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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

Any task should be in the interest of the State: PM

Reconstruction of Kyatsha Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township, repair of Pyapon-Bogale Road see progress

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views repair of Pyapon-Bogale Road.—MNA

Prompt action required even in repairing minor damages of roads in Ayeyawady Division.

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein yesterday viewed progress of Kyatsha Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township and maintenance of Pyapon-Bogale Road in Ayeyawady Division and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Accompanied by 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, ministers,

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Myanmar football team seen at Yangon International Airport.—NLM

Myanmar win five gold in Mekong sports

YANGON, 17 Sept—Myanmar team to Mekong Delta Region Sports Competitions arrived back here yesterday afternoon with five gold including football championship.

In addition to football, Myanmar were title holders in volleyball and beach volleyball. Myanmar boys and girls also grabbed two gold medals in track and field at the competitions held in Thailand from 10 to 15 September.

Four countries of the Mekong basin – Myanmar, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam – took part in the football event.

Officials welcomed back the team at Yangon International Airport. —*NLM*

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 18 September, 2008

Beware of destructionists

The government is exerting relentless endeavours for national development in every sector with the cooperation of the people. All the national people enjoy peace and tranquility and fruitful results of development.

At such a time internal and external anti-government and terrorist groups are committing acts of sabotage with the intention of undermining stability of the State. Some saboteurs were sent to the country in collusion with KNU, ABSDF and Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors (VBSW). Authorities concerned are taking all possible measures to expose the saboteurs and seize the explosives.

Two bombs exploded in a video house in Theindan Ward in Kyaukkyi, Bago Division, the other day. Two people were killed and nine wounded. The saboteur who planted the bombs was arrested with the help of the people.

It is only innocent civilians who were killed or wounded in the incidents. All are to take preventive measures against such incidents not to occur again.

It is important for the public to be vigilant against and to expose the destructionists, who can sneak into public communities in disguise.

The people are to come forward with information on destructionists who threaten the lives and property of the people and disrupt stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order.

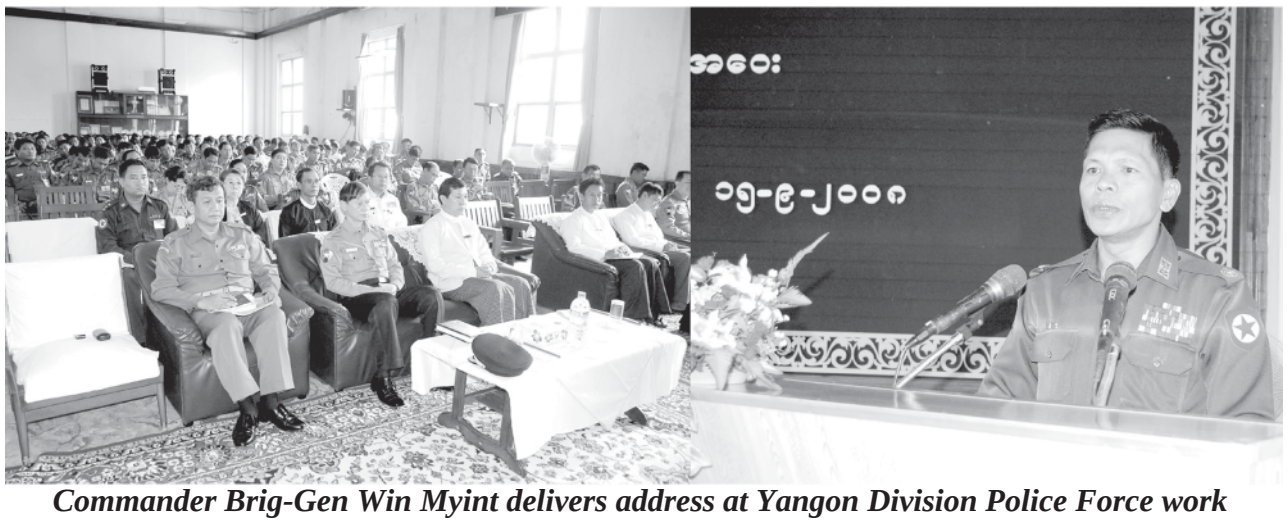
Deputy Head of Office Daw Nilar Tun of General Administration Department in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay, explains the purpose of providing stipends for students for academic year 2008-2009 at Township GAD Office on 9 September.

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**

Yangon Division Police meet



***Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint delivers address at Yangon Division Police Force work coordination meeting.* —MNA**

YANGON, 17 Sept— Yangon Division Police Force held a work coordination meeting for 2008 at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council on Bank Street in Kyauktada Township yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an address. Commander of Yangon Division Police Force Police Col Win Naing explained the instructions of the Minister for Home Affairs, the Deputy Minister and the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force.

The commanders of the Township Police Forces, in-charge of the Transnational Crime Unit, officers of Anti-Drug Squad (Special), commanders of district police forces and the commander of Wireless and Traffic Police Force reported on their respective sectors. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the commander of Yangon Division Police Force.

MNA

Reconstruction of schools in storm-affected regions

YANGON, 16 Sept—A coordination meeting on reconstruction of schools in storm-affected regions was held at the meeting hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office), near Tooth Relic pagoda in Mayangon Township here this morning. It was attended by Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Chairman of cash and kind accepting supervisory committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, representatives from UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs, which are undertaking the rehabilitation and reconstruction works for storm victims.

Secretary of NDPCC, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered a speech on the occasion saying that NDPCC laid down three plans to take relief, rehabilitation and preventive measures in line with the guidance of the Head of State. Emergency relief work has been carried out in storm-affected regions and rehabilitation and reconstruction work are being undertaken, he added. Construction work is under way for upgrading temporary schools to permanent ones, he said. He expressed thanks to UN agencies, INGOs and volunteers who donated cash to build 74-school and also said that is still needs to build more schools.

After that, those present reported on work to be done by respectives organizaitons. The minister coordinated measures and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

MNA

***Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe speaks at coordination meeting on reconstruction of schools in storm-affected regions.*—MNA**

Power grid inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint together with officials looked into construction of Thakayta-Thanlyin 230 KV power grid yesterday morning and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, the deputy minister and party inspected Myaungtaga main power station and construction of 230 KV power grid and project-used materials.—*MNA*

Smokes rose near the US Embassy in Sana, Yemen, on Wednesday after armed militants detonated a car bomb at its gates.—INTERNET

16 die in attack on US Embassy in Yemen

BEIRUT (Lebanon), 17 Sept—Heavily armed militants opened fire on the United States Embassy in Sana, Yemen, on Wednesday and detonated a car bomb at its gates, in an attack that left at least 16 people dead including six of the attackers, Yemeni officials said.

Yemeni security officials and witnesses said the death toll was at least 16, including four bystanders, one of them an Indian woman. The other dead were six attackers and six security guards, the Yemeni officials said, speaking in return for anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

Ryan Gliha, an embassy spokesman, said via e-mail that the attack took place at 9:15 am The embassy would remain closed for now, he said, but gave no further details.

It was the deadliest attack in years on an American target in Yemen, a poor south Arabian country of 22 million where militants aligned with Al Qaeda have carried out a number of recent strikes.

The attack began when a car raced up to the heavily fortified embassy compound. Several attackers got out and began firing rocket-propelled grenades and automatic rifles at the guards who returned the fire, the Yemeni official said.

A second car then drove into the compound's gate and exploded in what appeared to be a suicide bombing, the official said.

Internet

New General Assembly President calls for democratization of United Nations

NEW YORK, 17 Sept– The new President of the General Assembly today kicked off the 63rd session of the 192-member forum with a call to democratize the United Nations so that it can deal more effectively with the world's most pressing problems and ensure that the voices of a few do not overwhelm the views of the majority of others.

Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, a former foreign minister of Nicaragua, pledged in his opening address to the session to dedicate his year as President to representing the interests of "the dispossessed of the world" and fostering solidarity between peoples and Member States.

"The central and overarching objective of this… [session] will be to democratize our United Nations. In so doing we will ensure that the United Nations maintains its place as the world's most important and indispensable Organization for achieving the levels of peace and security that our peoples are so rightly demanding of us."

Mr D'Escoto noted he would try to transform what he labelled "the prevailing exclusionary logic of selfishness" in the world, saying it had crippled the ability of the General Assembly to fulfil its mandate.

Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann.
INTERNET

Reform of the 15-member Council was among the most urgent challenges facing the UN, he noted.

Internet

'US raid' kills four in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Sept—At least four people have been killed after a US drone fired missiles at a village in the north-west of Pakistan, local intelligence officials said.

The officials said missiles hit the village of Baghar in South Waziristan region, close to the Afghan border. The missiles are reported to have struck a militant training camp.

The attack comes as the top US military commander met Pakistani officials to discuss increasing tensions over US attacks along the border.

At least three people were injured in the attack, a security official said.—*Internet*

Three dead from tainted milk

BEIJING, 17 Sept — More than 6,200 babies have been sickened by tainted milk formula and dozens of infants are suffering from acute kidney failure, China's health minister said Wednesday as the death toll rose to three children.

Health Minister Chen Zhu said he expected the numbers of affected babies to increase as "more and more parents take kids to the hospital."

Also Wednesday, the country's two largest dairy companies, Mengniu Dairy Co and Yili Industrial Group Co, were among the companies forced to recall baby formula. In addition, Guangdong-based Yashili and Qingdao-based Suncare recalled their tainted milk powder, which is exported to five countries in Africa and Asia: Bangladesh, Yemen, Gabon, Burundi and Myanmar.

So far, all the sick infants in China were found to have consumed milk powder produced by the company at the heart of the crisis, Sanlu Group Co, Chen said. Most babies developed urinary problems, including kidney stones, after consuming Sanlu milk powder for three to six months, he said.

Sanlu's general manager Tian Wenhua, who was fired a day earlier, was detained by police Wednesday, the *Xinhua* news agency said. Four milk suppliers have been arrested.

Suppliers to the dairy companies are believed to have added the banned chemical, normally used in plastics, to watered-down milk to make it appear higher in protein. Inspectors will now start testing for melamine in all dairy products, Li said.

In a sign of the government's concern, Premier Wen

Jiabao presided over a meeting Wednesday of China's Cabinet to back plans for a national inspection of milk products, according to a notice on the government's Web site.

China's health minister said that 6,244 babies fell ill after being fed tainted milk formula, and that 158 were suffering from acute kidney failure. Chen reported the death of a third baby in eastern Zhejiang province but gave no details. The two earlier deaths had been reported in Gansu province. Currently, 1,327 children, mostly newborns, remain hospitalized.

Sanlu company officials as well as government officials share the blame for delays in reporting the contamination, said Hebei Deputy Governor Yang Chongyong, who spoke on the sidelines of the Press conference.—*Internet*

Four US-led Coalition soldiers, one Afghan killed in bomb blast

KABUL, 17 Sept— Four service members of the US-led Coalition forces and one Afghan national were killed in a bomb blast Wednesday morning in eastern Afghanistan, the US-led military said.—*Internet*

Iraq: 15 killed in attacks

BAGHDAD. 17 Sept— Bombs and shootings have killed at least 15 people in Iraq, police said Wednesday, as an Iraqi spokesman pointed to progress in limiting violence in one restive province northeast of the capital.

Two car bombs exploded in quick succession near each other in western Baghdad on Wednesday morning, killing eight people and wounding 20, a police officer said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

In downtown Baghdad, a roadside bomb at an intersection killed three people and wounded six, police said. Two traffic policemen were among the dead.

In an attack on Tuesday night, gunmen in the northern city of Kirkuk opened fire on a car, killing three civilians and injuring another, said Brig Sarhad Qadir, the head of Kirkuk police.

Also Tuesday night, a car bomb killed Muhanned Abdul-Jabbar, a senior official with a US-backed group of Sunni fighters in Ramadi, west of Baghdad. It detonated when he left his house after dinner, police said.—*Internet*

Mexican Air Force aircraft fly past during a military parade celebrating Independence Day in Mexico City on 16 Sept, 2008. Mexico is celebrating the anniversary of the start of its fight for independence.
INTERNET

Officials say two killed in north Lebanon violence

BEIRUT (Lebanon), 17 Sept—Security officials say a gunfight between two rival Christian groups has left two people dead and three wounded in northern Lebanon. They say the clash between the anti-Syrian Lebanese Forces and pro-Syrian Marada group took place early Wednesday in the village of Bsarma in the northern district of Koura. The officials say a member of each group was killed.

The clashes were triggered by a disagreement over hanging rival posters. They say the three wounded are a policeman and two members of the Lebanese Forces.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

The clash comes a day after Lebanon's rival politicians began a national dialogue in which they agreed on easing tension.

Internet

Russia slams NATO for "Cold War" visit to Georgia

MOSCOW, 17 Sept— A visit to Georgia by senior NATO officials this week was anti-Russian and showed the alliance is driven by Cold War-style thinking, Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

"Decisions taken ... confirmed that in NATO, the Cold War-era reflexes of 'them and us' are at work once again," a statement said.

"We cannot view steps to intensify relations between the alliance and Georgia any other way than as encouragement for new adventures ... We believe the alliance's session in Tbilisi in the current conditions was not timely and does not help stabilization in the region."

The statement said the visit showed an anti-Russian tendency because NATO officials only viewed war damage inside Georgia, and not in the breakaway region of South Ossetia, which Georgian troops had tried to retake.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer this week led a session in Tbilisi of the North Atlantic Council, the alliance's highest political decision-making body, and an inaugural session of a Georgia-NATO commission.

Internet

Explosive attacks kill seven, injure 80 in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 17 Sept— At least seven people died and 80 were injured during two explosions at the celebration of the Independence Day in a square of the city of Morelia in the Mexican state of Michoacan, authorities said on Tuesday.

The attacks occurred Monday night and these are the first attacks addressed against civilians inside the violence wave in the country.

Morelia is capital of Michoacan and is located 242 kilometres from Mexico City, Michoacan is one of the states most devastated by the drug trafficking and kidnapping.

The Justice Prosecutor Office of Michoacan said on Tuesday that nobody has adjudged the attacks.

The explosions occurred when Michoacan's governor Leonel Godoy was heading the local celebration of Mexican Independence Day.

Meanwhile, Mexican President Felipe Calderon expressed his repudiation to the attacks on Morelia.

Internet

Nigerian oil rebels hit new Shell facility

LAGOS, 17 Sept—A Nigerian militant group said Wednesday it acted with a new ally to stage an attack which destroyed a Royal Dutch Shell oil flow station in the African nation's main producing region.

As with other attacks since the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) declared an "oil war" on Sunday, the rebels moved in with speed boats, dynamite and hand grenades, the Army said.

MEND also released two South African hostages on Tuesday night, the Army said.

The attack on the Orubiri flow station was the third on a Shell target in 48 hours. US major Chevron has also been targeted this week.

MEND said in a statement sent to media that this time that it had attacked with another armed group, the Niger Delta Volunteer Force (NDVF).

"About 2200 (2100 GMT) on Tuesday, 16 September, 2008, fighters from MEND and the NDVF in a new alliance attacked and destroyed the Orubiri flow station," MEND said.

The Army confirmed the attack.

Internet

China renews call to tackle young people's health problems

BEIJING, 17 Sept—China has renewed call to step up efforts in tackling the young people's health problems including short sight and obesity here on Tuesday.

Both education and school authorities should ramp up efforts to help students develop a healthy way of life, said Education Minister Zhou Ji, adding special efforts should be made on the prevention of short sight.

Health Minister Chen Zhu urged health authorities at all levels to beef up measures to help monitor and provide scientific nutrition formula for the young people.

Both ministers made their remarks when attending a national teleconference on schools' health work held here Tuesday.

Short sight and obesity are the most common health problems for the Chinese young people.

A survey conducted in 2006 shows that more than three quarters of senior high students in the country are short sighted and the figure for college students hit 83 percent.

Internet

Chinese tourists can head for Israel

BEIJING, 17 Sept—Good news for adventurous Chinese travellers, they can now sign up for tours of Israel, after the China-Israel Memorandum of Understanding on tourism came into effect on Monday.

The first Israel-bound Chinese tour group will depart in two batches from Beijing on 25 and 28 September. The 80-person group will visit Jerusalem and the Dead Sea during their 10-day trip. The price for the journey is 28,000 yuan, higher than the price of most trips to the United States. Israel is preparing for the Chinese tourists by providing Chinese-language brochures and the local tourism industry has also recruited people who can speak Chinese. —*Internet*

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A farmer collects seaweed from a field in Denpasar, on Bali island. South Korea has signed an initial deal to lease 25,000 hectares of Indonesian coastal waters to grow seaweed for bioethanol fuel, the government said on 17 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Russian Gov't puts in $18 bl to support liquidity

MOSCOW, 17 Sept— The Russian Finance Ministry and the Central Bank have thrown into the financial market a total of 475 billion rubles (18.62 billion US dollars) to support liquidity and are considering further steps, Prime Minister Putin said on Tuesday.

The Finance Ministry has put in 150 billion rubles (5.88 billion US dollars) and the Central Bank 325 billion rubles (12.74 billion US dollars), *Interfax* news agency cited Putin during a meeting with visiting Azeri President Ilham Aliyev in Moscow.

"The Finance Ministry plans to more than double this sum and offer 350 billion rubles tomorrow," Putin was quoted as saying, noting that the Russian economy is under the influence of the global financial crisis.

The Russian stock market plunged on Tuesday with the benchmark Russian Trading System (RTS) index down 146.48 points, or 11.47 percent, to 1131.12 and the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX) index fell 17.45 percent to 881.17 points.

Xinhua

Visitors stand in front of paintings by Chinese artists in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia on 16 Sept, 2008. A total of 39 works created by 26 Chinese artists are displayed in the exhibition highlighting masterpieces of Chinese contemporary paintings. —XINHUA

T-Mobile's Google phone to be unveiled 23 Sept

BEIJING, 17 Sept— T-Mobile Wednesday announced that its first wireless phone powered by Google Inc's Android software system will be unveiled at a news conference in New York on 23 Sept.

In an invitation, T-Mobile said that attendees will "witness the official unveiling of the first Android-powered phone from T-Mobile."

The Google phone, which is manufactured by HTC and called "Dream," won't go on sale until October, according to US media report.

Though T-Mobile has not divulged any key details about the shipping date and pricing, some Web-based reports already put the tag around 400 US dollars for the "Dream," saying more than 600,000 units will be under preparation for shipping.

The Android phone is positioned to compete with Apple's iPhone and Research In Motion's BlackBerry.

The "Dream" will combine an iPhone-style touchscreen with a swivel-out QWERTY-style keypad.

It will also boast what's being called a "jog ball," believed to be BlackBerry-like trackball navigation tool, and an accelerometer similar to the one found in the iPhone. —*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Thai parlt elects Somchai Wongsawat as premier

Bangkok, 17 Sept— Somchai Wongsawat was elected as Thailand's 26th Prime Minister with 298 votes in a voting in the House of Representatives Wednesday.

Somchai, deputy leader of People Power Party, was supported by the PPP and the other five coalition parties in the caretaker government. His nomination, agreed by PPP party executives on Monday, was earlier boycotted by a fraction of 73 PPP MPs, called "Friends of Newin" who were loyal to Newin Chidchob, former executive of the now defunct Thai Rak Thai Party (TRT).

On Tuesday, the PPP reached reconciliation as the Newin fraction agreed to accept Somchai to become the next premier.

Sixty-one-year-old Somchai has long-time experience in judicial field, serving as judge for more than 20 years. He was permanent secretary of the Justice Ministry from 1999 to 2006, during the Chuan Leekpai and then the Thaksin Shinwatra administrations, then became permanent secretary for the Labour Ministry.—*Xinhua*

Cambodian PM hopes Prince Ranariddh to return home from Malaysia

PHNOM PENH, 17 Sept— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said Wednesday that he wanted self-exiled Prince Norodom Ranariddh to return home from Malaysia in the traditional Pchum Ben festival falling on 29 Sept.

"My intention needs the Prince to come back to have reconciliation for our nation and myself also want to do a good charity in the festival," Hun Sen said at a graduation ceremony at the National Institute of Education.

"The Prince and I used to have verbal attack but now it is over," he said, adding that Ranariddh needs pardon from the King. Ranariddh, who left Cambodia last year under a cloud of legal problems, is living in Malaysia. —*Xinhua*

Two French hostages freed by French army in Somalia

PARIS, 17 Sept— Two French nationals who had been held hostage by Somali pirates for two weeks were freed by French Army on Monday, French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced Tuesday at a Press conference in the Presidential palace l'Eylsee. A 30-man French military commando carried out the operation on Monday where they overpowered the Somali pirates, leading to the death of one pirate and the capture of six others, according to him.

Sarkozy thanked Germany and Malaysia, among other countries, for their support to the operation.—*Xinhua*

A performance of Beethoven's great Ninth Symphony at the Beijing Concert Hall on Monday night marked the conclusion of cultural celebrations for the 29th Olympiad.—XINHUA

Expert: Rebalancing global economy means more energy to developing economies

LONDON, 17 Sept—A profound rebalancing of the global economy requires increasing levels of energy and amounts of raw materials for developing countries, Pierre Gadnonneix, head of World Energy Council said here on Tuesday.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the two-day FT-WEC Energy Leaders Summit, the WEC chairman said: "The IMF estimates that by 2012, developing countries will be producing more than 50 percent of global growth, which requires increasing levels of energy and amounts of raw materials for developing countries to support their growth."

This shift is so rapid that it has created lasting tensions on energy prices because capacity has not kept up with demand, the WEC chief said.

Each day there are 200,000 more people on the earth, and these people want to live a better life than their parents, which helps make energy demands to increase by up to 50 percent between now and 2030, Gadnonneix said.

Higher prices have placed the least developed countries and people with the lowest income in a strange hold, he said, adding that rising energy prices are increasing inequality globally and locally, drawing sharp lines between those who do have access to energy and those who do not.

Though quantities are not limitless, Gadnonneix said, we can push back the limits through appropriate use of technological advances.

Xinhua

Medvedev says Russia will not change economic course

MOSCOW, 17 Sept—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on Monday there would be no change to Kremlin economic policy after the conflict in Georgia and called for more Russian money to be invested in domestic financial markets.

Medvedev, speaking to the country's most influential businessmen, said Russia still wanted to join the World Trade Organization but would only do so on acceptable terms.

"All the priorities of the development of our country are being preserved. No one should count on a change in direction," Medvedev said.

"Despite what happened in August... despite the military solution, nothing in the principles of economic policy will be changed."—*MNA/Reuters*

Trial of German warcrimes suspect, 90, begins

MUNICH (Germany), 17 Sept—A 90-year-old German World War II officer, accused of ordering the killing 13 Italians in 1944, went on trial on Monday in what could prove one of the last cases of its kind. Infantry commander Josef Scheungraber is accused of ordering the killing of 13 Italian civilians while serving in Tuscany in June 1944. The killing is believed to have been in retaliation for an attack by Italian partisans in which two German soldiers were killed. "The trial concerns the murder of innocent civilians who were not directly involved in the war," Anton Winkler, senior public prosecutor of the Munich District court, said. In September 2006, Scheungraber was sentenced in absentia to life imprisonment by an Italian military tribunal in La Spezia. — *MNA/Reuters*

Cambodia's drinking water solution project wins IWA award

JAKARTA, 17 Sept—A study that offers ceramic waterfilters as a sustainable solution for rural drinking water treatment in Cambodia, has won the International Water Association (IWA) 2008 Project Innovation Award Grand Prize for Small Projects in Vienna recently, a release by the World Bank Indonesia said.

According to the release received by *Xinhua* on Monday, the study is funded by UNICEF and the Water and Sanitation Programme and implemented by the University Of North Carolina School of Public Health. Results from the study suggested that the filters could significantly improve household water quality, offering up to 99.99 per cent less E coli in treated versus untreated water, said WSP Cambodia Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist Jan-Willem Rosenboom. —*MNA/Xinhua*

***A resident destroys a police station in La Paz Centro town, about 25 miles (40 km) west of Managua, on 15 Sept, 2008.* —INTERNET**

Iraq says does not need US financial aid

NAJAF (Iraq), 17 Sept—Iraq does not need any financial aid from the United States, the government spokesman said, in the wake of criticism from some US politicians that Washington is paying too much towards Iraq's reconstruction.

Since the US-led invasion in 2003, US taxpayers have paid 48 billion US dollars for stabilization and reconstruction in Iraq, a congressional report said last month, adding Baghdad had spent little of its growing oil revenues on rebuilding infrastructure.

"I think we are in a position now not to ask for financial aid from anybody, even the United States," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told *Reuters* at the weekend in the holy Shiite city of Najaf.

"I think we have enough money to spend and we are not in need of any money in the future."

Dabbagh said what Iraq needed from the United States and other countries was help in building technical expertise and training, especially since the country's legal and technological framework needed updating after decades of neglect.—*MNA/Reuters*

NEWSALBUM

Fish flies out of lake, breaks Arkansas teen's jaw

It's a fishing tale that packs a wallop so strong it broke the jaw of a southeastern Arkansas teen and covered him in fish blood and guts.

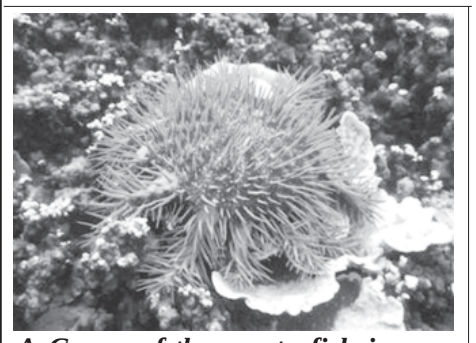
Seth Russell, 15, of Crossett, was cruising Lake Chicot on a large inner tube towed by a boat when a Silver Asian carp leaped from the water and smacked him in the face. Seth was knocked unconscious.

"He doesn't remember anything at all," the boy's mother, Linda Russell, said last week. "He was laughing, and the next thing he remembers, he is waking in a hospital."

The teen has had oral surgery to wire several teeth together and still experiences back pain that doctors attribute to whiplash from the high-speed collision, his mother said.

He's not the only one who's has a run-in with the "flying" Silver Asian carp.

"They do not fly, but they are quite good jumpers," said Carole Engle, director of aquaculture and the fisheries centre at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.



A Crown-of-thorns starfish is seen on the coral bed off Malaysia's Tioman Island in the South China Sea. Conservation zones in the Indian Ocean set up to protect fish stocks are not preventing coral reefs from collapsing due to warmer temperatures or helping to speed their recovery, researchers reported on Wednesday.

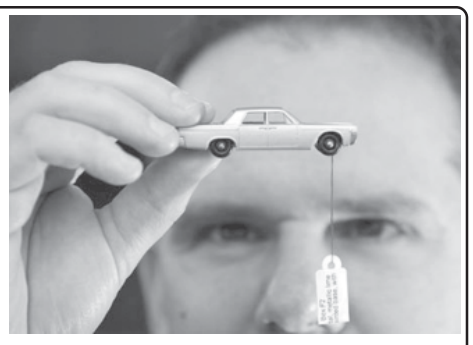
Ohio preacher, 71, avoids jail in road rage case

A 71-year-old Cincinnati preacher convicted of waving a gun and threatening another driver won't be going to jail. A Hamilton County judge on Thursday sentenced Thomas Howell to two years' probation and 100 hours of community service on his conviction for aggravated menacing.

Howell can't possess any weapons while on probation and must give up his concealed weapon permit.

The judge said most gun threat cases lead to jail but Howell would be spared because the minister has prostate cancer and glaucoma.

Howell was driving to First Commandment Church of the Living God in the East Walnut Hills neighbourhood in June when another driver cut him off. The cars chased each other, and the other motorist said Howell threatened to shoot her and called her names.



Specialist cataloguer Andy Reed holds a matchbox toy Cadillac valued at three hundred pounds ($525) at Vectis in Thornaby, northern England.

NJ cops kick in door over bird's cries for help

Cries for help inside a Trenton, NJ, home turned out to be for the birds. Neighbours called police Wednesday morning after hearing a woman's persistent cry of "Help me! Help me!" coming from a house. Officers arrived and when no one answered the door, they kicked it in to make a rescue.

But instead of a damsel in distress, officers found a caged cockatoo with a convincing call.

German fire brigade finds python in bathroom

German firefighters pumping water out of a flooded apartment in Essen found a three-metre long python there, police in the western city said on Friday.

The fire brigade was called after a burst water pipe flooded the vacant apartment.

Police said it was unclear why the python, which was found on the bathroom window sill, was in the apartment. The tenant could not be contacted and police took the snake into custody.

A green tree python (Morelia Viridisin) is pictured in terrarium at Berlin zoo.

Only with prudent work will there be fruitful results

Ko Thayar

Now, the process for smooth transition to multiparty democracy system is well under way, as aspired by the entire people, and progress has been made to a certain degree. The ruling government is not an elected one, but the one that unavoidably took up State duties according to the nation's situations so as to save the motherland from collapse and disintegration of national solidarity and falling under alien subjugation again. It is undeniable that throughout the rule, the government has dedicated itself to demanding tasks for national unity, stability of the State, community peace, national development, the three basic needs of the people, and democratic transition process.

Is it possible that a nation can be transformed from the old system to a new one in no time? And is it reasonable that some said, "Leave it to us, hand over power to us, and we can transform our country into a democratic one in a short time?" I don't think Myanmar can be transformed into a democratic one overnight by just doing so. I believe that a peaceful democratic nation can be built up only after political, economic and social infrastructures necessary for a democratic country have been built for national development; the people have equipped themselves with correct views, concepts and convictions; and an enduring constitution has been adopted. With this concept, the government is building infrastructures in various sectors during its time. It is true that the groundwork for democratic transition has not been done cent per cent yet, but the progress in that regard is enough for democratic transition. **The government is now implementing the State's seven-step Road Map it has laid down, and the State constitution (the fourth step) has been adopted with the approval of nearly cent per cent of the people. To put it another way, the entire people have expressed their desire and satisfaction, and approved the fact that democracy should be introduced to the nation through the present constitution.**

However, a tiny minority of the people opposed the constitution due to various reasons. I do not want to make any comments on that point because they have the rights to disagree. The referendum for approval of the constitution was held in line with the Referendum Law and Regulations, not in a prearranged way. I mean the constitution was adopted through the referendum in which the entire people cast their votes in accordance with the Law. A handful of people are in protest against the constitution, but I understand them. Nevertheless, I do not want them to say that they do not recognize and approve it. The entire people holding citizenship scrutiny cards have to accept the constitution because the constitution has been approved in accordance with the desire of the great majority of the people and legal procedures. Every citizen has to honour the desire of the majority of the people. If a person or organization at home does not recognize the constitution that has been approved by the great majority of the people, what is such a person and organization and what is their future?

The constitution is particularly designed to meet the prevailing conditions, historical background and possible future conditions of the nation. And it bestows the people with all the democratic rights and prevents the State from getting into crises and collapse. It enumerates democratic rights at the unprecedented level. Making a thorough study of the constitution and assessing it with nationalistic fervour, one can notice that it hardly carries unacceptable facts. **Here, it is required to give priority to the interest of the nation and the people, rather than that of a particular person or organization.**

Whatever it is, every citizen has to respect the constitution as it has been approved by the entire people. Today, the people have enjoyed the taste of national development along with peace and stability on an unprecedented scale. They have enjoyed the freedom of doing business. They are now anxious to achieve the goal of building up a democratic country, taking advantages of the political stability. Thus, the government has been working hard to fulfil the wishes of the people, and has taken responsibilities for seeing to the State's seven-step Road Map for democracy. The people will no longer show their patience with further disturbances and hindrances in the trend, because the goal of democracy will be far away if riots and disruptions persist. Only through harmonious cooperation will it be possible to achieve the goal sooner. That is the desire of the majority of the people. It is noticed that the government is trying its best to meet the people's aspiration to a democratic nation.

Therefore, it is time to decide what should be done next according to the desire of the people, the adopted constitution, and the present conditions of the nation. Will they persist in opposing whatever the government does? What is the use of doing so? Now is an opportune time to make an appropriate decision, and the nation will see an important change in the political arena in the near future. One will be discarded or sidelined if one makes the wrong decision.

Some persons from the political parties and organizations are versed in politics to considerable extent, whereas some were opportunist politicians. If the vast experience on political affairs is exerted effectively in the democratic process, that will help gain the momentum of national development. The people have to remain united in working in the interest of the nation. The people know about the motherland best. So, I wish certain persons would participate in the follow-up programmes for democracy.

Those who fail to take part in the process will be left behind and will miss unique opportunities. Not only the government but also the people will not remain indifferent if they try to disrupt the process. They should create better circumstances, while doing their bit in the process. They should expand their horizons by applying the experiences they have gained. Any newly-born babies cannot walk on their own. First, they will be able to crawl, then move on all fours. When they have grown enough, they will be able to toddle. Democratic process is similar to that example.

There will be no progress if they fail to do what should be done, but think of things that will never work. They should have stopped dreaming of impossible things. We people want to enjoy democracy as soon as possible, and the government is taking all possible measures in that case. What should we do? **We should do nothing except working in concert in the correct political trend. Those who fail to do so will be in the wrong and they will be left behind and will face undesirable consequences.**

As for me, I am opposed to any acts that prevent the democratic process from going smoothly. And I do not support anyone who does so. I do not trust or rely on those who are making unreasonable demands. I abhor all the attempts to confront with the government and stir up problems. Bluntly, I am not in favour of those who misbehave regarding the internal affairs, placing too much reliance on alien elements. It is so foolish to call for economic sanctions with the intention of getting the mother country into economic crisis, and making the nation another Afghanistan or Iraq.

I am in favour of all the work done to serve the national interests. I believe our country will soon achieve the goal of democracy if the people work in harness in accordance with the seven-step Road Map. I am in support of the State constitution. I know well the constitution guarantees all democratic rights and security. So, I am determined to join hands with the people in implementing the State's seven-step Road Map. I would say there should not be any imprudent deeds. I wish certain elements would mend their ways, doing what should be done. Isrit it wise to create better opportunities, while participating in the democratic process?

Translation: MS

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects houses built by TZTM Co with the contribution of UMEHL at Kyatsha village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

Any task should be in the interest of the State…

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deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and officials, Prime Minister General Thein Sein left Pathein by helicopter at 8.45 am yesterday and arrived at Kyatsha Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt who is supervising rehabilitation and reconstruction of Mawlamyinegyun Township reported on ardent efforts made for construction of storm-ravaged Kyatsha Village as a model village.

The minister and officials submitted reports on construction of the volleyball ground, the football ground and the Sepak Takraw ground for the villagers.

The Prime Minister greeted responsible persons of companies that are taking part in reconstruction of the village, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the Red Cross.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected construction of the village ring roads made of sand measuring 8 feet wide and 3 feet high and allotment of households at the houses built by TZTM Co with post shoes, roofing of corrugated iron sheets and wooden walls with the contributions of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. They also greeted the local people.

The Prime Minister viewed opening of shops on a manageable scale at the houses.

At Alinyaung Self-reliant Village Library, they looked into keeping of various kinds of books. They also inspected opening of the temporary clinic.

Afterwards, they overviewed growing of windbreaker along both sides of the village road and cultivation of vegetable and flowery plants in the compound of the houses.

At the site of sinking 4-inch tube-well by Development Affairs Department, Assistant Engineer U Aung Ngwe and officials reported on sinking of the well.

Managing Director U Win Naing of WEG Co briefed the Prime Minister on functions of the small-scale silt and sand filtering tank for supply of drinking water to the village.

The Prime Minister and party inspected land preparations for construction of the village.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presented various kinds of books for the village library to a member of USDA.

At the briefing hall, Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on reconstruction of Kyatsha Village and future tasks for its development. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

The Prime Minister handed snacks and kerosene/petroleum-used stoves manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-2 to officials of the village.

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Sinking of a 4-inch tube-well by Development Affairs Department seen at Kyatsha Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

MNA

Pyapon-Bogale Road is 19 miles and two furlongs long. Efforts are being made for repairing the road. So far, the road has been repaired by 92 per cent.

Houses built by TZTM Co with the contribution of UMEHL seen at Kyatsha Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

Any task should…

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On arrival at Bogale, they were welcomed by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials.

At the control office in Bogale, Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on repair of Pyapon-Bogale Road. Director-General U Myo Myint of the Development Affairs Department briefed them on repair of Pyapon-Bogale Road in Bogale section. Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing explained repair of Pyapon-Bogale Road in Pyapon section.

After hearing the reports, Prime Minister General Thein Sein urged officials concerned to repair minor damages as soon as possible. The State will have to spend more funds if minor damages became major ones, he said. He pointed out that as engineers are mainly responsible for road maintenance, administrative bodies will have to conduct checks township-wise and act as a driving force. Any tasks should be in the interest of the State, he noted.

Pyapon-Bogale Road is 19 miles and two furlongs long. Efforts are being made for repairing the road. So far, the road has been repaired by 92 per cent.

Chief Engineer U Soe Tint of Public Works reported on progress in construction of Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road. Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister instructed officials to complete the earth work of Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road in coming open season.

The Prime Minister and party inspected repairing of Pyapon-Bogale Road and viewed participation of Bogale Township USDA members in repairing works as a gesture of hailing the USDA Annual General Meeting (2008).

They visited the hurller that can mill 30 baskets of paddy per day at Aungtheikdi Rice Mill in Bogale. President U Win Myint of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Chairman U Tin Win of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association briefed the Prime Minister on operating of the rice mill, production of quality rice and milling rate.

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. Next, the Prime Minister and party left Bogale by helicopter and arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.—*MNA*

Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into village ring roads measuring 8 feet wide and 3 feet high in Kyatsha village.

MNA

***Alinyaung self-reliant village library of Kyatsha village.*—MNA**

***An aerial view of houses built by TZTM Co with the contribution of UMEHL at Kyatsha village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.*—MNA**

Factories running well in Shwepyitha…

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Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe held discussions and coordinated work to fulfil the needs. Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed production process of transformers and manufactured transformers.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party proceeded to U Kyu Family flour mill of Grains & Manufacturing Co Ltd in Industrial Zone No. 3 of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone and viewed the production line of the factory.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party later went to cold storage and ice factory of Htet Phyo Wai Co Ltd where they viewed sorting out of crab, lobster, squid and chilling process.

Shwepyitha Industrial Zone 1 was established in 1990, Zone 2& 3 in 1998, Zone 4 in 2000 and now there are 115 operating factories in Zone 1, and 105 operating factories in Zone 2, 3, and 4 which are producing all kinds of clothing, foodstuff, construction and foundry materials, electrical appliances, chemicals, paper and stationery, machine and spare parts, and marine products.—*MNA*

Medicine-2 almuni get-together

YANGON, 17 Sept – The respect paying ceremony of old students who were at the Institute of Medicine-2 (Yangon) from 1983 to 1988 will be held in conjunction with the get-together ceremony at the building of Myanmar Medical Association here on 11 January, 2009.

Those wishing to attend the ceremony may contact Dr Nweni Than (Ph: 095018892), Dr Ko Ko (Ph: 095129205), Dr Cho Cho Khin(Ph: 095056384), Dr Win Tun (Ph: 095016354), Dr Aye Win Set (Ph: 01660230), Dr Win San (Ph: 096818698), Dr Tin Yadana Aung (Ph: 099926850), Dr Yi Yi Myint (Nay Pyi Taw) (Office Ph:067403170 and Residence Ph: 067403467), Dr Kyaw Thu (Ph: 092003327), Dr Hla Myat Naing (Ph: 0235992), Dr Tin Htay (Mudon) (Ph: 095321463), Lt-Col Win Tun Myint (Aungban) ((Ph: 03437066). – *MNA*

Energy Ministry prospects for new promising oil wells in Kyaukkhwet/Letpanto

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects seismic survey work for drilling new deep oil wells in Kyaukkhwet/Letpanto oil field.—ENERGY

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi went on an inspection tour of Kyaukkhwet/Letpanto oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy in Pauk and Myaing Townships of Magway Division on 14 September.

The minister inspected progress in drilling oil well No. 88 by means of drilling machine of National 55/1 and producing crude oil at oil well No. 84 Kyaukkhwet/Letpanto oil field produces 820 barrels a day.

At the briefing hall, the chief of geologists briefed on progress in conducting seismic survey.

After hearing the reports, the minister said that the ministry is making efforts to have sufficient fuel locally by making use of various ways and means. New oil drilling machines ordered from abroad are going to arrive and thus new promising oil wells are to be systematically prospected. Staff concerned are to try their best to explore oil and gas by the use of drilling machines ordered from abroad and then he laid down future plans.

Next, the minister looked into progress in conducing seismic survey at the new chosen places and attended to the needs.

MNA

Software Development Course with Java to be opened

YANGON, 17 Sept — With the sponsorship of Yoma Technologies, senior developers will conduct Software Development Course with Java under the leadership of British Software Engineer at Myanmar Info Tech in Hline Township here on 24 September.

Those who have completed the course will be able to manage software development lifecycle, have experiences in software application with the use of Java Programming Language and access to Software Development Team based on Java Programmer Certification as well as obtain Training Scholarship through Yoma Technologies.

Those wishing to attend the course are to be qualified in advanced Java programming, JDBC, Object Oriented Design and UML.

The course will cover Explore Software Development Lifecycle, Understand Importance of Quality & Maintainability of Software, Explore Software Architecture and their usage, Learn Component Based Development, Learn Software Design Patterns Recognized as the Industry Standard, Discover Industry Best Practices and Apply all of the above on a practical project.

Those wishing to attend the course are to contact the above address through Tel 703230, 652264, 503599 or Web Page WWW.Yomatechnologies.com.— *MNA*

Gifts for orphans

YANGON, 17 Sept—Well-wishers have been donating cash and kind to storm victims. Mr Michizoh Sumiuchi, Mr Takashi Yamamoto, Mr Kazuharu Tanaka of Rotary Club of Rotary International District 2770, Japan and U Thant Zin (Yamanaka Eng.Co,Ltd) donated clothes worth K 8 million for orphanaes under the Social Welfare Department, at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.

Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of SWD and officials accepted the donations.—*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**

Prizes presented to winners in weightlifting

YANGON, 17 Sept—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on 15 September attended the prize-presentation of the 40th Inter-State and Division Weightlifting held at Aung San Stadium here and presented prizes on the occasion.

Officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department presented prizes to winners in (men)'s 69 kilo, 77 kilo and 85 kilo divisions of National Championship Weightlifting, Secretary Daw L Khun Yi of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation's Central Working Committee, to winners in (women)'s 69 kilo division of the 40th Inter-State and Division Weightlifting, Patron Daw Myint Myint Swe of MWSF, to winners in (women)'s 75 kilo division and Chairperson of MWSF's Central Working Committee Daw Aye Aye, to winners in (women)'s 75 kilo division.

Next, President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation U Win Lwin presented prizes to winners in 69 kilo division of the 40th Inter-State and Division Weightlifting, to winners in 56 kilo and 53 kilo divisions of the 2008 National Championship Weightlifting.

The MOC and MWF presented K 200,000 to Pyi Phyo (MWF) who broke three old records of weightlifting.

After that, General Secretary of MOC Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented prizes to Mandalay Division that stood third in (men)'s division, Taninthayi Division that stood second, and Bago Division and Magway Divison that stood third and second in (women)'s divisions.

Next, K 600,000 was presented to Kyaw Moe Win who broke the record of the 24th SEA Games.

Later, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented championship shields and cash awards to Yangon Division (men) and (women) teams that emerged champions.

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Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of SWD accepts clothes worth K 8 million for orphans donated by Mr Michizoh Sumiuchi, Mr Takashi Yamamoto, Mr Kazuhara Tanaka of Rotary Club of Rotary International District 2770, Japan and U Thant Zin (Yamanaka Eng Co Ltd).—MNA

Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects repairing of Pyapon-Bogale road.

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Pyapon-Bogale Road repaired

YANGON, 17 Sept — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt went to Pyapon on 14 September and fulfilled the requirements for repairing of Pyapon-Bogale road by Development Affairs Department under the ministry.

At the office of Pyapon Township DAD, Deputy Director-General U Soe Ko Ko of DAD reported to the minister on progress of work and stockpiling of construction materials.

The minister inspected the road works in a motorcade.

The work on repairing of the road started on 25 August and the road works were completed within three weeks due to the concerted efforts of engineers with the use of machinery and the road was restored into condition before the rainy season.

CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Col Thein Nyunt attended the annual meeting of Malamyinegyun Township USDA on 15 September and awarded the outstanding members of the association.

He also presented gifts to members of the Red Cross Society and Fire Brigade who volunteered for the rehabilitation works in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

He accepted K 2,190,000 donated by 25 donors to Mawlamyinegyun Township USDA at the meeting.

MNA

Schools get new buildings in Ingapu, Bogale

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Ingapu Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held the Annual General Meeting 2008 at the town hall on 13 September, attended by USDA CEC member Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung. He awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2007-2008 academic year and Htanbingon Basic Education High School Branch for the best pass rate.

While in Ingapu Township, the CEC member attended opening of school buildings at BEPSs in Hlegyi-aing and Wetkon villages. The building of Hlegyi-aing BEPS is 90 feet long and 30 feet wide and was built at the cost of K 13.5 million. construction. Wetkon BEPS is 100 feet long and 30 feet wide and it cost K 10.5 million.

At Pyapon District USDA AGM 2008 held at Pyapon Township Peace and Development Council, CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing awarded the outstanding students.

On 15 September, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung viewed the clinic, village library and 120 houses built by Htoo Co in Kyeinchaunggyi Village of Bogale Township. Next, he met local people at the village hall. After visiting Kyeinchanuggyi Basic Education Post-Primary School, the minister gave away umbrellas and gifts to them. He also inspected construction of 148 houses in Dauntgyi Village by Min Construction Co with the contribution of I Love Myanmar Co. At two BEPSs in the townships, the minister presented umbrellas , snacks and cash assistance to the schools.—*MNA*

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses Pyapon District USDA AGM.—FORESTRY

USDA holds Township AGMs, awards outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Natogyi Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held the Annual General Meeting 2008 at the town hall on 9 September morning. USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung explained matters related to the association and presented cash assistance to Township USDA, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association and prizes to outstanding students.

The CEC member inspected the site for construction of industrial ward. He attended the ceremony to award outstanding students at Ngazun Basic Education High School Chinthelet BEMS and Kyauktalon BEHS (Branch).

On 11 September, he attended the Ngazun Township USDA Annual General Meeting. In the afternoon, he presented prizes to outstanding students at Ngamyagyi BEHS and cash assistance to Ngamyagyi Station Hospital, WAO and MCWA. On 12 September, the deputy minister and party awarded outstanding students at Natgyi BEMS (Branch) and Thakyin BEHS (Branch). On 13 September, they presented cash assistance to health staff and patients at Ngazun Township Hospital and attended the prize presentation for outstanding students at basic education schools.—*MNA*

USDA CEC member Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung makes a speech at Ngazun Township USDA AGM.—MNA

Storm report

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—According to the 9.30 hr observation MST today of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the depression over Northwest Bay of Bengal has crossed Orissa Coast, India.—*MNA*

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THE INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

Myanma Agriculture Service (MAS) intends to invite pre-qualify Contractors/Companies for the following works/ contracts under the Oil Crops Development Project.

1. **Turn-key contract** for the design, manufacture, supply, installation and commissioning of a 200 tonnes/ day multi crop (sesame, groundnut, sunflower, soybean and oil cakes) solvent extraction and processing complex.

This facility will be located in the northern part of Myanmar in the proximity of the city of Mandalay.

2. **Turn-key contract** for the design, manufacture, supply, installation and commissioning of a 10 Ton FFB/ hr Palm Oil Processing Complex. This facility will be located in the southern part of Myanmar in the proximity of Kaw Thaung township.

3. **Supervision Contract**

The supervision contract will entail the provision of Project Management Services for the turnkey projects, one in Mandalay and the other in Kaw Thaung township. This will include coordination with the supplier/ manufacturing companies, Government Institutions, contractors and utility service providers.

Pre-qualification documents can be procured with the payment of a 100 US$ non refundable deposit. This payment can be made at the following bank account:
Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
1 DA 0694001
Myanma Foreign Trade Bank
80/86 Maha Bandoola Garden Street, Yangon
Myanmar

Applicants may obtain the pre-qualification documents on the 18th of September 2008, from-
National Project Director
Oil Crops Development Project
Seed Division Compound
Insein Road
Yangon.

Application for Pre-Qualification will close at 12:00 hours on the 30th October 2008.

Further information may be obtained from U San Hla Baw, National Project Director
+95-1-640511, +95-1-663586 or by e-mail to ocdp.moai@mptmail.net.mm

Managing Director
Myanma Agriculture Service

Russia investigates 'mysterious' Aeroflot jet crash

PERM (Russia), 17 Sept—Russian investigators on Monday sifted through the wreckage of an Aeroflot jet that crashed in the Ural mountains killing all 88 people on board, as the region marked a day of mourning.

The *Boeing-737* plane plunged out of the sky on Sunday as it was coming in to land in the city of Perm, narrowly missing densely-populated residential areas. Witnesses said the plane was already on fire or had exploded before the crash.—*Internet*

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Common plastics chemical linked to heart problems

ROCKVILLE (Maryland), 17 Sept — A major study links a chemical widely used in plastic products, including baby bottles, to health problems in humans like heart disease and diabetes, but US regulators said on Tuesday they still believe it is safe.

The chemical bisphenol A, or BPA, is commonly used in plastic food and beverage containers and in the coating of food cans.

Until now, environmental and consumer activists who have questioned the safety of BPA have relied on animal studies.

But the study by British researchers in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that among 1,455 US adults, those with the highest levels of BPA were more likely to have heart disease, diabetes and liver-enzyme abnormalities than those with the lowest levels.

US Food and Drug Administration officials said they would review the new findings, which were not yet published when the agency issued a draft conclusion in August that BPA is safe at current exposure levels.

"We have confidence in the data that we've looked at and the data that we're relying on to say that the margin of safety is adequate," FDA official Laura Tarantino said at a meeting of experts advising the agency on whether it made the right call."There are things you can do if you choose to reduce your level of bisphenol A," Tarantino said. "But we have not recommended that anyone change their habits or change their use of any of these products because right now we don't have the evidence in front of us to suggest that people need to."

Internet

Healthy living cuts premature death risk in half

CHICAGO, 17 Sept — Women who heed common sense health messages about smoking, diet and exercise can cut their risk of premature death in half, US researchers said on Tuesday.

Many studies look at the impact of just one lifestyle change on overall health, but researchers at Harvard University wanted to see the total impact of a healthy diet, regular exercise, a healthy weight and a lifetime without smoking.

Dr Rob van Dam and a team from the Harvard School of Public Health and Brigham and Women's Hospital followed 80,000 nurses for more than two decades.

The women kept detailed records of their diet, physical activity, alcohol consumption, weight, smoking and disease history. Over the study period, 8,882 of the women died, including 1,790 from heart disease and 4,527 from cancer.

Some 28 percent of these deaths could have been avoided if the women had never smoked, the researchers said.

And 55 percent of the deaths could have been avoided if the women had never smoked and exercised regularly, eaten a healthy diet low in red meat and trans-fats and maintained a healthy weight, they said.

Internet

Mitsubishi Motors Corp President Osamu Masuko speaks to reporters during a Press conference to unveil the Japanese automaker's redesigned light vehicle Toppo in Tokyo Wednesday, 17 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Nigeria militants threaten broader "oil war" in delta

PROTH ARCOURT (Nigeria), 17 Sept —Nigerian militants threatened on Wednesday to broaden their "oil war" to offshore oilfields, after attacking another Shell-operated oil flow station in the Niger Delta.The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), responsible for attacks that have cut a fifth of OPEC member Nigeria's oil output, said it would launch attacks outside Rivers state for the first time since clashes began on Saturday.

The heaviest fighting between militants and security forces in more than two years has spread to about 10 villages, but have remained in Rivers state, home to oil city Port Harcourt.

"After Rivers, the hurricane will be heading to the neighbouring states in the Niger Delta," the group said in an e-mailed statement.Some security forces in the oil industry estimate more than 100 people may have been killed in recent clashes.

Militants have bombed pipelines, platforms, gas plants and oilfields, halting up to 115,000 barrels per day of oil production in the last five days, government officials said.Nigeria's oil is popular in the United States and Europe because it is easily refined into gasoline, diesel and other crude products.

Internet

11 dead in police ambush in Russian Caucasus: official

MOSCOW, 17 Sept — Russian special forces killed 10 suspected rebels Wednesday in a shoot-out in the restive province of Dagestan, a law-enforcement official said.

One policeman died in a gun battle after officers from Russia's FSB special services surrounded the rebels, the official told *AFP* on condition of anonymity.

"At 1:00 am Wednesday (2100 GMT Tuesday) a counter-terror operation was launched. By morning 10 militants had been killed," the official said. "One FSB special forces officer was seriously injured and died in hospital."

The gun battle erupted after the rebels were discovered near the village of Smurt, a law-enforcement official was quoted as saying by *ITAR-TASS* news agency.

Interfax reported that the rebels commander, Zakir Novruzov, was killed in the battle.

Internet

Indian policemen stand guard in Mumbai on 14 September following deadly bomb blasts in New Delhi. Police in the country have released sketches of three men they believe were behind the bombings that killed 24 people in the Indian capital.—INTERNET

Jordan, South Korea in negotiations over power plant deal

AMMAN, 17 Sept — Jordan and a South Korean firm are in negotiations over the construction of a power plant, local daily *The Jordan Times* reported on Wednesday.

Negotiations are under way over the plan between the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and the state-run Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO), the ministry's spokesperson, Mahmoud Eis, said on Tuesday.

"KEPCO was one of four companies interested in the construction of the 400-megawatt, 500 million US dollars plant which will be established in Qatraneh on a build-operate-own basis," said Eis, adding that KEPCO's offer was the best among the four bids submitted to win the deal.

The project, to be operational by 2011, is expected to be Jordan's largest private sector natural gas-powered plant, according to Eis.

It is the second to be implemented by the private sector after the Amman East Power Plant, which was constructed in Al Manakher area with a total generation capacity of 370 megawatts, officials said.

Jordan's demand for electricity is expected to reach approximately 4,000 MW by 2020, according to official figures.

Internet

SPORTS

Zlatan Ibrahimovic of Inter Milan (L) fights for the ball with Panathinaikos' Simao during their group B Champions League football game at the Athens Olympic stadium. Inter won 2-0.—INTERNET

Brazilian brace gives Inter the points in Athens

ATHENS, 17 Sept — Brazilians Mancini and Adriano scored a goal apiece to hand Jose Mourinho's Inter Milan side a 2-0 Group B Champions League victory over Panathinaikos Tuesday at a sold-out Athens Olympic Stadium.

Inter coach Mourinho sent on Adriano in the last minutes of the contest and the striker came good to score in the 85th minute and put the Italian side top of their group.

Adriano took a perfect pass from Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic who split the Panathinaikos defence and the Brazilian had no trouble lobbing the ball over the head of 'keeper Mario Galinovic.

Ibrahimovic also assisted on the first goal in the 27th minute of play. He controlled the ball from midfield and fought past two Panathinaikos defenders before offloading to a charging Mancini, who blasted his close-range effort past Galinovic.

In the 42nd minute Panathinaikos came close to drawing level when defender Bryce Moon blasted the ball from just inside the penalty area and an Inter defender deflected, the ball hitting the crossbar as 'keeper Julio Cesar watched motionless.

Internet

Gerrard double gives Liverpool tonic in Marseille

MARSEILLE, 17 Sept — Steven Gerrard stole the show on his full return to the Liverpool side on Tuesday with both goals to secure a 2-1 win in his side's opening Champions League Group D encounter at Marseille.

Coach Rafa Benitez's decision to put both Gerrard and Fernando Torres back in the starting line-up after injury - the former played only a cameo role in Saturday's win over arch-rivals Manchester United - was a sure sign Liverpool meant business as they recovered from an early deficit. Gerrard - who took his tally to 99 for the club - said that it had been a pleasing performance - at least in the first-half.—*Internet*

Marseille midfielder Vitorino Hilton(L) vies for the ball with Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher at the Velodrome stadium during their Champions League first round match in Marseille. Liverpool won 2-1.—INTERNET

Scolari plays down Chelsea's stunning start

LONDON 17 Sept — Luiz Felipe Scolari has warned his Chelsea stars not to get carried away after their Champions League demolition of Bordeaux.

Scolari's side started their bid to avenge last season's Champions League final defeat against Manchester United in emphatic style at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

Goals from Frank Lampard, Joe Cole, Florent Malouda and Nicolas Anelka sealed a 4-0 victory that sent out a statement of intent to the rest of Europe.

But Bordeaux were obliging opponents and Scolari knows Chelsea will have to overcome far sterner tests to reach May's final in Rome.

The Chelsea manager is determined to keep his players' feet on the ground and made a point of highlighting the flaws in their victory over Laurent Blanc's team.

Internet

Chelsea's Frank Lampard celebrates his goal against Bordeaux, during the Champions League Group A match at Stamford Bridge in London. Chelsea won 4-0.—INTERNET

Djokovic, Tsonga to play tennis at Brisbane International

SYDNEY, 17 Sept — World No 3 Novak Djokovic and French star Jo-Wilfried Tsonga — the finalists in this year's Australian Open — will top the draw at the Brisbane International, organizers said Wednesday.

Former world No 1 and reigning French Open champion Ana Ivanovic was last month named as the top drawcard among the women competing at the inaugural event to be held in the lead-up to the Australian Open. Djokovic said the January event would be a key part of his preparation to retain the Australian Open title he won in a dramatic four-set victory over Tsonga in Melbourne in January.

"It is the perfect way to begin my Australian campaign," the Serb said.

"It is going to be great to renew my acquaintance with the very supporting Australian tennis fans," he said in a statement.

Internet

World No.3 Novak Djokovic (seen here on 6 September) and French star Jo-Wilfried Tsonga — the finalists in this year's Australian Open — will top the draw at the Brisbane International, organizers said Wednesday.—INTERNET

Tiger wishes team well, but won't show at Valhalla

LOUISVILLE, 17 Sept — The closest Tiger Woods will get to the Ryder Cup is in front of his television. Despite speculation on various Web sites that Woods planned to show up at Valhalla Golf Club this week, he said Tuesday in a monthly newsletter he has no intention of coming.

"I plan to watch the Ryder Cup this week, but I will not attend," Woods said. "US captain Paul Azinger has my cell phone number and he or any US player can call me any time. If I can offer any assistance, I'm happy to help."—*Internet*

Cluj shock Roma on Champions League debut

ROME, 17 Sept — Champions League debutants CFR 1907 Cluj stunned AS Roma 2-1 in a Group A clash at the Stadio Olimpico here on Tuesday.

CFR Cluj's Emmanuel Culio (C) celebrates with teammates Tony (L) and Kone after scoring against AS Roma during their Champions League Group A match in Roma. Cluj defeated Roma 2-1.—INTERNET

The Romanians thoroughly deserved their victory with Argentine Juan Culio scoring twice in response to Cristian Panucci's opener for the Italians.

Cluj, mostly a hotch-potch of little-known Portuguese and South Americans, were resolute at the back while showing confidence, speed and potency on the counter-attack.

Roma were missing first choice centre-back pairing Philippe Mexes and Juan while captain and talisman Francesco Totti started on the bench in his comeback from injury and they were second best throughout most of the game.

"This is a terrible result because this is a very important competition," said Roma coach Luciano Spalletti.

"In the first half we played well but after their second goal things went badly and we failed to maintain our composure."

Internet

Mauresmo tumbles out of Pan Pacific tennis open

TOKYO, 17 Sept — Former world number one Amelie Mauresmo squandered four match points before falling 0-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10/8) to Dominika Cibulkova in round one of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament here Tuesday.

The unseeded double Grand Slam-winner twice came back from a break down in the final set to lead 5-4 but miscued on each of three match points in the 10th game.

Mauresmo, from France, went 4-1 up in the tie-breaker but survived one match point against her at 5-6 after Cibulkova missed an easy forehand.

Internet

Amelie Mauresmo of France reacts after losing a point against Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia during their first round match of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo. Mauresmo lost 0-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10/8).—INTERNET

Ukrainian Parlt speaker announces end of ruling coalition

KIEV, 17 Sept—Ukrainian Parliament Speaker Arseniy Yatseniuk officially announced the collapse of the ruling coalition on Tuesday after the pro-presidential Our Ukraine-People's Self- Defence Bloc walked out two weeks ago.

"I officially announced the collapse of the coalition of democratic forces," said Yatseniuk.

"I am obliged to fulfil my constitutional duty. This has been long expected, but for me it is extremely sad ...the coalition was all but dead after no compromise was found in 10 days of talks," he added, urging politicians to quickly find a combination liable to work.

The pro-presidential Our Ukraine-People's Self-Defence Bloc left the ruling coalition earlier this month. Parliament now has 30 days to try and form a new ruling coalition.

If those efforts fail, President Viktor Yushchenko can dissolve Parliament and call a snap election.

MNA/Reuters

***Visitors look at a sculpture entitled "Planet" by British artist Marc Quinn at a Sotherby's selling exhibition at Chatsworth House, central England on 16 Sept, 2008.—*INTERNET**

Russia defence spending to grow 27% in '09

MOSCOW, 17 Sept—Russia's defence spending will grow by 27 per cent in 2009, *Interfax* news agency quoted Prime Minister Vladimir Putin as saying on Tuesday.

"Nearly 2.4 trillion roubles (94.12 billion US dollars) will be allocated for the needs of national defence and security (in 2009)," *Interfax* quoted Putin as saying. "This is an increase of 27 per cent."

In a brief war last month, Russia crushed an attempt by pro-Western neighbour Georgia to retake South Ossetia, a breakaway region closely tied to Moscow.

President Dmitry Medvedev and Putin have said the military operation, condemned by the West as disproportionate, has shown the Armed Forces needed a major modernization of their weapons and hardware.

Putin made his announcement on the day when Russian stocks plunged more than 10 per cent to two-year lows, driven by turmoil on international markets and domestic concerns including the war in Georgia.

MNA/Reuters

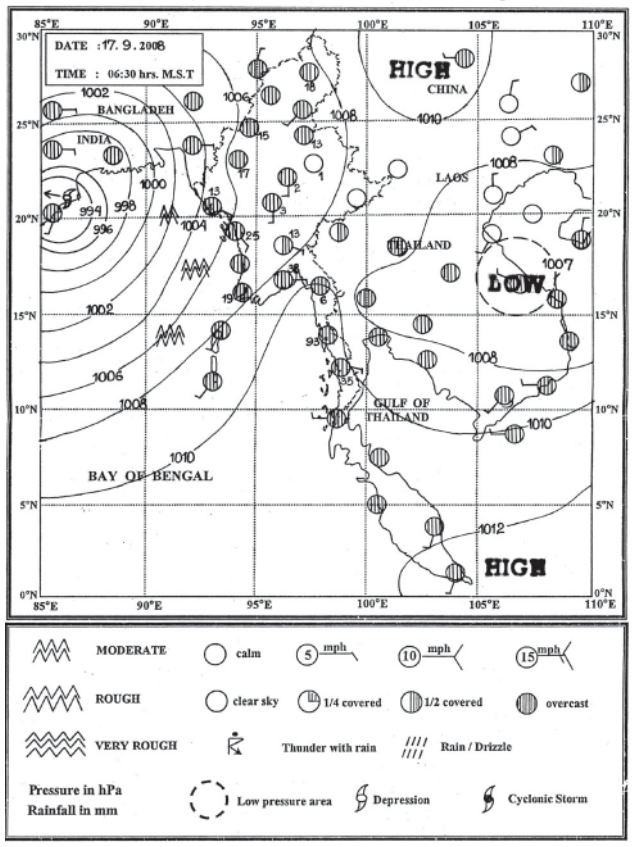
UN reform, food crisis, climate change top new UNGA agenda

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Sept—The UN General Assembly opened on Tuesday its 63rd session at the UN Headquarters in New York with its new president saying that issues of global food crisis, UN reform and climate change are among the key themes of its one-year-work.

"Various crises of great scale—economic, financial, environmental, humanitarian and legal—are converging in the present world food crisis," said Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, who was elected assembly president in June, at the opening ceremony.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 17 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.09)inches, Maungtaw (2.52) inches, Kyauktaw (2.24) inches, Kalay (1.93) inches and Ann (1.61) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-9-2008 was 84˚F. Minimum temperature on 17-9-2008 was 68ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-9-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 16-9-2008 was (0.9) hour approx.

Rainfall on 17-9-2008 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: Acoording to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the depression over Northwest Bay of Bengal has crossed Orissa Coast, India and remains as a land depression. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 18-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, Bago Division and scattered 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 Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in Rakhine Coast.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-9-2008: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Thursday, 18 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပွါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am
5. Dance variety

8:05 am
6. Musical programme

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

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm
3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm
4. "ငှက်တစ်သောင်း" (ကင်းကောင်၊ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ထူးမွန်၊ အကယ်ဒမီစိုးရွှေ၊ ဦးမြင့်စိုး၊ တိမ်ညွှန့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ မောင်သီ)

4:55 pm
5. Cute little dancers

5:00 pm
6. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm
7. Musical programme

5:20 pm
8. မုန်တိုင်းလွန်ကာလမြင်ကွင်းသစ်များ

5:30 pm
9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

5:45 pm
10. ပေကျင်းအိုလံပစ်

5:50 pm
11. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅–၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)

6:00 pm
12. Evening news

6:30 pm
13. Weather report

6:35 pm
14. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

6:50 pm
15. လပွတ္တာမြို့နယ်၊ ပိုးလောင်းကျေးရွာ၊ မိုးစပါးစိုက်ပျိုးရေး

7:00 pm
16. Musical programme

7:10 pm
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကုန်သွယ်မှုနှစ်တိုင်း" (အပိုင်း–၉)

8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား" (အပိုင်း–၂၉)

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Factories running well in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone

YANGON,17 Sept—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials concerned looked into transformer factory of Yangon Transformer & Electrical Co Ltd in Industrial Zone 1 of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District this evening.

At the briefing hall, chairman of management committee for Shwepyitha Industrial Zone No. 1 U Aung Thein reported on manufacturing and running of factories, industries under construction, labour strength, investment, power supply and the requirements to Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

Next, the Chairman of Yangon Transformer & Electrical Co Ltd reported on manufacturing of transformers for industries, sub-power station, signal lights on the runway of the airport and river water pumping projects, construction of sub-power station for Ministry of Industry No. 2, production of high quality transformers of international standard for local use as well as for export to earn foreign exchange.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence looks into Yangon Transformer Factory of Yangon Transformer & Electrical Co., Ltd in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, Shwepyitha Township.—MNA

Myanmar, India eye industrial, economic coop

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein meets Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein met Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at the ministry yesterday. They discussed construction of technical training school and industrial and economic cooperation between the Republic of India and Myanmar.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing and officials.

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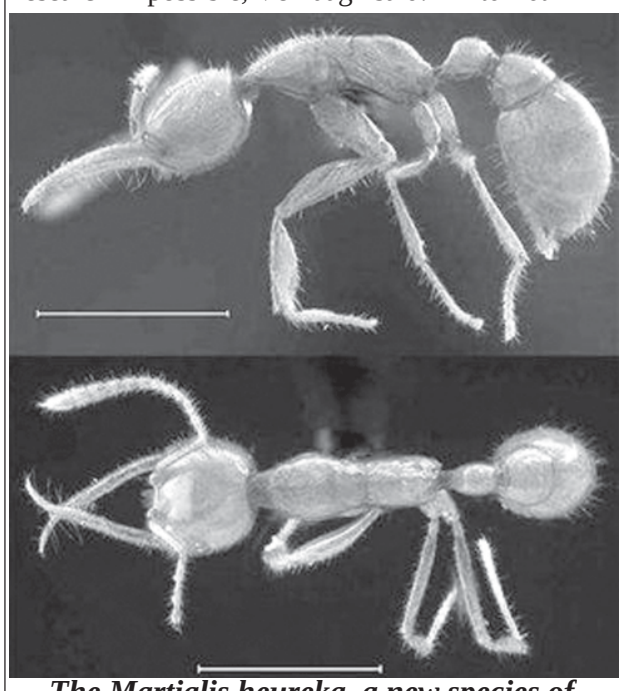
Scientists discover oldest ant

KARLSRUHE (Germany), 17 Sept— German biologists have discovered a new species of ant they believe is the oldest on the planet, dating back around 120 million years.

Researchers from Karlsruhe's Natural History Museum found the 3-millimetre-long (0.118 inch) insect in the Amazon rainforest in 2007, and hope it will shed light on the early evolution of ants.

"It's by far the most spectacular find of my 26-year career," said museum biologist Manfred Verhaagh on Tuesday.

Scientists from Karlsruhe originally found an unidentified species of ant of a similar type in the Brazilian rainforest in 2003. However, due to an accident in the laboratory, the insect dried up, making further research impossible, Verhaagh said.—*Internet*



The Martialis heureka, a new species of blind, subterranean, predatory ants.

INSIDE

Only with prudent work will there be fruitful results

I would say there should not be any imprudent deeds. I wish certain elements would mend their ways, doing what should be done. Is it not wise to create better opportunities, while participating in the democratic process?

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Greater male contribution to reproductive health

YANGON, 17 Sept— Under the sponsorship of UNFPA and Myanmar Medical Association, Yangon Division Health Department conducted a multiplier course on reproductive health at the meeting hall of Health Department in Kayan on 11 September.

Deputy Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Nwe Ni Ohn, MMA Project Coordinator Dr Win Aung and Head of township Health Department Dr Myint Soe gave accounts of the course.

The four-day course was attended by 36 trainees. Altogether 27 trainees attended the similar course at Painkan village health care centre. The aim of the course is to help more participation of men in reproductive health project. — *MNA*