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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to United Mexican States

Nay Pyi Taw, 16 Sept—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2008.—*MNA*

True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Prime Minister inspects maintenance of roads in Ayeyawady Division

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects maintenance of Yangon-Pathein motor road near U-to Village in Pantanaw Township.*—MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept— Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and officials, went to Pathein yesterday.

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Application forms for matriculation exam to be on sale

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Sept—Application forms for candidates who are to sit for the matriculation exam to be held in 2009 will be sold at fixed price at the office of Myanmar Board of Examinations beginning 1 October 2008.

The application forms and identity cards are divided into two colours. The green-coloured are for the candidates with combination subject Nos 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The pink-coloured are for the candidates with combination subject Nos 2, 3 and 4. The external students are to buy the application forms at the Township Education Officer's Office and to submit them at the office from 1 to 31 October.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive together for development of Myanmar tourism industry

Tourism is popular among the global nations. With better transport and communications plus industrial development, developed and developing nations have seen an increase in tourist arrivals.

The Asia-Pacific region including Myanmar has become one of popular tourist destinations. Blessed with archaeological sites, traditional handicrafts, scenic beauties and beautiful beaches, Myanmar has become a region for tourism development.

Most of tourists to Myanmar often visit Bagan region which is full of archaeological sites, followed by Inlay Lake and Pintaya region where they usually enjoy scenic beauties, traditional new year festivals and regional festivals and buy locally produced items.

Tourism is centred on service. Therefore, hoteliers, tour operators, relevant ministries and enterprises are to make concerted efforts for booming of tourism industry.

Preparations are to be made to usher in Myanma tourism season in anticipation of the open season. With over 600 hotels and 700 tour agencies, entrepreneurs are to make coordination in order to fulfil the visitors' requirements as much as possible.

Relevant ministries and entrepreneurs are to strive together with officials concerned to bring about better tour facilities for the most convenience of tourists. Only then, will Myanmar tourism industry develop in leaps and bounds.

Management, academic affairs of SPSUs discussed

YANGON, 14 Sept—The Administrative Central Body of State Pariyatti Sasana Universities held meeting 2/2008 at the convocation hall of the SPSU on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this afternoon.

The meeting approved the minutes of the meeting 1/2008. Secretary of the administrative central body Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana supplicated on matters related to the previous meeting.

Next, the meeting approved the minutes of the special meeting held on 13 July 2008. Afterwards, the participants of the meeting took part in the discussions.

They discussed the list of Sasana Taxila Maha Dhammaçariya degree and Sasana Taxila Dhammaçariya degree of both universities. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman Sayadaw.—*MNA*

Donate Blood

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**

USDA CEC member meets Japanese guests

USDA CEC member U Maung Pa meets Chairman of Junko Association ofJapan Professor of Meji Gakuin University Mr Masahito Ebashi and party.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Maung Pa received Chairman of Junko Association from Japan Professor of Meji Gakuin University Mr Masahito Ebashi and party at USDA (Head Office) on New University Avenue Road in Bahan Township, here, today.

At the meeting, the CEC member explained matters on the association, the role of the association in national development sectors and active cooperation in the relief and resettlement tasks in storm-hit regions.

Officials concerned replied to queries raised by the Japanese chairman and party with the use of projector.

MNA

Car swindlers caught

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — The police arrested culprits who pawned and sold cars after making fake documents in Yangon. They monthly hired the cars through brokers.

Beginning May 2008, the police stations in Yangon Division received first complaints in connection with swindling of cars. Myanmar Police Force exposed and arrested Chan Myat Ko (a) Lwin Ko, 26, and wife Ma Zin Thiri (a) Ma Wint Wint Thu, 33, at No. 359 on Yinmamyaing Street, Ward 23, Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township and 13 people including those who made fake documents and brokers on 21 and 22 August.

The couple monthly hired 28 saloons such as Toyota Corolla, Corolla van, Toyota Limited, Sunny Super Saloon and SE Limited through 11 agencies. They paid K 50,000 for the agencies' services. They also had to pay deposit money for a month and three-month's rent in two or three months.

Chan Myat Ko (a) Lwin Ko

Ma Zin Thiri (a) Ma Wint Wint Thu

They took the fuel-purchase books, the owner books, wheel tax cards and Vehicle Inspection Certificates (VIC) and kept the premium book on injury insurance and documents on tax at the car owners. They sold the cars after faking three documents which they kept at the owners.

They realized a total of K 571 million from the sale of 28 vehicles. They spent K 7.5 million on faking the documents, K 31.5 million on rent and K 13.1 million on service. They got a net profit of K 519 million.

In Pazundaung Township a car was pawned with the use of fake documents on 4 September. In connection with the case, Tin Aung (a) Teza Kan Myint and Kyaw Wunna were arrested. According to the investigation, ten vehicles were confiscated.

Regarding the case, 35 more vehicles were confiscated. Action will be taken against the four culprits and others who got involved in the case according to law and investigation is under way.

People are urged to be aware of such cases in order not to be swindled.

MNA

At least 32 killed in new Iraq violence

BAGHDAD 15 Sept— Bombings in Baghdad and northeast of the capital killed at least 32 people Monday, Iraqi officials said, the latest in an apparent bid by insurgents to chip away at growing public confidence in recent security gains.

At least 20 were killed and 30 were wounded in a suicide bombing in an evening attack in Balad Ruz, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim al-Rubaie, the military commander of operations in Diyala province. Many of the dead were police.

A police officer said the attacker was a woman. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

Another security official said the bomber targeted the house of a former police commissioner who had been detained in Camp Bucca, a U.S.-run prison, for one year and was released Monday. At the time of the explosion, the detainee was hosting relatives and friends at a banquet. Earlier Monday, a double car bombing struck a busy commercial district in Baghdad, killing at least 12 people in one of the deadliest attacks in the capital in weeks.

Internet

***A man wounded in the twin car bombing is brought to a hospital in Baghdad.*—INTERNET**

Bomb kills three guards in Afghan district

HERAT (Afghanistan), 15 Sept— A bombing Monday killed three bodyguards of a district chief, including his son, in an area of Afghanistan at the centre of claims that US air strikes killed dozens of civilians last month, the official said. Lal Mohammad Omarzai said that the bomb was apparently hidden in a three-wheel motorcycle near the Shindand district centre and remotely detonated as his two-vehicle convoy passed. "Three of my bodyguards, one of them my son, were martyred and five others were wounded," said Omarzai, who was not hurt in the attack. Shindand is the focus of one of the biggest claims of civilian casualties in air strikes since international troops arrived in Afghanistan to remove the extremist Taliban in late 2001.

Internet

***The site of a blast in Shindand district of Afghanistan.* INTERNET**

Pakistan troop fire turns back US helicopters

ISLAMABAD, 15 Sept— Firing by Pakistani troops forced US military helicopters to turn back to Afghanistan after they crossed into Pakistani territory early on Monday, Pakistani security officials said.

The incident took place near Angor Adda, a village in the tribal region of South Waziristan where US commandos in helicopters raided a suspected al Qaeda and Taliban camp earlier this month.

"The US choppers came into Pakistan by just 100 to 150 meters at Angor Adda. Even then our troops did not spare them, opened fire on them and they turned away," said one security official.

Pakistani Army chief General Ashfaq Kayani said in a strongly worded statement last week that Pakistan would not allow foreign troops onto its soil and Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity would be defended at all costs.

Another security official said on Monday that US armored vehicles were also seen moving on the Afghan side of the border, while US warplanes were seen overhead.—*Internet*

Wall Street rocked by Lehman failure and Merrill sale

NEW YORK, 15 Sept Global financial markets were shaken to their core on Monday after US investment bank Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy protection and rival Merrill Lynch agreed to be taken over.

As a deepening crisis took new, bigger victims, The US Federal Reserve said for the first time it would accept stocks in exchange for cash loans and 10 of the world's top banks agreed to establish a $70 billion emergency fund, with any one of them able to tap up to a third of that.

On a black Sunday for Wall Street, frantic attempts to find a rescuer for Lehman (LEH.N) failed, and troubled insurer American International Group (AIG.N) asked the Fed for a lifeline, according to news reports.

But Bank of America (BAC.N) agreed to buy Merrill Lynch (MER.N) in an all-stock deal worth $50 billion, seeking a bargain as the world's largest retail brokerage sought refuge from fears it could be the next victim.

Asian and European stock markets tumbled as the worries about Lehman counter-party risk and further financial market turmoil sent investors scurrying for safe havens such as gold.

Internet

***A receptionist is seen through the doors of the Lehman Brothers offices in Bangkok on 15 Sept, 2008.* INTERNET**

THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

on the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

(16 September 2008)

Market turmoil, economic downturns and talk of recession have historically spelt tough times for the environment. At such moments, safeguarding the planet has often been seen as a luxury, and as a burden on economic recovery and development. But the remarkable story of the ozone layer, whose preservation we celebrate today, shows such thinking for what it is: mere myth.

Decisive multilateral action on environmental threats and challenges can bring wide-ranging health, social and economic benefits. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, which underpins our efforts to combat depletion of the earth's fragile protective shield, also contributes to combating climate change, since many of the chemicals controlled under the treaty have also emerged as ones that contribute to global warming. By phasing out chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)—once common in products such as refrigerators—and now deciding to accelerate a freeze and phase-out of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), the treaty has provided two benefits at once. I hope Governments will look at such results and feel empowered to act across a wide range of environmental challenges, and not only in prosperous times. Such action should include exploring more fully the natural synergies that can occur among our various multilateral environmental agreements.

Next year in Copenhagen, Governments will gather for a crucial meeting on the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Our goal must be a decisive new agreement that sets the world on track to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, and that provides the funding needed for vulnerable countries to adapt to the impact of climate change. Such an agreement would not only represent progress on one of the greatest challenges of our time, but is also likely to help tackle urban air pollution, deforestation, the loss of biodiversity and other dangers.

After decades of chemical attack, it may take another 50 years or so for the ozone layer to recover fully. As the Montreal Protocol has taught us, when we degrade our environment too far, nursing it back to health tends to be a long journey, not a quick fix. But the overarching lesson of the Protocol is that by acting on one challenge, we also act on many others. Continued progress, and the possibility of new breakthroughs from Copenhagen and other fora, would also make significant contributions to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. On this International Day, let us pledge to seize more such multi-faceted opportunities, and do our utmost to create tomorrow's "green economy" today.—*UNIC*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,157

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—As of Sunday, 14 Sept, 2008, at least 4,157 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,377 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Korea, one death each.

Internet

Australian men ill informed about prostate cancer

CANBERRA, 15 Sept— A new research report released on Sunday showed that Australian men in the age group most at risk of getting prostate cancer are ill informed about the disease.

More than 500 men aged between 40 and 80 were quizzed on their knowledge of prostate cancer as part of a University of Notre Dame Australia study, and four out of five did not know the function of the prostate.

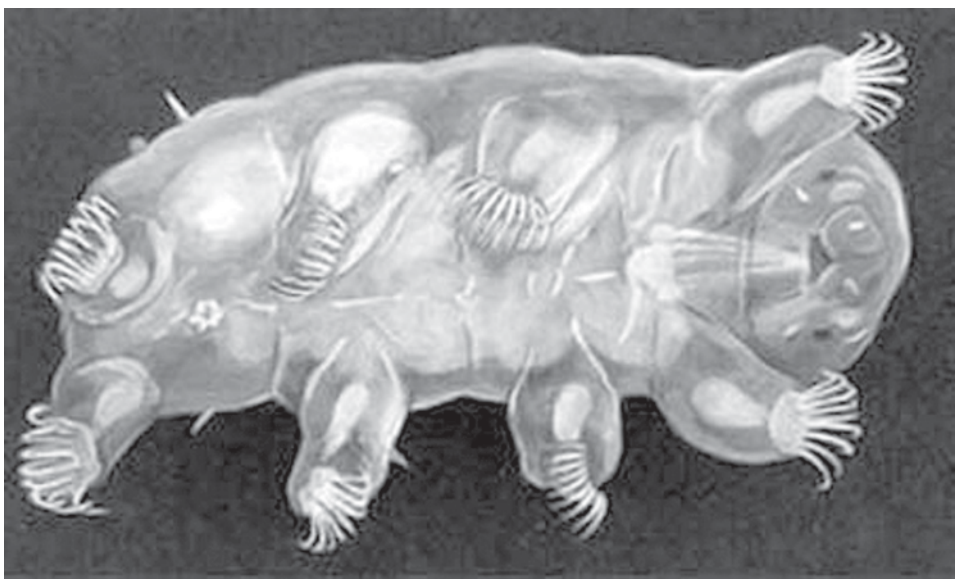
Almost half did not know the disease was the second most common form of cancer in men behind skin cancer, but 58 percent thought getting the disease would lead to a rapid death, said the study which was recently conducted in Western Australia.

Almost 3,000 men die of prostate cancer each year in Australia and the incidence of the disease increases significantly for men aged over 60.

Researcher Alan Wright said on Sunday the respondents' lack of knowledge about the disease could be due to men often not paying attention to their health.

One of the largest misconceptions about prostate cancer was a belief trouble urinating was one of the first symptoms of the disease, Wright said.

Xinhua



***Minuscule eight-legged invertebrate creatures known as "water bears" can survive the vacuum and radiation of space.—*XINHUA**

Tropical depression leaves more than 26,500 homeless in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 15 Sept— Tropical Depression "Lowell" has left more than 26,500 people homeless in at least three states of Mexico, as rains caused the overflowing of streams and canals in the states of Michoacan, Sonora and Sinaloa, authorities said on Sunday.

In Huandacarero of the central western state of Michoacan, over1,500 people were displaced after the stream flowing past city overflowed its banks on Saturday night, municipality authorities said.

At least five districts of the town were submerged in floodwaters more than one meter deep and some 50 houses were destroyed, forcing the evacuation of residents to relatives' houses and provisional shelters, mayor Jose Refugio Manriquez said.

In Sonora state, the number of homeless reached to 20,000 and Governor Eduardo Bours asked for support from the Natural Disasters Fund to repair damaged houses, highways and sidewalks.

The most affected cities of the state were Navojoa, Benito Juarez, Huatabampo and Etchojoa.

In Ahome of the northwest state of Sinaloa, some 5,000 people were evacuated from 19 villages in case several dams could burst. —*Xinhua*

***A video grab shows firefighters working near the wreckage of a Russian airliner near the Siberian city of Perm, on 14 September, 2008. The Boeing 737-500 airliner crashed near the Ural mountains on Sunday, killing all 88 people on board, officials said.—*XINHUA**

Chinese President sends message of condolences over plane crash in Russia

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Sunday sent a message of condolences to his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev over the plane crash which killed more than 80 people on board.

On behalf of the Chinese government, the Chinese people and himself, Hu expressed sincere condolences and deep mourning over the deaths in the tragedy to the Russian president and the relatives of the bereaved.

A Russian Boeing-737 airliner 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, killing at least 81 passengers and six crew members.

Xinhua

Singapore Airlines Cargo awarded $349 mln maintenance agreement

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Singapore Airlines' cargo unit announced on Monday that it has signed a 10-year 500 million Singapore dollars (349 million US dollars) fleet management agreement with Pratt & Whitney Global Service Partners.

The maintenance and service agreement covers 13 Boeing 747 400Fcargo aircraft powered by Pratt & Whitney engines and six spare engines, according to a statement by Singapore Airlines Cargo.

Xinhua

460,000 evacuated as Sinlaku approaches E China

FUZHOU, 15 Sept — About 460,000 people in east China's Zhejiang and Fujian Provinces have been evacuated as tropical storm Sinlaku, which was weakened from a typhoon on Monday morning, was approaching.

The Fujian provincial headquarters for flood control said on Monday morning that close to 230,000 people had been evacuated as of 9 pm on Sunday and the mass evacuation was still under way.

In Zhejiang, 230,000 residents have been evacuated and 30,000 fishing boats have been recalled to harbor.

Typhoon Sinlaku weakened into a tropical storm at 8 am Monday, while its eye was reported to be about 203 km to the southeast of Wenzhou in southeastern Zhejiang and move northward at a speed of 5 km per hour, according to the local weather authorities.

Heavy rains were reported in eastern and northern parts of Zhejiang and central and northern parts of Fujian on Monday morning.

Sinlaku, the 13th tropical storm so far this year in China, injured 13 people when it hit northeastern Taiwan on Sunday. —*Xinhua*

***Waves hit the coast as typhoon Sinlaku approaches Nanfangauo.About 460,000 people in east China's Zhejiang and Fujian Provinces have been evacuated as tropical storm Sinlaku, which was weakened from a typhoon on 15 Sept, 2008 morning, was approaching.—* XINHUA**

***Volunteers invite media reporter to have a taste of the mooncakes at the National Indoor Stadium on 14 Sept, 2008. People from around the world are gathering in Beijing and enjoying the Mid-Autumn Festival, a Chinese traditional festival for family reunions which falls on 14 Sept this year. —*XINHUA**

All items from Xinhua News Agency

US stock futures drop as financial storm worsens

HONG KONG, 15 Sept—US equity market futures sank on Monday, pointing to a sharply lower New York open after buyout talks for Lehman Brothers faltered and a media report said insurer AIG was seeking emergency funding.

S&P 500 futures fell 46.5 points, or 3.7 percent, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average futures were off 360 points, or 3.14 percent.

One of the world's largest insurers, American International Group Inc, was asking the Federal Reserve for a bridge loan of $40 billion to shore up its depleted capital position, the *New York Times* reported.

Internet

A London bus joins a Olympic welcome home parade in Sydney, on 15 Sept, 2008. Australia won 46 medals, including 14 gold, at the Beijing Olympics finishing sixth in the medal tally.—INTERNET

Crude oil down nearly two dollars after Hurricane Ike

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Crude oil prices dropped nearly two dollars Sunday in New York, dipping to 99.30 dollars, as traders were reassured over Hurricane Ike's relatively limited effect on oil production in the US Gulf Coast region.

At 12:15 local time (1615 GMT), a barrel of "light sweet crude" for delivery in October fell one dollar and 88 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange, which was opened on Sunday due to the storm.

Ike hit the Texas coast before dawn on Saturday, triggering widespread flooding but no extensive damage to oil rigs and refineries in the Houston region, initial reports suggested.

The price of gasoline meanwhile rose 13.46 cents to 2.63 a gallon, with prices at pump stations about a dollar higher.

Oil refineries in the storm-hit Houston area could be down for eight to nine days due to Ike, which could create possible gas shortages in the region, according to US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas.

To help meet the demand, President George W Bush announced Saturday that restrictions on imported gasoline had been suspended.—*Internet*

A couple walk in the lobby of a Merrill Lynch office building in Singapore on 15 Sept, 2008. Bank of America Corp has agreed to acquire Merrill Lynch & Co Inc for $44 billion, according to people briefed on the matter, in a deal that will give the US bank the world's largest brokerage.—INTERNET

Carbon traders compete in potentially lucrative market

BEIJING, 15 Sept — There's 30 billion US dollars floating in the air over China, but it won't be easy to grab it. It's China's carbon trading market.

The world market for trading greenhouse gas emissions doubled last year to about 70 billion dollars, according to World Bank figures. China accounts for 73 percent of the clean development mechanism (CDM) projects—a major carbon trading business.

Until just a few years ago, the idea of making money from emissions trading would have sounded like madness to most businesspeople in China. But the CDM is changing all that.

The deal between Myland Group, a chemical plant based in Jiangsu province, and the World Bank is one example. Every year during production, the plant emits HFC23, a strong, heat-trapping gas, equivalent to 8 million tons of CO2s. Before the manufacturer signed a contract with the World Bank to sell carbon credits, the chemicals group did not realize it was sitting on a goldmine. But the seven-year deal is expected to bring the group a windfall of more than 330 million euros at a price of 6 euros per ton of CO2s.

Internet

Vietnam launches locally made ethanol-blended gasoline

HANOI, 15 Sept—Vietnam on Monday launched a locally made ethanol-blended gasoline with the view to "ensure national energy security and reduce the economy's dependence on oil products", said oil giant PetroVietnam.

Gasohol E5, which is five percent ethanol and 95 percent gasoline, was produced at an 80-million-dollar chemi-biological plant in northern Phu Tho province using ethanol alcohol imported from Brazil and homegrown sugarcane and cassava, the group said.

After pilot sales in Hanoi, PetroVietnam plans to send the new product to other major cities including Ho Chi Minh City and Can Tho in the south.

PetroVietnam's petrol port-station in Ho Chi Minh-City. —INTERNET

The state-run company, which is planning to build another plant with a capacity of 100,000 cubic metres in central Binh Dinh province, said Gasohol E5 would also help Â¨the protection of the global environmentÂ¨.

Each year, communist Vietnam imports between 12 and 14 million tons of various types of fuel for its 86 million people and demand is forecast to increase by between 10 and 15 percent a year, PetroVietnam said.

The country has vast offshore oil and gas reserves in the South China Sea but lacks a functioning refinery and has to import its refined petroleum products.—*Internet*

Asian shares fall sharply on US concerns

SYDNEY, 15 Sept—Asian stock markets fell sharply on Monday on fresh fears over the state of the global financial system amidst concern over the fate of Wall Street giant Lehman Brothers, dealers said.

Australian shares were down 2.21 percent at noon, Singapore stocks dropped 2.26 percent in morning trading and in Taiwan shares fell 1.83 percent in early deals.

Several major markets in the region, including Tokyo, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Seoul were closed for public holidays.

Internet

A woman looks at the sculpture titled "Splash" inside ofthe "Tower of the water" pavilion at Expo Zaragoza 2008. Spain's King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia presided Sunday over the closing ceremony of the 2008 World Expo in Zaragoza, which organisers said was visited by nearly six million people over three months.

INTERNET

Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (4)

Kyaw Ye Min

There are a large number of programmes to materialize to have the mission accomplished. The people will have to continue to provide relief supplies to the victims. The people know well that voluntary services alone are not enough to replace the broken bricks with stone ones. The whole plan can be realized only when good advice, funds, equipment and labour services are exerted in harmony.

(Continued from yesterday)

The government is paying serious attention to long-term natural disaster preparedness measures, while carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks, because prevention is better than cure, and a natural disaster may occur at any time. So, it is required to take preparedness measures in order that the nation will not suffer a great loss when it comes under the strike of a possible future natural disaster.

Now, the government is taking preparedness measures to deal with possible future natural disasters. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, five roads are under construction in the coastal regions with the aim of contributing towards regional development and taking preparedness measures, as follows:--

(1) Maubin-Yaylelay-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi Mawlamyinegyun Road (43 miles and 7 furlongs)

(2) Mawlamyinegyun-Hlaingphone-Thitpok-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu Road (52 miles)

(3) Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Raod (35.2 miles)

(4) Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadon Kani Road (39 miles)

(5) Labutta-Thongwa-Ottwin-Htaiksun Road (37 miles).

Now, efforts are being exerted to shape the projects into five earth facilities this rainy season. Plans are under way to upgrade Pathein-Mawtinsun Road and Pyapon-Kyonkadun-Ahmar Road.

The news about the project evoked my memories of a visit by car from Pyapon to Ahmar. It was at the start of a rainy season. I used to take a motorboat in rivers and creeks so many times. Therefore, I preferred to take a bus if the region was accessible by car. One day after I had finished work, I had to make a trip to Ahmar, and I decided to go there by car instead of by boat. My officemates in Pyapon arranged a Jeep drive for my convenience. At that time, the weather was fine. The road was fine up to a point beyond Kyonkadun. When the jeep reached at the start of the earth road, the sky became overcast and it rained heavily. I got completely wet in the rain. The earth road was usable until it rained. When it was raining, the earth road turned to a muddy one and the car could not move forward at all. To make matters worse, we were on a dyke at that time, and it was impossible for the car to make a U-turn.

So, the driver steered the car with great care. After sometime, he lost control of the car and it slewed sideways and went downhill the dyke. By good fortune, the car got on a hard space, instead of in a paddy field. Then, I did not know what I should do. At that time, four or five local people arrived and did us a favour. The place was a three or four-hour drive from Ahmar. Locals said that throughout the road ahead was muddy and we in no way could get to our destination that night, and it would be all right if the car got on the road to Kyonkadun. However, the problem was that we could not make a U-turn. The space was too narrow for the car to do a U-turn. They said "no sweat" and turned the car by hand. The space was wet and slippery, so the car did a U-turn through pushing and pulling by them. Then, I managed to go back to Pyapon.

With my true experience, I knew well how poor the transport sector of the seaside regions was. **In the past, there was hardly a road section in the seaside regions, and the road sections were a little better than a bullock-cart track, not all-weather ones. Even Bogale-Pyapon Road was not much usable in the rainy season. However, my relatives in the coastal regions transported goods and passengers, using trailers-G, jeeps and old vehicles on such poor roads. When I caught in the rain in my trip, I was able to turn back, but if they were in my place, they would have to spend the night right at the place. It is heartening to note that the government is now constructing fine roads there.**

I have learnt that the roads are designed to form a square-shape network. Samalauk Village and Seintaung junction on Yangon-Pathein-Ngwehsaung Road section of the outward road of the network are designated as nodal points. And the road section between Samalauk and Ahmar through Maubin, Kyaiklat, Pyapon, Dedaye and Seikma will be upgraded to the front road of the network. Similarly, the road section between Seintaung and Mawtinsun will be upgraded to the westernmost road; and the road section between Mortinsun and Ahmar, the southernmost road of the network.

In constructing new roads and upgrading old ones, the foundations will be raised with the earth from both sides along the facilities so that they can be used temporary shelters in times of floods. Now, Maubin-Yayle-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road is being constructed and the project is making a good progress. And groundwork is being carried out to construct Labutta-Thinganggyi-Pyinsalu Road and Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road.

In the project, the road sections near the villages will be as high as 25 to 30 feet. It is because while the storm "Nargis" was raging, the tidal waves were as high as around 20 feet, and that was the root cause of high death toll and great loss of property. Moreover, small bridges along the roads will be bailey-type facilities as much as possible, and bent piles will be used instead of wooden ones.

The government is trying to build about 30-foot-high hillocks near the villages. In the process, earth will be taken to raise the roads and the places where earth is taken will be lakes. So, there will be road-cum-shelters and lakes where local people can get fresh water.

New schools, hospitals, monasteries, offices and departments will also be designed to be cyclone shelters. In that regard, some designs of cyclone shelters are from some neighbouring countries that have faced cyclones, and some designs are drawn and donated by national designers. Many internal and international well-wishers have donated cyclone shelters. If the contribution of the well-wishers is not enough, the State will render assistance to complete the project. Once the project is completed, my relatives will no longer need to worry about future natural disasters.

A lesson has been learnt that the major problem in the aftermath of the storm "Nargis" was shortage of food supply. Therefore, a progremme is included in the project to solve the problem of shortage of food supply in the face of a similar natural disaster. It is to store drinking water, rice, edible oil and salt enough for a week for local people. Arrangements have been made to build warehouses to store food supplies. In some regions, warehouses will be built separately, and in some regions, warehouses will be designed to serve as cyclone shelters.

Mangroves play an important role in taking disaster preparedness measures in the regions near the sea. In the past, my relatives cut down trees in the mangroves indiscriminately. The forest reserve is lush and green along the bank, but there are no large trees in the areas about 100 yards from the shore. Some reclaimed the lands in the mangroves to build prawn farms and salt farms, thus having adverse effects on the mangroves.

In reality, mangroves are gifted to prevent seaside regions from being attacked by floods. The disaster Tsunami that took place in 2004 gave evidence of the importance of mangroves, but those forests were not protected and conserved effectively. Now, the government has launched programmes to regenerate those mangroves. Had local people exploited mangroves just prudently and conserved them, they would have avoided such a tragic incident.

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Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (4)

Kyaw Ye Min

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There were 34 embankments stretching 581.43 miles in total to prevent the agricultural farmlands and houses from floods of seawater. Now, embankments with the total length of 171 miles and 14 sluice gates are under emergency repair. As the first phase, work is under way with the use of 27 machines to get 240,000 hundred-cubit-foot units of earth to repair the broken embankments. And in the second phase, the embankments will be raised to higher levels to be used as shelters. That is a prudent work.

The storm "Nargis" cost a large-scale death and destruction, but now all sectors have almost returned to normal. The plan covers rescue work, emergency fulfillment of basic needs, restoration of livelihoods of local people, and rehabilitation work along with regional development and long-term natural disaster preparedness. The plan is being implemented with the contribution of the State, internal and international donors. The achievement is due to the fact that internal strength of the nation has been employed most effectively.

Studying the tasks to address the issues triggered by the storm, I have come to realize the farsightedness of the leaders of the State, and the importance of preparedness measures. It is known to all that the Ayeyawady delta is the granary of Myanmar, it is reliable for its rice in successive periods. The Head of State gave guidance on construction of dams and reservoirs in Sagaing Division in order that the region will become the granary of the Upper Myanmar. As a result, Sagaing Division produces 1000 million baskets of paddy surplus a year. Likewise, plans are under way to help Magway Division become the edible oil pot, and Taninthayi Division, another edible oil pot. The government is giving encouragement to states and divisions to achieve at least rice sufficiency.

Now, local people in the storm-hit areas are reaping the farsighted arrangements for enabling every region in the face of a natural disaster to get basic food supplies such as rice and edible oil from a region or another. If reserve rice and food supplies have not been stored, there would have been a larger number of aftershocks. All the storm survivors have been provided adequate amount food supply. And the whole nation has enjoyed food sufficiency.

The flooded farmlands in the storm-hit areas have regenerated and put under crops in time. Thanks to the assistance of 8536 power-tillers, 2633 draught cattle, over 1.7 million baskets of paddy seeds, and fuel, over 90 per cent of the affected paddy fields have been put under paddy. That is the fruitful result of hard work of local farmers, supervision of the State, and contributions of local and foreign donors. The government has also made arrangements to mill the paddy. Mostly, townships in the coastal regions have 100-ton and 50-ton rice mills, and rural areas and hamlets, hullers. If hullers are used, the percentage of broken rice is high and rice is of low quality. So, the government is building modern rice mills in the rural areas. That is a change for the better.

The storm destroyed 23,458 acres of salt farms, 24,214 tons of crude salt and many salt enterprises in Myaungmya, Labutta, Pyapon, and Ngapudaw townships. Salt farms will resume next month. So far, Khu-ai strain paddy has been grown in 10,553 acres of flooded salt farms. Related ministries will provide funds, tractors, water pumps, tarpaulin, plastic and fuel for timely restoration of salt farms. A target has been set to produce 300,000 tons of salt including land salt this year, which is good news for salt farmers.

Indeed, all the donations and relief supplies to the storm-affected areas are numerous. On behalf of my relatives in the seaside regions, I would like to express thanks to the State, internal companies, members of the Sangha, well-wishers and international donors for their generous donations.

There are a large number of programmes to materialize to have the mission accomplished. The people will have to continue to provide relief supplies to the victims. The people know well that voluntary services alone are not enough to replace the broken bricks with stone ones. The whole plan can be realized only when good advice, funds, equipment and labour services are exerted in harmony. Therefore, I would say in that regard, members of the Sangha and the people are duty-bound to show greater loving-kindness, sympathy, compassion, patriotic spirit, nationalistic fervour and unity and do their bit in carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks.

I wish my relatives in Ayeyawady delta a prosperous future!

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Translation: MS

A visitor watch the exhibition called "Agon, the Spirit of Competition in Ancient Greece" at the Capital Museum in Beijing, China, on 14 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

British company GKN buys Airbus plant in Britain

LONDON, 15 Sept— An Airbus factory in south England is partly being sold to Britain's engineering company GKN for 136 million pounds (242.6 million US dollars), local media reported on Monday.

The factory at the Filton site, Gloucestershire, which makes wing components for Airbus, was put up for sale by Airbus's parent, EADS, as part of its restructuring program.

British trade union Unite referred the deal as "fantastic news" for the country's manufacturing industry which would ensure the country's leading world-class position for designing, manufacturing and assembling wings for large aircraft.

Kevin Smith, the GKN chief executive, also described the acquisition as an "exciting step" for the company's aerospace business.

"The acquisition of the Filton wing components and assemblies manufacturing operation is a further exciting step in the development of GKN's aerospace business," said Smith. —*Internet*

UAE national airline signs codeshare agreement with Malaysia Airlines

ABU DHABI, 15 Sept— Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), announced Monday that it has signed a codeshare agreement with Malaysia Airlines in an effort to extend its destination network in Asia.

Under the agreement, Etihad will place its two-letter "EY" code on Malaysia Airlines' flights between Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, and the country's popular islands of Kota Kinabalu, Penang, Kuching and Langkawi.

In addition, Malaysia Airlines will place its "MH" code on services operated by Etihad between the UAE's capital Abu Dhabi and Bahrain, Doha and Muscat in the Gulf region.

The new codeshare flights pave the way for closer co-operation between the two airlines on a range of other joint initiatives, including collaboration on frequent flyer programs, ground handling, customer support, cargo and airport lounge access, a statement by Etihad said.

Internet

China to adopt new methods to value suspended stocks amid market slump

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China's fund management companies will adopt new methods such as incorporating industry index to value suspended stocks from Tuesday, China's securities regulators said on Monday.

The move was aimed to prevent abnormal high prices of suspended stocks which resumed trading amid a market slump.

Before the move took effect, the price of a stock that had just resumed trading was calculated by that on the last trading day before the suspension.

An official with China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) said the fund management companies were asked to adopt proper methods of valuing suspended stocks to ensure the fairness and transparency of the valuation process.

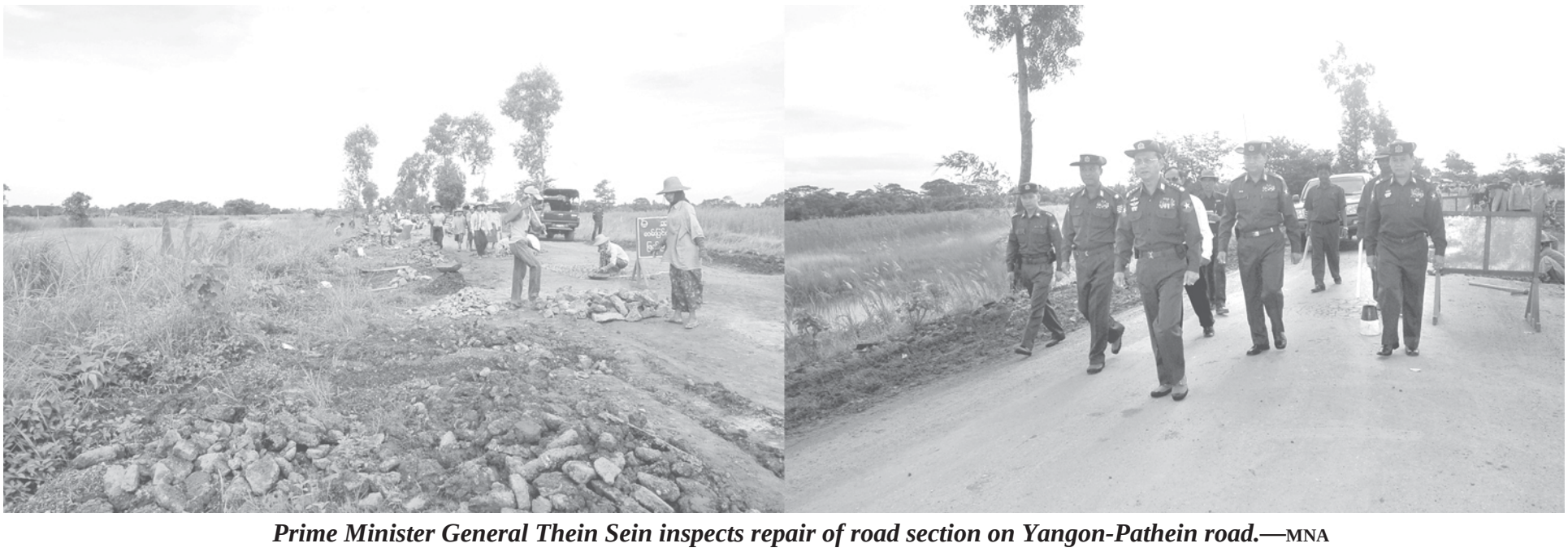
While the recent market downturns would probably make them adopt industry index on both stock exchanges as they were more objective and transparent.

He said the new method could temporarily reduce the net asset value of some stock funds.

But it would standardize the valuation process and would not lessen the internal value of those suspended stocks.

The CSRC were studying the exiting regulations on stock suspension to prepare for further amendment on relevant stipulations, he added.

Xinhua



***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects repair of road section on Yangon-Pathein road.*—MNA**

Prime Minister inspects maintenance…

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The Prime Minister and party inspected maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road during the rainy season.

Later, the Prime Minister viewed the traffic on Yangon-Pathein Road.

Next, the Prime Minister, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials inspected maintenance of the road near Mezali Village in Nyaungdon Township.

Deputy Superintending Engineer of airfield construction special group-2 of Public Works U Kyaw Hlaing and official reported on repair of road sections in the rainy season.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on the reports.

The Prime Minister and party also inspected repair work, maintenance of the roads and stockpiling of materials.

They arrived at the site between the mile post Nos. 36/0 and 43/5 on Yangon-Pathein Road. Senior Engineer U Sai Kyaw Moe and officials reported on progress of work.

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the repair of roads.

The Prime Minister and party went to Bo Myat Tun Bridge where Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials reported on maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road.

Head of Ayeyawady Division Directorate of Water Resources and River Systems U Saw Aung Lwin reported on preventive measures against bank erosion and waterways. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister and party also inspected maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road near U-to Village in Pantanaw Township by Asia World Co Ltd.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Managing Director of Asia World Co. U Tun Myint Naing reported on road works.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on repair of roads, duties assigned section by section and stockpiling of materials for use in the future.

The Prime Minister and party arrived in Pathein in the morning after inspecting repair of roads and thriving of paddy fields along the road in the townships. — *MNA*

Maintenance of Yangon-Pathein motor road in progress near Mezali Village in Nyaungdon Township.
MNA

Application forms for matriculation…

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The school heads are to buy the application forms for the students who are to appear for the exam in BEHS (Branch) and Affiliated High Schools, and to collectively submit them at the office of MBE from 1 October to 14 November.

Those who fail to submit their application forms at the designated places in time would not be allowed to appear for the exam.

The application forms and stamps are available at MBE (Zwegabin Hostel), on the campus of Hline University, Hline Township.

MNA

FM felicitates Mexican counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2008.—*MNA*

Yangon and Mandalay UDEs examinations

YANGON, 14 Sept—Yangon and Mandalay Universities of Distance Education will conduct the intensive courses and the examinations for 2008 academic year.

The examination for first, second and third years' science majors will be held from 6 to 12 October. The intensive courses for first, second and third year English, Geography, Philosophy, Psychology, Oriental Studies and Law major students will be conducted from 15 to 24 October and the examination from 28 October to 4 November. The intensive course for fourth year Law major students will be conducted from 15 to 24 October and the examination from 28 October to 4 November. For the third batch, the intensive course will be provided to first, second and third year students of Myanmar, Myanmar culture, aesthetic literature, History, Economics, Public Affairs, Home Business and Business Management from 7 to 17 November and the examination will be held from 21 to 29 November.

The detailed timetables will be announced at branches of Yangon and Mandalay UDEs.—*MNA*

Cash and kind donated to monasteries, nunneries in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 15 Sept —Families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and public wellwishers donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and cash to 31 monasteries and eight nunneries in Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District, yesterday afternoon. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the donation ceremony that took place at Dhamma Beikman of the Kyaikkahsan Pagoda and offered the donations.

The donations included 392 bags of rice, 300 viss of edible oil, 3108 viss of iodized salt, 542 tubes of toothpaste, 5528 boxes of various kinds of traditional medicine, 541 viss of gram and 320 boxes of Gozila mosquito coils, 432 tubes of Laser toothpaste and 500 packets of chilli powder and K 14,609,500.

Likewise, Tatmadaw families and wellwishers donated cash and kind to the Muslim Home for the Aged and Elderly Women in Thingangyun Township in the afternoon. The donations included 27 bags of rice, eight viss of edible oil, 85 viss of iodized salt, 17 tubes of toothpaste, 282 boxes of various kinds of traditional medicine, 17 viss of gram, 320 boxes of Gozila mosquito coils, 432 tubes of Laser toothpaste and 500 packets of chilli powder and K 1,757,000.

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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 Secretariat member discusses rural development

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung discussed rural development in meeting with local people from eight village-tracts at Phaya Hla Village in Taungtha Township on 13 September.

The minister inspected sale of goods at Winthuza shop. A ceremony to unveil the billboard to mark the annual general meeting of Township USDA was held in front of the town hall. He delivered a speech at the annual general meeting of township USDA.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding students in the 2008 matriculation examination and wining teams in the ninth inter-ward and village football tournament.

He also met local people from eight village tracts and attended to their needs.

The minister visited cultivation of physic nut by departments concerned and social organizations in the township. — *MNA*

***Minister U Aung Thaung inspects Winthuza shop in Taungtha.*—MNA**

Educative talk organized in Muse

YANGON, 15 Sept—Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization sponsored an educative talk at the city hall of Muse on 2 September with greetings extended by Daw Cherry, Patron of Shan State (North) WAO.

Then, Daw Nwe Nwe Hlaing, Chairperson of the WAO, explained facts on the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and then Deputy Police Captain Mi Ni Oo of Muse anti human trafficking special squad, on the anti-human trafficking. Daw Janet Nanpri, Muse Township education officer, presented 500 membership applications to Patron Daw Cherry.

Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization met local people at Youth Rest House in market ward of Muse Township to disseminate knowledge on preserving traditional culture, anti human trafficking and health education on 3 September. Later, Muse Township Women's Affairs Organization presented 1000 membership application forms to the patron.

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***Daw Janet Nanpri, Muse Township education officer, presents 500 membership application forms to Patron Daw Cherry.*—MNA**

Tasks in Mon State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected construction tasks in project area of Radiator in Bilin Township on 13 September.

The minister gave instructions to product tyres that are in high demand and to emphasize on ensuring high quality tyres after afternoon inspection of No 1 Tyre and Rubber Production Factory in Thaton Township.

Later, the minister inspected Mayangon Rubber Plantation in Kyaikto Township and left instruction to grow rubber plants and to spare no effort to exceed the production targets.

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Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects No. 1 Tyre and Rubber Factory in Thaton Township.
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Kyaikto USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 15 Sept— Kyaikto Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Annual General Meeting for 2008 at the township USDA in Kyaikto on 9 September.

Patron of the township USDA and Acting chairman of the township Peace and Development Council Police Captain Khin Aung made a speech. Officials concerned presented prizes to five three-distinction winners for 2008 matriculation examination before the secretary of the township USDA accepted 150 membership application forms presented from Gangaw ward in the township.

Wellwishers then donated K 750,000 which was received by officials concerned.

In the second part of the meeting, the township USDA secretary presided over it. The meeting covered reporting on work activities carried out in a year by the executive committee, discussion on the report and clarification. The meeting concluded with the remark of the chairman.—*MNA*

Ma Mya Dam for irrigation and…

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dam was aimed at storing 70,000 acre-feet of water to irrigate 10,000 acres of farmlands in Myanaung Township and preventing the floods at farmlands on both banks of Ma Mya Creek.

Ma Mya Creek that originated at Rakhine mountain range flows into Ayeyawady River. Ma Mya Lay Creek, upstream of Ma Mya Creek, flows into Ma Mya Gyi Creek. As a result, a large volume of water flows into Ma Mya Dam.

On our trip to Ma Mya Dam, we went along Pathein-Monywa road from Okshitpin junction. On reaching mile post 17/0, we proceeded one mile west of the road to the dam. At present, the right canal has been constructed and it supplies water to 5,000 acres of farmlands to grow summer paddy.

Ma Mya Dam was built near Hmyinwahtaung Village of Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Division, by damming Ma Mya Gyi Creek. In the watershed area of the dam, a total of 240,000 physic nut plants, 300 mango trees, 800 tamarind trees, 200 coconut palms and 400 cashew plants are grown, and flowery plants are thriving there.

Accompanied by Staff Officer U Khin Maung Than, I studied electricity supply to the villages by installing micro hydropower generators at the water outlets along the right canal of the dam. China-made 2 KW, 3KW and 5KW generators were installing five water outlets together with turbine casing parts manufactured and installed by staff of Construction-9 of the Irrigation Department.

Moreover, engineers of the department calculated capacities of sizes of turbine casing, draft tubes, inflow of water and water level in installing the generators. Electricity is being supplied to Hmyinwahtaung and Ngabatkya villages.

The Construction-9 of the Irrigation Department is upholding the concepts that the dam contributes to greening its environs, cultivation of paddy and development of the country, and the government builds dams to develop villages and generate power by minimizing costs.

Ma Mya Dam has over two miles long embankment and over 600 feet high water control tower. Hence, the dam is pleasantly located in harmony with its water storage area. Ma Mya Dam will irrigate paddy fields and other crops fields forever. For ensuring development of rural areas, electricity is being generated at the dam. As a result, the rural people enjoy fruits of water and power supply thanks to the government's efforts. Local farmers can now concentrate on the extended cultivation of crops for the State and the people.

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Bomber of video lounge in Kyaukkyi arrested

People to remain vigilant against and expose destructive elements trying to enter in disguise

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — News reports were issued on 12 September that authorities concerned discovered an improvised explosive device with a timer made of plastic hidden under the display of goods in a grocery in Theindan Ward, Kyaukkyi, Bago Division, at about 7.05 pm on 11 September. But they managed to clear the bomb. At the time of clearing the bomb, two other bombs exploded in a video lounge in the same ward at 8.20 pm and 8.30 pm respectively killing one man and one woman and wounding eight men and one woman.

The two dead were Mg Saw Bo Nay Tun (Kayin national, a student), 13, son of U Saw Ka Paw He and Ma Pan Nu Khaing, 20 (Bamar national), daughter of U Po Si. The nine wounded persons were Ma Lin Zarni Win (Bamar national, a student), 14, daughter of U Tin Win; Mg Saw Mu Ka Paw Htu (Kayin national, a student), 12, son of U Hti Paw Htu; Mg Saw John Hso Wah (Kayin national,a student), 13, son of U Than Khe; Mg Aung Naing Oo, 20 (Bamar national), son of U Soe Kyi; Mg Chit Yin Htoo (Bamar national), 20, son of U Soe Win; Mg Saw Da Si Htu (Kayin national), 19, son of U Saw Ei Kaw Si; Mg Saw Htu Lay Soe (Kayin national, a student), 7, son of U Saw Pala Htu; Mg Saw Bu Kay Htu (Kayin national), 17, son of U Saw Htu Paw; and Mg Saw Da Hse Hse, 20 (Kayin national), son of U Saw Maung Htu.

Knowing that the causalities in the incidents were only innocent civilians and that they are suffering from insecure life and economic loss, the people have come to abhor the terrorist insurgents. And the tip-off by the duty-conscious people led to the arrest of Saw Ya Ko (a) Saw Yangon, who planted the bomb in the video lounge, at his house at 4 pm on 12 September.

Saw Ya Ko living in Hnetpyawtaw Village in Kyaukkyi Township served as a private in KNU battalion (20) for four years starting 1976. In 2002 he contacted Phado Saw Nar of Kyaukkyi Township KNU Administrative Board and started engaging in cattle smuggling. In August 2008 he served as supply in charge sending rice rations to KNU battalion (8). Phado Saw Nar met him in the football ground of Kyaukkyi at 5 pm on 10 September, asked him to plant bombs and gave him K 100,000. Saw Ya Ko confessed that he detonated two bombs in the video lounge and placed a timer bomb in a bamboo basket of the grocery in Theindan Ward.

Internal and external destructive elements are plotting to detonate bombs in busy places of the country. According to sources, it has been reported that KNU, ABSDF and VBSW sent five saboteurs into the country on 10 September to detonate bombs in busy places of Yangon. Authorities concerned are trying their utmost to expose the terrorists and their explosives.

Therefore, the people are to remain vigilant against and expose the destructionists, who can slide into public communities in disguise. If there is any suspicious-looking person, the people are to inform the authorities concerned about it in order to thwart any destructive acts.

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A 7-year-old victim Mg Saw Htu Lay Soe.

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The photo shows the place of explosion.

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Mg Saw Bo Nay Tun, 13, died of bomb blast.

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A wounded 12-year-old Mg Saw Mu Ka Paw Htu.

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Terrorist bomber Saw Ya Ko (a) Saw Yangon.

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UN chief blasts 'cowardly' Afghan attacks

UN chief Ban Ki-Moon

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept—UN chief Ban Ki-Moon blasted as "unacceptable and cowardly" the suicide attack on a UN convoy that killed three people, his spokesman said.

"The Secretary-General condemns in the strongest possible terms the suicide attack against a United Nations convoy in southern Afghanistan earlier today," spokesman Farhan Haq said in a statement on Sunday. "These unacceptable and cowardly actions show the brutal face of those opposing progress towards peace and reconstruction in Afghanistan."

The attack in Kandahar province killed two Afghan doctors working for the World Health Organization as well as their driver. They were in "clearly marked UN vehicles ... carrying out a polio vaccination campaign," he said.

Internet

Four dead in Australian helicopter crash: police

***Aerial view of the Bungle Bungle National Park in northwestern Australia. Four people have died in a helicopter crash in Western Australia's remote Kimberly region, police said.*—INTERNET**

SYDNEY, 15 Sept—Four people died in a helicopter crash Sunday in Western Australia's remote Kimberly region, police said.

A male helicopter pilot and three female passengers were killed when the helicopter crashed and burst into flames in the Bungle Bungle National Park about 1:00pm (0600GMT), police said.

Police said the accident happened 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) from the Bellburn air strip near Argyle, the site of a major diamond mine and a popular destination for international tourists.

Further details about the crash victims were not available. Police said air crash investigators were at the scene.—*Internet*

Freeport blasts in Indonesia could be linked: police

TIMIKA (Indonesia), 15 Sept—An explosion near an airport belonging to US mining giant Freeport in Indonesia's eastern Papua province could be linked to an earlier mortar blast, police said Monday.

The Sunday night explosion was the second in three days on the property of the Freeport Indonesia copper and gold mine, which has long been a source of tension in the province.

There were no injuries in either case, police said.

In the latest incident, an explosive destroyed the door of a power plant about one kilometre (0.62 miles) from the airport in Timika town, which is near the mine, said national police spokesman Abubakar Nataprawira.

"Up to now, we don't know the type of explosives used," he said in Jakarta.

The incident happened outside the mine itself and caused no disruption to operations, Freeport spokesman Mindo Pangaribuan said.

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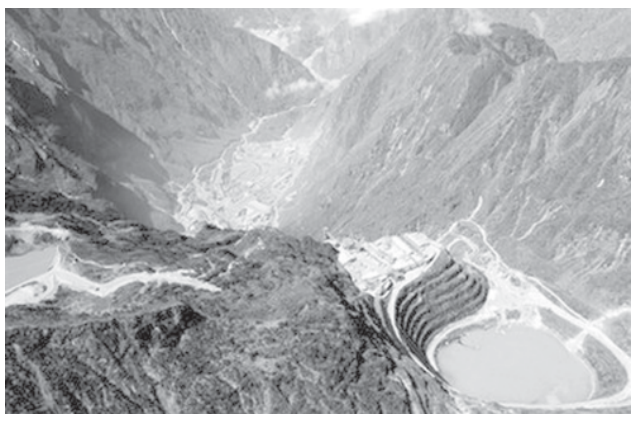

File photo shows part of a mine run by US mining giant Freeport in Indonesia's Papua province.
INTERNET

10 dead in central China coal mine cave-in

ZHENGZHOU, 15 Sept – Ten miners died after a coal mine cave-in on Saturday in Luoyang City, central China's Henan Province, local authorities confirmed Sunday night.

Rescuers have recovered the bodies of all the 10 miners as of 8:40 p.m. from a collapsed goaf lane. They were cleansing the deserted tunnel section, when the accident happened at 2:20 p.m. Saturday.

Experts, after initial investigation, attributed the cave-in to the water penetration in the shabby goaf lane. Shi Jichun, vice governor of Henan, has taken command of the rescue work at the site. He promised all-out effort to search for the missing.—*MNA/Xinhua*

A Perfect Landing ...Extreme sportsman Felix Baumgartner lands on Scandinavia's highest residential building the "Turning Torso" in Malmo, Sweden, after jumping from a helicopter. Equipped with a second parachute Baumgartner then jumped from the "Turning Torso."

Boy doles out hundreds of fake $20 bills at school

Authorities say an 8-year-old boy was handing out hundreds of dollars in fake $20 bills at an Ocala elementary school. School officials reported the boy to police on Tuesday.

The fake bills were discovered when a child tried to use one to pay for lunch. An administrator then tracked down several other students with fake bills. Those students all identified the boy.

The boy — who was not identified _ was turned over to the Department of Children and Families after authorities learned his guardians had warrants for their arrest.

In all, the counterfeit money added up to 44 notes or $880. Police say they don't know who produced the fake currency.

Cats rescued after apparently starting house fire

Chattanooga firefighters rescued several cats during a house fire that investigators say was probably caused by the cats themselves.

Fire department spokesman Bruce Garner said firefighters responded to an alarm Thursday morning and found a fire in the kitchen. While no one was home, they found about 10 cats inside.

Some of the cats escaped the house on their own, but some showed signs of smoke inhalation. Firefighters used oxygen bottles and special masks to revive several of the cats. Garner said one cat was not expected to survive.

Lesley Morgan said the cause of the fire appears to be accidental and most likely from a cat knocking over an unattended candle in the kitchen.

Hey! You have a snake hanging from your car!

Think rush hour is bad enough? What if a three-foot python were part of the drive home? The News & Observer of Raleigh reported Friday that biochemical engineer Marika Suominen-Yeh got the surprise of her life last week when a motorist flagged her down after seeing a snake drop from beneath her minivan.

Danny Markadakis, a former snake owner, waited for a lull in traffic, then scooped up the snake and took it home.

Markadakis took the three-foot ball python to Avian & Exotic Animal Care, where it was treated for a mild abdominal burns and adopted this past weekend.

NEWSALBUM

ND woman, 86, labours through the holiday

Millions of Americans had Labor Day off, but not Lucy Dumas. The 86-year-old Fargo woman did what she's always done: work.

Dumas has been earning an income for more than 70 years. "You name it and I've done it," said Dumas, a former Hillsboro cafe owner who now works full-time at a fast-food restaurant.

"She is the one person I can rely on," said Lindsey Weiss, 23, manager of Hardee's in Fargo.

A dog shakes off some sea water as he rides a wave during the small dog heat at the 3rd annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon held by the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Del Mar, California.

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Chilean police detain 19 demonstrators in protest

SANTIAGO, 15 Sept — Chilean police detained 19 demonstrators in clashes during a march on Sunday.

The march was organzied to pay tribute to victims during the 1973-90 rule of Augusto Pinochet.

Clashes broke out around midday in the centre of Santiago when a group of masked demonstrators threw rocks and bottles at police and vandalized shops, traffic signals and public garbage cans.

Police reacted with water cannons and tear gas and detained 19 demonstrators for damaging public and private properties.

The march and the clashes ended at a memorial wall bearing names of the victims of dictatorship repression.

Some 3,000 people marched to the city's main cemetery Sunday.

The event is organized each year around the anniversary of the September 11, 1973, coup by leaders of the Group of Families of Disappeared Detainees and other social and human rights organizations.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll from Ike climbs to five in Galveston

Boats and debris are piled up after Hurricane Ike hit Galveston, Texas, on 13 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

GALEVESTON, 15 Sept— Officials in Galveston raised to five the number of people killed in the city by Hurricane Ike, as the storm-battered US Gulf Coast continued to dry out and clean up.

The five reported deaths were in the weather-ravaged port city of Galveston, and officials said Sunday the toll was likely to rise as clean up and recovery continued. Simon Chabel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency told AFP that as of late Sunday, 3,743 people had been rescued throughout Texas after Ike, a Category Two storm, blew the roofs off of houses, felled trees, flooded roads, and downed and power lines when it made landfall here early Saturday.

Millions of people in the remained without power, water or sanitation Sunday, prompting officials to advise residents sheltering outside the region to stay away until conditions in the storm-battered region improved.

" Galveston has been hit hard. We have no power. We have no gas. We have no communications. We're not sure when any of that will be up and running," Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said.—*Internet*

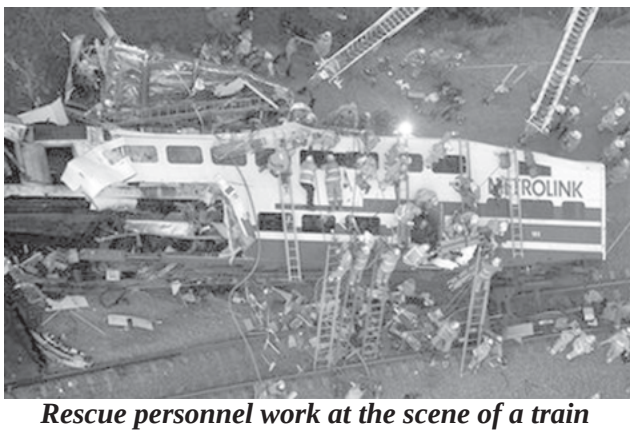
More than 20 die in Indonesian charity queue crush

JAKARTA, 15 Sept— Twenty one people were killed and scores more hurt when a crowd stampeded in Indonesia after about 10,000 people queued for a charity handout to mark the Muslim fasting month, the state news agency said on Monday.

The crush happened in the East Java town of Pasuruan when a crowd of poor people were waiting for a donation, known as zakat, of 30,000 rupiah ($3.18) each from a wealthy family, Antara said. Some people collapsed due to a lack of oxygen in the crush, while others were trampled, the report said, adding the injured were being treated in a nearby hospital.

Zakat, or alms, is obligatory for wealthy Muslims and usually paid before the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. Many poor people in mostly Muslim Indonesia depend on these funds for several months.—*Internet*

NTSB to seek cell phone records in LA train crash



Rescue personnel work at the scene of a train crash in Los Angeles, on 12 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—Federal investigators say they will seek the cell phone records of two teenagers and a train engineer as they probe whether text messages factored into a fiery commuter train crash that killed 25 in Southern California.

Kitty Higgins, a board member for the National Transportation Safety Board, says her agency is also talking with the two teens and their families. The teens told KCBS-TV that they received a text message from the engineer at 4:22 pm Friday, just moments before the deadly crash. Higgins says that the engineer's cell phone was not recovered at the crash site Sunday.

She declined to say what the teens and their families have told investigators thus far.—*Internet*

Colombia police seize 150 guns, 700 kilos of drug

BOGOTA, 15 Sept—Colombian police seized 150 guns and 700 kilos of drug in a hiding place of a Colombian paramilitary chief in the northwest Antioquia Province, authorities said Sunday.

Police found on Saturday the hiding place during an operation codenamed "Republic 56" to combat the armed gang of Daniel Rendon, alias "Don Mario", in Antioquia.

A total of 500 kilos of cocaine and 200 kilos of cocaine base paste were discovered in the hiding place, said the police.

MNA/Xinhua

Thierry Atta sweeps the courtyard of his house built in the shape of a crocodile in Ivory Coast's capital Abidjan, on 11 Sept, 2008.— INTERNET

Coast Guard seizes $8.4 million worth of cocaine

Seven tons of cocaine are found aboard this vessel Saturday in the eastern Pacific Ocean.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The US Coast Guard seized seven tons of cocaine with an estimated street value of $8.4 million in what one officer called "the most dangerous operation of my career."

A Coast Guard team seized the drugs and arrested four suspected smugglers after boarding the stateless vessel in the eastern Pacific Ocean, about 350 miles west of Guatemala, on Saturday.

The vessel, a submarine-like ship known as a self-propelled semi-submersible, moves beneath the surface of the water but cannot submerge completely like a true submarine.

The ship's crew threw the engines abruptly into reverse when they saw the Coast Guard team boarding the vessel, in an effort to throw them into the water, the Coast Guard said in a news release.

When that failed, the alleged smugglers tried to sink their ship, but eventually complied with orders from the Coast Guard to close valves that were flooding the vessel, the agency said.

Internet

In this photo released by the Wildlife Conservation Society, a Chilean pink flamingo preens its feathers at the Bronx Zoo in New York, on 10 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

One dead and 30 missing in Turkish ferry sinking

ISTANBUL, 15 Sept — A ferry carrying about 100 passengers sank near Turkey's northwest port of Bandirma overnight, killing at least one person and leaving some 30 people missing, officials said on Monday. Broadcaster NTV said two people had been killed but the report could not be independently verified.

Local fishermen joined rescue operations when the roll-on roll-off ferry, loaded with 73 trucks and two cars, went down in the Sea of Marmara shortly after leaving Bandirma for Istanbul.

Officials said 68 people had been rescued, 31 of whom were injured, but that strong waves and winds were hindering the search.

"It looks like there are about 30 people who are missing, but this is a guess and that figure could rise or fall," said Selahattin Hatipoglu, governor of Balikesir province.

Internet

At least one person died and about 30 remained unaccounted for after a ferry carrying at least 100 people and 75 vehicles sank late Sunday off northwestern Turkey, officials said.—INTERNET

Japanese-born giant panda has twins

A female panda cub at Adventure World amusement park in Japan's Wakayama prefecture. Seven-year-old Rauhin has given birth to a female and a male cub at the zoo where she has spent her whole life, becoming the first Japanese-born panda to breed. INTERNET

TOKYO, 15 Sept — A giant panda born and raised in western Japan has given birth to two cubs, a zoo official said Sunday.

Seven-year-old Rauhin gave birth to a female and a male cub early Saturday morning at the zoo where she has spent her whole life, becoming the first Japanese-born panda to breed."We are very pleased to see that a giant panda who was born in this zoo gave birth," Tomoko Kumakawa, spokeswoman for Adventure World in Wakayama prefecture, told AFP.

Kumakawa said it was not clear whether the birth was the result of natural mating with a male giant panda the zoo brought in from China. The zoo had also conducted artificial insemination to improve Rauhin's chances of breeding.Captive giant pandas are known for their low sex drive, which is exacerbating falling numbers as their natural habitat in southwestern China is encroached on by development.

Internet

Colon cancer Oncogene discovered

SUNDAY, 15 Sept— Researchers have identified a new genetic player in the development of colon cancer.

The findings implicate CDK8, a protein that regulates gene expression in the proliferation of colorectal cancer, the researchers found.

Should the results be validated, they could lead to new therapeutic approaches for colon cancer, as well as new screening and chemo-preventative strategies, said Dr Durado Brooks, director of prostate and colorectal cancer at the American Cancer Society.

Internet

New breast cancer vaccine helps body fight tumors

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Researchers who designed one experimental breast cancer vaccine say they have fine-tuned the process and come up with another that they hope will be more effective.

Their new vaccine delivers a cancer-fighting gene into cells, which then produce immune system proteins as well as tumor-destroying cells."In our own mind it is a very significant advance because we have put the gene into the cells in the body. The vaccine is produced by your own cells," Wei-Zen Wei of Wayne State University in Detroit, who led the study, said in a telephone interview. "It is made right in your body."

The vaccine eliminated tumors in mice from a type of cancer called HER2 positive cancer, they reported in the journal Cancer Research. HER2-positive cancers account for between 20 percent and 30 percent of breast cancers.—*Internet*

Official: Women among 32 dead in Pakistan clashes

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan), 15 Sept—Security forces backed by helicopter gunships and heavy artillery struck suspected militant hide-outs in northwest Pakistan, killing 32 people, including three women, an official said Monday.

The attack Sunday came in the latest round of a bloody military offensive that has reportedly killed hundreds of people in recent weeks in the Bajur tribal region bordering Afghanistan.Bajur is a suspected hide-out of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and one of the regions the US fears is a safe haven for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters involved in attacks in Afghanistan.—*Internet*

An alligator is seen on a road in Sabine Pass, Texas, on 14 Sept, 2008, as the area recovers from the effects of Hurricane Ike.— INTERNET

SPORTS

*Kenya's Kipyego Julios (L) and Kiplimo Kimutai run in the Half-Marathon competition in Medellin on 14 Sept, 2008. —*XINHUA

Scolari fires Chelsea title warning

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Luiz Felipe Scolari has warned Chelsea's title rivals that his side are not at full power yet despite its convincing 3-1 win at Manchester City.

Scolari has had to cope with injuries to key players like Michael Essien and Michael Ballack and the Blues boss knows his side will get much stronger when he can finally choose a settled team.

Despite those problems, Chelsea is already top of the table and six points ahead of reigning champion Manchester United which lost 2-1 at bitter rivals Liverpool. —*Internet*

Wilkinson facing future with confidence

LONDON, 15 Sept— Jonny Wilkinson was in optimistic mood after marking his latest return to action with a flawless goalkicking display as Newcastle beat Northampton 32-22 in the English Premiership.

The England outside-half, who'd been on the sidelines for six months following shoulder surgery, landed all of his placekicks as well as a trademark drop-goal from 45 yards while in open play he provided a scoring pass which set up a try for wing Ollie Phillips.

Wilkinson, England's record points scorer, was delighted to have played his part in giving Newcastle their opening league win of the season after they lost first time out at home to Sale a week earlier.

Jonny Wilkinson

"The story of your season can be formed in the last seconds of games and if you keep getting on the wrong side (of the score) it can really drag you into the dirt," he said after scoring 22 points.

"So to get back in the changing room with everyone's heads up and plenty of smiles means we can now look forward to next week," he added ahead of the Falcons' trip to Saracens.—*Internet*

Casey and KJ join star cast at Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 15 Sept—European Ryder Cup star Paul Casey and Asia's top player KJ Choi seen here announced their intention to play in this year's HSBC Champions tournament Monday, joining most of the world's other top players.

Englishman Casey will tee off alongside Ryder Cup teammates Padraig Harrington, Sergio Garcia and Henrik Stenson and US rival Phil Mickelson at Shanghai's Sheshan International Golf Club.

Also confirmed for the 6-9 November event are Fijian world number three Vijay Singh, Australians Geoff Ogilvy and Adam Scott, as well as US Open champion Trevor Immelman of South Africa.

"This is the last piece of 'business' for me before I bury myself mentally, physically and emotionally in the Ryder Cup," said Casey of his confirmation for Shanghai ahead of the Ryder Cup that begins on Friday in Kentucky.

"It's going to be a huge week, but it's important when you come out of something this big to have the next goals ready and in place."

The five million dollar HSBC Champions is co-sanctioned by the European, Asian, Australasian and South African tours. Winners from those tours and players in the world's top 50 are eligible to compete.

Internet

***European Ryder Cup star Paul Casey and Asia's top player KJ Choi, seen here, announced their intention to play in this year's HSBC Champions tournament Monday, joining most of the world's other top players.—*INTERNET**

***Pittsburgh Steelers Hines Ward is unable to dive and make a catch in front of Cleveland Browns defender Terry Cousin in the fourth quarter of their NFL football game in Cleveland, Ohio on 14 Sept, 2008.—*INTERNET**

Steelers record 10th straight victory over Browns

NEW YORK, 15 Sept — The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Cleveland Browns for the 10th consecutive time on Sunday, the 10-6 victory maintaining the visiting team's unbeaten start to the season.

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger connected with Hines Ward on an 11-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and Jeff Reed added a 48-yard field goal in the third to give the Steelers (2-0) an unassailable 10-0 lead.

Cleveland (0-2) responded with field goals of 31 and 38 yards by Phil Dawson but were unable to get any closer. The Steelers, buoyed by 105 rushing yards from Willie Parker, last lost to the Browns in 2003.—*Internet*

Zambrano throws no-hitter as Cubs beat Astros 5-0

MILWAUKEE, 15 Sept — ILWAUKEE - All the elements were in Carlos Zambrano's favor. Zambrano pitched the first no-hitter for the Chicago Cubs in 36 years, returning from a sore rotator cuff to shut down the Houston Astros 5-0 Sunday night in a game relocated because of Hurricane Ike. "I guess I'm back!" Zambrano woofed.

Pitching for the first time since 2 Sept, and cheered on by thousands of Cubs fans, Zambrano stopped a Houston team that had not played since Thursday. The storm forced baseball to move two games from Texas to Miller Park and the weary Astros arrived only hours before the first pitch.

The Cubs, meanwhile, faced a short bus ride. Plenty of their faithful followed them up I-94, once again turning the Brewers' ballpark into "Wrigley North."

This was baseball's first neutral-site no-hitter, the Elias Sports Bureau said.—*Internet*

***Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Carlos Zambrano reacts after the final out in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros on 14 Sept, 2008, in Milwaukee.—*INTERNET**

Aboutraika rescues Ahly in Cairo derby stalemate

CAIRO, 15 Sept — Mohamed Aboutraika rescued Al-Ahly once again with the second-half equaliser in a 2-2 draw against bitter rivals Zamalek in an all-Egypt African Champions League clash.

The midfielder, whose goal Sunday brought his country a record sixth African Nations Cup title last February, latched on to a Flavio Amado pass as Zamalek defenders stood still and steered the ball wide of goalkeeper Abdulwahed al-Sayed.

Angolan Amado had put the Cairo 'Red Devils' ahead after only eight minutes with a flashing header off a free kick from compatriot Felisberto 'Gilberto' Amaral on a sweltering night at the Cairo Stadium. But the 'White Knights' hit back and scored either side of half-time with Gamal Hamza levelling and then setting up former Nottingham Forest star Junior Agogo for the second goal.

A draw sealed first place in Group A for Ahly with 11 points from five matches while Dynamos of Zimbabwe, ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast or Zamalek could join them in the semi-finals of the 3.5-million-dollar competition.—*Internet*

***Mohamed Aboutraika, seen here, rescued Al-Ahly once again with the second-half equaliser in a 2-2 draw against bitter rivals Zamalek in an all-Egypt African Champions League clash.* INTERNET**

Pirates fire rockets at French boat far off Somalia

PARIS, 15 Sept— Pirates fired rockets at a French tuna fishing boat in international waters in the Indian Ocean, 400 nautical miles (740 kilometres) off the Somali coast, the French Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries said on Sunday.

The boat suffered some damage but no one was hurt and it was able to get away after the attack, which occurred during the night, the ministry said in a statement. French and Spanish tropical tuna fishing boats present in the area have all gone back to port in the Seychelles because of the insecurity, the ministry said.

Minister Michel Barnier requested an urgent meeting with his defence and foreign affairs counterparts to examine what measures could be taken to help protect boats sailing in international waters in the Indian Ocean.

Barnier called for solutions at European Union level during the French presidency of the bloc, which lasts until the end of this year, to protect a fleet of 55 European boats that fish in the area, according to the statement.

MNA/Reuters

Eight dead in Philippines as clashes erupt

MANILA, 15 Sept — Sporadic clashes erupted between the government troops and the Muslim rebels in southern Philippines over the weekend, leaving at least eight people killed, including a suspected rebel field commander, local news network INQUIRER.NET reported Sunday.

Major Peter Edwin Navarro, spokesperson of Armed Forces of the Philippines 601st Brigade, said the hostilities started Saturday noon in the marshy areas of Datu Piang town in Maguindanao Province. Seven suspected members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and one government soldier were killed.

Navarro said the military encountered undetermined number of rebels believed to be under the most wanted MILF sub-commander Ameril Ombra Kato in Datu Piang town where the rebels were trapped.

MNA/Xinhua

Interstate 45 leading into downtown Houston is blocked by police after the major transportation artery was closed by flooding caused by rains following Hurricane Ike September 14, 2008.—REUTERS

Flood News

(Issued at 13:30 hr MST on 15-9-2008)

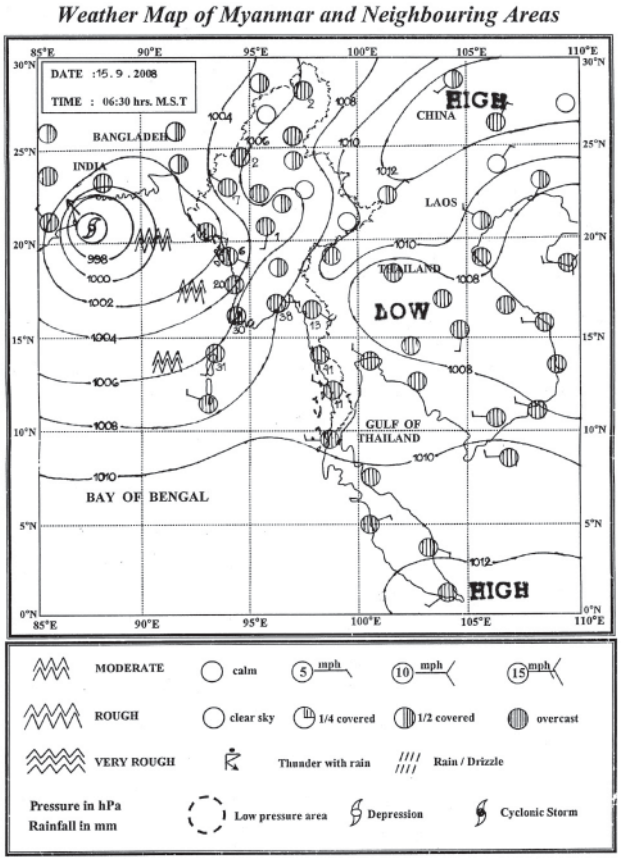
According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is (1351) cm. It is forecast to fall below its danger level (1342) cm during the next (3) days.

Storm News

(Issued at 14:30 hrs MST on 15-9-2008)

According to the observations at (12:30) hr MST today, Yesterday's depression over Northwest Bay has not developed further significantly and lay centered at about (160) mile South of Kolkatta (India). It is forecast to move Northwest slowly and cross the Orrissa Coast of India during the (12) hrs commencing this afternoon today.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 15 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (2.84)inches, Gwa (2.48) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.13) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.97) inches, Mindat (1.78) inches, Kayan (1.65) inches, Zaungtu (1.61) inches, and Magway (0.91) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-9-2008 was 86˚F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2008 was 70ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-9-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 14-9-2008 was (1.6) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 15-9-2008 was (0.98) inch at Mingaladon, (1.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.13) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (89.64) inches at Mingaladon, (100.59) inches at Kaba-Aye and (117.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (22:45) hours MST on 14-9-2008.

Bay inference: Acoording to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's depression over the Northwest Bay has not developed further significantly and lay centered at about (160) mile South of Kolkatta (India). It is forecast to move Northwest slowly and cross the Orrissa Coast of India during the (12) hrs commencing this afternoon today, monsoonish condition prevail over Rakhine and weather is cloudy in North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Chin, Kayah, Southern and Eastern Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Southern Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-9-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 16 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပါတသွန်ပါဠိတော်

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
5. Dance of National Races

8:00 am
6. Song of Yesteryear

8:15 am
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Musical programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. Musical programme

4:20 pm
3. မြန်မာစာ ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:35 pm
4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:40 pm
5. The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:50 pm
6. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm
7. "အေးမြသောလေညှင်းလေးများ" (မေတ္တာ၊ ဇေယျ၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ ဇူးဇူးမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး) (ပဲရစ်)

5:10 pm
8. Sing and enjoy

5:50 pm
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6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရွေဥဏ်ရှင်

7:15 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပန်းပျိုးလက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
27. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

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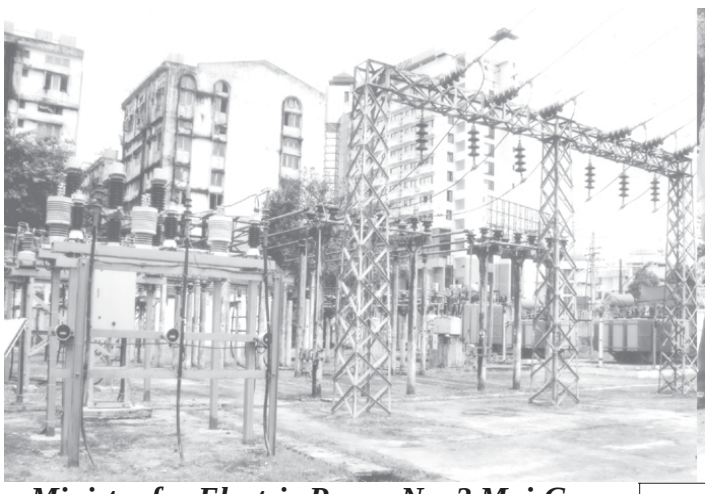
Prevent overloads, line faults to supply power at full capacity



Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint at a subpower station in Mayangon.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept — Overloads and line faults should be prevented to supply power at full capacity, said Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint while visiting a subpower station in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Officials at all levels should make efforts with goodwill based on knowledge and experience, he pointed out after hearing reports of the responsible personnel at the control room. The minister looked around the station and power network control department inspecting the functions of the switchyard, transformers, city power distribution work and bill collection counters.

It was in the control room that the minister attended to the needs of the facility, instructing officials to ensure uninterrupted suppy of electricity and to curb illegal use of power. —*MNA*

How to make disaster preparedness and prevention

YANGON, 15 Sept—A (Training) Course on Disaster Preparedness and Prevention was launched at the Fire Service Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here, today.

Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe made an opening speech on the occasion.

UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha extended greetings and Dr Aung Tun Thet of Mingalar Myanmar Foundation explained matters on the course.

With the aim of uplifting the ability of those who are getting involved in disaster managements and disseminating knowledge to the public after receiving the help of well-experienced trainers from INGO, the SWRR Ministry, UNICEF, Myanmar UNDP, Malteser International, Pact Myanmar, ACF, Mercy Crop, Action Aid and Mingalar Myanmar Foundation jointly opened the five-day course which is being taken by 30 trainees – 20 from Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions and 10 from three departments under the ministry.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe addresses opening ceremony of (Training) Course on Disaster Preparedness and Prevention.—MNA

Ma Mya Dam for irrigation and power generation

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is implementing the plans of growing major crops namely paddy, sugarcane, cotton and beans and pulses for ensuring development of the economic sector. In doing so, various sizes of dams have been built in all parts of the country for regional development. Ma Mya dam that can supply water as well as generate electricity was inaugurated in Myanaung Township of Ayeyawady Division last year. Construction of the

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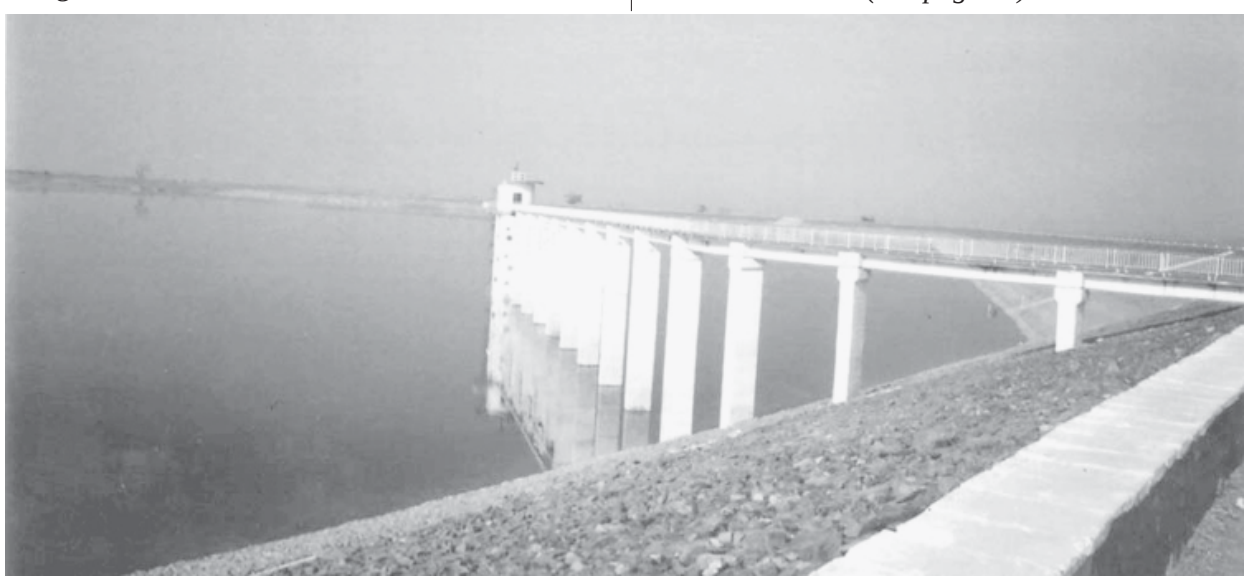

Water control tower of Ma Mya Dam.

Chang'e-1 sends back "verbal" wishes

BEIJING, 14 Sept—China's first moon probe satellite Chang'e-1 sent back greetings to earth on Sunday, China's Mid-Autumn Festival.

"Let's (all Chinese compatriots) enjoy together the bright moonlight and look forward to our reunion," the verbal wishes said, according to the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence.

The traditional festival, which falls on the full-moon fifteenth day of the eighth month in the Chinese lunar calendar, is associated with reunion. The satellite also sent two songs, both featuring reunion, besides the verbal wishes.

One is named "Ali Mountain Girl", It was created in 1949 by Deng Yuping for an Ali Mountain-related movie and became very popular across China in 1960s.

The other song was named after one famous Chinese poem written by Su Shi, an eminent writer of the Song Dynasty (960-12790), saying "We (lovers) wish each other a long life so as to share the beauty of this graceful moonlight, even though far apart."

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