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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

Coastal road networks as disaster escape routes

Prime Minister tours Labutta Township



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits local people living in new homes at Polaung Village in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein visited Thingangyi and Polaung Villages and Pyinsalu in Labutta Township yesterday and made arrangements for regional development.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman

of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government's Office and officials arrived in Thingangyi Village from Patheingyi by helicopter.

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May new players be statesmen

National politics means doing one's bit in the national cause. For instance, independence struggles for liberation from the British, Anti-Fascist Resistance, military operations launched in the 1950s to drive nationalist Chinese troops out of the Myanmar soil after the announcements on the invasion for the global information, and the process of transition to democracy.

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KYAW MIN AYE

FIFA president gives Soweto's Soccer City stadium thumbs up

SOWETO, 16 Sept—"I'm very impressed with the building progress of the stadium so far. It is big and looks great," said Blatter after today's site visit.

Soccer City, which will host the final match of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

Blatter joked with the international and local media that even the pleasant Johannesburg weather was on "their side" in ensuring that the building of the 95,000 capacity stadium will be completed on time. Blatter was flanked by the Local Organising Committee Board chairman Irvin Khoza, CEO Danny Jordaan, business tycoon Tokyo Sexwale, transport minister Jeff Radebe and the FIFA delegation.

He however cautioned that it was equally important for the country to focus on preparations for next year's FIFA Confederations Cup.

He said the stadiums earmarked to host the Confederations Cup games next year should be ready on time.

Blatter reiterated his support and confidence in South Africa that the country will host the first African's Soccer World Cup event.

The Executive Mayor of Johannesburg Amosa Maseko assured Blatter that the city was ready.

Internet



FIFA President Joseph Blatter(R), seen here mingling with construction workers at the Greenpoint WC2010 football stadium in Cape Town. —INTERNET

PERSPECTIVES

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Salt farming to return to normal soon

Seven townships in Ayeyawady Division and 40 townships in Yangon Division suffered heavy loss of lives and property including economic enterprises during the storm that hit hard Myanmar this May. Now, rehabilitation tasks have reached their peak in the storm-affected areas thanks to the voluntary service and relief supplies provided by the government, national entrepreneurs and local and foreign donors.

So far, more than 2000 houses have been built for the homeless victims, and they have resettled and restored their livelihoods.

Agricultural farming, fish farming and salt farming are the three main sources of livelihoods for local people in Ayeyawady Division. Up to now, over 8000 power-tillers, over 2000 draught cattle, over 1.7 million baskets of paddy seeds and fuel have been provided for the storm-stricken areas for timely restoration of agricultural work. As a result, 90 per cent of the total sown acreage of paddy fields has been put under paddy.

Likewise, local fishermen have restored their businesses due to the assistance of over 9000 fishing boats, over 10,000 fishing nets and fishing gear.

Myaungmya, Labutta, Pyapon and Ngapudaw townships lost more than 20,000 acres of salt farms, more than 20,000 tons of coarse salt, and related equipment in the catastrophe. So, it calls for continued efforts for the salt farming, a main business of the region, to return to normal. The process covers repairing of the dykes of the salt farms, saltwater lakes, and the embankments of the lakes.

After the process, salt farmers have to complete the draining of seawater into the lakes, exposing the saltwater to the sun, and collecting coarse salt beginning October till the rainy season.

Now, a target has been set to produce 300,000 tons of salt including mining salt. The salt farming will return to normal soon if related ministries render assistance to salt farmers, and salt farmers and workers work hard.

MFF President U Zaw Zaw makes a speech at coord meeting on development of Myanmar football. — NLM



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

CEC member attends Dedaye Township USDA AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min delivered an address and presented prizes to outstanding students at the annual general meeting of Dedaye Township USDA at the meeting hall of Dedaye Township Peace and Development Council on 14 September.

The minister viewed learning of school children at Nay Yaung Ka village (Affiliated) BEHS in the township and presented K 1 million for construction of school building.

At the station



USDA CEC member Maj-Gen Aung Min presents prize to an outstanding student.—MNA

hospital, the minister looked into patient ward and surgical ward ravaged

by the storm and presented K 1 million for repairing surgical equipment. The

minister also met with health staff and local people at the hospital.—MNA

Thanbyuzayat Township USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 16 Sept—The annual general meeting of the Thanbyuzayat Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the township USDA's office on 4 September. Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung spoke on the occasion.

Secretary of Mon State USDA U Tin Soe Moe Naing and officials presented prizes to 12 distinction winners and the schools with the highest pass rate in the matriculation examination and those who participated in community welfare services.

Secretary of Township USDA U Khin Maung Oo accepted cash and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.—MNA

Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—According to the observations at 16:00 hrs MST today, depression over the Northwest Bay of Bengal is not moving significantly. It continues crossing the Orrisa Coast of India.—MNA

Officials, supporters seek means to develop Myanmar football

YANGON, 16 Sept— A coordination meeting on development of Myanmar football was held at Sedona Hotel here this afternoon, attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, vice-presidents and executives, entrepreneurs who provided assistance to Myanmar League Football Tourney, responsible persons from Myanmar League teams, mediamen and guests.

President of MFF U Zaw Zaw clarified the purpose of the meeting.

Next, Director-General U Thaung Htaik and officials and President U Zaw Zaw presented certificates of honour to well-wishers who donated cash for development of Myanmar Football. The donations included K 50 million by IBTC Co Ltd, K 10 million by Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd, K 5 million by MDG Co Ltd and K 3 million by Khin Maung Nyunt Co Ltd.

Next, General Secretary U Tin Aung and executives explained future work programmes to be implemented by MFF.

President U Zaw Zaw replied to queries raised by those present and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the director-general—MNA

NATO, US take greater toll on Afghans

KABUL, 16 Sept —The number of Afghan civilians killed in insurgent attacks and airstrikes by foreign troops has risen 40 percent in the past year, and more died in August than in any month since the 2001 ouster of the Taliban, the UN said Tuesday.

Exactly 800 of the 1,445 Afghan deaths between January and the end of August — or 55 percent — were caused by Taliban and other insurgents, the UN said. During the same eight-month period in 2007, 1,040 civilians died.

US or NATO airstrikes caused 395 deaths — two-thirds of the total casualties inflicted by pro-government forces, the UN said.

Some 330 civilians died in August alone, including about 92 killed in a US-led raid on the village of Azizabad, the UN said. The Afghan government and UN have blamed the US for killing scores of civilians in that operation.—*Internet*

British troops assaulted Iraqis

LONDON, 16 Sept—The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has admitted nine Iraqi men suffered unlawful assaults while being detained by British troops.

The men are bringing a claim for civil damages against the MoD for physical and sexual abuse they say they suffered at Camp Bread Basket, a food distribution depot near Basra, in May 2003.

Three soldiers from the 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers were court martialled, jailed and expelled from the Army in February 2005 for mistreating suspected looters in the incident.

That led to the head of the Army apologising to the people of Iraq.

Leigh Day & Co, the firm of solicitors acting for the men, said the MoD made the admission in papers filed in connection with the damages action, but said the ministry had said it was unable to admit or dispute the details of the treatment.

An MoD spokesman said it had admitted liability under Iraqi law but not British law. Sapna Malik, from Leigh Day & Co, said: “The maltreatment of the men was hideous, humiliating and degrading and the legacy lingers with them to this day.—*Internet*



Pakistan orders troops to open fire if US raids

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept—Pakistan’s military has ordered its forces to open fire if US troops launch another air or ground raid across the Afghan border, an army spokesman said Tuesday.

The orders, which come in response to a highly unusual 3 Sept ground attack by US commandos, are certain to heighten tension between Washington and a key ally against terrorism.

Army spokesman Maj -Gen Athar Abbas said that after US helicopters ferried troops into a militant stronghold in the South Waziristan tribal region, the military told field commanders to prevent any similar raids.

“The orders are clear,” Abbas said in an interview. “In case it happens again in this form, that there is a very significant detection, which is very definite, no ambiguity, across the border, on ground or in the air: open fire.”—*Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,158

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept—As of Monday, 15 Sept, 2008, at least 4,158 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*

Two dead as Hamas, clan battle in Gaza City

GAZA CITY, 16 Sept—A gunbattle raging in a crowded Gaza City neighborhood between Hamas forces and a heavily armed clan left two clan members dead, Hamas officials said Tuesday. Machine-gun fire and explosions were audible

Tuesday morning around the neighborhood home to the Doghmush clan, a notorious family with links to both militant and criminal groups.

Members of the clan were responsible for kidnapping a BBC journalist last year.—*Internet*

A general view of Ain al-Hilweh refugee camp on a hillside above Sidon, south of Beirut 4 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Odierno takes US command in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept — General Ray Odierno took command of US-led forces in Iraq on Tuesday, faced with the challenges of pulling off large-scale attacks by militants at a time when American troop levels are being reduced. Odierno replaced General David Petraeus at a ceremony presided over by US Defence Secretary Robert Gates.—*Internet*

Asian markets tumble on Lehman collapse

TOKYO, 16 Sept — The steep decline in US stocks sent Asian stock markets tumbling sharply Tuesday as investors were rattled by concerns over an expanding global financial crisis.

Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index fell 4.8 percent to 11,632.99, falling under than 12,000-point level for the first time since mid-March.

South Korea’s Kospi shed 6.2 percent, and Taiwan’s benchmark was off 4.6 percent. The battering in Australia and New Zealand wasn’t quite as severe, with key indices down 2.4 percent and 2.7 percent respectively. Hong Kong’s stock index tumbled 6.49 percent in early trade, with Lehman Brothers suspending trading of warrants.

In Tokyo, Kyodo news agency reported that the Japanese unit of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. has requested bankruptcy protection at a Tokyo court after the 158-year-old firm filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in New York on Monday.—*Internet*



Floor traders at the Hong Kong Exchange react Tuesday to news of falling shares.—INTERNET

AIG tumbles, worsening financial carnage

NEW YORK, 16 Sept—American International Group Inc shares tumbled 50 percent after the giant US insurer’s credit ratings were slashed, feeding market fears as top US investment bank Goldman Sachs reported sharply lower quarterly earnings.

The cost of borrowing between banks surged as financing troubles piled up for AIG and the markets faced further fallout from the failure of investment bank Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

AIG was down 50 percent, bringing its decline for the year to 96 percent. Before the decline, AIG was the top US insurer by market capitalization.

AIG ended 2007 with 116,000 employees, more than four times as many as Lehman.

Asian share markets, many of them closed for a holiday on Monday, tumbled as investors absorbed the weekend’s dramatic events on Wall Street, where Merrill Lynch agreed to be sold to Bank of America for \$50 billion. In Singapore, hundreds of anxious investors thronged the office of an AIG unit to redeem their policies.—*Internet*



People stand outside the world headquarters for Lehman Brothers in New York 15 September, 2008.—INTERNET

Three die in inter-Palestinian violence in Lebanon

AIN AL-HILWEH (Lebanon), 16 Sept —Three Palestinians were killed in fighting between rival factions at a refugee camp in south Lebanon on Monday, security sources said.

The fighting began when gunmen shot dead a member of the Islamist Jund al-Sham militant group in Ain al-Hilweh camp, 40 km (25 miles) south of the capital Beirut.

The killing triggered fierce exchanges of gunfire and grenades between the militants and Fatah gunmen in which a second Jund al-Sham member was killed.

Few hours after the fighting stopped, the father of a senior Fatah official was shot dead by unknown attackers.—*Internet*

Five killed, 12 injured in road accident in E Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Sept — At least five persons were killed and 12 others injured in a road accident in eastern Pakistan on Monday morning, official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported.

The APP quoted police sources as saying that a passenger bus coming from Sargodha collided with a vehicle near Bhuwan chowk in Chakwal in Punjab province.

Resultantly, five passengers were killed and 12 other sustained injuries. Seven among the injured were stated to be in a critical condition. The local administration and rescue team rushed to the site and carried out relief operation, according to APP. —Internet

Thousands flee heavy Darfur fighting

KHARTOUM, 16 Sept — Thousands of villagers have been forced to flee their homes after more than a week of heavy clashes between Sudanese forces and rebels in North Darfur, aid sources said on Monday.

Entire villages have been abandoned after residents took shelter in surrounding mountains and open land, cut off from food aid and clinics, humanitarian officers said.

The fighting has further undermined hopes for peace at a time the government is trying to challenge an attempt by the International Criminal Court’s prosecutor to try President Omar Hassan al-Bashir for war crimes in the western region.

A UN investigator said on Monday that the hu-

man rights situation was grim in Darfur and elsewhere in Sudan.

Darfur rebel groups said Sudanese soldiers and allied militias launched a string of heavy ground and air attacks on their positions in north Darfur throughout last week and over the week-end. One rebel leader said fighting continued on Monday.

Internet



A Chuanju Opera player shakes hands with a foreign audience during the Mid-Autumn soiree in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

US dollar falls against yen but rises against euro, pound

NEW YORK, 16 Sept — The US dollar fell against the yen and the Swiss franc, but rises slightly against the euro and the pound on Monday as investors worried that the crisis of US financial sector would hit global economy.

US stocks fell sharply on Monday after Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy and Merrill Lynch agreed to be taken over by Bank of America. The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 500 points, its steepest point drop after the 11 Sept attacks in 2001.

The dollar tumbled in Asian and European trading before climbing back. Investors took the greenback as a safe-haven currency against the euro and the pound on concerns over shock wave of the meltdown in US finance systems. Low yielding currencies, the yen and the Swiss franc, rose against the dollar on risk aversion. —Internet



A model displays the newly launched Apple iPod nano in Mumbai, India, on 15 Sept, 2008. The iPod nano, the thinnest version yet, will be priced at Rs 9700 (US\$ 211.93) for the 8GB model and Rs 12,500 (US\$ 273.11) for the 16GB one.

INTERNET

Lehman Brothers dealings frozen in Germany

BERLIN, 16 Sept — German financial regulators ordered on Monday a freeze on dealings by the Frankfurt branch of Lehman Brothers, just hours after the US parent of the bank said it would file for bankruptcy protection, German media reported.

The Bonn-based financial-services regulator BaFin said the subsidiary, Lehman Brothers Bankhaus AG, was barred from selling assets or making payments, according to German news agency DPA.

Internet

“Earthquake” in the Wall Street during the weekend has made the traders concern about the oil demand as the economy condition gets more worrying.

The US fourth largest bank Lehman filed for bankruptcy and its rival Merrill Lynch reached a deal of 44 billion dollars to sell itself to Bank of America.

Moreover, top US insurer American International Group struggled to seek capital. New York stocks plunged amid new Wall Street landscape with Dow Jones lost over 400 points in the afternoon trading.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Ike has left the refineries along the Texas coast without major damage.

The International Energy Agency said it would release strategic oil reserve if necessary.

The news helped ease pressure from oil prices.

Internet

NY Gov sees Wall Street losing up to 40,000 jobs

NEW YORK, 16 Sept — New York Gov David Paterson on Monday said Wall Street might lay off 40,000 workers in a worst-case scenario following Lehman Brother’s bankruptcy filing and problems at other big financial firms.

Paterson, speaking a news conference where he also noted the impact of Bank of America’s surprise agreement to purchase Merrill Lynch and problems threatening insurer American Interna-

tional Group, said the impact of the financial sector’s downturn may not be known for months or even years.

The Democratic governor at the news conference also announced plans to aid American International Group, allowing the insurer access to \$20 billion of its own capital, staving off a liquidity crisis.

Paterson, who said he would not put any taxpayer dollars at risk, said

his efforts to shore up AIG focused on clearing the way for the New York-regulated company to shift money to its parent company from its insurance subsidiaries. The transaction will serve as a bridge loan.

Paterson blamed the lack of transparency in credit markets for the financial sector’s meltdown, saying many transactions were “beyond the perusal” of regulators.

Internet



Small investors react as they monitor share prices during morning trading at a brokerage in Hong Kong on 16 Sept, 2008. —INTERNET



Fish remain stuck in a fence as flood waters caused by Hurricane Ike recede, in West Orange, Texas, on Monday, 15 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

Millions of Texans still without electricity after Hurricane

AUSTIN, 16 Sept — Millions of Texans are still living without power despite intensified efforts to restore the electricity grid, local media reported Tuesday.

Some 2.6 million people in Texas are having to make do without power after Hurricane Ike hit the Gulf Coast last Saturday.

According to officials, only 700,000 of them now

have their electricity again, but the outage, unprecedented in its scale, continues to darken most of the upper Texas Gulf Coast.

Local energy supplier Center Point Energy reported that 1.6 million customers, or 69 percent of its customers, were still without power, and Texas-New Mexico Power Co, which serves communities near the

hard-hit coastline, including Angleton and Texas City, said 65,000 of its customers, or 58 percent, are without electricity.

Restoring power is key to solving other hurricane-related problems, including gasoline shortages, fresh food supplies, ice and water issues, local officials said.

Xinhua

US biologists discover new ant species in Amazon rainforest

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — University of Texas announced Monday that biologist Christian Rabeling discovered a new species of blind, subterranean, predatory ant in the Amazon rainforest, which is likely a descendant of the very first ants to evolve.

The new ant is named *Martialis heureka*, which translates roughly to “ant from Mars,” because the ant has a combination of characteristics never before recorded. It is adapted for dwelling in the soil, is two to three millimeters long, pale, and has no eyes and large mandibles, which Rabeling and colleagues suspect it uses to capture prey. —Xinhua

11 people killed in car accident in NE Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 Sept — Eleven people were killed and another 13 injured in a car accident Sunday night on the BR-242 Federal Road in Brazil’s northeastern Bahia state.

Brazil’s Federal Highway Police (PRF) said on Monday, the accident occurred after a van collided head-on with a car after a failed overtake. The car overturned and the van fell into a ravine.

The PRF has yet to determine how many passengers were traveling in each vehicle. A total of 24 people were involved in the crash, more than the combined maximum capacity of both vehicles, 22 passengers. —Xinhua



A folk artist displays a piece of his works titled “Chang’e flying to the moon”, a legend about the Chinese moon goddess Chang’e, during the Mid-Autumn Folklife Festival in Nanjing, East China’s Jiangsu Province on 13 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Brazil declines invitation to join OPEC

BRASILIA, 16 Sept — Brazilian Mines and Energy Minister Edison Lobao on Monday declined an invitation from Saudi Arabia to join OPEC, explaining that Brazil plans to refine, not export, crude oil from recently discovered deep water reserves.

Paulo Roberto Costa, a high-ranking executive with the state-run Petroleo Brasileiro SA oil company, confirmed that Brazil had turned down the offer to join the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) because it plans to refine crude at home and mainly export processed oil products. —Xinhua

Brazil’s Petrobras approves contracts to build 10 offshore oil units

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 Sept — Brazil’s state-owned oil and gas giant Petrobras said on Monday that it would contract to build 10 offshore oil production platforms in the coming eight years for a newly found pre-salt oil field.

The 10 new units, to operate in ultra-deep waters, will tap the pre-salt oil reserves discovered recently off the country’s southeastern coast.

According to the company, the first two units will be chartered from third parties. Each will have a daily production capacity of 100,000 barrels of crude and 5 million cubic meters of natural gas.

Xinhua

China-Japan co-op sets fine example for countries with different social systems

TOKYO, 16 Sept — China-Japan cooperation may well set a good example for countries with different social systems, said Wang Chen, director of the State Council Information Office of China, at the Fourth Beijing-Tokyo Forum on Tuesday.

In a keynote speech at the plenary meeting, Wang said that there are important bases and favorable environments for the long-term development of bilateral friendly relations.

For China-Japan friend-



Chinese former Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing (R) talks to Yasushi Kudo, representative of a Japanese nonpolitical organization, at the opening banquet of the 4th Beijing-Tokyo Forum in Tokyo, Japan, on 15 Sept, 2008.

XINHUA

ship, geographical proximity is the natural link, political mutual trust serves as an important basis, mutually beneficial cooperation the economic basis and long-term people-to-people exchanges the important bridge, said Wang.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of China’s reform and opening-up, he said, adding that China has made world-acknowledged outstanding achievements in its development in the past 30 years.

Xinhua



He Pingping from Inner Mongolia, China’s autonomous region, the world’s smallest man sits on the lap of Svetlana Pankratova from Russia, the Queen of Longest Legs, as they pose at Trafalgar Square in London, on 16 Sept, 2008. Pingping, born with primordial dwarfism, holds the Guinness World Record for the smallest man at 74.61 cms (2 feet and 5.37 inches) and Pankratova holds the Guinness World Record for the longest leg of any woman at 132 cms (4 feet 4 inches) in length.—INTERNET



Two Palestinian man walk beyond a gate of the closed Karni crossing point connecting Gaza Strip and Israel, on 15 Sept, 2008. Israeli army on Monday shut down commercial crossing points into Gaza in response to a rocket attack that targeted southern Israel territories a day earlier. — XINHUA

Report: North Korea conducted missile engine test

SEOUL (South Korea), 16 Sept —North Korea has carried out an engine ignition test for a long-range missile capable of striking the western United States, a South Korean newspaper reported Tuesday.

A US reconnaissance satellite detected the North testing the engine of what appears to be a Taepodong-2 missile — or an upgraded version of it — at a west coast missile base it began building several years ago, the

mass-circulation Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported, quoting an unnamed South Korean government official.

The test took place earlier this year, the report said, without providing a date.

It would be a key step in development, and would confirm that the North has been working to boost the range of its missiles.

The entire missile base in North Pyongan Province in western

North Korea is expected to be operational next year, the report said.

The Taepodong-2 missile can fly as far as 4,160 miles, and the upgraded version would take that range to more than 6,210 miles — within reach of the western United States.

South Korea’s Defence Ministry said Tuesday it could not confirm the report because it involves intelligence affairs on North Korea.

Internet

Cuba estimates Gustav, Ike damages at US\$5 billion

HAVANA, 16 Sept—Hurricanes Gustav and Ike together delivered the worst hurricane-related blow in Cuba’s storm-battered history, causing “around US\$5 billion” in collective damage, the communist government announced on Monday night.

Nearly 450,000 homes were damaged and more than 63,000 of those completely wiped out. At least 200,000 Cubans have been left homeless and “hundreds of more families” will have to find temporary housing while authorities work to rebuild, according to a statement that took more than half an hour to read during state television’s nightly newscast.—Internet

Obama camp hits back at Iraq double-talk claim

PUEBLO (Colorado), 16 Sept —Barack Obama’s White House campaign angrily denied Monday a report that he had secretly urged the Iraqis to postpone a deal to withdraw US troops until after November’s election. In the New York Post, conservative Iranian-born columnist Amir Taheri quoted Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari as saying the Democrat made the demand when he visited Baghdad in July, while publicly demanding an early withdrawal.

“He asked why we were not prepared to delay an agreement until after the US elections and the formation of a new administration in Washington,” Zebari said in an interview, according to Taheri.—Internet

Cell-phone ban sought for California train operators

LOS ANGELES, 16 Sept— The state’s top rail safety regulator said on Monday he would seek an emergency order banning train operators from using cell phones, as federal investigators sought to determine whether the engineer of a commuter train was text messaging before a crash that killed 25 people.

Michael Peevey, president of the California Public Utilities Commission, said some railroad operators have policies prohibiting the personal use of cell phones, but they’re widely ignored.

“Our order would make it the law and we’ll go after violators. We owe it to the public,” he said.

Internet

Mass police arrest pair wearing stolen clothing

Police say two Springfield residents who cleared a downtown clothing store of its entire inventory were easy to nab — they were arrested wearing some of the stolen clothing with price tags still attached.

Police said the duo were charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, and larceny of more than \$250 in connection with the Wednesday morning theft.

Sergeant John Delaney said police were alerted by a local resident who saw the suspects repeatedly walk in and out of Mr S. Lee’s Clothing store’s rear entrance carrying boxes and bags.

The suspects were arrested after a short foot chase.

Delaney said the stolen merchandise is worth “tens of thousands” of dollars.



Two visitors have a “close contact” with an elephant at a wild animal park in South Africa.

Black bear busts secret Utah pot farm

One Utah community is cheering a special bear, but don’t call him Smokey.

Investigators say a large black bear raided a clandestine marijuana growing operation so often that it chased the

grower away. “This bear is definitely law-enforcement minded,” said Garfield County Sheriff Danny Perkins. “If I can find this bear I’m going to deputize him.”

Deputies found food containers ripped apart and strewn everywhere, cans with bear teeth marks, claw marks and bear prints across the Garfield County camp on Tuesday.

Perkins said the operation on Boulder Mountain included 4,000 “starter” sacks of pot and 888 young plants. “This particular bear apparently was not going to give up and basically chased these marijuana farmers away,” Perkins said. “Our county is so tough on drugs that even the wildlife are getting in on the action.”

Man shows up in Pa court with loaded handgun

A central Pennsylvania man faces additional charges after showing up for a hearing on summary charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct with a loaded handgun.

A police officer found the weapon when the 22-year-old man arrived for a hearing Tuesday at District Judge Jonathan Grine’s office in State College.

The man was arraigned on new charges including possession of a firearm in a court facility and taken to Centre County jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail.

Court documents indicate the man’s earlier actions led court staff members to believe he was armed. Police say he called asking if there was a locked box to store his gun, later entered the office and ran out, returned and checked the court calendar, then took pictures of signs saying weapons are prohibited.



Two Australian spectators with watermelon helmet on the head watch athletic event at Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games.



The photo shows a car being accidentally blown onto the house by hurricane in Yan Ji, Jilin Province.

Texas UPS driver goes one million miles, no crashes

A routine package delivery turned into a milestone for a UPS driver in East Texas.

Brent Boyd on Thursday surpassed 1 million miles on his UPS delivery van, the same vehicle he’s driven for 22 years with the company.

The odometer on Boyd’s 1987 GMC truck rolled over to all zeros as he began his delivery route near Palestine (PAL’-uh-steen).

The 51-year-old says he’s never had an accident with his company vehicle.

Boyd told *The Associated Press* that his truck has gone through at least three engines and been repainted almost as many times.

But he’s resisted offers for a new van. Boyd says the truck is “like home” and feels like “sitting in the recliner in your house.”14.

NEWSALBUM

May new players be statesmen

Kyaw Min Aye

Once I noticed a foreign newspaper “New Statesman”. One day, I noticed an aphorism by James Freeman in an article of a collection of articles that says **“The difference between a politician and a statement is : a politician thinks of the next election and a statesman thinks of the next generation.”**

The term “statesman” touched my heart, and so I looked it up in Webster’s New World Dictionary. It is defined:

statesman (n): a person who shows wisdom, skill, and vision in conducting state affairs and dealing with public issues or one engaged in the business of government.

In Modern Pronouncing Dictionary it is defined: **statesman (n): person skilled in the management of public or national affairs.**

And in Khitthit Dictionary, it is defined:

statesman (n): a man versed in the arts of government, a politician, one eminent for politician; one eminent for political abilities.

So, in my opinion, the term “statesman” can be defined as a visionary politician, a national politician. Soon after that, I happened to read two articles carried in two journals, and visualized the future politics of the nation.

The first article is “National Politics” by Maung Wun Tha and it is stated in the 19-8-2008 issue of Popular Journal. I would like to present some excerpts from the article.

“It is not long the term ‘national politics’ has become popular. To the best of my knowledge, politics

has been categorized into two groups: national politics and party politics since 1988.

“National politics means doing one’s bit in the national cause. For instance, independence struggles for liberation from the British, Anti-Fascist Resistance, military operations launched in the 1950s to drive nationalist Chinese troops out of the Myanmar soil after the announcements on the invasion for the global information, and the process of transition to democracy. They are national politics every patriotic citizen can take part in.

“And people in the political field are categorized into two kinds: statesman and politician. According to the dictionary, a statesman is a wise politician or a visionary politician, and a politician is an ordinary politician. So, the politics a statesman practices is national politics, and giving priority to national interest rather than to the interest of own party can be defined as national politics.

“I have learnt that a politician thinks of the next election and a statesman thinks of the next generation. How meaningful it is! If a politician has become a statesman, he will never focus on his party’s interest of coming to power, and he will usually think of the interest of the entire people.

“Political parties are part of democracy system. In the democracy system, a political party cannot deceive the public. If they do, they cannot do so long, because if so the people will punish such a deceptive party in the next election. The practice of that voting system is national politics that the entire people can participate

in. Casting a vote in the election is also national politics because the people are responsible for electing a reliable people’s representative who will manage the national affairs on their behalf.”

I also would like to present some excerpts from the article “Difference between two new political systems” by Maung Su San stated in the 8-8-2008 issue of Modern Journal.

“The purpose of my presentation is that the people will come to notice the events that take place after the adoption of a new constitution through the recent political issues of Thailand. The elections will be held in 2010. Now, there have been a new constitution with new programmes. So, the politics will be somewhat different from the old ones.

“Now, the new constitution has been adopted. Elections will be held in accordance with the new constitution. So, the Tatmadaw government will serve as the Caretaker Government.

“In addition, new players will come out in accordance with the New Election Law and Political Parties Law.

“New players will play under the control of a referee in a new football pitch. So, there will be new political system. I wonder what the new players will be like. I will be able to guess their behaviors only after the promulgation of the new Election Law.

“The issue Myanmar has yet to address is the matter of speed. There will be no alternative agenda and forum. So, I would like to call for speeding up the possible programmes. So, speed is the major problem. Here, the people should distinguish between decoration and substance. **A dialogue is decoration, not substance. If a citizen is excessively fond of decoration, he will be caught in the snare of decoration. Sticking to decoration is, indeed, foolishness.”**

I would say, the two articles are worth reading thoroughly. I think a reader will be able to visualize the future Myanmar politics by studying these two articles. Myanmar will need political parties and politicians along with statesmen in its new political trend. Not only political parties and politicians but also individuals and civil societies can practise politics. I wish that the new players that will come out in the new Myanmar political trend are statesmen.

Translation: MS

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects construction of Labutta-Thingangyi road section on Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu road. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets local people at Thingangyi village in Labutta Township.— MNA

Coastal road networks as disaster...

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Deputy Superintending Engineer of bridge construction special group-15 of Public Works U Win Tint reported on construction of Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Road under Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Development Project.

Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein also reported on road projects.

The Prime Minister and party inspected hillock built near the village to protect people from the floods. Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut reported on preventive measures undertaken in case of natural disaster and development

tasks.

The Prime Minister met members of Thingangyi Village Peace and Development Council, teachers, health staff and village people and asked them their education, health, transport and communications and their livelihood. He then fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister and party visited groceries in the village. The Prime Minister met village elders of Thingangyi Village and nearby villages. He said the government has provided food, clothing and shelter needs of the people who faced natural disaster and made arrangements to resume their original businesses.

He said Thingangyi Village and nearby vil-

lages are likely to face natural disasters as they lie in the coastal region. The villagers have wit-

nessed the severe storm and a great number of lives were lost and a large amount of property was

destroyed.

He said the government is making arrangements for the people in the villages that are likely to face natural disaster to live in a safer place in accord with their wish.

Road network linking seaside regions is being implemented so that the people can go to safer places easily in case of natural disaster. Moreover, Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Road is under construction, he added.

The Prime Minister inspected earth work of Labutta-Thingangyi section of Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Road which is 35 miles and two furlongs long. The road is divided into three sections. The 18-mile and six furlong Labutta-Thingangyi section has been built.

The Prime Minister and party arrived in Pyinsalu after inspecting Labutta-Thingangyi road section. (See page 9)

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An aerial view of Polaung village in Labutta Township. —MNA

Coastal road networks as disaster ...

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They inspected houses built by Max (Myanmar) Co Ltd for the storm victims in Pyinsalu and met local people, members of social organizations and officials.

Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut reported on allotment of land, accommodation and development tasks.

Chairman of Max (Myanmar) Co Ltd U Zaw Zaw reported on cultivation of 5,000 acres of monsoon paddy and participation of the local people in reconstruction of Pyinsalu. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister and party went to Polaung Village by helicopter. They were welcomed by members of social organizations and village people. They inspected houses built by Wa Wa Win Co and accommodation for the storm victims. The Prime Minister viewed the development of Polaung Village.

The Prime Minister inspected condition of Theikpangongyi Village and cultivation of monsoon paddy of nearby villages. They arrived back in Patheingyi in the evening.

Secretary-General of

the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo and CEC member U Maung Maung Thein met secretaries, joint secretaries and executives of Division, District, Township USDAs at Division USDA office.

Secretary of Division USDA U Than Tun reported on organizational matters of the associations at different levels and measures undertaken for community welfare services. Secretary-General U Htay Oo and CEC member U Maung Maung Thein gave necessary instructions.

MNA



Yangon Command Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife being welcomed by Military Attache of Malaysian Embassy Col Sanusi Bin Hashim and wife at the reception marking the 75th Malaysian Armed Forces Day. —MNA

Instructor course for Reproductive Health opens

YANGON, 15 Sept—Organized by the Supervisory Committee of Rakhine State Maternal and Child Welfare Association, instructor course for Reproductive Health was held in Myauk U, Rakhine State on

12 September.

Chairperson of Rakhine State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Thin Myo Myo Aung made a speech on the occasion and Secretary Dr Cho Tun, Head of Rakhine State

Health Department, discussed mother related to Reproductive Health.

A total of 30 trainees attended the 5-day course that lasted from 12 to 16 September.

MNA

Market Festival in Salin

YANGON, 16 Sept—The opening of Market Festival of the Ministry of Industry-1 was held in the southern sector of People's Square in Salin on 3 September.

Official concerned formally opened the one-week festival. —MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

Schools in Thanlyin and Kyauktan...

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Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address.

U Aik Tun handed over documents related to the school buildings to Director-General U Aye Kyu.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party viewed learning of school children at newly-

built school building.

Shwedaung Development Co Ltd built three new school buildings for Myohaung Ale Ward BEMS and Aye Mya Thida ward BEMS in Thanlyin Township and Basic Education Post Primary School at Western ward in Kyauktan Township. The newly-opened school buildings

of steel structure are 24 feet in length and 20 feet in width each and they are partitioned into three sections.

The company will contribute K 350 million to the project to build 13 school buildings in Kyauktan Township and 10 in Thanlyin Township.

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Performing arts competitions...

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the artistic skills, perseverance and diligence of the participants. The role of judges is very important in respective events to work out fair results. Their judgements should be based on correctness, fairness, honesty, sympathy and expertise. The remarkable thing of the 16th

performing arts competition is that the number of participating teams has increased in the drama contest. Officials are urged to strive for discharging their duties regarding them as a national concern.

Next, Director-General of Fine Arts Department Secretary of the

Work Committee U Yan Naing Oo briefed on preliminary measures for the competitions. Afterwards, sector-wise discussions were held.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks of the chairman of the Leading Committee.

MNA

Dengue fever prevention in five townships

YANGON, 16 Sept — Volunteers and health staff carried out preventive measures against dengue fever in five townships in Yangon Division on 10 September.

They dredged drains and fumigated homes, put abate into water tanks and released fish which eat larvae into lakes in

Sangyoung, Ahlon, Kyimyindine, Insein and Dalla townships. They also educated residents to practice systematic use of water at homes.

Health Department under the Ministry of Health and Health Department under Yangon City Development Committee jointly organized the activities.

Before the activities, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa met with officials of Yangon City Development Committee and members of social organizations and urged government departments and social organization to cooperate effectively for prevention of the mosquito-borne disease.

MNA



Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa views dengue prevention in Sangyoung. —YCDC

USDA CEC member performs regional development tasks in Twantay Township

YANGON, 16 Sept — In meeting with departmental officials, townsenders and members of social organizations at the office of Twantay Township Peace and Development Council yesterday, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha gave instructions on reconstruction works and departmental matters.

At the office of Twantay Township USDA, the CEC member met with the secretary of the township USDA, executives and members of Ward/Village USDAs, and local people at Phayagyi model village.

The minister met with the heads of Division/

District/Township Planning Departments at Yangon Division Planning Department in Pabedan Township today. The minister heard reports presented by the head of Yangon Division Planning Department and those present and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha meets with the heads of division/district/township Planning Departments.—MNA

USDAs in Bago Division (West) hold annual general meetings



USDA CEC member Brig-Gen Than Htay presents award to an outstanding student in Kyangin Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept —CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay attended the annual general meetings of township USDAs in Bago Division (West) on 13 and 14

September.

First, he addressed the annual general meeting of Padaung Township USDA and awarded the outstanding members of the association.

After the meeting, he went to Myanaung Township and attended a

ceremony to honour outstanding students of Tarkwa Village Basic Education High School in Myanaung Township. At the ceremony, he donated cash to the library of the school and awarded outstanding students and teachers.

inspected use of solar-powered generator and computers donated by USDA.

On 14 September, he addressed the annual general meetings for 2008 of Myanaung and Kyanghin township USDAs and awarded the outstanding members of USDA who volunteered in rehabilitation works in storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division.

MNA

Furniture, exercise books for Hlinethaya School

YANGON, 16 Sept — A ceremony to present exercise books and school furniture for Nyaung Ywa village Basic Education Middle School No. 2 was held at the school in Hlinethaya Township yesterday with an addresses by Chairman of Hlinethaya Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Thein Maung and Hlinethaya Township Education Officer U Than Htay.

On behalf of wellwishers, U Nyi Nyi explained the purpose of donation.

Service Yangon), U Kyaw Win and Daw Haymar Win (JMCC-Tokyo) presented 100 dozens of exercise books and furniture worth 4 million to the chairman of township PDC. Secretary U Aye Myint of township PDC and the education officer accepted over K 7 million donated by Daw Ma Hmwe and Daw Cherry of Golf Estate in Hlinethaya Township for repair of school sports ground, water tank and fly-proofed latrines.

Afterwards, the principal of the school spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Next, U Nyi Nyi (SST

Gifts for storm victims in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 16 Sept — The Organizing Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a ceremony to present aids to storm victims in conjunction with giving talks on uplifting moral spirit of storm victims at Ward 7, Hlinethaya Township here on 12 September.

On the occasion,

Head of the Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and members, chairpersons of the division, district and township women's affairs organizations and members presented personal goods and traditional medicines to storm victims. Next, Writer Annawa Soe Moe gave a talk titled "Let the rays of life brighten".—MNA



Hlinethaya Township PDC Chairman U Khin Thein Maung accepts furniture and exercise books worth K 4 million donated by U Nyi Nyi.

MNA

Rubber: perennial tree to prevent climate change

Article & Photos: Kyaw Thura

The region of Shan State (North) was covered with thick foliage of forests in the past and it was cold all the year round.

Later, climate changed and the region became warm because of deforestation and slash-and-burn practice for farming. To take preventive measures against climate change caused by deforestation, the government laid down plans and is undertaking cultivation of perennial trees.

In Shan State (North), industrial raw material rubber plantations were established on a commercial scale with the aim of ensuring economic development in the long run and preventing forest depletion. At present, this gains success to some extent.

Rubber has been grown in Shan State (North) since 1996 and cultivation is on an increase yearly.

Shan State (North) is located north of 17° north latitude and it stands at an altitude between 1800 and 5000 feet. It gets an annual average of rainfall of 50 to 60 inches. On average, the number of rainy days in the region is about 90 to 100 in a year. Therefore, the region has favourable location and climate to grow rubber on a commercial scale.

Widening the scope of knowledge, local national farming entrepreneurs and organizations extended cultivation of rubber. At present, most of vacant and cultivable lands have been put under rubber plants in Muse and Kunlong districts. Muse District, Kunlong District, Hopang Township, Pansang, Nantit, Mongmao, the whole Wa region, Laukkai and Chinshwehaw region gain success in growing rubber plantations.

Moreover, cultivation of rubber is being extended in Lashio and Hsenwi townships and progress can be made there. In Lashio Township, the 10,000 acres of rubber cultivation special zone is being established along either side of Lashio-Mongyaw-Mongkyet motor road since 2007 and the target was set to achieve progress up to the year of 2010.

Nine rubber species imported are being nurtured at Mongpan pilot rubber farm in the Mongyaw-Mongkyet rubber cultivation special zone in Lashio Township.

In Muse District, seeds of BPM-24 rubber strain were taken from Mudon and Thanbyuzayat regions, and efforts are being made for producing rubber saplings within one year. So far, over 60,000 seedlings are being nurtured at the farm. A plan is being implemented to produce seedlings and budding saplings in one year.

Thanks to concerted efforts and agriculture technology of Myanmar agriculturists, growers from the People's Republic of China buy the budding saplings of Myanmar. Sales of about 30,000 rubber budding saplings from Muse district fetched about K 30 million. It can be said that Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise can earn foreign exchange through the Myanmar agricultural technology.

A Shan woman collecting rubber latex in thriving rubber farm in Hopang.



A national damsel collecting rubber latex at a rubber farm in Hopang.



Shan State (North) has plenty of land and over 500,000 acres of vacant lands to grow rubber remain in the region. At a time when the rubber cultivation plan is realized, Shan State (North) would be a state with the largest acreage of rubber in the country.

By organizing and providing educative talks, the local growers who had engaged in the slash-and-burn farming shifted their works to plant pea, maize, sesame, coffee and water melon in the rubber plantations as mixed cropping. As a result, the growers have become farm owners.

Booming rubber cultivation has created job opportunities for the local national races. The Shan State (North) encountering hot weather due to depletion of forests will be covered with thick foliage of forests in the coming years and the entire region will become lush and green in the future.

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Rubber being cultivated on commercial scale in contour lines on mountains as industrial raw material.



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Shanghai tourism festival kicks off

BEIJING, 16 Sept—Shanghai kicked off its annual tourism festival Saturday night with a grand parade and traditional fireworks. More than 400,000 people cheered the opening of the 19th Shanghai Tourism Festival, despite rain courtesy of Typhoon Sinlaku. Spectators watched 21 floats and 28 performance teams parade along Huaihai Road in downtown Shanghai. —Internet

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

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Centre for Human Resource Development
Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Invitation for Application to
Attend Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French (Translation and Interpretation), Japanese, Korean, Russian and Thai.

Commencing date of course : 6-10-2008
Commencing date for submission of applications : 29-9-2008
Closing date for applications : 3-10-2008
(For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)

Application to be submitted to : Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Days : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time : 5:20-7:00 p.m.
Education qualification : Matriculation Passed
Enquiry : Student's Affairs Section YUFL {Phone:514371(Ext-202)}

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Dated: 17 September 2008

Vietnam raises pension to help retirees

HANOI, 16 Sept — Vietnam Government will raise retirees' payments and monthly allowances for social welfare beneficiaries by 15 per cent of next month in a move to help them deal with rising inflation, Vietnam News Agency reported here on Monday.

The increase was intended to improve the living conditions of retirees and social welfare beneficiaries, and was following the roadmap for salary reform, the agency quoted Huynh Thi Nhan, Deputy Minister of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dated: 17 September 2008

UN says two kidnapped Somali aid workers released

NAIROBI (Somalia), 16 Sept — Two kidnapped employees of the United Nations World Food Program were released hours after they were abducted, a spokesman said on Monday, but 11 aid workers remained in captivity amid a series of attacks on the humanitarian community.

UN spokesman Peter Smerdon said two Somali UN workers who had been conducting a nutritional survey were kidnapped for several hours by unidentified gunmen before reaching a UN building around midnight on Sunday. He did not know the identity of the attackers or their motive.

No group has claimed

responsibility for this year's rash of kidnappings, which have left 11 aid workers in captivity, or for the dozen who have been killed. Six of those being held are foreigners.

Also on Monday, Barigye Bahoku, a spokesman for the African Union peacekeeping force in the capital, said two peacekeepers had been killed since Sunday.

The AU does not release reliable statistics on peacekeeper deaths and it is unusual to have two peacekeepers killed within hours of each other. AU forces help guard key buildings and the Mogadishu port, include 1,800 Ugandan troops.

Internet

Don't smoke

Togo: recent bird flu outbreak is deadly H5N1

LOME (Togo), 16 Sept — Tests performed after the first ever outbreak of bird flu in the West African nation of Togo have confirmed the presence of the virulent H5N1 strain of the virus, state media said Monday.

The virus was detected at a poultry farm housing more than 4,500 birds in the village of Agbata outside the capital, Lome, according to the government.

The presence of the deadly strain raises special

concern because it has the potential to infect humans.

At least 235 people have died of bird flu worldwide since 2003, according to the World Health Organization.

Internet

Bullying top concern of parents with overweight child

THURSDAY (Health Day News), 16 Sept — Bullying is the top "health" concern among parents with overweight and obese children, according to a new report.

Parents of these children, aged 6 to 13, also are much more likely than parents of children at a healthy weight to call bullying a top health issue for kids, according to a report released on Monday by the University of Michigan CS Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health.

"We found that parents with overweight or obese children actually view bullying as a greater problem than childhood obesity," Dr Matthew M Davis, director of the National Poll on Children's Health, said in a university news release. "Since bullying is known to be a problem for children with increased weight, bullying prevention programs will

need to be mindful of obesity as a potential trigger for bullying behavior and of parents concerns surrounding this issue." Overall, parents don't take childhood obesity lightly, ranking it No 1 is among health concern for kids in the National Poll on Children's Health. Still, only two-thirds of parents actually enforce such limits with their children on junk food and time spent in front of a TV or computer screen, the poll found. Still, many parents are talking with their children about having healthier diets and increasing their physical activity, which Davis said is an important first step in setting the stage for a healthier lifestyle.—Internet

23 Indonesians dead in crush for cash handout

JAKARTA (Indonesia), 16 Sept — At least 23 Indonesians were crushed to death on Monday while trying to collect \$4.25 in cash handouts from a rich family at a charity event marking the Islamic holy month, officials said. Eight others were critically injured in the stampede.

Several thousand people started gathering outside the house in Pasuruan, a town about 500 miles (800 kilometers) east of the capital of Jakarta, in the morning to collect their tithe, said local police chief Harry Sitompul.

Television footage showed the victims — mostly women — screaming as they were pushed into the fence outside the home.

At least 23 died and eight others were hospitalized, Sitompul said, some after being trampled and others from lack of oxygen.

Internet



A giant tortoise is seen at its shelter at Galapagos National Park in Santa Cruz on 15 Sept, 2008. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Blanc warns Chelsea that money can't buy European glory



FC Girondins de Bordeaux Manager Laurent Blanc, seen here addressing the press at Stamford Bridge, insists Chelsea can't expect to win the Champions League just because they are a financial superpower.

LONDON, 16 Sept — Bordeaux manager Laurent Blanc insists Chelsea can't expect to win the Champions League just because they are a financial superpower.

Funded by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, Chelsea have won the Premier League twice and amassed one of the strongest squads in the world, but Europe's

top club prize has remained out of reach.

Blanc's side face the Blues in the Champions League at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday and the French coach risked the wrath of his opponents by claiming that they won't be able to buy their way to glory in Europe.

"They have the squad, the stadium and the financial power so they are clearly a big club," Blanc said.

"But in spite of all those things they still haven't won the Champions League, which just goes to show what a difficult tournament it is to win.—Internet

Celtic's Nakamura seeks return to Japanese club

TOKYO, 16 Sept — Japan and Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura says he wants to return to his his old J-League home, Yokohama Marinos, and possibly as early as January, Japanese media reported Tuesday. "I'm thinking first about Marinos. I have no other team in mind," the dead-ball specialist, and lynchpin of Japan's World Cup qualifying campaign, told Japanese reporters in Glasgow on Monday.

"Since Marinos raised me, it's quite natural for me to play there."

Nakamura was earlier quoted by British media as saying he



Japan and Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura, seen here, says he wants to return to his his old J-League home, Yokohama Marinos, and possibly as early as January, Japanese media reported.—INTERNET

may return to Japan during the January transfer window, as he is tired of travelling long distances for international matches.

Internet

Russia retain Fed tennis Cup

MADRID, 16 Sept — Russia retained their Fed Cup crown here on Sunday to make it four titles in five years when Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated Anabel Medina Garrigues 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 to give the visitors an unassailable 3-0 lead over Spain.

Olympic Games bronze medallist Vera Zvonareva and former US Open winner Kuznetsova had set up the win on Saturday in beating Garrigues and Carla Suarez Navarro to establish a 2-0 lead.

Internet

England announce friendly fixtures

LONDON, 16 Sept — England will play Slovakia and Slovenia in friendly internationals at Wembley next year, the Football Association (FA) announced here on Monday.

The fixtures are designed to help Fabio Capello's team in their bid to qualify for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

England will play Slovakia on March 28 and several months later they will face Slovenia on September 5.

The Slovakia fixture takes place shortly before England's 2010 qualifier against Ukraine at Wembley on April 1, while the Slovenia match comes ahead of the qualifying clash with Croatia on September 9.

"It's very important to play similar style opposition as practice for the competitive matches," said Capello.

"The Slovakia and Slovenia games will be very good preparation for the vital World Cup qualifiers against Ukraine and Croatia." England currently top Group Six in the European qualifying zone following a 2-0 win over Andorra and last week's 4-1 victory away to Croatia, which featured a hat-trick from teenage winger Theo Walcott.—Internet

Fagan sidelined with broken leg after horror tackle



Hull City striker Craig Fagan, seen here in May 2008, could be out for three months after a dreadful challenge by Newcastle's Danny Guthrie left the forward with a broken leg.

HULL (England), 16 Sept — Hull City striker Craig Fagan could be out for three months after a dreadful challenge by Newcastle's Danny Guthrie left the forward with a broken leg. Fagan was shielding the ball in the corner, looking to play out time in Premier League new boys Hull's 2-1 win away to Newcastle on Saturday when Guthrie ploughed straight into the back of Fagan and then received a straight red card.

His sending off compounded a miserable match for Newcastle, which came just a day before owner Mike Ashley put the club up for sale in response to protests by fans who blamed him for the exit of popular manager Kevin Keegan. Fagan left the ground on crutches and Hull confirmed Monday that an X-ray had revealed the 25-year-old former Derby forward had suffered a fractured right tibia, which could keep him out of action for between six weeks and three months.—Internet

Villa heap more misery on winless Spurs

LONDON, 16 Sept — Spurs problems deepened further on Monday as they were beaten 2-1 by Aston Villa to leave them bottom of the Premiership with just a point after four matches.

Goals by Nigel Reo-Coker - his first for the club in the Premiership and first in almost two years since scoring for West Ham against Manchester United - and Ashley Young were enough to see Aston Villa climb to fourth in the table as they recorded their first win at White Hart Lane in nine visits.

Darren Bent grabbed a consolation goal four minutes before the end.

Aston Villa manager Martin O'Neill was ecstatic at his side's performance.

"I thought it was sensational," purred the Northern Irishman.



Aston Villa's English midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker (L) celebrates scoring during their Premier League match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane, London. Aston Villa won 2-1.—INTERNET

"The first-half performance was unbelievable. "We can attack, score goals and are a delight to watch when on form like that.—Internet

Angela Stanford wins Bell Micro LPGA Classic

MOBILE, 16 Sept — Angela Stanford won the Bell Micro LPGA Classic on Sunday for her second career LPGA Tour title, holing a 3 1/2-foot par putt on the final hole for a 1-over 73 and a one-stroke victory over China's Shanshan Feng. "It's been so long," said Stanford, also the 2003 ShopRite LPGA Classic winner.

The 30-year-old Texan, four strokes ahead entering the day after consecutive 67s in the second and third rounds, had an 11-under 277 total on The Crossings course at Magnolia Grove. She earned \$210,000.

Internet



Angela Stanford gives her trophy a kiss after winning the Bell Micro LPGA Classic golf tournament on 14 Sept, 2008, in Mobile, Ala.—INTERNET

I don't need Champions League to dodge Abramovich's axe insists Scolari

LONDON, 16 Sept — Chelsea manager Luiz Felipe Scolari insists he doesn't need to win the Champions League to satisfy Roman Abramovich.

Scolari's predecessors, Claudio Ranieri, Jose Mourinho and Avram Grant, failed to deliver Europe's top club prize to Chelsea's demanding owner and eventually paid the price as Abramovich wielded the axe.

Internet

English clubs to dominate Europe again

BERLIN, 16 Sept—English clubs will dominate the Champions League again this season, Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge predicted on Monday. "The English are ahead of the rest of Europe," Rummenigge told German television station Premiere TV. "The Bundesliga is a long way behind clubs like Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal. When you look at the potential they have it will be a surprise if the Eng-

lish don't dominate as they did last year." He added: "I can see Chelsea being very strong. They are one of the big favourites." Three of the four semifinalists in last season's Champions League came from England. Manchester United beat Chelsea in an all-English final in Moscow. Rummenigge said Germany needed to have an

open discussion about relaxing the country's strict ownership rules and making it easier for individuals to make big investments in Bundesliga clubs. "We have to be careful we don't miss the boat," the Bayern chief said. Bayern begin their Champions League campaign way to Steaua Bucharest on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Donate Blood

British inflation hits new 16-year peak in August

LONDON, 16 Sept — Annual inflation hit a fresh 16-year high of 4.7 percent in August on the back of soaring domestic energy bills, official data showed.

Despite the rising cost of goods, the current turmoil on global financial markets could spark an interest rate cut rather than a hike, analysts said.

The rate held above the Bank of England's 2.0-percent target for the

tenth successive month, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealed. The reading was higher than market expectations for a rise of 4.6 percent.

Annual inflation had stood at 4.4 percent in July, which had previously been the fastest annual rate since April 1992.

"While the further marked rise in inflation in August dilutes hopes of an interest rate cut before

the end of the year, much will depend on just how deep and extended the current financial market turmoil is, and what impact it has on the wider economy," said Global Insight economist Howard Archer.

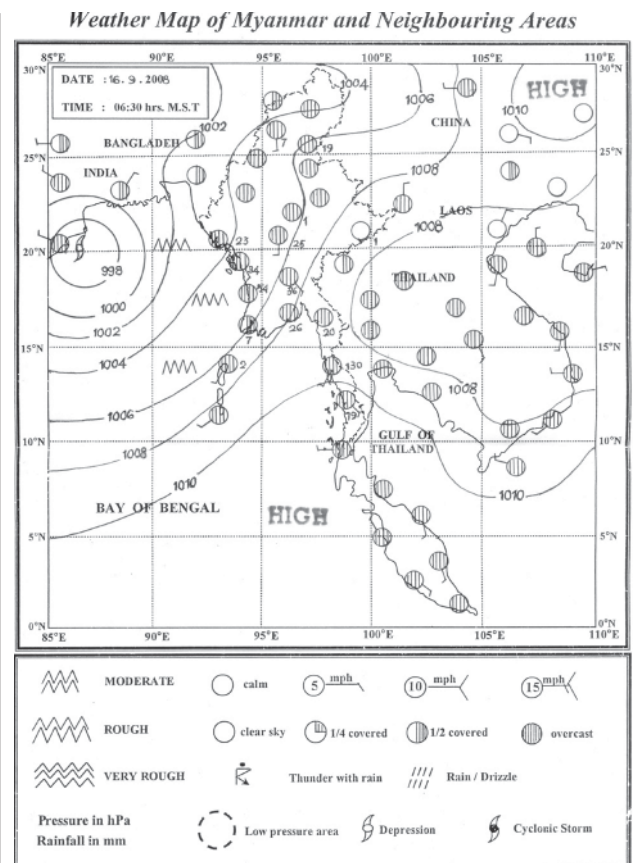
World financial markets have taken a heavy knock this week amid mounting global economic uncertainty and the dramatic collapse of US investment bank Lehman Brothers.

Internet

UN General Assembly concludes 62nd session

UNITED NATIONS, 16 Sept— The UN General Assembly closed its 62nd session late Monday, with its outgoing president calling for continued efforts to deal with challenges of rising food and energy prices, climate change and impediments to development.

"A global downturn could undermine economic progress achieved over the last decade," Srgjan Kerim told the closing ceremony of the 62nd session of the General Assembly, which commenced from September 18 last year.—Internet



WEATHER

Tuesday, 16 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlon (6.14) inches, Dawei (5.31) inches, Thaton and Gwa (4.61) inches each, Myeik (4.37) inches, Thandwe (2.88) inches, Yay (2.40) inches, Shwegyin (2.36) inches and Hmawby (2.01) inches.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2008 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-9-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 15-9-2008 was (0.3) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 16-9-2008 was (1.58) inches at Mingaladon, (1.02) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (91.22) inches at Mingaladon, (101.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (118.78) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 15-9-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs M.S.T today, Yesterday's depression over the Northwest Bay is crossing Orissa Coast of India near 'Bhubaneswar'. Monsoonish condition prevail over Rakhine Coast. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing scattered in Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundary condition in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Scientists get images of planet with sun-like star

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — Scientists have snapped the first images of a planet outside our solar system that is orbiting a star very much like the sun.

Nearly all of the roughly 300 so-called extrasolar planets discovered to date have been detected using indirect methods such as changes observed in a star when a planet orbits directly in front of it from the perspective of Earth.

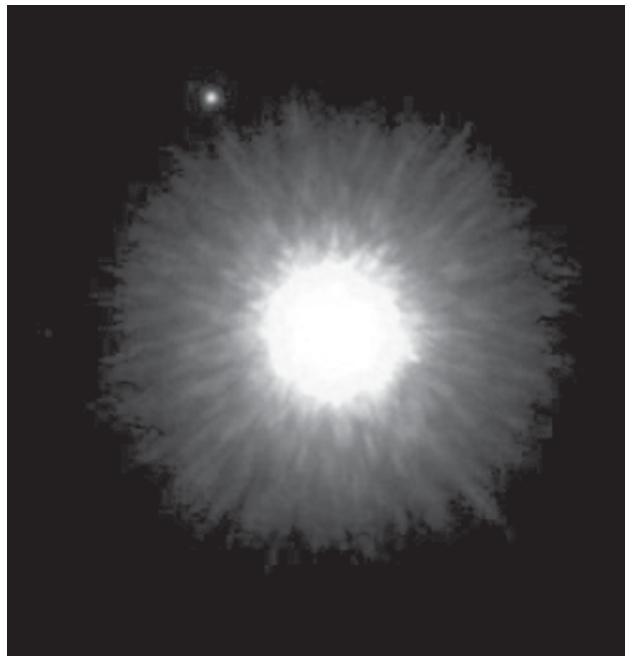
But in findings announced on Monday, University of Toronto scientists said they used

the Gemini North telescope on Mauna Kea in Hawaii to take direct pictures of the planet, which is about the size of Jupiter but with eight times the mass.

It is also much hotter than Jupiter, they said.

This planet and the star it seems to orbit are located in our Milky Way galaxy about 500 light years from Earth, the scientists said. A light year is about 6 trillion miles, or the distance light travels in a year.

Internet



A Gemini adaptive optics image of the star 1RSX J160929.1-210524 and its likely ~8 Jupiter-mass companion (within red circle) in this handout released on 15 Sept, 2008. INTERNET



Wednesday, 17 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. အကဖြင့်ပွဲ

7:45 am

6. Classical song

7:55 am

7. “ညောင်မယ်ချို”

(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊
မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဝမ်းပုံ)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ—ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

8:05 am

8. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am

9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of national races

4:20 pm

3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:35 pm

4. Song for uphold National Spirit

4:45 pm

5. Musical programme

5:00 pm

6. ရွှေယဉ်စုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:10 pm

7. ပေကျင်းအိုလံပစ်

5:20 pm

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

5:30 pm

9. ရသပေါ်လွင်

သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

7:00 pm

13. မိုးဒေါလ်နှင့်မိုးဒေါလ်ကို ဖုန်းတီးကြသူများ

7:10 pm

14. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:30 pm

15. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ “သုဝဏ္ဏသာမဇာတ်တော်ကြီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ” (ဒုတိယဆု) (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း) (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)

19. Weather report

Schools in Thanlyin and Kyauktan Townships get new buildings



Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits children at a classroom built by Shwedaung Development Co Ltd in Thanlyin Township.—MNA

YANGON, 16 Sept— Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of new school buildings donated by Shwedaung Development Co Ltd for Basic Education Middle School in Myohaung Ale Ward in Thanlyin Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 Basic Education Department and Chairman of the company U Aik Tun opened the new school building.

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Towards a new golden land

- * Any respect and regard for public
Should be proved with
Making preparations
To stand for 2010 election
Show their wish the people
So significantly and unanimously
Casting over 90% “YES” votes
Almost the whole nation
Reverberating with joy.
- * New thoughts and vision in hand
Let's build a new golden land
Without delay march we
Try never to hinder us
Always we will
Eliminate saboteurs
Using internal strength.

Khun Ye Thwe (Aye Thaya) (Trs)

Ozone hole ‘larger in 2008 than previous year’

GENEVA, 16 Sept— The ozone hole is larger in 2008 than the previous year but is not expected to reach the size seen two years ago, the World Meteorological Organisation said Tuesday.

“In 2008, the ozone hole appeared relatively late. However, during the last couple of weeks it has grown rapidly and has now passed the maximum size attained in 2007,” the WMO said in a statement.

The hole in the layer over the Antarctic was discovered in the 1980s. It regularly tends to form in August, reaching its maximum size late September or early October before it fills again in mid-December. The size it reaches is dependent on weather conditions.—Internet



A golfer Anthony Kim soaks up the sunshine as he takes a rest. The ozone hole is larger in 2008 than the previous year but is not expected to reach the size seen two years ago, the World Meteorological Organisation has said.

Performing arts competitions to see increase in drama contestants



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin addresses coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing Performing Arts Competitions. —MNA



Rubber: perennial tree to prevent climate change

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The second coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Com-

mander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made a speech on the occasion. He said that the meeting was to discuss plans to hold the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions soon. He said as the competitions are drawing near the respective committees and sub-committees are to

carry out their duties according to the schedule. Officials at different levels are to focus on timely completion of the tasks. Preliminary measures are to be taken to adequately accommodate participants from states and divisions. Officials are to create chances of winning medals according to (See page 9)