq and formed alliances with the United States.

Hussein's death was confirmed by a police officer and the head of another awakening council. Both requested anonymity for security reasons.—Internet

Iraqi officials say Baghdad-area bombs kill nine

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—Roadside bombs killed five Iraqi policemen and injured eight others north of Baghdad on Sunday, an Iraqi official said.

Three bombs planted along a main thoroughfare targeted a police convoy in Jalawla, 60 miles north of Baghdad, said Ibrahim Bajilan, head of the provincial council of Diyala.

On Saturday night, a bomb killed the leader of a US-backed, Sunni armed group in a western

district of Baghdad.

Also on Sunday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki formed a committee to investigate the killing of four employees of an Iraqi television station as they were filming an episode on the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The four with the Al-Sharqiya station were abducted and killed Saturday in the northern city of Mosul. The dead included Mussab Mahmoud al-Azawi, head of the sta-

tion's office in Mosul, two cameramen and a driver. Police said they were questioning two suspects.

Before Saturday's attack, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists had reported that 132 journalists and 50 other media employees had been killed since the start of the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq.—Internet

Bomber kills two Afghan doctors

SPIN BOLDAK, 14 Sept—A suicide bomber in a vehicle attacked a convoy carrying Afghan doctors working for the United Nations in southern Afghanistan Sunday, killing two doctors and wounding 15 other people, a spoliche chief said.

The attack happened in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province as the convoy was on its way to vaccinate people against polio, said provincial police chief Matiullah Khan. The bomber also died in the blast.—Internet



A medic helps a man wounded in car bombing in Dujail, 80 kilometers (50 miles) miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday, 13 Sept, 2008. On Friday, a car bomb ripped through a crowded commercial district in Dujail. Iraqi police said 32 people died and that four of the wounded died in a hospital on Saturday, raising the death toll to 36.—INTERNET

Suspected bomb near Papua airport



TIMIKA (Indonesia), 14 Sept—A suspected bomb has gone off near an international airport in Timika, in Indonesia's easternmost province of Papua, police say.

It was not immediately clear if anyone has been killed or injured in the blast, which reportedly could be heard up to 5km (three miles) away.

The blast occurred on Sunday night near Moses Kilangan International Airport. On Thursday, unidentified militants set off two small bombs on a road to a nearby gold and copper concession.

The concession is run by PT Freeport Indonesia, a subsidiary of US mining giant Freeport McMoRan.

The same company runs the airport.

Internet

Seven police killed in Afghan

KABUL, 14 Sept — Taliban militants ambushed a police patrol in central Afghanistan, killing seven officers, officials said Sunday.

The police officers died after the militant's ambush in the central Ghazni province on Saturday, said Mohammad Sharif Kohistani, a provincial police official.

Authorities recovered the bodies of seven dead officers and that another officer is missing, Kohistani said.

Lightly armed police officers bear the brunt of Taliban attacks in Afghanistan.

Over 900 officers were killed by insurgents in 2007.

Internet

Pakistan: Fresh clashes kill 10 alleged militants

ISLAMABAD, 14 Sept—Pakistani security forces taking part in fresh clashes near the Afghan border killed 10 suspected militants and wounded 25 others Sunday, a government official said.

More than 100 people, most of them militants, have been reported

killed in the fighting in Bajur tribal region in the last five days. The region is a suspected hideout of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, and it has been the focus of a major Pakistani military operation as well as ongoing US concern.

Security forces used helicopter gunships, fighter jets and heavy artillery to attack suspected militant positions Sunday in the Loi Sam, Rashakai, Tang Khata and Gollokass areas of Bajur, said Iqbal Khattak, a senior government official.

Internet



Local residents prepare to flee onto safer places in Koza Bandi, a troubled area of Pakistan's Swat valley where security forces are fighting with militants and Taliban, on 13 Sept, 2008. Pakistan's military said Saturday it had killed at least 72 militants in three days of fighting near the Afghan border, where Taliban and al-Qaida militants are believed to be hiding.—INTERNET



Abbas: We'll ask new US Administration to support peace

RAMALLAH, 14 Sept—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Saturday evening that the Palestinian Authority would ask the newly elected American administration to support the Middle East peace process.

Abbas told a joint news conference with Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos in Ramallah “We hope that the current US administration won’t blame any part in case no agreement is reached by the end of this year.”

“We are doing our best in order to reach a peace agreement with Israel before the end of this year, because since Annapolis, we have been talking about reaching an agreement and we really want to reach an agreement,” said Abbas.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders pledged at the US-sponsored Annapolis conference to reach a comprehensive peace deal by the end of 2008, before US President George W Bush leaves the White House in January. —Internet

Police detain several suspects in New Delhi blasts

NEW DELHI, 14 Sept—Police in India say they have detained several people a day after a series of blasts ripped through the Indian capital, killing at least 20 people. Indian media reported Sunday that 10 people have been detained in raids carried out across New Delhi. New Delhi police spokesman Rajan Bhagat confirmed only that “several” people are being held.

Baghat said police “have collected vital clues and ... hope to crack the case soon.”

A Muslim militant group claimed responsibility for Saturday’s bombings in an e-mail sent to a number of Indian media outlets.—Internet

Russian troops withdraw in western Georgia

POTI (Georgia), 14 Sept— Russian troops pulled out of encampments in western Georgia on Saturday as the shooting of a Georgian policeman highlighted tensions over a European disengagement plan.

Russian columns could be seen leaving camps near the port of Poti and around the western town of Senaki, abandoning positions they had dug and heading towards the Abkhazia rebel region.

As a column departed,



A map of Georgia with details on the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.
INTERNET

sullen residents of the town of Zugdidi stood by watching. The Georgian national anthem and a song mocking Russian Prime Minister Vladimir

A general view of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran. Russian diplomatic and military officials held talks with their Iranian and Syrian counterparts, amid tensions with the West following Russia’s conflict with Georgia last month.
INTERNET



File photo shows a cargo worker at Beijing’s old airport resting on of packages of clothing. The USA and China are set to hold cabinet-level trade talks in California this week amid tensions over China’s massive export surplus and worries about the slowing global economy.—INTERNET

Putin blared from loudspeakers.

Georgian interior ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili said the withdrawal had been mostly orderly but that one Georgian policeman had been killed, most likely by Abkhaz police, on the border with the breakaway region.

The policeman, manning a Georgian checkpoint, came under fire from a nearby Abkhaz post and died shortly afterwards, the spokesman said.—Internet

Britain’s Brown facing growing revolt

LONDON, 14 Sept—The calls for British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to face a leadership contest grew Sunday as former ministers attacked his performance and more party members backed a showdown.

The mutiny against Brown gathered pace less than 48 hours after a member of his government for the first time broke ranks and called for a challenge to his stewardship of the ruling Labour Party.

Those who have spoken out so far are hoping their numbers will snow-



Britain’s Prime Minister Gordon Brown stands outside 10 Downing Street in London.
INTERNET

ball before the party’s annual conference kicks off on Saturday. All eyes are on whether a big-name Cabinet figure will join

their bandwagon.

Anyone wishing to challenge for the leadership has to gain the support of 20 percent of Labour lawmakers — currently 71 — and seek nomination before the party conference, giving rebels a tight timeframe for maximising the pressure on Brown.

Fiona Mactaggart joined the former ministers openly calling for a change of leadership, telling BBC television: “I think we should give a chance to someone else to take over, I really do.”

Internet

Death toll in Bolivia unrest reaches 18

LAPAZ (Bolivia), 14 Sept—President Evo Morales on Saturday accused an opposition governor of using foreign thugs against government supporters in violence that has claimed at least 18 lives and prompted him to declare martial law in a breakaway province.

In a bid to defuse the bitter dispute over a new constitution and land reform that threatens to tear apart the poor Andean nation, Chile called for an emergency meeting of South American leaders on Monday.

“A larger tragedy has to be avoided,” said Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a strong ally of Bolivia’s leftist president, confirming he would attend the meeting.

Morales described as an ambush a gunbattle in the eastern province of Pando on Thursday that led him to impose martial law the next day. “These people were massacred,” he told a news conference on Saturday.

Interior Minister Alfredo Rada said 16 people were killed in the clash — the majority of them peasants who back Morales — and authorities said another two people died Friday at Pando’s main airfield as government troops took control, opening fire to disperse protesters.

Internet



Eric Archuleta watches his neighbours house burn after Hurricane Ike hit Galveston, Texas on 13 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Serbia pledges to strengthen military ties with China

BELGRADE, 14 Sept — Serbia is keen to strengthen traditional friendship with China and enhance bilateral military ties, said Serbian Defence Minister Dragan Sutanovac on Saturday.

Sutanovac made the remarks when meeting with Chen Bingde, chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China.

Sutanovac spoke

highly of the relationship between the armies of Serbia and China, which, he said, is witnessing a good momentum of development.

The two armies enjoy political mutual trust and also engage themselves in mutually beneficial economic cooperation, he added.

Sutanovac said Serbia highly values its relations with China and is ready to

make joint efforts with China to strengthen their time-honored friendship and lift the relations between the two armies to a new level.

Chen conveyed to Sutanovac Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie's greetings and good wishes. Chen left Beijing on Wednesday afternoon for an official visit to Serbia and Norway. —Xinhua



A space suit valued at 5 million yuan (730,000 US dollars) shown to the Chinese public for the first time at an aerospace exhibition held in Guilin on 12 Sept 2008.— XINHUA

Powerful quake hits Timor-Leste, no casualties

JAKARTA, 14 Sept — An earthquake with the magnitude of 6.5 rocked Timor-Leste on Sunday, but with no report of damage or casualties, the Indonesian meteorology agency said here.

The intensity of the quake was so low that its shake was not felt on land, an official of the agency named only Nurpujianto told Xinhua.

The quake struck at 07:00 Jakarta time (0004GMT) with the epicenter at 159 kilometers southeast of Dili, the capital of the province and at 10 kilometers in depth, an official of the agency said.

Xinhua

Strong waves crash around coastal houses in Galveston, Texas on 12 September, 2008.

XINHUA



A lantern gate tower featuring the Jiayuguan Pass, the west end of the Great Wall, is seen on a street in Macao, south China, on 13 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

Death toll in Los Angeles train collision rises to 26, human error blamed

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept — The death toll in the Los Angeles train collision rose to 26 late Saturday after US rescuers completed their search for victims in the wreckage of the deadly crash accident that happened Friday.

Officials said it was the worst train crash in Los Angeles since 1956 when about 30 people were killed in an accident.

The crash took place Friday afternoon when a Metrolink commuter train collided head-on with a freight train in the Chatsworth area about 50 km northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

A contracted engineer who was driving the Metrolink train was responsible for the crash, said a spokeswoman of Metrolink, the railway

commuter transportation system that covers the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

The engineer was supposed to pull off in response to a red light and wait for the other train to go by, but he failed to do that, according to spokeswoman Denise Tyrell, who broke down into tears when making the announcement.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Japanese airlines cancels 14 flights due to computer malfunction

TOKYO, 14 Sept—A computer failure has so far caused the cancellation of 14 domestic flights of All Nippon Airways Co (ANA), local media reported Sunday.

The glitch, which hit the major Japanese airliner's computer system early Sunday, affected the operations of flight reservations, check-in, and baggage control.

The suspended flights are those scheduled to take off from Tokyo's Haneda Airport to Osaka, Okayama, Takamatsu, Fukuoka and Nagasaki.

Xinhua



This handout from the Indian Ministry of Defence shows a surface to surface missile being launched at Chandipur-on-Sea. India on Saturday carried out a successful test of a homemade air-to-air missile designed for its air force, defence sources said.

INTERNET

Weakened Ike heads north, leaving behind huge financial loss

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — For Americans, the good news is Ike, now weakened from a hurricane to a storm, left behind no huge loss of human lives after its landing on Texas coast early Saturday morning.

But the bad news is that it has caused a huge financial loss between 8 billion and 18 billion US dollars as it battered coastal areas of Texas and

Louisiana states and left some 4.5 million residents without power, the insurers said.

The National Weather Service, or NWS, said Ike was 70 km west-southwest of Texarkana on the Texas-Arkansas border at 5 pm EST (2100 GMT).

The storm is moving north-northeast near 35 kph, expected to increase in forward speed Satur-

day night. Rainfall of five to 13 cm is expected in eastern Texas and parts of Louisiana, with possible isolated amounts of 28 cm.

President George W Bush has declared 29 Texas counties and parts of Louisiana major disaster areas, making federal funds available for recovery from the storm.

Xinhua

Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (3)

Kyaw Ye Min

Staying in touch with news on rescue and reconstruction tasks in the seaside regions, home to my relatives, I came to be aware of the fact that following the strike of the storm “Nargis”, our country became livelier than ever, and loving-kindness, goodwill and cohesion of the people came to be further consolidated. So, I am in support of the saying that goes “**Blood is thicker than water**”. **I would say the collaborative efforts the entire people have made with patriotic spirit, nationalist fervour and Union Spirit have remedied a variety of dire straits triggered by the catastrophe.**

I also would say that was a reward of all the hard work the entire people have reaped. The natural disaster brought wholesale death and destruction to some regions of our country, in other words, a great loss. However, we people have gained an invaluable benefit from the loss: the concerted efforts, indeed, are a testimony to resilience, cohesion and brilliant performances of all national people.

Mentally, it is very hard for a person to remain resilient in the face of untold miseries in which the entire home region has been devastated; all the property, washed away; and parents, spouses, children and relatives have met tragic end in no time. I have great sympathy for my relatives in the coastal regions. Now, I believe that my relatives have recovered from the hardships in a short time.

Their quick recovery is largely due to the comfort and assistance given by the three forces, namely the State, the government and the people. It is public knowledge that the State took responsibilities to the best of its ability in that regard. The Prime Minister and ministers made a trip to the storm-hit immediately, supervised the rescue tasks, and provided manpower and cash and kind for rehabilitation, reconstruction and preparedness tasks. The Head of State and the Deputy Head of State in their tours of the storm-affected areas comforted the survivors and gave guidance, thus expediting the tasks and helping the victims make mental recovery from the absolute nightmare.

Members of the Sangha, the people, companies, social organizations and departments concerned made generous donations to the people of the storm-stricken areas. In the meantime, servicemen contributed labour plus equipment, vehicles, warships, airplanes and helicopters in the tasks for clearing the debris, rescuing the survivors, transporting relief supplies and providing medicines, treatments and rehabilitation. As a result, the storm victims had been mentally invigorated before long, and that has gone into the annals of the nation’s history.

About four months after such a violent storm, all the situations had been restored, and storm-hit areas

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regenerated nearly cent per cent, reflecting that significant success would not have been achieved without the combined efforts of the entire people. It is safe to say that the people remain united and they fully equip themselves with family spirit, patriotic fervour and Union Spirit in times of emergencies. It is heartening to note that the national brethren across the nation all showed their goodwill and loving-kindness and did their bit in contributing cash and kind and voluntary services, thereby sharing the sufferings of the victims. That is the reason why I say the entire people gained a priceless benefit of enhancing their unity and Union Spirit, while working together to achieve the common goal of returning to normal.

From the point of performance, it is a formidable task to fulfil the basic needs of millions of victims and restore their livelihoods and improve their health, education and transport in a short time of about four months. A strong natural disaster is usually followed by epidemic-based health problems, a large number of deaths owing to shortage of drinking water and food supply, and hard time due to lack of shelter. But our country did not face such aftershocks of the storm at all. This alone is enough to recognize well the performances of the people. The WHO and international community recognized the contribution and services the people had provided to address the issues including rescue and rehabilitation challenges caused by the storm. The benefits the people have made from the natural disaster are of great value.

Now, rehabilitation tasks are ongoing. So, I will present some points about rehabilitation and long-term preparedness measures. I presented some facts about achievement of restoring the victims’ livelihoods in the article (part-II). I would like to present the size of achievement in implementing the objective “To improve the living conditions of local people better than that before the storm”.

Local people in the seaside regions enjoy favourable conditions to do lucrative businesses such as agricultural farming, fish farming, salt farming, and breeding sea prawn. So, there are a large number of rich persons owning large enterprises, agricultural farms, and rice mills in the townships and large villages in the region.

Those who have capital and make prudent investments in the region do well in their businesses, whereas some lead a hand-to-mouth life. **As the Prime Minister has said, in the regions, some are complacent about the present living conditions and fail to try to improve their social and economic standards. I often thought of seeking ways and means to improve their social and economic conditions.**

With this concept, wherever I visited my relatives in the hamlets, and group-wise huts of fishermen and agricultural farmers, I persuaded and inspired them to earn higher incomes, save more and spread their wings, but in vain, because they are in the habit of being complacent about present living conditions. It is encouraging to note that the government and well-wishers throughout the nation are now working together to improve their living standard.

I have learnt that in regenerating the storm-hit areas in compliance with the guidance given by the Head of State, priority has been given in serial order to seaside regions, then to inlands, and then to rear parts. I notice that tasks to improve the education and health affairs of local people, constructing roads and bridges, fulfilling the basic needs, and restoring businesses in each township are being carried out systematically at the same time. All the projects are designed to reconstruct the affected buildings and improve local residents’ living conditions to higher than previous ones in tandem. And the projects have proved successful.

When I saw the victims staying in tents and shelter boxes in row, I thought necessary measures had a long way to go in order to make the local people fully recover from their stresses and strains. The government urgently provided 8341 tents, 1689 shelter boxes, 7082 tarpaulin 3959 plastic and 132,000 corrugated iron sheets. Therefore, soon after the occurrence of the storm, the victims were able to restore their livelihoods, staying in temporary shelters and houses built of relief equipment and regional products in combination. Now, the government is building durable houses for the survivors.

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In that case, the government is focusing on achieving better conditions in reconstructing towns and villages. And combined offices, schools, monasteries and government offices are designed to be resistant to possible future natural disasters all with raised foundations. Each homeless family is provided with a 16' x 20' durable house roofed with CI sheets, along with concrete post shoes, timber floor and walls of timber-plus-bamboo matting. I was delighted to see durable houses roofed with CI sheets in row.

In the past, the majority of the houses of hamlets of fishermen were roofed with thatches, covered with bamboo matting walls. And I used to stay in many houses in those hamlets. Locals by nature were happy with those living conditions, but they were in fear whenever it rained heavily with strong winds. Now, those hamlets have been upgraded to better ones, and that is a giant step to improve social and economic standards of the whole region.

For instance, Pyinsalu, Kadon Kani, Kyeinchaunggyi, Theikpangon, Setsan, Kyondah, Zinywe and Toe villages I had frequented have now been upgraded with new houses in row. I do not think I would recognize the villages on my next visit there. So

far, well-wishers have made donations to build 7270 out of the targeted 8923 durable houses in the storm-ravaged areas. It is expected that other well-wishers will render assistance to build 2236 more houses. Now, 2381 houses are in use. In general, a durable house is priced at K 600,000. However, in practice, the costs exceed the actual price, because it is required to spend a lot on groundwork and transport of construction materials. Accordingly, entrepreneurs and the government have to contribute necessary cash and kind to complete the project successfully. Anyhow, the victims no longer need to worry about shelter, on which people have to spend money more than any other need. Here, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the State, well-wishers, members of the Sangha and construction companies.

Besides, plans are under way to upgrade Pyapon People's Hospital to a 200-bed one, and Bogale, Mawlamyine and Labutta people's hospitals, to 100-bed ones. I have learnt that many more rural health care centres will be opened in the regions. Raised at the plinth level with six operation theatres, the one-storey hospital (200-bed) of Pyapon District will meet the standard of the hospital in Nay Pyi Taw. Basic education schools are under repair and well furnished with the contributions of some large companies. In the storm-devastated villages,

primary schools have been upgraded to middle schools, and middle schools, to high schools, and all the self-reliant affiliated schools to government-run primary, middle and high schools. That is a tangible progress.

The government launched a programme that CI sheets can be imported with six-month tax exemption and distributed at reasonable prices to the victims. State-owned sawmills and entrepreneurs of wood-based products have provided sawn timber and hundreds of thousands of logs of hardwood and other wood to the storm-ravaged areas. The government has fulfilled requirements for reconstruction tasks as far as it can, and reconstruction work is gaining momentum.

Furthermore, to my knowledge, Setsan Town will be re-established soon, and Labutta will be moved to a new site with schools, government offices and hospitals. And an orphanage will be built near the high school of the new town. Those who prefer to live in their home places are allowed to do so. Lands will be allocated to those who the government will provide with shelters, and those who want to move to the new town at own expenses. In my opinion, Pyinsalu will be re-established in the original place.

(To be continued)

Translation: MS

Functions of Hlinethaya Power Station supervised

YANGON, 14 Sept—Accompanied by officials of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board and Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning visited Hlinethaya Main Power Station.

At Control Room, Power Supply Project (South) Project Director Deputy Chief Engineer U Thein Hlaing briefed the

minister on installation of Kamanat (Bago)-Myanugdaga power grid, Kamanat (Bago)-Thanlyin power grid and Thakayta-Thanlyin power grid, appointment of power grid controllers and inspection of power lines.

Head of the power station U Khin Maung Nyo reported on supply of power from Myanugdaga power station to Hlinethaya power station and their linkages

to Bayintnaung power station, distribution of electricity to two power lines of Hlinethaya power station, Nyaungdon power line and power lines of Seikkyi-khanaungto, Kawhmu and Kungyan-gon.

The minister looked into maintenance of transformers, linkages of power lines and functions of power supply and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Phyo Eya Fish Breeding Farm gaining progress

YANGON, 14 Sept—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday morning looked into breeding of fish after attending the

work coordination meeting of in Maubin Township.

In the afternoon, the minister met with responsible persons of Camp No. 6 of Phyo Eya

Fish Breeding Farm in Meethwaychaung Village. He viewed growth rate of fish and attended to the needs of officials.

MNA

Mawlamyine Township USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 14 Sept — Mawlamyine Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting at the Office of Township USDA on 6 September.

First, Patron of Mawlamyine Township USDA Chairman of Mawlamyine Township

Peace and Development Council U Thein Win delivered an address.

Next, the Chairman of Township PDC and USDAs presented prizes to the best passed rate schools in the township and outstanding students who passed the matriculation with flying

colours in the 2007/08 academic year.

After the presentation, wellwishers donated K 740,000 the Township USDA and certificates of honour was presented.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Secretary of Township USDA.

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Model Police Contests held

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—The Central Level Model Police/Police Code of Conduct Contests of Myanmar Police Force

were held at Areindama Hall of MPF Headquarters, here, yesterday and today.

A total of 114 police

members participated in the model police contest and 160 police members in the police code of conduct contest.—**MNA**



The Central Level Model Police/ Police Code of Conduct Contests of Myanmar Police Force taking place at MPF Headquarters. —MNA

Health Minister attends WHO meetings in India



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint attending 26th Health Ministers' meeting of SEA Regional WHO, 61st Regional Committee's meeting in New Delhi.—HEALTH

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived back here this morning after attending the 26th Health Ministers' meeting of Southeast Asian Regional WHO and the 61st Regional Committee's meeting held in New Delhi, the Republic of India from 8 to 11 September.

The 26th Health Ministers' meeting was held at Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi on 8 September, attended by ministers of health, deputy ministers, health secretaries and officials of Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, North Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor Leste, the Director-General of WHO in Geneva, Switzerland and officials, the Director of the Office of WHO those from UN agencies and social organizations.

In his address, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that Myanmar is carrying out work programmes to be implemented under the International Health Programmes (2005), and it has drawn plans to address health problems. Myanmar has formed a group of O & G specialists and paediatricians and efforts are being made for reducing the child mortality while striving for success of anti-tobacco cam-

paign as a national duty, he added. In that regard, the government laid down the anti-tobacco law on 4 May 2006 and steps are being taken for the people to abide by the law.

In the afternoon of 8 September, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint met with Director-General of WHO Dr Margaret Chan at Ashoka Hotel. At the meeting, Dr Margaret Chan said that she was pleased to hear that Myanmar was able to cope with relief and rehabilitation of storm-hit regions as quickly as possible and WHO wishes to continue to provide assistance to the nation.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that Myanmar thanked WHO for its medical equipment and technological assistance in relief and rehabilitation of storm-ravaged regions, and that in reconstruction of health establishments, durable buildings were built in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and party on 9 September attended the 61st Regional Committee meeting held at the office of SEA Regional WHO in New Delhi.

The 26th Health Ministers' meeting continued and the meeting approved the New Delhi Declaration.

On 10 September, the

61st Regional Committee's meeting continued. In his speech, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that hospitals, dispensaries and health care centres were destroyed in the storm on 3 May 2008, and the storm also left health staff homeless. The Ministry of Health in cooperation with UN agencies, local and international social organizations was able to carry out relief and rehabilitation tasks in time, he added. And Myanmar thanked ministries of health of ASEAN nations and neighbouring countries for their participation in the relief and rehabilitation tasks.

On 11 September, the 61st Regional Committee's meeting continued and those present approved Nepal as a host nation to hold the 27th Health Ministers' meeting and the 62nd Regional Committee's meeting, and Thailand as a host nation to hold the 28th Health Ministers' meeting and the 63rd Regional Committee's meeting.

Members of Myanmar delegation Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Director Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director Dr Win Maung and Assistant Director Dr Kyaw Khine also arrived back on the same flight.

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

Volunteers honoured for their...

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paddy strains of the district, insecticides and insects of paddy displayed by Myanma Agriculture Service at the hall and instructed the farmers to extend cultivation of high yield paddy strains suit-

able for the region.

The commander inspected paddy combine harvester, weeding machine and gasifier manufactured by Pyae Son Industry of Myaungmya, paddy husk fired power generator by Kyaw Thitsa

Industry and water pump, paddy combine harvester and farm implements by Yadana Industry. After hearing the reports of the officials, the commander gave necessary instructions.

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Maubin District USDA organizes...

(from page 16)

Secretary U Win Naing Kyaw of Maubin District USDA accepted 2440 membership applications from responsible persons of four townships.

The minister honoured four six-distinction winners and officials other outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2008.

He donated cash and CI sheets for construction of Basic Education High School (Branch) in Maubin and for renovation to BEPS in Kyonhwa.

Wellwishers in the district contributed cash and kind to District USDA through officials.

At the meeting, Secretary U Than Tun of Ayeyawady Division USDA explained facts

about the meeting and CEC member of Maubin District USDA U Win Thein submitted an annual report.

Secretaries of Township USDAs in the district reported on work done throughout the year. The meeting approved one matter, passed one resolution and put one matter on record.

MNA

Outstanding children of old BE, B Arch students honoured

YANGON, 14 Sept—A ceremony to award the outstanding children, who passed the matriculation exam for 2008 with flying colours, of BE and B Arch Degree holders from 1982 to 1987 was held in conjunction with the get-together at the IBC Hall on Pyay Road here today.

Old student U Ko Ko Gyi of YIT delivered a speech on the occasion. Officials presented prizes to 57 outstanding students.

Next, the ceremony ended with speeches of an outstanding student and two old students of Yangon Institute of Technology.

NLM



Outstanding student, who passed matriculation exam for 2008 with flying colours, receiving gift of honour.

NLM

Natchaung Villagers in Kalay Township enjoy fruits of development

Article & Photos: Kalay Win Thu

Natchaung Village, the largest village in Kalay Township of Sagaing Division, is home to 5,250 people of 1,225 houses. In 2008, it was upgraded as a model village.

In the past, Natchaung Village lagged behind in development. The village can now be proud of the library, the youth centre, the park and playground, the fire brigade and tower, paddy husk fired power generator and rural market in addition to Basic Education High School Branch, station hospital, railway station, post office and telephone booth. Now, development momentum of the village is in high tempo.

The village and its surrounding areas are provided with better transport. As part of daily transport services, trains are on the Kalay-Gangaw, the Kalay-Natchaung, the Kalay-

Hanthawady and the Kalay-Mwele runs. In addition to the transport service of three-wheeler taxis, buses are running along Kalay-Natchaung road. The Kalay-Natchaung-Gangaw road can be used all the year round. In the rainy season, the local people of Natchaung Village can make trips with the use of express buses along Kalay-Mandalay-Monywa road.

Natchaung Village is located at the foot of Chin Hill, 15 miles from Kalay. The distance between Natchaung Village and Falam of Chin State is 54 miles and four furlongs. The village is 82 miles and four furlongs far from Gangaw. Natchaung Village links with Ngapha Village along a two-mile village tarred road, and a 15-mile-long tarred road lies between Natchaung Village and Kalay.

Apart from transport services of vehicles, three-wheeler motorbikes and trains, the people can

travel to Gangaw and Kalay from Natchaung Village by motorized boat along the waterway in Myittha River. Natchaung Village was first established with 21 houses in 1258 Myanmar Era by village head U Yan Naing. After 100 years in 1358 ME the number of houses at the village reached 1,110. In 2008, there are 1,225 houses at the village.

The residents of the village have joined the social organizations. There are 3,505 members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, 300 members of Women's Affairs Organization, 65 members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, 35 members of Red Cross Society, 35 members of local Auxiliary Fire Brigade and 35 members of the people's militia group. Those members of social organizations are actively taking part in the development works of the village.



Welcoming signboard put up at the entrance to Natchaung Model Village in Kalay Township.

In Natchaung Village, fly-proof latrines were built. For ensuring availability of potable water, there are 344 wells including tube-wells and artesian wells. Out of 1,683 acres of farmlands, 428 acres of farmlands in the south of the village were supplied with water from Panmun Creek, 68 acres of farmlands also supplied with water from Chaungchawk Creek and 1,195 acres in the irrigated area of private dams.

The residents are engaged in cultivation of lentil, groundnut, sunflower, sesame, maize, pumpkin and cucumber plantations on both banks of Myittha River, east of the village. Every day, seasonal crops are available at Natchaung rural market that was constructed with four buildings accommodating 140 shops. Even shopkeepers and customers from Kalay can be seen at the

said market.

At present, local people get electricity generated by one government-owned 12 KVA generator, three private-owned hydro-power turbines, nine private-run diesel generators and one 200 KVA paddy husk fired power generator. At night, all the houses and streets in the village are illuminated.

So far, one BEHS Branch and three boarding schools have produced many students who passed the matriculation examinations and degree-holders yearly.

In the health sector, six health staff from the station hospital (16-bed) are providing health care services to the villagers. Over K 2 million have been donated to the medical trust fund of the hospital.

The communication centre of the village was set up with one post office and a self-reliant telephone

station. The village telephone station was installed with three auto-telephones and over 200 hand-carrier telephones not only for the local calls but also for the overseas calls daily.

With regard to the agriculture sector, a total of 3,832 acres of farmlands are put under monsoon paddy, monsoon sesame, pigeon pea, lentil, groundnut, sunflower, corn and maize.

In addition, over 50 acres of physic nut plantations are being nurtured for producing bio-fuel.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, remarkable progress can be seen day after day in Natchaung Model Village in southern part of Kalay Township that is home to local farmers.

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Farmlands of local peasants seen at the foot of Chin Hill.



A visitor takes photos of the moon from the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing on 13 Sept, 2008, one day before the full-moon Mid-Autumn Festival. —

INTERNET

US military reports death of soldier in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—The US military says an American soldier in Iraq has died of causes unrelated to combat.

The military says the cause of the death Sunday is under investigation.

The name of the soldier is being withheld, pending notification of his family and an announcement by the US Department of Defense.—Internet

Chemical plant blasts in N-E China

SHENYANG, 14 Sept—An explosion occurred in a petrochemical plant in northeast China’s Liaoning Province at 5:46 am on Sunday, the provincial general fire brigade confirmed, but there was no immediate report on casualties.

The blast in Jianshanzi Village, Luodatai Town of Dengta City could even be heard in a county 40 kilometres away. Dengta City is under the administration of Liaoyang City. The blaze was basically brought under control at around 7:30 after more than 30 fire engines rushed to the scene, the fire brigade said.—Internet

Afghanistan: US killed civilians after false tip

KABUL, 14 Sept—An American bombing that killed up to 90 Afghan civilians last month was based on false information provided by a rival tribe and did not kill a single Taliban fighter, the president’s spokesman said Sunday.

The claim contradicted a US contention that the 22 Aug raid on the western village of Azizabad killed up to 35 Taliban fighters.

“There was total misinformation fed to the coalition forces,” Humayun Hamidzada, the spokesman for President Hamid Karzai, told The Associated Press.

Afghan police arrested three suspects accused of giving the US military false intelligence that led to the

bombardment, the Interior Ministry has said.

An Afghan government commission found that up to 90 civilians were killed, including 60 children, a finding backed by a preliminary UN report.

The bombing strained the US-Afghan relationship but the countries remain committed allies, Hamidzada said.

The operation, conducted by US Special Forces and Afghan soldiers, targeted Afghan employees of a British security firm and their family members — the reason the US military recovered weapons after the battle, Hamidzada said.

Internet



A giant lobster was saved from the pot after fishermen were impressed by his huge claw, marine experts said. The three feet lobster, named Eddy, has a giant claw about 18in long. —XINHUA

Obama raises \$66 mln in August for White House race

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept—US Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama has raised a total of 66 million US dollars in August, when he was officially nominated at the party’s national convention, his campaign said on Sunday.

The figure made last month another record fundraising month for the Illinois Senator after he raised 55 million dollars in February during the

primary season.

According to his campaign, his new record was made thanks to more than a half million new donors in the month, leaving him with more than 77 million dollars in cash on hand.

On the other hand, his Republican presidential rival, John McCain raised about 47 million dollars in August.

With no more than two months left before the

November election day, the two presidential candidates are chasing each other in the numbers of voters and campaign fund.

Obama has earlier given up public financing for the general election, and chosen to finance his campaign with donation from his supporters, while McCain accepted public financing with a limit of his direct spending at 84 million dollars.—Internet

Death toll from Cairo rock slide rises to 82

CAIRO, 14 Sept—The death toll from a rock fall that buried dozens of homes in a Cairo shanty town last week rose to at least 82 people, with 54 injured, security officials said on Saturday. The officials said rescue workers pulled out

the corpses of Halima Mohamed, and her three-year-old daughter Habiba on Saturday.

Rescue workers backed by bulldozers and jack hammers prepared to work on a huge boulder that crushed four homes in the

shanty town on the eastern edge of Cairo. One official put the death toll at 84 and said rescue workers have a lot more rubble to shift. Rescue services have not pulled out any survivors since the face of a cliff fell on the houses.—Internet

Alleged US spy killed in Pakistan’s tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 14 Sept—An Afghan man accused of spying for the United States was killed by militants in Pakistan’s tribal region of North Waziristan, according to local press reports Sunday.

The private NNI news agency quoted witnesses as saying that the bullet-ridden body of Gul Rahim Shah was found in North Waziristan, and it was believed to be a hideout for al Qaeda and the Taliban.

A note in the native Pashto language was found near the body of the slain man, said that he was spying for the United States and Afghanistan.

The note warned that anyone spying for the US or Afghanistan would face the same situation.

Internet



Pakistani activists of youth for International Socialism group set fire US flag against the US missile strikes in the country’s tribal areas during a protest in Hyderabad. —INTERNET



A truck moves next to damage boats on the I-45 highway after Hurricane Ike in Galveston, Texas on 13 Sept, 2008. INTERNET

Explosion jolts Philippine market

MANILA, 14 Sept—An explosion rocked a public market in a southern Philippine town in Sarangani province on Sunday noon, local media reported. No casualties have been reported so far as market vendors in Kiamba town were off around noon time, local news network

GMA News said.

The report quoted the town mayor as saying that the blast was likely caused by an improvised explosive device.

Another explosion occurred at another public market in Isulan town of neighboring Sultan Kudarat at predawn

Tuesday. Another explosive was discovered by government troops planted near a bakery in another southern Philippine city this week.

Military officials said local rebels had a motive of sowing terror by planting the explosives in the public.—Internet

Germany rejects EU economy stimulus proposals

NICE(France), 14 Sept — German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrueck warned here Friday that a proposed European Union stimulus plan to reactivate the EU economy would mean waste of money.

Steinbrueck told reporters before attending a two-day informal meeting of European Union finance ministers in Nice, France, that he would prefer economic reforms rather than a major spending pro-

gramme to reactivate Germany's economy, the largest in Europe.

The German minister has repeatedly rejected easing fiscal discipline despite that the EU commission says his country's economy falls into recession.

Other EU states are ready to spend billions to spur economic growth in the face of falling tax revenues.

MNA/Xinhua



A wax figure of Adolf Hitler is pictured through a glass screen in a mock bunker at the German 'Madame Tussauds' in Berlin on 13 Sept, 2008. The figure of Hitler was back on display on Saturday at the waxworks at Berlin's well-known Unter den Linden boulevard, two months after its head was wrenched off by a visitor. —INTERNET

US Air Force nuclear mission needs overhaul

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept —The US Air Force has taken adequate steps to prevent new security lapses in its nuclear arsenal but damage to US credibility from earlier blunders has not been repaired, officials said on Friday.

I have confidence that the short-term problems ... have been addressed," Defence Secretary Robert Gates told reporters after receiving an initial report on nuclear security by a

special Pentagon task force set up to examine the handling of the nuclear arsenal.

Gates was speaking at a briefing three months after he fired the Air Force leadership in an unprecedented move over a string of blunders including the mistaken shipment of nuclear fuses to Taiwan and the flight of nuclear weapons across the continental United States. "I won't be completely assured until all of the corrective measures have been taken," Gates said. "We are still on the path to remediation when it comes to the other longer-term issues."

The task force he established at the same time under former Defence Secretary James Schlesinger issued a report on Friday recommending the Air Force consolidate its disparate nuclear missions into a single command.

MNA/Reuters

Large fire hits Mexico gas pipeline in accident

CUAUTITLAN IZCALLI, 14 Sept — A Mexican gas pipeline caught fire on Friday in an accident near the capital, sending flames more than 100 feet into the air and closing a main highway into the city.

Two men were injured at the fire in the industrial town of Cuautitlan Izcalli, a civil protection official told Reuters.

Authorities believe construction workers accidentally pierced the pipeline while they laid foundations for a bridge nearby. "Two valves (feeding the pipeline) have been closed and flames are dying out," the official said.

State energy company Pemex said a private company operated the line. —MNA/Reuters

Chile, Russia agree to promote bilateral trade

SANTIAGO, 14 Sept — Chile and Russia have agreed to create a special work group to promote bilateral trade and economic cooperation, Chilean authorities said Friday.

One of the focuses of the group is to identify development potentials of the production sectors of both countries, said Carlos Furche, international economic affairs director of the Foreign Ministry.

The group will begin functioning in January 2009, Furche said after the closing ceremony of the Third Inter-governmental Meeting of the Chilean-Russian Commission of Commerce and Cooperation in Moscow.

It will seek alternatives to facilitate bilateral trade and "remove, if necessary, the duty obstacles to development and growth of the commercial links" between the two countries, Furche said.

The group will also work to promote phytosanitary cooperation between both countries and better understanding of the juridical and institutional norms in Chile and Russia regarding commercial issues.

MNA/Xinhua



Serious Span Europe's longest wooden bridge spans a valley of the 2007 Bundesgartenschau (German Federal Garden Show — BUGA) area in Ronneburg near Gera, eastern Germany. The bridge is 787 feet long.

Piercing Performance A street entertainer performs on the Royal Mile Edinburgh as part of the Fringe, the largest arts festival in the world, during the Edinburgh Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Gunshot victim sues to get prosthetic leg back

After being shot five times last weekend, a western Nebraska man had to go to court to get his prosthetic leg back from prosecutors. The Box Butte County Attorney's office gave Val McCabe's leg back Wednesday after a judge ordered it returned. McCabe, 58, shot during a roadside incident on Friday, was listed in good condition at a hospital in Scottsbluff. Prosecutors wanted to run tests on the leg and the bullet lodged inside.

McCabe, who lost his leg below the knee in a railroad accident roughly 30 years ago, filed his lawsuit Tuesday. McCabe lawyer argued it wasn't practical for him to replace the specially built, \$28,000.



Man accused of making license plate 'disappear'

New York authorities didn't see this one coming. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey says the driver of a tractor-trailer rigged the front license plate of his vehicle so that it would "disappear" as he drove through a toll plaza, allowing him to avoid paying the \$40 fee.

The Port Authority said driver Orlando Payano ran a cable from the license plate to the dashboard cigarette lighter inside the cab of the vehicle.

Pulling on the lighter flipped the plate under the truck. Cameras are used to capture images of license plates to identify fare beaters.

Mountain jumper survives crash after chute problem

A Norwegian BASE jumper said he learned a hard lesson about tempting fate after surviving a spine-chilling crash from a mile-high mountain.

Video captured by a camera attached to Hans Lange's specially designed jump suit showed him struggling to straighten out his parachute before slamming into a rock wall and crashing into a tree top. He survived with a broken leg.

"I was too nonchalant and there is no room for mistakes in this sport," Lange, 44, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The accident happened 23 Aug, as the



Tight Squeeze: A child plays with a replica of a non-violence sculpture by Swedish artist, Carl Frederick Reuterswärd, which stands on the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa. The South African parliament is debating tightening gun control laws as South Africa has one of the highest gun murder rates in the world.

experienced BASE jumper leapt off the 1,600-meter- (5,250-foot-) high Bjoerketind peak.

Lange said he was flying down the mountainside at nearly 180 kph (110 mph) when he realized he was too close to the wall.

He deployed his chute and tried to steer away from the wall, but it was too late. The video showed Lange crying out in pain as he bumped into the rock repeatedly while trying to untangle the chords.

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China vows better food safety after baby milk scandal

BEIJING, 14 Sept — China vowed Sunday to improve its food safety supervision after confirming 432 babies suffered from kidney stones and at least one died after drinking contaminated milk powder.

An efficient system should be set up to combine efforts of various ministries and bring food safety supervision "to a new level", Xinhua news agency reported, citing Health Minister Gao Qiang.

Gao said Saturday that kidney stones had been found in 432 babies nationwide since China was rattled by its most recent product quality scandal.

The number was sharply up from figures reported earlier which put the number of affected babies at about 150, with one dead. Kidney stones are rare in babies and can block their urinary tracts.

The State Administration of Industry and Commerce, an agency in charge of enforcing discipline in the marketplace, issued a strongly worded statement calling for thorough inspections of sales outlets for baby milk powder.—Internet

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MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (118)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (118) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.9.08 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.

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2.	Lubricant (Ks)	1 Lot	15.9.2008	13.10.2008
3.	Conveyor Belt (Ks)	1 Lot	15.9.2008	13.10.2008
4.	Welding Electrode (Ks)	1 Lot	15.9.2008	13.10.2008
5.	Tyre (Ks)	1 Lot	15.9.2008	13.10.2008
6.	Steel Lining Plate (Ks)	1 Lot	15.9.2008	13.10.2008
7.	Electrical Control Spare Part (Ks)	6 Items	15.9.2008	13.10.2008

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INVITATION TO TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanmar Ceramic Industries for the following renovation and extension works in the Cement Factory (Kyaukse).

Sr.No	Description	Closing Date
1.	Renovation of Five Stage Suspension Preheater Kiln and Cooler (500 T/D Cement Factory Kyaukse)	20.10.2008 16:00 hr
2.	200 Tons/hour Limestone Primary Crushing Plant (Extension)	20.10.2008 16:00 hr

Tender documents shall be available from 18th September, 2008, during the office hour, at the Planning Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industries.
Please contact Phone No.067-408296, 067-408208 or Fax 067-408064 for further information.
Managing Director
Myanmar Ceramic Industries



A daily traffic scene in downtown Teheran. At least 15 people were killed and 14 were injured when a bus plunged from a bridge on a highway in western Tehran, state television has reported.—INTERNET

Tourist boat sinks in Paris killing man and child

PARIS, 14 Sept — A 6-year-old child and a man have died in hospital after they were trapped in a tourist boat that sank on the River Seine in the heart of Paris, police said on Sunday.

The accident took place on Saturday night at the Pont de l'Archeveche, a bridge that connects the tip of the Ile de la Cite, where Notre Dame cathedral is located, to the Left Bank of the river.

Ten other passengers on the small boat jumped into the river before it sank and were quickly fished out.

Divers pulled the child and man from inside the sunken boat minutes after the sinking and rescuers tried to resuscitate them, but police said the attempts failed. The nationalities of the victims were not known.

The boat was raised from the riverbed during the night, police said. It will be used in investigations into the cause of the accident, which was unclear.

Authorities first said the boat had hit a pillar of the bridge, but later said it was possible though not certain it had hit a "bateau-mouche," one of the long flat-bottomed barge-like boats that carry hundreds of tourists up and down the river.—Internet



French rescue workers haul a pleasure craft out of the River Seine near the Notre Dame Cathedral after a boating accident late on 13 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

More than 5,000 first-aid volunteers trained for natural disaster in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 14 Sept — The Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS) said that it had trained adequate manpower to provide first-aid services whenever the need arose, The Rising Nepal reported on Sunday.

According to the state-run daily, the NRCS has groomed 4,702 first-aid volunteers and 330 trainers in 48 districts of the country so far to carry out relief work at the time of disaster.

These trained volunteers are capable, skillful and equipped with all means if any kind of natural disaster and incident takes place in the country, Basanta Shrestha, senior officer of the First Aid Section at the NRCS said at a press meeting organized on the occasion of the World First Aid Day-2008 program here on Saturday.

Shrestha said currently the district chapter volunteers of the Red Cross Society in Nepal were also providing humanitarian aid as well as distributing food packages to the displaced people affected by floods in some areas in the country. He said that nearly 350 volunteers have been deployed to assist and provide medical as well as first aid services to the sick people of Saptari and Sunsari districts affected by the Koshi floods in eastern Nepal.

The society is marking the World First Aid Day by organizing various programs such as national level first aid competition, rally, mock demonstration of first aid service, and first aid training within 15 minutes.

Internet



Debris on the I-45 highway at the entrance to Galveston is seen after Hurricane Ike hit the Gulf of Mexico near Galveston on 13 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

Spicy food may have killed British bride in India, says doctor

NEW DELHI, 14 Sept — A British bride who died ten days after marrying a local man in India may have been killed by asthma provoked by eating spicy food, her doctor was quoted as saying Sunday.

Charlotte Bending, a 24-year-old mother of two, wed Jitender Singh in the northern Indian state of Haryana after they had met while working together in Plymouth, England, the Times of India reported.

She died on September 8 after she complained of a sore throat and collapsed, her doctor Bharat Bhushan was quoted as saying.

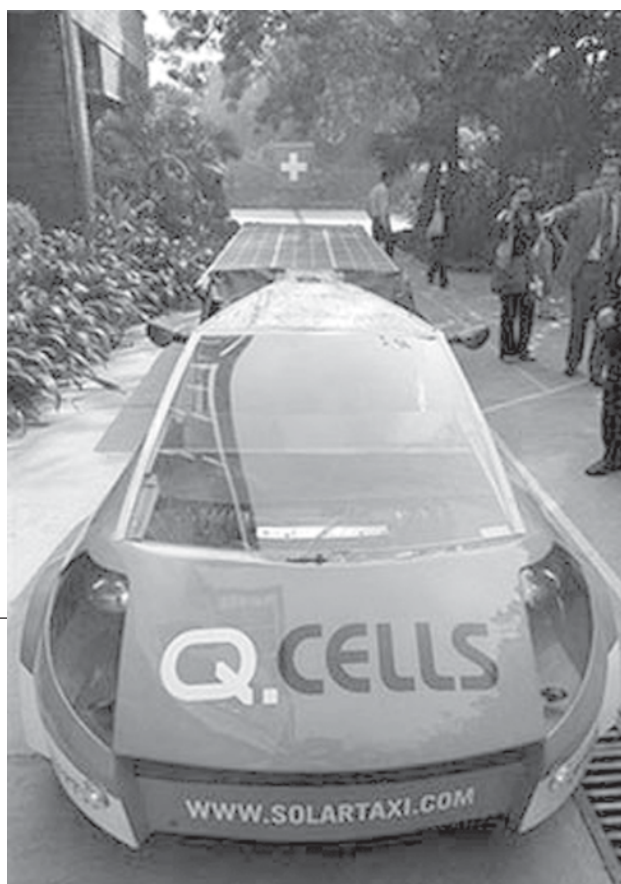
“Charlotte was an asthmatic and had visited my place three times

before this incident. Three days before she fell ill, she had lots of spicy food which she couldn’t digest,” he told the newspaper.

Singh said his wife’s body would be flown back to her home town of Liskeard in southwest England.— *Internet*

A solar powered vehicle, the solar taxi of Swiss adventurer Louis Palmer is parked at the Swiss Embassy in New Delhi in 2007.

INTERNET



Nigeria militants order oil workers to leave delta

ABUJA, 14 Sept— Nigeria’s most prominent militant group on Saturday warned oil companies in the restive Niger Delta to

withdraw their workers in the next 24 hours after a gunbattle with security forces.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), responsible for attacks that have cut more than a fifth of the OPEC member’s oil output, threatened to retaliate against oil workers after at least three people were killed in fighting between security forces and militants in Tombia in Rivers state.

“Oil companies are warned to move out their workers within the next 24 hours because a hurricane is about to sweep through oil installations in the entire Niger Delta region,” MEND said in an emailed statement.

Royal Dutch Shell,

ExxonMobil, Total, Eni and Chevron are among the numerous oil companies that operate in the Niger Delta, the main source of Nigeria’s two million barrels per day output.—*MNA/Reuters*

TB drug shows promise against latent bacteria

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — A new study has shown that an investigational drug R207910, currently in clinical trials against multi-drug resistant tuberculosis strains, is quite effective at killing latent bacteria, a report said on Friday.

This revelation suggests that R207910 may lead to improved and shortened treatments for this globally prevalent disease, researchers from Johnson & Johnson reported in the September 12 issue of *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

Despite numerous treatment advances, tuberculosis (TB) remains a serious disease—fuelled by co-infection of HIV patients, the rise of drug-resistant strains, and the ability of *Mycobacterium*

tuberculosis to become dormant and linger in the lungs. People can be infected, asymptotically, with latent TB and is at risk of developing active TB disease during their life time.

The research team tested R207910 on dormant *M. tuberculosis* in three different laboratory models of latency. R207910 targets a protein essential for making cellular energy (ATP) in actively replicating TB.

They reasoned that even dormant bacteria, which are essentially physiologically “turned off”, still need to produce small quantities of ATP to survive. As such, a block in ATP synthesis might be vital for killing dormant bacteria.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Indian villagers flee a wild elephant who strayed into a marsh close to Assam in 2000. Police say at least six people have been killed in southern Nepal in rampages by wild elephants in the last two days.—INTERNET



About 10,000 Filipino kids die of diarrhoea every year

MANILA, 14 Sept— Around 10,000 Filipino children die of diarrhoea every year, according to local media on Saturday.

Over the past seven years, some 70,000 children were killed by diarrhoea, the fourth-leading cause of death among Filipino children younger than five years old, the *Manila Times* reported, citing data from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Philippines’ Department of Health. With incidence nearly double those of other Southeast Asian and East Asian countries, the health department said that the Philippines is now one of the most seriously-affected among 13 countries included in the study in terms of the number of reported diarrhoea cases.

The study said that some 1.5 million children younger than the age of five suffer from diarrhoea because of lack of access to clean water and basic sanitation facilities and poor hygienic practices.— *MNA/Xinhua*

SPORTS



Arsenal's forward Emmanuel Adebayor (L) scores from the penalty spot during their Premier league football match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park. Adebayor hit a hat-trick as Arsenal warmed up for the start of their Champions League campaign by thumping Blackburn 4-0 on Saturday.—INTERNET

Wenger admits he almost axed hero Walcott

BLACKBURN, 14 Sept — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger admitted after his side's stunning 4-0 win at Blackburn that he almost left Theo Walcott out of the team following the teenager's heroics for England. Emmanuel Adebayor claimed the headlines with a superb hat-trick at Ewood Park on Saturday, but the contribution of Walcott was every bit as significant as rampant Arsenal swept Blackburn aside with a breath-taking display. Walcott had been crowned a national hero after scoring a hat-trick during England's 4-1 World Cup qualifying victory over Croatia in Zagreb on Wednesday.—Internet



Austrian teenager Tamira Paszek (pictured) shocked top seed Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 to set up a Bali Open final against Switzerland's Patty Schnyder.

Austrian teen shocks top seed Hantuchova at Bali Open

NUSA DUA, 14 Sept — Austrian teenager Tamira Paszek shocked top seed Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 to set up a Bali Open final against Switzerland's Patty Schnyder on Saturday. The 17-year-old Paszek, coached by Gustavo Kuerten's former mentor Larri Passos, caught fire against Hantuchova in a spirited display lasting just over two-and-a-half hours. The Austrian secured a break for 5-4 before serving out the victory, her 14th of the season against the same number of defeats. "I didn't played my best and I didn't serve very wall," said Paszek. "So I'm very happy to have reached this final.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Toni fires Bayern second, Hamburg go top

STUTTGART, 14 Sept — Italian World Cup winner Luca Toni's second-half double in Cologne fired defending champions Bayern Munich up to second in the Bundesliga on Saturday as Hamburg took over the lead. Bayern's Toni headed home from Bastian Schweinsteiger's free-kick in the 53rd minute then hit a superb strike on the hour before substitute Lukas Podolski scored an injury-time goal to seal a 3-0 win at Cologne. The win shot Bayern up from seventh to second in the table as they warmed-up for their opening Champions League clash on Wednesday night against Steaua Bucharest in Romania with their second consecutive league win. Internet



Bayern Munich's Italian striker Luca Toni celebrates scoring against Cologne at the Rheine-nergiestadion in Cologne. Toni's second-half double in Cologne fired defending champions Bayern Munich up to second in the Bundesliga as Hamburg took over the lead.—INTERNET

Ten-man Inter battle back for controversial victory

ROME, 14 Sept — Defending champions Inter Milan clinched their first victory of the Serie A season on Saturday with a controversial 2-1 win at the San Siro over Catania despite being reduced to 10 men. Inter, who travel to Panathinaikos in their Champions League opener on Tuesday, had Ghana international striker Sulley Muntari red-carded late in the first half. They had already fallen behind to a headed goal from Gianvito Plasmatti three minutes before half-time, although the strike was greeted with silence as Catania fans had been banned from travelling as part of a nationwide crackdown on hooliganism. Internet

New faces but same old story for Barcelona

MADRID, 14 Sept — Barcelona threw away two vital points in a 1-1 home draw with Racing Santander on Saturday as the Spanish giants slumped to their worst league start in 35 years. Argentine winger Lionel Messi converted a 70th-minute penalty, but Barca failed to take advantage with Jonathan Pereira equalising six minutes later to deny the hosts victory. One point from six is a woeful start for coach Pep Guardiola who will expect better when Barcelona start their Champions League campaign on Tuesday with a home match against Sporting Lisbon. "I can't criticise the players as I am very happy with their attitude," said Guardiola.—Internet



Barcelona's Lionel Messi kicks to score a penalty kick against Racing Santander during their Liga football match at the New Camp stadium in Barcelona. Pep Guardiola continues to wait for his first league win in charge of Barcelona after his title hopefuls threw two vital points away in a 1-1 home draw with Racing Santander on Saturday.—INTERNET

Marquez floors Casamayor in big lightweight debut



Juan Manuel Marquez, left, of Mexico, takes a punch from Joel Casamayor, of Cuba, in the second round of their 12-round lightweight boxing match in Las Vegas, on 13 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

LAS VEGAS, 14 Sept — Juan Manuel Marquez needed about three rounds to get comfortable as a lightweight. After that, he was nothing but bad news for Joel Casamayor. Marquez won his 135-pound debut Saturday night, stopping linear champion Casamayor for the first time in the Cuban's career with a dynamic flurry late in the 11th round. Marquez (49-4-1, 36 KOs) held title belts in two lighter divisions over the last five years, but moved up to lightweight in hopes of landing a third bout with Manny Pacquiao after going 0-1-1 against the pound-for-pound king. Internet

Stanford takes lead in LPGA Tour event

MOBILE, 14 Sept —Angela Stanford shot her second straight 5-under 67 on Saturday to take a four-stroke lead in the Bell Micro LPGA Classic. "I'm having such a good time playing this golf course," said Stanford, who won the 2003 ShopRite LPGA Classic for her lone tour title. "It's been a while since I've been in this position, and I'm just having so much fun this week that I don't think there's any pressure." Stanford had seven birdies, including four in a row on the back nine, to reach 12-under 204 on The Crossings course at Magnolia Grove. "That may be the best back nine I've ever played," said Stanford, who shot a 5-under 31 on the final nine holes. "We really had a hard time on the front side with the wind. ... It seemed to be more consistent on the back nine."—Internet



Angela Stanford watches her tee shot on the second hole during the third round of the Bell Micro LPGA Classic golf tournament at Magnolia Grove on 13 Sept, 2008 in Mobile, Ala.—INTERNET

“NY Times” says US in push for foreign arms deals

NEW YORK, 14 Sept—The Bush Administration is pushing through a wide range of foreign weapons deals in a bid to rearm Iraq and Afghanistan and contain North Korea and Iran, *The New York Times* reported.

The deals range from tanks, helicopters and fighter jets to missiles, remotely piloted aircraft and warships, the *Times* said in its Sunday editions. The weapons and other military equipment foreign sales have totalled more than 32 billion US dollars this year, compared with 12 billion US dollars in 2005.

While the focus has been on the Middle East, sales extend to northern Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and Canada, the *Times* said.

“This is not about being

gunrunners,” the *Times* quoted Bruce Lemkin, the Air Force deputy undersecretary who has coordinated many of the largest sales, as saying. “This is about building a more secure world.”

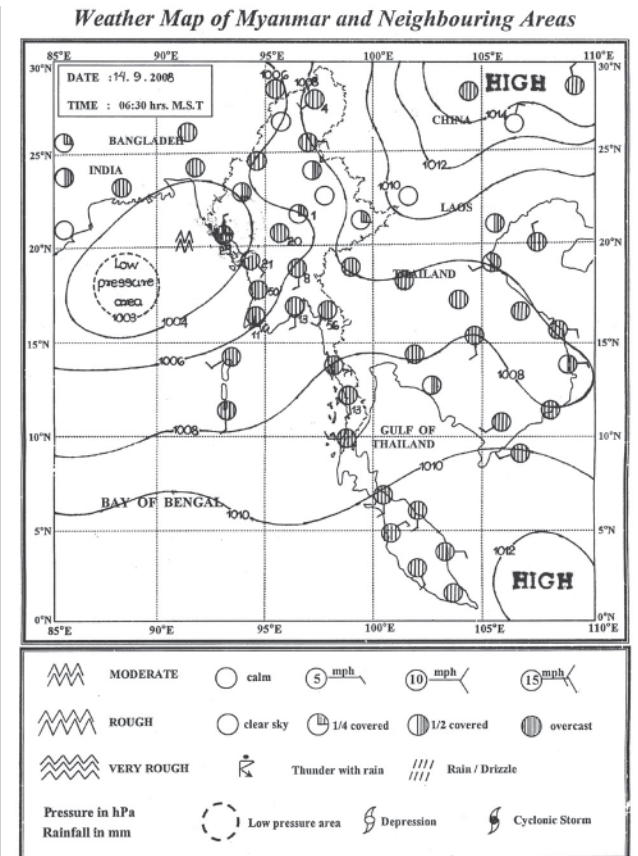
In the past two years, Iraq has signed agreements worth more than three billion US dollars, and also said it planned to buy as much as seven billion US dollars more in US equipment, the *Times* said. Over the past three years, Washington, the world’s top arms supplier, had agreed to buy more than 10 billion US dollars in military equipment and weapons on behalf of Afghanistan, according to Defence Department records, the newspaper said.

MNA/Reuters

Mexican police find 24 bodies; drug gang suspected

SAN PEDRO ATLAPULCO (Mexico), 14 Sept—Mexican police found 24 bodies dumped outside a small town near the capital on Friday in one of the most grisly discoveries yet in a rash of recent drug gang killings. The victims, left on grassy wasteland close to the town of San Pedro Atlapulco in the State of Mexico, had their hands tied and had been shot in the head, local police told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Sunday, 14 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and Magway Division and isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.16) inch, Ye (3.74) inches, Gwa (3.39) inches, Hpa-an (3.23) inches, Magway (3.19) inches, Thaton (3.03) inches, Dawei (2.80) inches, Minbu (2.68) inches, Machanbaw (2.60) inches, Thandwe (2.56) inches, Bago (1.97) inches and Aungmye (1.96) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-9-2008 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 14-9-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-9-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 13-9-2008 was (0.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-9-2008 was (1.38) inches at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.94) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (88.66) inches at Mingaladon, (98.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (115.55) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (17:30) hours MST on 13-9-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, a low pressure area has formed over the Northwest Bay and adjoining West Central Bay. It is likely to further intensify into a depression during the next (12) hours. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Sagaing and Magway Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Rakhine State.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Over 57,000 people die annually for smoking in B'desh

DHAKA, 14 Sept—More than 57,000 people in Bangladesh die of diseases caused by smoking and use of tobacco products every year, a local organization said at a seminar here on Saturday.

At the seminar on “Necessity of Warning Message with Picture on the Packets,” president of the Consumers’ Association of Bangladesh Borhan Ahmed said smoking is a silent killer and it destroys people indirectly.

MNA/Xinhua

Passenger plane crashes in Russia’s Urals, 88 killed



The aftermath of the plane crash.

Moscow, 14 Sept—A passenger plane with 88 people on board crashed in Russia’s Ural region and all people aboard were believed to have been killed, Russian news agencies reported Sunday, quoting emergency authorities.

The Boeing-737 jet

went down at about 3 am (2300 GMT Saturday) Sunday in a patch of wasteland on the outskirts of the Russian city of Perm in the central Ural mountains, the Itar-Tass news agency said.

“The plane flew from Moscow to Perm at 01:10 Moscow time on Sunday

(2110 GMT, Saturday), and in two hours, as it was approaching to land, the communication with it was lost at an altitude of 1,800 meters,” Itar-Tass quoted a spokeswoman of the country’s emergency ministry.

The plane, operated by Russia’s leading Aeroflot airline, was believed to have caught fire and exploded before falling, said the spokeswoman Irina Andrianova.

“The airplane was found within the city’s limits in a deserted area” and all passengers as well as crew members were killed, she said. —Internet



Monday, 15 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:30 am

2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:40 am

3. Musical programme

7:50 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

5. Cute little dancers

8:10 am

6. Musical programme

8:20 am

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8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Song of national races

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. နမူတီးတံတား (ကံလှ)

4:40 pm

5. Musical programme

4:50 pm

6. Song for uphold

National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:10 pm

8. Musical programme

5:25 pm

9. “စင်စင်နှင့်ခြင်ကျား”

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5:35 pm

10. မုန်တိုင်းလွန်ကာလ

မြင်ကွင်းသစ်များ

5:45 pm

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6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

15. နိုင် “အဆုံးအဖြတ်”

(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်)

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(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

7:10 pm

16. Musical programme

7:20 pm

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ပန်းပျိုးလက်” (အပိုင်း-၉)

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၉)

Maubin District USDA organizes annual meeting

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt delivers address at annual general meeting of Maubin District USDA.—PBANRDA



YANGON, 14 Sept— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the annual general meeting of Maubin District USDA in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division this morning.

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Liverpool sweating on Gerrard, Torres

LIVERPOOL, 14 Sept— Liverpool are sweating on the fitness of key players Steven Gerrard and Fernando Torres ahead of Tuesday's Champions League encounter away to Marseille.

Gerrard managed 22 minutes of Saturday's confidence boosting 2-1 win over Manchester United on his return from a groin operation.

But Spanish international Torres remained on

the bench after suffering a hamstring injury against Aston Villa on 31 August.

Javier Mascherano is also a doubt after pulling up with a calf problem in Saturday's game.

Liverpool are second in the Premier League and head to France on a high after manager Rafael Benitez saw his team record their first victory over United in his five-year reign at Anfield.

"Now we will go to Marseille in a good frame of mind," Benitez told reporters after Saturday's win.

"That was our best performance of the season and we now feel we can go into a Champions League in good heart and spirit."

Former European champions Marseille met Liverpool in the group stage last season, winning 1-0 at Anfield before being thrashed 4-0 at home.

Internet



Liverpool Captain Gerrard

Myanmar crown in Mekong Delta Region football

YANGON, 14 Sept—Myanmar youth football team clinched title with seven points in two wins and one draw in the Mekong Delta Region Friendship Sports Competitions held in Thailand from 12 to 14 September.

In the last matches of the group, Myanmar crashed Vietnam 7-0, while Thailand beat Laos today. After the matches, Myanmar youth football team

stood first with seven points in two wins and one draw of three matches and Thai youth team, second with two wins and one loss.

Myanmar youth team secured champions twice in the Mekong Delta Region Friendship Sports Competitions successively. Myanmar claimed titles in the U-21 football tournament 2007 and the U-18 event in 2008.—NLM



Myanmar youth football team seen at the airport before departure for Thailand.—NLM

Natchaung Villagers in Kalay Tsp enjoy fruits of development

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ARTICLE & PHOTOS:
KALAY WIN THU



In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, remarkable progress can be seen day after day in Natchaung Model Village in southern part of Kalay Township that is home to local farmers.