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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

Paunglaung region facilitated with new station hospital

Commander
Maj-Gen Wai Lwin
and ministers visit
newly built station
hospital (16-bed) in
Paunglaung
Region.—MNA



Arctic Ocean sea ice continues to vanish

BOULDER, 18 Sept—Scientists at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado are raising concerns. This year's Arctic Ocean sea ice has shrunk to its second smallest area on record. As a matter of fact, the record low is close to 2007's record low.

Global warming is blamed for the decrease in Arctic ice. Some scientists believe that the ice may completely disappear within a few decades.

The North Pole sea ice fills most of the Arctic Ocean during the winter. The ice then shrinks in the summer heat.—Internet



NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, Paunglaung Region Station Hospital (16-bed), jointly sponsored by Shwedaung Group, Asia World Co and Myan Shwe Pyi Co, was put into service this morning.

At the ceremony taking place in Khawma Village of Kyitaunggan Village-tract in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association in-charge of the region U Thein Swe pressed the button to unveil the

signboard of the station hospital.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and deputy ministers sprinkled scented water on the signboard.

Ministers Col Zaw Min and Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Asia World Co U Tun Myint Naing opened the archway of the hospital. The commander unveiled the stone inscription.

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How to promote border trade

YANGON, 18 Sept —Officials and entrepreneurs sought means to promote trade at a border town in eastern part of Myanmar on 16 September.

At the District Peace and Development Council Office in Tachilek, departmental personnel, members of border trade association and entrepreneurs gave proposals and suggestions on export and import business.

The Director of Border Trade Department in his discussions focused on the volume of trade at Tachilek, a district level town facing Maesai in Thailand, and trade procedures. He also replied to queries raised by traders. The district PDC chairman was also a participant at the meeting to promote trade.—MNA

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Maintain roads to help regenerate storm-ravaged areas

The government is channeling all its energies into the tasks for rehabilitation of the storm-hit areas. Local organizations, departments, companies and well-wishers are contributing voluntary service and relief supplies to those areas, thus fulfilling economic and social requirements of the victims.

A scheme to provide housing for homeless survivors is ongoing, and related ministries are rendering assistance for restoration of the main businesses: agricultural farming, fishing, and salt farming in the devastated regions. As a result, the businesses have returned to normal.

Moreover, a network of five main highways is under construction in the seaside regions in order that local rural folks can lead a secure life and can be evacuated easily in the face of a future natural disaster.

Thingangyi Village and its surrounding villages are located near the mouth of the sea. So, Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu Road is under construction, and half of the 25-mile road has been completed as a one-lane section, so far.

Several main roads in the natural disaster-stricken regions are in ruin. So, Yangon-Pathein Road and Pyapon-Bogale Road are under repair. In addition, plans are under way to construct Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadon Kani Road and to complete the upgrading of rural roads on schedule.

The roads in the storm-affected areas are to receive constant maintenance for regeneration of those areas and regional development as smooth transport is a major requirement for development of a region.

Mr Numako of Nikon Singapore delivers a speech at ceremony to introduce new Nikon cameras.—MNA



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

Myingyan District hails USDA AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept —As a gesture of hailing the annual general meeting 2008 of Myingyan District Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myingyan District USDA put up a billboard in Myingyan on 15 September.

Secretariat Member of USDA Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the ceremony.

Next, the minister delivered an address at the annual general meeting of Myingyan District USDA and wellwishers made cash donation to the association.

In Myingyan, the minister inspected textile and dyeing factory (Myingyan) and cotton ginning factory (Taungtha) under the Myanmar Textile Industries.

At Yonsigyi Village,



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung inspects salt works of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries at Hsataung Village in Pyawbwe Township.—INDUSTRY-1

the minister donated 400 CI Sheets to the construction of station hospital of rural health department and fulfilled the needs.

Next, the minister visited Winthuzar shop

(Meikhtila). At Hsataung Village in Pyawbwe Township, the minister inspected salt industries of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries that made salt using underground salty water.

In Yamethin, the minister looked into soap factory of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries and dyeing factory of Myanmar Textile industries and fulfilled the needs.—MNA

New Nikon cameras introduced

YANGON, 18 Sept—A ceremony to introduce new Nikon DSLR D 90 and D 700 branded cameras, jointly organized by Nikon Singapore Pte Ltd and Special Style Photo & Electronic was held at Traders Hotel today.

Managing Director U Maung Maung Win of Special Style Photo & Electronic made a speech on the occasion. Next, Mr Numako of Nikon Singapore said that the ceremony was to

introduce D 90 and D 700 Nikon Digital SLR cameras to markets in Myanmar.

Afterwards, Mr Guo Zhiwei of Nikon Asia Technical Office explained that High Performance is used in D 90 cameras similar to D 300. World First Movie Function is also used in DSLR cameras. DX Format CMOS Image Sensor cameras have 12.3 Megapixel ranging from ISO 200 to 3200.

Moreover, they have 3-inch LCD Screen and also Liveview and Active D Lighting. D 700 camera with FX Format CMOS Sensor has 12.1 Megapixel ranging from ISO 200 to 6400 and it has 3-inch LCD Screen and also Liveview. With the use of Expeed DX Processor, it can make 14 bit and A/D Convert and it can take some 100 photos continuously. Selfcleaning Sensor Unit is used in it.

Special Style Photo & Electronics, a sole provider of Nikon Corporation for Myanmar is selling cameras with one year guarantee. The guarantee sticker and warranty card show that the camera is to be real.

Nikon brand cameras are available at Special Style Photo & Electronics (Showroom and Service Centre) (Tel-200138 and 09-514 4847).—MNA

Rice mills in operation in Yangon, Ayeyawady divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun from 10 to 13 September inspected running of rice mills which were damaged by the storm.

He went to Kawhmu, Kungyangon, Dedaye, Pyapon and Bogale townships on 10 September, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta townships on 12 September and Myaungmya Township on 13 September and inspected private-owned and state-owned rice mills and edible oil mills. Out of 21 state-owned rice mills and four edible oil mills damaged by the storm, 11 rice mills and four edible oil mills have been run. Out of 137 private-owned rice mills and 1,040 hullers, 118 rice mills and 683 hullers have been repaired.—MNA

Pakistan protests US cross-border raids

ISLAMABAD, 18 Sept—Pakistan on Thursday protested an uninformed US cross-border attack from Afghanistan, which killed six people in northwestern tribal region.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi told a Press conference that Pakistan was not informed about the US attack on Wednesday.

“Countries have to respect each other’s sovereignty,” said Qureshi. “The incursion will be counter-productive and will not help improve situations.”

The coalition forces are increasing their missile and drone attacks on targets inside Pakistan in recent month, blaming Pakistan’s local Taliban for rising insurgency in Afghanistan. —Internet

Three US soldiers charged with murder in Iraq deaths

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—The US Army has charged three soldiers with murder for their role in the killing of Iraqis last year.

Authorities say the Iraqi men were blindfolded, shot in the head and dumped in a Baghdad canal around April 2007 in alleged retribution for casualties within the 172nd Infantry Brigade. The Army said in a statement released Wednesday that Sgt John Hatley, Sgt 1st Class Joseph P Mayo and Sgt Michael P Leahy Jr — all formerly assigned to 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment — face charges of premeditated murder, conspiracy to commit premeditated murder and obstruction of justice.—Internet

Uganda seeking miniskirt ban

KAMPALA (Uganda), 18 Sept— Uganda’s Ethics and Integrity Minister says miniskirts should be banned - because women wearing them distract drivers and cause traffic accidents.

Nsaba Buturo told journalists in Kampala that wearing a miniskirt was like to walking naked in the streets.

“What’s wrong with a miniskirt? You can cause an accident because some of our people are weak mentally,” he said. Wearing a miniskirt should be regarded as “indecent”, which would be punishable under Ugandan law, Mr Buturo said.

And he railed against the dangers facing those inadvertently distracted by short skirts.

“If you find a naked person you begin to concentrate on the make-up of that person and yet you are driving,” he said. “These days you hardly know who is a mother from a daughter, they are all naked.”—Internet



Wearing a miniskirt was akin to going naked.

INTERNET

Livni wins Israel party primary



Tzipi Livni.—INTERNET

TEL AVIV, 18 Sept—Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni has won the leadership of the governing Kadima party, putting her on track to succeed Ehud Olmert as prime minister.

Ms Livni beat Transport Minister Shaul Mofaz by just 431 votes, or 1.1%, the central electoral commission said.

In a victory speech, Ms Livni announced that she wanted to form a new cabinet “as quickly as possible in the face of the serious threats” facing Israel. She has 42 days to do so, during which time Mr Olmert remains prime minister. According to the final results released by Kadima, Ms Livni won the election with 43.1%, or 16,936 votes. Mr Mofaz, a former defence minister and chief of staff of the Israeli military, came in a close second with 42%, or 16,505 votes.

The two other candidates, cabinet minister Meir Sheetrit and former Shin Bet director Avi Dichter, lagged far behind with 8.4% and 6.5% respectively.

Mr Mofaz’s supporters have warned that they may lodge an appeal against the result. His campaign headquarters has reportedly already demanded the ballot in the southern town of Ashkelon be disqualified.—Internet

Water shortage cripples Palestinian farming

BARDALA (West Bank), 18 Sept—In the plains around the village of Bardala, the Israeli-Palestinian tug-of-war over land and water plays itself out in vivid colour — largely brown Palestinian farms border green fields owned by Jewish settlers.

Israel and the occupied West Bank have both been hit hard by drought, but Palestinian farmers say Israeli restrictions on their water supplies have made conditions far worse for them than for farmers in nearby Jewish settlements.

In many homes in the West Bank city of Jenin, water has been all but cut off since April. To cope, residents of Jenin and hundreds of villages get their water delivered by truck at sky-high prices.—Internet

Iran official says missiles can reach ships in Gulf

TEHERAN, 18 Sept—A top adviser of Iran’s supreme leader said that in the event of war no ship passing through the oil-rich Gulf region would be beyond the reach of the country’s missiles, a government newspaper reported on Thursday.

Iran, embroiled in a standoff with the West over its nuclear ambitions, has said it could respond to any military attack by closing the strait at the southern end of the Gulf through which about 40 percent of the world’s traded oil passes. The United States, whose Fifth Fleet is based in the Gulf state of Bahrain, has vowed to keep shipping lanes opened.

The West accuses Teheran of seeking to build nuclear warheads but Iran, the world’s fourth largest oil producer, insists its aim is to master technology to make electricity. Washington has not ruled out military action if diplomacy fails to end the row.—Internet



Logo of the Iran’s Revolutionary guard is seen on the Iranian Shahab 2 missile during a war exhibition to commemorate the anniversary of Iran-Iraq war (1980-88), in Baharestan square near the Parliament building in southern Teheran on 26 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

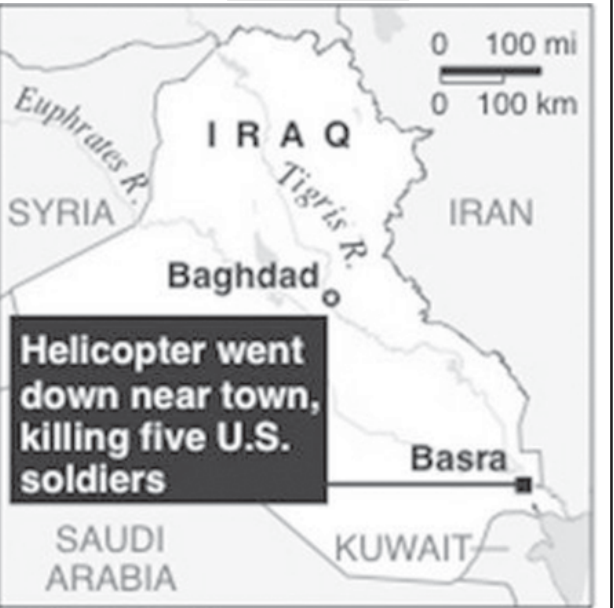
US: seven soldiers die in chopper crash in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Sept— An American Chinook helicopter crashed early Thursday as it was landing in southern Iraq, killing seven US soldiers, the military said.

The CH-47 Chinook was landing after midnight about 60 miles west of Basra at the time of the crash, the US statement said.

A spokesman for the Multi-National Force-Iraq confirmed to *The Associated Press* that the helicopter had crashed. He said five had died, and the bodies of two soldiers who had originally been missing were found.

The spokesman said hostile fire was not suspected.—Internet



Map locates Basra, Iraq, near where seven US soldiers were killed in helicopter landing.—INTERNET

NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Sept—A NATO-led soldier was killed after coming under fire from insurgents in eastern Afghanistan, the alliance’s International Security Assistance Force said Thursday.

ISAF did not give the nationality of its latest casualty, killed on Wednesday, but most soldiers in eastern Afghanistan are US nationals.

A statement said only that the trooper was killed “during a small-arms fire attack by insurgents”.

Four other foreign soldiers were killed in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday in a bomb blast already announced by their force.—Internet

Colon X-ray seen as effective at spotting cancer

ATLANTA, 18 Sept—A long-awaited federal study of an X-ray alternative to the dreaded colonoscopy confirms its effectiveness at spotting most cancers, although it was far from perfect. Medicare is already considering paying for this cheaper, less intrusive option that could persuade more people to get screened for colon cancer.

And some experts believe the new method may boost the 50 percent screening rate for a cancer that is the country's second biggest killer.

"We're talking about for the first time really screening the population," said Dr Carl Jaffe, an imaging expert at the National Cancer Institute who was not involved in the research.

In the new study, the largest of its kind, the so-called "virtual colonoscopy" identified nine out of 10 people who had

cancers and large growths seen by regular colonoscopies.

But there were flaws, too. Among them: The radiologists sometimes misread the X-ray, leading them to spot polyps that weren't there. That led to unnecessary follow-up testing.

The X-ray test's real value may be in showing who really needs a regular colonoscopy — it was better at ruling cancer out than it was at detecting it, suggests the report in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Internet

Pakistan's militants take hostage 300 school children

ISLAMABAD, 18 Sept—Militants on Thursday took 300 school children hostage in northwestern Pakistan, state television reported.

Reports said the militants took control of a school in Upper Dir district of North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and took hostage the students.

The militants and local people started cross-firing in the area.—Internet

Bearskin protest in Athens over British guard hats

ATHENS (Greece), 18 Sept—It was bare skin for bearskin on Wednesday, as animal rights protesters took Britain to task for dressing Buckingham Palace guards in ceremonial bearskin hats.

Greek police briefly detained two animal rights activists who took their clothes off outside the British embassy in Athens. The two British women were released shortly after the protest, organized by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Wearing only fake bearskin hats, underwear and high heels, the activists

held up a banner reading "Bare skin, not bearskin."

A third protester, who was not detained as she had dressed by the time police arrived, said 60 to 100 Canadian bears are killed every year to provide the 18-inch- (46-centimetre) high black hats worn by military guards at London's Buckingham Palace and other royal sites.

"We wanted to draw attention to the problem," said Ewa Zanicka, from Poland.—Internet



A boy walks past a damaged car after two bomb attacks in eastern Baghdad's Zayouna district on 17 Sept, 2008. One police officer was killed while 11 persons were wounded in two bomb attacks close to each other in Zayouna district that targeted a police and Iraqi Army patrol, police said.—INTERNET

Happy 113th birthday for world's oldest man

TOKYO, 18 Sept—The world's oldest man celebrated his 113th birthday on Thursday, telling reporters at his home in southern Japan about his joyful life and healthy appetite.

"I'm happy," said Tomoji Tanabe as the local mayor presented him with flowers and a giant tea cup glazed with his name and date of birth.

"I'm well. I eat a lot," he added.

Tanabe, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest living male last year, eats mostly vegetables and believes the key to longevity is not drinking alcohol. The former civil servant lives with his son, drinks milk every day and has no major ill-

nesses, although he now writes in his diary only once or twice a month. He used to write on a daily basis.

"His favourite food is fried shrimp, but we've heard that he's cut back on oily food," said an official at his hometown of Miyakonojo, about 900 km (560 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

Internet



The roughly 10,000 parts necessary to make a Volkswagen Tiguan were put on display at the Automechanika in Frankfurt. The five-day trade show opens on Wednesday.

Doctor fired for allegedly drinking on the job

A Massachusetts doctor has been fired and lost the right to renew his medical license for allegedly trying to give a pregnant woman an epidural while drunk.

The state Board of Registration in Medicine says 39-year-old Robert Dolan was drinking from a bottle of bourbon he brought to work when he was called to perform the procedure at Caritas St Elizabeth's Medical Centre last November.

Dolan, an anesthesiologist, called another resident for help, who noticed he appeared drunk. The attending physician then called security. He was fired by the hospital a few days later.

Dolan's license to practice medicine lapsed in January and he will not be allowed to renew it unless he can stay sober for 18 months.

W Va man accused of drunk driving on a tractor

A Charleston man faces drunken driving charges after police spotted him riding a farm tractor on a highway without lights or proper warning signs. Kanawha County sheriff's deputies arrested 22-year-old Joshua David Postalwait early Friday morning.

A complaint filed in Kanawha County Magistrate Court said deputies

were responding to a report of an intoxicated man on a tractor when they saw the tractor on Casdorph Road.

Postalwait was charged with driving under the influence and carrying a concealed weapon.

He was being held Friday afternoon at South Central Regional Jail Magistrate court officials did not know whether he has a lawyer.

Football team dumps logo near buttocks on pants

The Idaho Vandals football team is dumping the letter "I" from the buttocks region of players' new pants following a season-opening 70-0 loss to the Arizona Wildcats.

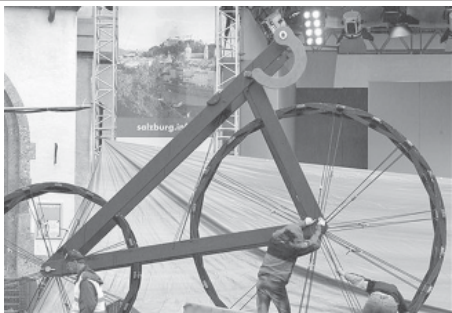
Rob Spears, the school's athletic director, says nobody realized just how the logo placed in the center of the players' behinds would look before they tried their pants on.

Spears told the Idaho Statesman the sewn-in University of Idaho logo has since been hastily removed by equipment managers after complaints.



An installation depicting the solar system and made entirely out of pumpkins stands out at an exhibition devoted to the vegetable at an exhibition in Ludwigsburg, western Germany. The exhibition used around 500,000 pumpkins for a wide range of sculptures and installations.

NEWSALBUM



Workers set up a giant bicycle next to the finish area for the road cycling World Championships, in Salzburg, Austria.

Wheelchair robber rolls in and rips off condoms

A wheelchair getaway at a 7-Eleven has police looking for an unusual robbery suspect. Authorities said Friday that a man in a wheelchair entered a Dallas convenience store this week, rolled straight toward the cash register and began hitting it with a baseball bat.

But he didn't grab any cash. The suspect instead stole 10 boxes of condoms and an energy drink before making his getaway Wednesday afternoon, Dallas police Cpl Kevin Janse said.

Janse said the culprit may have been homeless and probably intoxicated at the time.



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) and International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven wave to the crowd during the closing ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games at the National Stadium in Beijing, China, on 17 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Beijing Paralympics end in splendor as host China looks to bright future

BEIJING, 18 Sept— A shower of 600,000 red leaves, a lawn dotted with 360,000 flowers, a collection of 100,000 post cards, and a mute dialogue between a girl and a flame. Together, they created the most beautiful, romantic and emotional scenes one could ever imagine.

And this was how China bid farewell to the 12-day Beijing 2008 Paralympics on Wednesday night, when its 40-day

mission to host the world, beginning on 8 Aug with the Beijing Olympics opening, also ended with it.

Basking in the glory and pride of staging two successful Games in a row, the country has set its eyes on the future, expecting a better tomorrow for itself and the world at large, as indicated by the Games theme of “One World, One Dream.”

The word “future,”

shaped in both Chinese and English by fireworks, shone over the National Stadium, or the Bird’s Nest, in north Beijing, as International Paralympic Committee (IPC) President Philip Craven declared the Games closed and the Paralympic flag was lowered.

“These are the greatest Paralympic Games ever,” said Craven in his closing speech.—Xinhua

Russia signs co-op treaties with S Ossetia, Abkhazia

MOSCOW, 18 Sept— Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and the leaders of Georgia’s breakaway regions — South Ossetia and Abkhazia — signed treaties of friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance here Wednesday.

“The just-signed treaties stipulate that our countries shall be taking joint necessary measures

to eliminate the threat to peace, address problems in this sphere and resist acts of aggression,” ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Medvedev as saying at the Kremlin after the signing ceremony.

Russia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia “will give each other all necessary support, including military,” Medvedev was quoted as saying.

Moscow recognized the self-proclaimed independence of the Georgian breakaway regions last month, following a five-day war with Tbilisi.

Georgia on 7 Aug attacked South Ossetia in an attempt to retake control of the region. Russia sent in troops the next day and defeated the Georgian forces.

Xinhua



Russia’s President Dmitry Medvedev(1st, L), signs treaties with Eduard Kokoity (1st, R), the leader of South Ossetia during the signing ceremony in Moscow, Russia, on 17 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Report: Canada’s health care much worse than Europe

OTTAWA, 18 Sept— A new study released Wednesday shows that Canada’s health care system lags far behind the standard in western Europe.

The study, called Euro-Canada Health Care Index and released by Canada-based think-tank Frontier Centre for Public Policy, looked at health care in Canada from the consumers’ perspective at the provincial level and compared it with that of 29 European countries.

Austria was declared the winner, scoring 806 points out of a possible 1,000 points.

The study said Austria has “a generous health care system that provides good access for patients and very good medical results.” Austria was followed closely by the

Netherlands, France, Switzerland and Germany.

Canada placed 23rd out of 30 countries with a score of 550. A summary of the report said Canadians rely upon a “sclerotic, inefficient and remarkably stingy” system when it comes to providing excellent and timely care to patients.

Canada came the last but second, tied with Poland, when it comes to patients rights and information.

It shared last place with Ireland and Sweden for wait times, which the report called the “weak spot in Canadian health care.” The study said Canadians can be subjected to up to four lengthy waits, which is not unusual to cumulatively exceed a year.

Xinhua

Two men visit an achievement exhibition, a sideline of the 10th annual meeting of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province, on 17 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA



Ceramics exposition opens in Zibo

BEIJING, 18 Sept— The eighth four-day China (Zibo) International Ceramics Exposition and World Ceramics Purchasing Fair kicked off Tuesday in Zibo, east China’s Shandong Province.

The show is expected to attract 40,000 participants from over 30 countries and regions.

More than 1,000 ceramics enterprises will display their latest porcelain and pottery products



Customers gesture at the eighth International Ceramics Exposition and World Ceramics Purchasing Fair held in Zibo, Shandong province, on 16 Sept, 2008. XINHUA

and present new technologies at the 160,000-sq-m exhibition.

“The exposition is a pageant in ceramics circles that promotes exchanges between China and the world and fosters the industry’s development in Zibo,” said the city’s mayor Zhou Qingli.

Xinhua

Three killed in Rio police’s operation against drug dealers

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 Sept — Three people were killed Wednesday in a battle between Rio’s Military Police and drug dealers in the Morro do Alemão shantytown in north Rio, police said.

Four people, two policemen and two local residents, were also injured and three others arrested in the operation that involved 800 policemen.

Xinhua

Prevent terrorist acts through the strength of the people

Kyaw Ye Min

It goes without saying that the entire people are aspiring to transform the nation from the one-party system to the democratic system in which they can enjoy the freedom of expression and doing business in accordance with the Law. And they are looking forward to the market-oriented economic system, under which they can enhance national development and ensure their social and economic growth. Therefore, the government is working hard to raise the social and economic standards of the people through the market economy so as to fulfil the public wishes. It is common knowledge that the efforts the government has made are yielding fruits to an extent.

Simultaneously, **the government is striving with tenacity to satisfy the people's hunger for democracy through the seven-step Road Map, while braving and surmounting a variety of disruptions. So, it has been able to complete the process of convening of the National Convention, drafting the constitution, and holding of the referendum for approval of the constitution.**

In its bid to adopt the draft constitution through the referendum, the government made and promulgated the Referendum Law and Regulations of international standard. Similarly, it formed commissions at all levels including the central level and supervised the tasks to see that the referendum was a free and fair one. Besides, it published in advance the State constitution (draft), and Referendum Law and Regulations for public knowledge.

It made arrangements for diplomats and responsible persons from the UN agencies to witness the voting processes at the referendum held on a national scale. It also made preparations for those who were in support of or against the constitution to cast votes freely. Obviously, the referendum for approval of the constitution was a free and fair one.

The State constitution (draft) was adopted with the support of 92.48 per cent of the voters. So, it is safe to say that the constitution has won the mandate of the vast majority of the people.

The approval of the constitution is due to the fact that the people are in favour of and accept the constitution and they put trust in the government. Prior to the referendum for approval of the 1974 constitution, party cells at all levels under the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party had been formed firmly and they had organized the people. However, the votes in favour constituted 90.17 per cent. According to the situations at that time, the percentage of votes in favour should have been higher. In practice, the public have showed greater support for the present constitution. In spite of organizing campaigns and pressure put on the people by internal and external anti-government forces, the percentage of votes in favour touched 92.48, which made it clear that the people are really

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in support of the constitution.

The people's massive support for the constitution also reflects their support for the government's work to practise national politics in recognition of the good headway the government has made in fulfilling their three basic needs. The people are in support of stability and peace, not for any forms of terrorist acts designed to destabilize the nation. And they want to achieve their social and economic development. And any attempts to disrupt their development are unacceptable to them. Every citizen wants to lead a peaceful life and earns their living in accordance with the Law and aspires to democracy. That is the very desire of the majority of the people.

Today, the people have recognized the ruling government's considerable progress in restoring peace and stability and paving the way to democracy, as evidenced by their support for the process for approval of the constitution, the fourth and the most important step of the seven-step Road Map. So, every citizen should respect the people's desire.

Nevertheless, internal and external anti-government groups are making comments on the results of the referendum and trying to ignore the people's true desire. They persist in refusing to accept the results, but I am sure they have realized that the results are the indication of the people's desire. It is because some anti-government groups once said words that were implicit support for that point. Actually, they are brazenly betraying the national cause despite their knowledge of people's desire owing to their attachment to their party, sectarianism and personality cult.

The seven-step Road Map is, indeed, the correct way to national politics as well as the most appropriate and safest programme to achieve the people's ultimate

goal of democracy, while carrying out nation-building tasks without infringing stability of the State and community peace. With this conviction, the people voted in favour of the constitution at the referendum to maintain the momentum in implementing the Road Map. Thus, the the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will continue to follow the correct path of the seven-step Road Map in compliance with the wishes of the people. The ruling government has announced that multiparty democracy general elections are due to take place in 2010 and it will continue to see to the Road Map.

It is obvious that the entire people are fully supporting the democratization of the government with the exact timeframe and cooperating in the drive. This is why the existing government reaffirms that it will continue the implementation of the seven-step Road Map till its success in accord with the people's mandate. It is certain that the people will in no way accept any attempt to delay, disrupt or harm the process and will thwart any act to jeopardize the already approved constitution.

As the people have given the mandate to the government to continue its way in accordance with the Road Map after the constitution approval, the 1990 election results the anti-government groups are sticking to have died down automatically. No one wants to look back to such 18-year-old outdated results. In like manner, dialogues the anti-government elements have been shouting repeatedly have become pointless. The people cannot forget the blind refusals with various reasons while the rights to speak and discuss were fully granted at the National Convention. Anyhow, the anti-government groups have been politically defeated.

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Intolerant of being defeated, they have come to employ various wicked ways to harm the constitution and disrupt the implementation of the seven-step Road Map and the multi-party democracy general election to be held in 2010. We have learnt from the press conference (1/2008) that at the instigation of outside media they are plotting to destabilize the State and create public panic by committing destructive acts. But the people are no longer surprised. Our people had already known that they would choose the same way as before.

Again, Aunty Suu has shown signs of confrontation with the government's national political endeavours. She declined to receive UN Secretary General's Special Adviser Mr Gambari. Her party members are also criticizing the UN and Mr Gambari. They will probably know there are some comments at home and abroad that they are out of their senses and totally wrong. At the same time, NLD members issued false news that Aunty Suu was going on a

hunger strike in order to get the internal and international responses. In reality, NLD has done no single stroke of work for the well-being of the nation and it has been adhering to destructive acts instead. It has been about a couple of decades since the NLD was critical of any constructive efforts of the government. Likewise, its cohorts in exile are indeed stooges who have to live in foreign countries trying to harm the interests of their own State and people by asking for refugee stay and begging for outside assistance. If we have an analysis, it is not strange why they are conspiring together.

The press conference has disclosed that the internal and external anti-government groups are plotting to create public unrest in this September while intensifying their subversive acts in all aspects. If public unrest erupted, internal political groups, expatriates and insurgents dancing to the tune of the big power would make accusations that "Myanmar's political affairs are in chaos and it constitutes a threat to regional security and stability" in order to drive the nation to the brink of collapse. It is quite clear that they

are trying to get the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar and intervene in her own affairs under the leadership of the superpower. Then the nation would be in a state of confusion and they would come into power. Actually, the press conference has highlighted the ulterior motives and ill-attempts of the anti-government elements.

This is why **the terrorist acts the anti-government groups are committing deliberately are found to be contrary to the people's desire.** The attempts of power-hungry elements such as anti-government groups, those in exile, insurgents and human rights groups in foreign countries to create unrest and violence are tantamount to disrupting Myanmar's democratization aspired by the people. All have understood that democracy cannot be shaped at all amid unrest and violence.

Overall, we are very eager to reach the goal of democracy, improve socio-economic life of an individual citizen plus national development and make our living within the framework of law by trying together to ensure peace and stability of the State. Therefore, representing the wishes of the people, I would say that any destructive acts and instigation to harm peace and stability of the State, delay national progress and derail the process to reach the goal of democracy will be thwarted through the strength of the people.

Translation: MS+ST

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Basic courses for officers and pre-officers conclude

YANGON, 18 Sept—The Basic Training Course No. 178 for Officers and the Basic Training Course No. 28 for pre-officers concluded at the parade ground of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning. At Nawarat Hall, Rector U Win Maung of CICS (Phaunggyi) delivered an address and presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.—MNA

Kyaikmaraw Township USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 18 Sept—Annual General Meeting-2008 of Kyaikmaraw Township Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the Township Peace and Development Council office on 11 September in conjunction with a ceremony to honour the distinction-winners of the matriculation examination-2008 and those who members volunteered for health care services in the storm-hit regions. Present were USDA members at state, district, township, ward and village levels.

Secretary U Tin Soe Moe Naing of Mon State USDA delivered a speech and accepted cash donations of K 1,224,000. Kyaikmaraw Township USDA Secretary U Hla Tun awarded and presented certificates of honour to the 20 outstanding students and the health care volunteers. Secretary U Hla Tun then addressed the annual general meeting. They discussed the annual report of the executive committee. —MNA

Rehabilitation of villages in Hainggyikyun Township in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspected construction of two-storey reinforced concrete building at Basic Education High School Branch in Chaungwa Village of Hainggyikyun Township, Labutta District, on 14 September.

The minister and party looked into completion of housings built by Shwe Thanlwin Co in Thabyengu Village and gave instructions to the local people on growing of shade trees and windbreakers and undertaking of livestock breeding on a manageable scale.

After viewing rehabilitation of Pyinkhayaing area and thriving paddy plantations, the minister and party inspected the site chosen for construction of Kyaukkalat Station Hospital and progress of Oktwin-Hteiksun section of Labutta-Thongwa-Oktwin-Hteiksun road.

MNA

A visitor looks at 'The Golden Calf' by artist Damien Hirst at Sotheby's in London in this 18 Sept, 2008 file photograph. Hirst's bull in a tank of formaldehyde with its head crowned by a gold disc sold for 10.35 million pounds (\$18.6 million) on September 15, 2008, a record auction for one of the contemporary art world's stars, Sotheby's said.—INTERNET

Greening works discussed for Zone 4 of Yangon

YANGON, 18 Sept—At the hall of Integrated Farm and Recreation Centre in Dagon Myothit (South) Township yesterday, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa delivered an address at the coordination meeting of Zone 4 for greening the areas within a 30-mile radius of Yangon City.

U Nyunt Pe, Secretary of the Zone 4 Work Committee Head of Parks and Playgrounds Department of YCDC, reported on progress of works. The vice-mayor gave concluding remarks.

In the Zone 4 area, a total of 20,107 acres of monsoon paddy have so far been cultivated against the target of 19,517 acres this year.—MNA



Paunglaung region facilitated with...

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Managing Director U Aung Zaw Naing of Shwedaung Group handed over documents related to hospital equipment and medicines and Chairman U Khin Maung Win of Myan Shwe Pyi Co, documents related to the hospital building to Acting Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department.

Thanks to construction of the hospital, health care services will easily be provided to the people of 24 villages including employees of Paunglaung Hydropower Project. The station was built in January 2008 and completed in May 2008.—MNA



Minister Col ZawMin, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman U Tun Myint Naing formally open newly-built 16-bed hospital.

MNA

Means for industrial development sought

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept— A coordination meeting on industrial development jointly organized by Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee and committee members of industrial zones was held at Industry-2 Ministry here on 15 September, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Chairman of MIDWC Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, deputy ministers of Ministry of Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and Maj-Gen Kyaw Swar Khaing, Deputy minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, departmental officials, Myanmar Engineers' Association and personnel of Myanma Industrial Producers' Association, officials of industrial zones, and guests.

First, Chairman of MIDC Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung extended greetings. Next, chairman of MIDWC Minister for Industry No. 2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein gave a speech.

Afterwards, Deputy Ministers of Ministry of Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and Maj-Gen Kyaw Swar Khaing, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, secretary

of MIPA U Zaw Min Win discussed matters relating to industrial development and the first day of the meeting came to a close.

The second day of the coordination continued yesterday. Deputy Director-General of Ministry of Industry-1 U Than Aye discussed industrial development, Col Nyan Tun Oo of MEA on improvement of quality of iron rods produced by indus-

trial zones in Myanmar, Dr Htein Linn, deputy director-general of Directorate of Trade on implementation of AFTA and upgrading of small and medium-size industries, U Myint Win, chief engineer of Ministry of Commerce on development of agro-based foodstuff industries, director-general of Directorate of Trade U Aung Soe on increased industrial output, Dr Thet Myo of Ministry of In-

dustry-2 on small and medium-size industries in Malaysia.

Next, personnel of industrial zones reported on undertakings and needs which were fulfilled by chairman of MIDWC Minister Vice-admiral Soe Thein, deputy ministers and officials. The meeting came to a close with concluding remarks by Vice-Admiral Soe Thein.

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Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein addresses coordination meeting on industrial development. —MNA

Anti-DHF campaigns for public health

YANGON, 18 Sept— Staff of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, the Health Department of Yangon City Development Committee, social organizations and townselder carried out the preventative measures against Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever in Kamayut Township, Yangon West District yes-

terday.

Secretary U Aung Than Win of YCDC and officials inspected the anti-DHF campaigns being conducted by the service personnel and residents at Maha Bawga street and Baho road in

No. 3 Ward in the township.

Likewise, the anti-DHF campaigns were conducted in Yankin, Dawbon, Bahan and Thingangyun townships this morning.

MNA

Donate Blood

MYANMAR GAZETTEE

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director U Soe Win of Myanma Industrial Construction Service under the Ministry of Industry-2 on expiry of the one-year probationary period.—MNA

Foreign Minister to attend 63rd UNGA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left Yangon for New York by air today to attend the 63rd United Nations General Assembly.

Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department, Deputy Director-General of the Political Department and Assistant Director of the Minister's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs accompanied the minister.—MNA

IP Dy Minister: Speedily work for issue of CSC

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein called for speedy work for issuing citizenship scrutiny cards in accord with the law in meeting with service personnel of Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Kyaikto on 14 September.

The deputy minister also gave instructions to officers and staff of Township Immigration and National Registration Department in Bilin, Thaton District INRD.

He met with officers and staff of Mon State INRD in Mawlamyine and Township INRDs in Thanbyuzayat and Ye.—MNA

Transport third in Inter-Ministry Football

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept— The third place match of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2008 took place at Paunglaung sports ground today. Ministry of Transport edged out Ministry of Industry-1 2-1.

The final match and the prize presentation ceremony will be held at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground No.1. Ministry of Sports will meet Ministry of Labour in the final.

MNA

Victorious athletes honoured

YANGON, 18 Sept—A ceremony to honour victorious Sagaing Division Women's Basketball Team that stood first in the 39th Inter-State/Division Basketball Tournament and outstanding athletes took place at the town hall in Monywa on 9 September. It was attended by

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe.

Responsible persons of Sagaing Division Sepak Takraw Team that secured champion in the 2007 tournament and those of Sagaing Division

women's basketball team that stood first in this year's competition handed over championship shields and duplicated shields to the commander.

After delivering an address, the commander together with officials awarded victorious athletes.—MNA



Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets Field Programme Development Service Chief Mr Roberto Samanez of FAO and Resident Representative Mr Shin Imai.—A&I

A & I Minister meets FAO officials

YANGON, 17 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met Field

Programme Development Service Chief Mr Roberto Samanez of FAO and Resident Representative

Mr Shin Imai at the Irrigation Department here yesterday.

MNA

Pyapon re-rising

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing looked into regular works of fishermen along Pyapon river by boat on 15 September.

Next, the minister and party urged taking care for preschool children at BEPS in Kani village and looked into reconstruction

of BEMS of the village.

The minister met with principal and teachers and presented stationery to the headmaster and viewed learning of the students.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to parahita geiha of the village where they provided 97 children with foodstuff.

They also donated

medicine to villaged dispensary of rural health care branch.

The minister and party met with members of village Peace and Development Council, locals and townsenders at parahita geiha and explained State support to storm-affected areas.

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MMCWA, UNFPA sponsor reproductive health course

YANGON, 18 Sept—A course on Reproductive Health was conducted in Ye Township, Mon State on 1 September.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and UNFPA sponsored the course.

Chairperson of Mon

State MCWSC Daw Myint Myint Soe spoke at the opening of the course. Dr Than Htut Oo of Township Health Department gave briefing on conducting the course and Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Khin Moe Moe Tun

presented pamphlets to the trainees.

The Chairperson of Mon State MCWSC accepted membership applications and presented the life membership cards to the Chairperson of Township MCWA.—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

Indian Co to cooperate in two mega power projects

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept —Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Chairman and Managing Director Mr S K Gorg of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd (NHPC) and party at the ministry, here, yesterday.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and officials. They held discussions on hydroelectric power projects.

Next, the ceremony to sign an MoU on Htamanthi Hydropower Project and Shwesayay Hydropower Project followed.

Minister Col Zaw Min and Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra extended greetings.

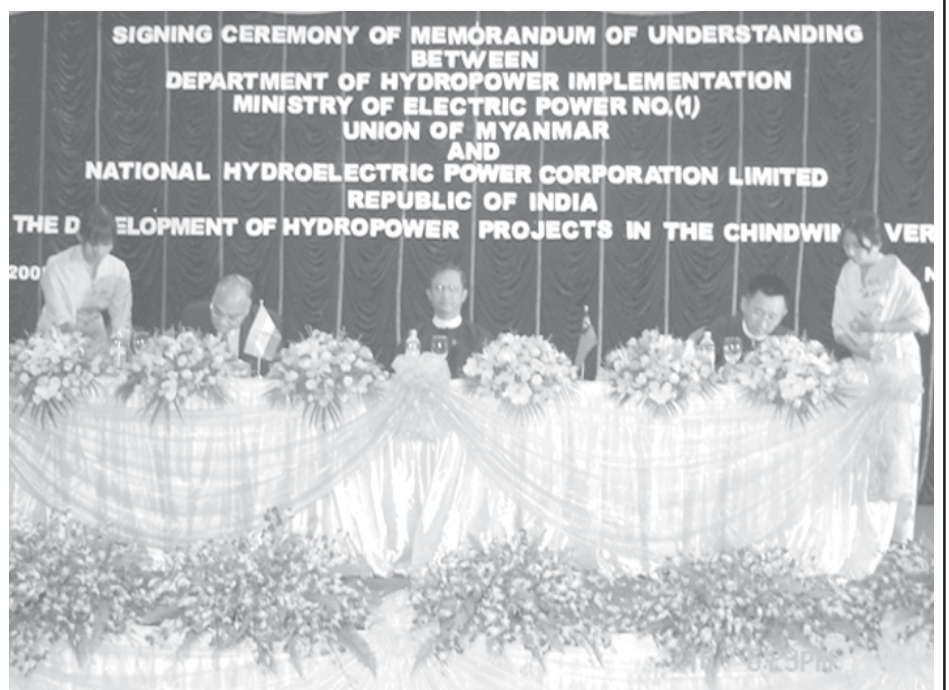
Next, the director-general of Hydroelectric Power Department and

the chairman of NHPC signed the MoU and exchanged the notes.

Under the MoU, the Hydroelectric Power Department and NHPC will implement Htamanthi Hydroelectric Power Project that will be installed with 1200-megawatt generating capacity and Shwesayay Hydroelectric Power Project with 600-megawatt generating capacity.

It was also attended by Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the deputy ministers, the deputy attorney-general, the directors-general, the managing directors, officials and Joint Secretary Mr Jayant Kawale of the Ministry of Power of the Republic of India.

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The ceremony to sign an MoU on Htamanthi Hydropower Project and Shwesayay Hydropower Project in progress. —MNA

Natural disaster preparedness instructor course for safety and security of the people

Article & Photos: Soe Thura

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Director (Infectious Disease Control) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein of the Ministry of Health explained, “I will give lectures on providing health care services before the natural disasters, emergency health care and preventive measures against possible infectious diseases at the training course. Actually, health care services have been



“We have sponsored the training course with the aim of further providing knowledge about preventive measures against natural disasters to the people.”
Daw Yuzar Maw Tun, Mingalar Myanmar Foundation

undertaken successfully in the event of any disaster as the Ministry of Health has made preparations by drawing systematic plans.”

Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet (Mingalar Myanmar Foundation) also explained, “The Natural Disaster Preparedness Multiplier Course will be provided to township level officials. The course is aimed at enabling the officials to hand down their experiences on natural disasters preparedness obtained from the course to the people. The trainees will be given lectures to gain experiences about the preparedness measures and to enable them to give multiplier courses in the respective areas. Furthermore, the purpose of the training course is to render assistance to the officials in drawing the region-wise measures. After the recent cyclonic storm, the rehabilitation and reconstruction works have been carried out promptly due to systematic arrangements of the government.”

In an interview, a Red Cross member trainee said, “I have experiences in undertaking relief and reha-

bilitation tasks in Ayeyawady Division. I will relay my experiences gained from the training course to my colleagues of the Red Cross Brigade and disseminate the knowledge obtained from the course to the people.”

A female trainee also said, “I am discharging duty at the Department of Relief and Resettlement. I attend the course wishing to share the knowledge about preparedness measures against the natural disasters with the people.”

Director Daw Yuzar Maw Tun of Mingalar Myanmar Foundation that sponsored the training course explained, “Our Mingalar Myanmar Foundation is undertaking conservation of mangroves. Moreover, the foundation is taking part in the rehabilitation and reconstruction works in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions. Furthermore, responsible persons of the foundation have made field trips to the grassroots level for giving family health care services. With the aim of further providing knowledge about preventive measures against natural disasters to the people, we sponsor conduct-



“Health care services have been undertaken successfully.”
Dr Soe Lwin Nyein, Director (Infectious Disease Control)

ing of the training course. These tasks cannot be carried out on a manageable scale. All the people need to participate in the works.”

The qualified trainees to be turned out by the training course will render assistance for the rural people. All the people will then fully enjoy fruits of peace and tranquility prevailing in the Union of Myanmar.

Translation: TTA
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Donations for doyen literati

YANGON, 17 Sept—As a gesture of hailing Sarsodaw Day, the wellwishers are making cash and kind donations for the ceremony to pay respects to doyen literati to be organized by the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Secretary Dr



MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo and responsible persons accept cash donation of U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and wife Daw Nyunt Nyunt Than and family.
MWJA

Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) and responsible persons accepted K 200,000 donated by Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara Thayaysithu Chief Editor of Mahaythi Magazine Col Saw Myint (Retd) (Hmu Thamein), wife Daw Tin Tin Myint and family; and K 30,000 by MWJA CEC member U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay)-wife Daw Nyunt Nyunt Than and family.

Similarly, Mawlamyine Township WJA also donated K 10,000 to the funds of the Association.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact No. 529/531 Merchant Street on the second floor of Sarpay Beikman at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street and dial 385273 and 252417.
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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Moderate quake strikes Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Sept—An earthquake measuring 5.5 Richter Scale rocked Sumatra Island on Thursday morning, with no report of damage or casualty, Indonesian meteorology agency said here.

The quake jolted Sumatra Island at 03:11 Jakarta Time (2011 GMT Wednesday) with epicentre at 155 kilometres southwest Bintuhan of Bengkulu Province and at 20 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia sits at a vulnerable zone so called “the Pacific Ring of Fire” where two continental plates, stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia, meet that causes frequent volcanic movements. — **MNA/Xinhua**

India bus crash kills 14

PATNA (India), 18 Sept — A speeding bus ran over villagers watching a movie adjacent to a national highway in eastern India early on Thursday, killing 14 and seriously wounding 18 others, police said.

The accident occurred in the eastern state of Bihar, when the driver of the bus lost control of the vehicle and crashed into dozens of villagers celebrating a Hindu festival, they said.

MNA/Reuters

Russian deputy PM visits Cuba to assess “Ike” damage

HAVANA, 18 Sept—Russian Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin made his second visit to Cuba in two months on Monday in what Cuban state-run Press said was a one-day trip to evaluate hurricane damage and strengthen commercial ties.

Sechin came with representatives from several Russian ministries and large Russian companies who would look at ways they could help Cuba recover from hurricanes Gustav and Ike, said news agency *Prensa Latina*.

The two storms slammed Cuba 10 days apart and did an estimated 11 billion US dollars in combined damage to the Communist-run island.

Sechin visited Cuba in August on a trip that the two old Cold War allies billed as the reactivation of “traditional relations” between the Caribbean island and Russia, which as the then-Soviet Union was Cuba’s biggest benefactor before it collapsed in 1991.

That visit followed a report out of Russia, later denied by the Russian Defence Ministry, that Cuba might be used as a refuelling base for Russia’s nuclear-capable bombers.—MNA/Reuters

Reports criticize Obama, McCain health plans

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama’s health care plan would cost too much and create more regulation, while Republican John McCain’s plan would leave 60 million Americans without health insurance and reduce coverage, experts said on Tuesday.

Neither plan would fully fix the broken US health care system, the separate teams of experts concluded in the journal *Health Affairs*.

Both candidates agree that major health care reform is needed, with 46 million Americans having no health insurance and studies showing that while the United States spends more per capita than any other industrialized country for health care, Americans are not any healthier.

A survey of benefits managers released on Tuesday showed wide disapproval of both plans, also.

Joe Antos of the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute, Gail Wilensky of Project HOPE and colleagues said Obama’s plan failed to address incentives that encourage tests and procedures that cost money but may not improve health.

MNA/Reuters

Two sailors killed in fire on Russian warship

Moscow, 18 Sept—Two Russian naval servicemen were killed late Wednesday in a fire on board a large naval vessel from Russia’s Pacific Fleet, a Navy spokesman said Thursday.

The anti-submarine *Marshal Shaposhnikov* was cruising in the Sea of Japan when the fire started in the engine room.

According to preliminary information, the fire broke out after a lubricating pipe ruptured under high pressure.

A special commission was set up to investigate the incident, Capt First Rank Igor Dygalo was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

The warship, which has been towed to port, was part of a naval task group which conducted live firing drills at dummy airborne and surface targets on 15-17 Sept.

Internet



This 7 Aug, 2008 photo provided by the Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens in Columbia, SC shows Ricky, a 7 year-old Rockhopper penguin makes a painting to raise money for the wildlife conservation efforts. Ricky’s painting was the first sold in the auction of art by animals nationwide for \$ 180 on 16 Sept, 2008, in Columbia, SC.

INTERNET

Cuba rejected \$5m in US hurricane aid

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—Cuba has rejected an offer from the United States of five million US dollars in relief aid for hurricane victims, the US State Department said on Monday.

However, Washington has licensed about 250 million US dollars in agricultural sales to Cuba since the island was struck by hurricanes in the last few weeks, including lumber for rebuilding, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. On Saturday, Washington told Havana “the US is committed to providing up to five million US dollars in relief

assistance for Cuban hurricane victims, and that we could fly emergency relief supplies to Cuba as soon as they, the Cuban Government, authorized such assistance,” State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

“On the 14th of September, just yesterday, the Cuban Government informed us that they would not accept a donation from the United States,” he said. “We regret that Cuban authorities have not accepted this offer of humanitarian assistance for the Cuban people.”

MNA/Reuters

British junior minister quits over Brown

LONDON, 18 Sept—A junior minister resigned from Gordon Brown’s government on Tuesday, the highest-profile revolt against the British Prime Minister’s leadership so far.

Earlier on Tuesday, Brown’s ruling Labour Party rejected calls for a leadership election that could have threatened his 15-month-old premiership.

“The Prime Minister has accepted David Cairns’ resignation. The exercise of government demands collective responsibility,” Brown’s office said in a statement.

Cairns was a minister in the Scotland Office. Two members of Parliament have already been sacked from government jobs for expressing dissatisfaction with Brown’s leadership and a third quit after saying he should be challenged.—MNA/Reuters

Alaska Republicans sue to stop Palin trooper probe

ANCHORAGE(Alaska), 18 Sept—Five Republican state legislators filed a lawsuit in Alaska state court on Tuesday seeking to block Democrats from investigating whether vice-presidential candidate Governor Sarah Palin abused her power in firing a state trooper feuding with her family.

The lawsuit claims the probe into Palin’s July firing of Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan is unconstitutional and politically tainted because it is being managed by Democrats trying to undermine Republican presidential candidate John McCain and Palin, his running mate. Monegan contends he was dismissed because he failed to fire a state trooper who had been involved in a contentious divorce from Palin’s sister. The investigation was authorized unanimously in July by a bipartisan legislative committee.

MNA/Reuters

Greek ship with 25 crew hijacked near Somalia

KUALA LUMPUR (Malaysia), 18 Sept—Armed pirates hijacked a Greek ship with 25 crew members off Somalia on Thursday, authorities said, bringing to 55 the number of reported attacks in the lawless sea lane of the African region.

The bulk carrier was headed to Kenya when it was attacked off the eastern coast of Somalia, the 13th ship to be seized in African waters in the past two months, according to Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau.—Internet



A US Embassy employee takes a photo of his damaged vehicle in front of the main entrance of the US Embassy in the capital San’a, Yemen on 18 Sept, 2008.—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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST

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Number of people needing aid in Africa doubles

LONDON, 18 Sept—The number of people living “on the edge of emergency” in Africa has nearly doubled to 220 million in just two years, a leading charity said on Thursday.

CARE International said emergency aid to the impoverished and strife-ridden continent continued to arrive too late, was short-term and policies were targeted too heavily on saving lives rather than building resilience in the population.

“The world’s inaction on food emergencies has proved costly and it is the world’s poorest people—stripped of enough to eat—who are paying the price,” said Geoffrey Dennis, the charity’s chief executive.

“Governments, the UN, donors and aid agencies must take this opportunity to deliver the long-term structural reforms to the

aid system that will protect the most vulnerable from emergency and build their resilience to food price rises, drought and other shocks.”

CARE’s report “Living on the Edge of Emergency—Paying the Price of Inaction” is timed to coincide with a summit in New York next week dedicated to the fight against poverty—one of the key Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for 2015.

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Man bitten by shark, runs aground enroute to hospital

SYDNEY, 18 Sept—An Australian fisherman bitten by a shark while trawling for prawns at sea made a 20-hour dash for hospital, only to have his boat run aground within sight of land.

Quentin Gorrell was eventually picked up by the police in a dinghy and brought to hospital, he told the NT News newspaper in Darwin on Thursday.

“We got totally bogged and could feel we were starting to go over. We couldn’t believe it, the wharf was seriously spitting distance away. It was a case of so close but so far,” Gorrell said.

The shark bit Gorrell on the hand, ripping tendons in his index finger to the bone, as he untangled it from nets on this prawn trawler off the coast of northern Australia.

“It almost took my finger off from the second joint,” he said. The attack happened on Monday near Croker Island northeast of Darwin in the Northern Territory, but Gorrell took 20 hours sailing to reach Darwin, only to run aground on low-tide mudflats.

—MNA/Reuters

One dead, 25 hurt in Kashmir attacks

SRINAGAR (India), 18 Sept—An Indian soldier was shot dead by militants and at least 25 people were wounded on Wednesday in two separate attacks by militants in Indian Kashmir, police said.

Armed militants threw a grenade into a crowded market in Indian Kashmir, injuring 25 people, police said.

The grenade was aimed at a police jeep in the heart of Srinagar, Indian Kashmir’s summer capital, they said.

“The blast created panic in the busy area and people ran for cover in shops and buildings,” said Latif Ahmed, a shopkeeper who witnessed the blast.

In a separate attack, an Indian soldier was killed in an encounter with militants in Kupwara sector of north Kashmir, police said.—MNA/Reuters

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Int. Org. requires: Assistant Programme Officer (NOA), 1 Post stationed in Maungdaw, Northern Rakhine State.

Additional Information on vacancy at any UN or INGO Bulletin Board in Yangon, Maungdaw, Mawlamyine, Myeik and Thandaung. Closing date: 17 October 2008.

Philippines seizes Muslim rebel camp in south

MANILA, 18 Sept—Philippine troops seized a major training camp of Muslim guerillas in the troubled south, killing seven rebels and wounding dozens in air and ground attacks, an Army general said on Thursday.

Brigadier-General Jorge Segovia, chief of the military operations centre in Manila, told Reuters soldiers stumbled upon the rebel base after chasing rogue members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Lanao Province on Mindanao Island.

A soldier was killed and eight were wounded in a rebel attack in Calanugas Town on Wednesday, before troops staged the counter offensive that led them to the guerilla base.

“Our troops had occupied the rebel camp on Wednesday after hours of heavy fighting with a big number of guerillas,” Segovia said, adding seven dead rebels were found in the area.

“Dozens of MILF rebels were also wounded based on intercepted radio communications. This is one of our major tactical victories since punitive actions were launched last month.”—MNA/Reuters

Scientists study endangered kangaroo rat habitat

FRESNO (Calif), 18 Sept — Scientists plan to use satellite photos to count Giant Kangaroo Rats, the first-ever monitoring of an endangered species from outer space.

Scientists will examine images taken from the same satellite used by Israeli defence forces to find the circular patches of earth denuded by the rats as they gather food around their burrows. From that they plan to get the first-ever accurate population count of the rodents, a bellwether for the health of a parched plains environment.

By comparing the photos to 30 years of satellite images being released this month by the US Geological Survey, researchers hope to better understand how the population has fluctuated in response to climate change and as the arrival of state and federal canal water turned the arid San Joaquin Valley into a patchwork of intensely cultivated farms and forced Giant Kangaroo Rats to concentrate on higher ground.

The information will help scientists



A giant kangaroo rat is seen in this undated photo provided by the Nature Conservancy. When the San Joaquin Valley was an arid grassy plain, giant kangaroo rats were the seed-hording gardeners that helped propagate native plants.—INTERNET

determine when cattle might be used to reduce nonnative grasses, allowing the rats to more easily find food.

This study using satellite technology is taking place on the vast Carrizo Plain, a 390-square-mile desert grassland 150 miles southwest of here that is home to the most concentrated remaining populations of kangaroo rats.—*Internet*

Premixed insulin may offer better blood sugar control

LOS ANGELES, 17 Sept — Premixed insulin, which combines short- and long-acting versions of the hormone, results in better blood-sugar control as compared with long-acting insulin alone or oral medications, a new study finds.

But it's not clear that this tighter glycemic control translates into fewer complications and a lower mortality rate among people suffering from type 2 diabetes, researchers add.

And two types of premixed insulin — premixed human insulin and premixed insulin analogues (genetically engineered human insulin) — appeared to produce the same benefit.

Various premixed products are already on the market, but the results described in a study in the 16 Sept issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine* may help better determine which product benefits which patient.

More than a quarter of patients with type 2 diabetes use insulin alone (16 percent) or insulin combined with an oral medication (12 percent) to help



A diabetic patient injects himself with insulin at the JWCH safety-net clinic in downtown Los Angeles.

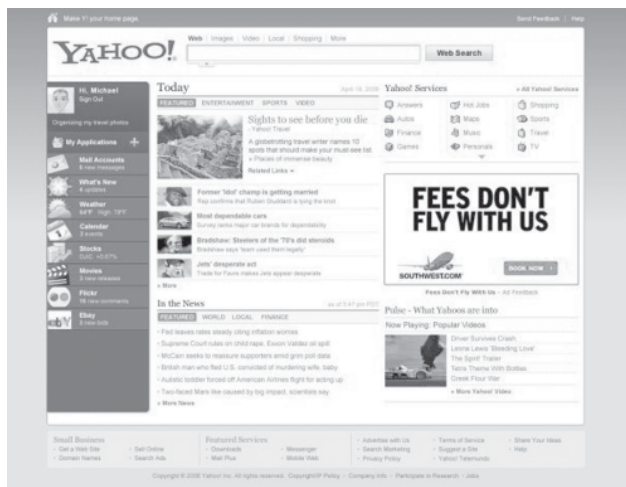
INTERNET

them control their blood-glucose levels.

And as the number of people overall who have type 2 diabetes continues to increase, information on the effectiveness and safety of premixed insulin is even more imperative.

Premixed insulin includes both long- and short-acting insulin together in one preparation. These products are intended to give patients more flexibility as to when they eat.

Internet



Yahoo is testing a new home page. The new site is more personalized and customizable. This version is a 'baseline' for user testing; Yahoo will add more features later.—INTERNET

Russia ready to help Cuba build space centre

MOSCOW, 18 Sept — Moscow is ready to help Cuba develop its own space centre, Russia's space agency chief said on Wednesday after talks in Caracas with Venezuelan and Cuban officials, *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported.

Russia has stepped up efforts to develop closer links with both countries, which are ideological enemies of Washington, including sending Russian strategic bombers on a mission to Venezuela this month.

"We have held preliminary discussions about the possibility of creating a space centre in Cuba with our help," the chief of Russia's Federal Space Agency Anatoly Perminov was quoted as saying by *ITAR-TASS* in Caracas.

"With our Cuban colleagues, we discussed the possibilities of joint use of space equipment ... and the joint use of space communications systems," Perminov was quoted as saying.

Renewed Russian links to the Caribbean island will stir memories in Washington of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis when the United States and Soviet Union almost went to war over Soviet missile bases on Cuba, which is 90 miles (145 kilometres) from US shores.

MNA/Reuters

Hitachi to buy Matsushita core plasma TV parts

TOKYO, 18 Sept — Japan's Hitachi Ltd said it will buy core plasma TV parts from Panasonic-maker Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., as it restructures its loss-making flat TV business in a market dominated by rival LCD technology.

Hitachi, which is struggling with flat TV losses, faces intensifying price competition from bigger TV makers Sony Corp, Sharp Corp and South Korea's Samsung Electronics and LG Electronics Inc.

Hitachi will buy fabricated glass panels — the high-end part of a plasma TV — from Matsushita, in a step that some analysts say could lead to an eventual withdrawal from the business.

Hitachi holds 7.5 percent of the shrinking plasma TV market according to research firm DisplaySearch.

Hitachi and Matsushita have already teamed up in liquid crystal display panels. Matsushita, which will change its name to Panasonic on 1 October, took control of Hitachi group member IPS Alpha Technology Ltd this year.—*Internet*

First Google Android phone to cost \$199

NEW YORK, 18 Sept — The first mobile phone to use Google Inc's Android mobile operating software will cost \$199, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on its website on Wednesday. The phone, which features a slide-out keypad, is being manufactured by Taiwan's HTC Corp and will be sold by Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile USA unit, which plans to unveil the device at an event in New York on 23 September.

AT&T Inc, the only US operator selling Apple Inc's iPhone, set the price of the latest version at \$199 in July, setting a benchmark for smartphones that can surf the Web, manage email and other multimedia features.

The Journal, citing people familiar with the matter, said T-Mobile USA plans to release new data service plans in conjunction with the Google phone that will be "aggressively priced." Google, HTC and T-Mobile USA declined comment on the pricing for the phone.—*Internet*

Study links some antibiotic use to cerebral palsy

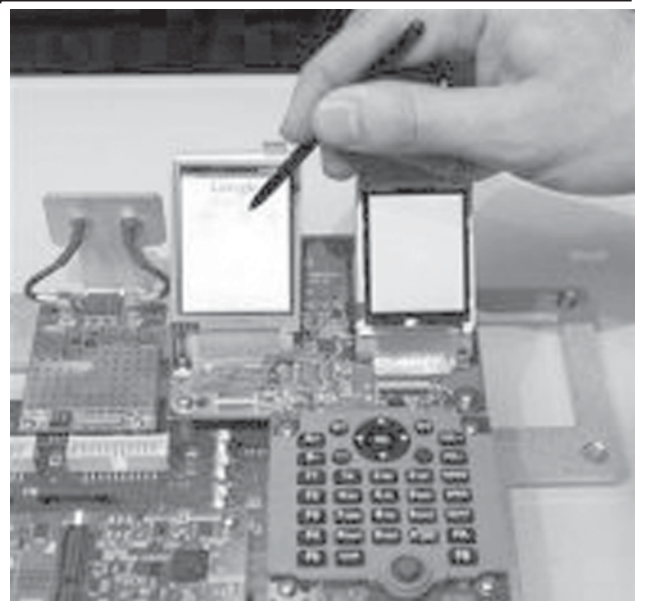
LONDON, 18 Sept — A once-used practice of giving antibiotics to some women at risk of premature birth may have increased the odds their children will develop cerebral palsy and other problems, researchers said on Thursday.

The study published in the journal *Lancet* looked at women at risk of premature labour who had no signs of infection. Doctors now recommend antibiotics only for women whose waters have broken prematurely or have an obvious infection.

The findings reaffirm that doctors should not use antibiotics for premature labour when the mother's water is intact and if there is no infection, said Sara Kenyon, a researcher at the University of Leicester who led the study.

"We don't think it is the antibiotics themselves but rather the situation the antibiotics are given in," she said in a telephone interview. "These findings mean doctors do not need to give antibiotics if a woman's water hasn't broken unless she has an infection."

Smoking, alcohol use and weight problems can increase the chances of premature labour. While it was known children born prematurely are more prone to functional problems later in life, the link to cerebral palsy was unexpected, Kenyon said.—*Internet*



SPORTS



Valdivia (L) of Mexico's Cruz Azul fights for the ball with Sabillon of Honduras's CD Marathon during their CONCACAF Champions League soccer match in San Pedro Sula on 17 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Arsenal drew 1-1 against Dinamo Kiev in Group G

KIEV, 18 Sept—Arsenal drew 1-1 Wednesday against Dinamo Kiev after William Gallas got an 88th minute equalizer in Group G of the Champions League.

Gallas scored from close range off Theo Walcott's cross.

Ismael Bangoura put Dinamo in the lead in the 64th, scoring from the penalty spot after Bacary Sagna fouled Ognjen Vukojevic in the box.

Arsenal was in control of the game in the middle of the pitch in the first half, slowing Dinamo down and denying its attempts to attack.

Robin van Persie almost gave Arsenal an early lead just two minutes into

the game but his shot from inside the box was blocked by goalkeeper Stanislav Bogush.

Emmanuel Adebayor dribbled past two Dynamo defenders but fired over the crossbar in the 19th.

Arsenal had one more clear opportunity before halftime, when Van Persie put Cesc Fabregas one-on-one with Bogush, but the Arsenal midfielder fired right into the goalkeeper.

Roman Eremenko had a chance for the home side in the 49th, but Manuel Almunia denied his angled shot from the right.

Terry escapes ban after red card is rescinded

LONDON, 18 Sept — Chelsea captain John Terry will be available for Sunday's Premier League clash against champions Manchester United after winning his appeal against a red card.

The Football Association said on Tuesday that an independent regulatory commission hearing had overturned the red card Terry received when he brought down Manchester City striker Jo late on in his side's 3-1 victory on Saturday.—*Internet*

Manchester United held to a draw by Villarreal

LONDON, 18 Sept — As held 0-0 by Villarreal in a frustrating start to its Champions League defence that even the return of Cristiano Ronaldo couldn't energize.

Villarreal were the last team to deny the Red Devils a European victory at Old Trafford - in November 2005 - and on Wednesday ended their 12-match winning streak in the competition.

Ronaldo's return from ankle surgery in the final half hour injected vitality and pace, but couldn't produce a winner.

The Portuguese winger nodded wide from Nani's cross in the 81st minute and a minute later provided a deep cross that beat goalkeeper Diego



Manchester United's Owen Hargreaves, centre left, playing against Villarreal's Guille Franco, centre right, at Old Trafford Stadium in Manchester on Wednesday.—INTERNET

López, but Jonny Evans headed against the post.

It was 120 days since Ronaldo's last club appearance in the penalty-shootout victory over Chelsea.

Not that the Portugal winger wanted to be here, having used the weeks after the Moscow final to

push for a move to Real Madrid until Alex Ferguson bluntly told him two months ago it wouldn't be sanctioned.

But he didn't look like a player being retained against his will and the fans gave him a rapturous reception, roaring "Viva Ronaldo". —*Internet*



Betao, left, of Dynamo Kiev struggles for the ball with Robin van Persie of Arsenal during their Champions League soccer match in Kiev, Ukraine. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Juventus returned to the Champions League with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Zenit

ST PETERSBURG, 18 Sept -- Alessandro Del Piero scored with an impressive free kick in the 76th minute and Juventus returned to the Champions League with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Zenit St. Petersburg on Wednesday.

Juventus hadn't appeared in Europe for two years following the Italian match-fixing scandal and coach Claudio Ranieri awarded the pre-scandal players by including all of them in his lineup, led by Del Piero.

The Juventus captain made the move pay off

and celebrated his 80th Champions League game with his 38th goal in the elite competition, finding a perfect trajectory that Zenit goalkeeper Vyacheslav Malafeev read the wrong way.

Juventus and Real Madrid, which beat BATE of Belarus 2-0, share the Group H lead with three points each.

Zenit followed up its UEFA Cup victory last season with an impressive win over Manchester United in the European Super Cup last month and the Russian

squad provided stiff resistance for the "Old Lady" of Turin.

Zenit threatened first when newly signed Portugal forward Danny missed wide from the centre of the area in the 11th on an excellent chance set up by Andrei Arshavin, Russia's star midfielder at the European Championship.

Juventus started to click in the 15th, when Del Piero used an expert fake and sent a high pass to David Trézéguet but the Frenchman's header was off the mark.

Internet

Colombia fire Pinto after two successive defeats

BOGOTA, 18 Sept — Colombia fired coach Jorge Luis Pinto on Tuesday, less than one week after losing 4-0 to Chile in a World Cup qualifier, and replaced him with former youth team coach Eduardo Lara.

The change came less than one month before Colombia face two more qualifiers, at home to Paraguay and away to Brazil. Pinto, in charge since December 2006, is the third coaching victim of the South American World Cup qualifiers, which started last October.

"The target of our federation is to qualify Colombia for the 2010 World Cup," Colombian football federation president Luis Bedoya told a news conference after a meeting with Pinto, who left the building without speaking to the media.

"Jorge Luis Pinto will not continue as coach of the Colombian national team and will be replaced by Eduardo Lara. "The federation thanks the professionalism, hard work and commitment of professor Pinto with the national team."

Colombia, who last qualified for the World Cup in 1998, are sixth in the 10-team South American group with 10 points from eight games but have scored only four goals.—*MNA/Reuters*



Lu Lan of China returns the shuttlecock against Kaori Imabeppu of Japan during a women's singles second round match of the Japan Open Badminton tournament in Tokyo on 18 Sept, 2008. World's No 2 Lu won the match 21-7, 21-8.—INTERNET



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova plays a shot to Japan's Ayumi Morita during their match at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo on 18 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Tidal surges hit Bangladesh, hundreds missing

DHAKA, 18 Sept — Two children drowned, about 400 fishermen were missing and thousands of people were marooned after storm-whipped waves from the Bay of Bengal swept Bangladesh's vast coastline, officials said on Wednesday.

Sea water flooded at least three towns -- Patuakhali, Jhalakathi and part of Cox's Bazar -- forcing many residents to flee as others huddled in their homes braving strong wind and heavy rain.

Weather officials said the sea surge was triggered by a depression in the northern Bay, likely to persist for a couple of days.

They warned there could be more surge and flooding even though the depression was likely to cross India's Orissa coast by Wednesday evening.

Two children have drowned in Cox's Bazar beach district, where fishing community leaders said around 400 fishermen were missing at sea.

"The Bay has been very rough since Monday, when dozens of boats managed to return to the shores, but about 400 fishermen in more than 30 boats are still unaccounted for," said Nurul Islam Nuru, fishing community leader. He hoped all or most of them would come back alive.

"Fishermen did return safely even weeks after previous storms," a Cox's Bazar journalist said.

MNA/Reuters

Obama leads McCain by 2 points

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept —Democrat Barack Obama has a 2-point lead in the US presidential race on Republican John McCain, whose choice of Sarah Palin as his running mate helped shore up support for both candidates, according to a Reuters/Zogby poll released on Wednesday.

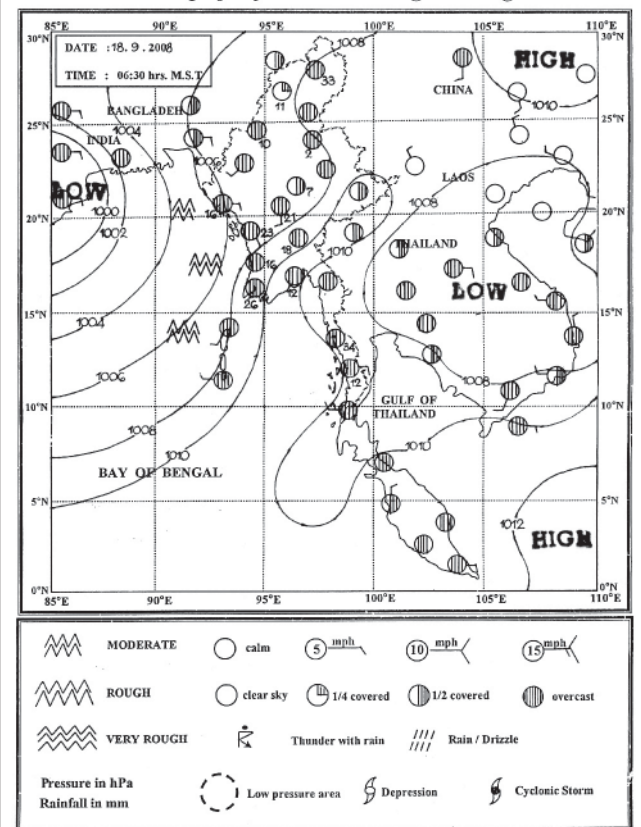
Obama leads McCain among likely voters by 47 per cent to 45 per cent, within the poll's 3.1 per cent margin of error. He gained ground in the last month among independent and women voters and on the question of who could best manage the faltering US economy.

MNA/Reuters



The military band performs behind a mailbox at the beginning of the closing ceremony of Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in the National Stadium, or the Bird's Nest, in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 18 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Zaungtu (2.44) inches, Sittway (2.01) inches, Bago (1.89) inches, Kalay (1.85) inches, Putao (1.58) inches, Hmawbi (1.49) inches, Dawei (1.34) inches, Hakha (1.30) inches, Shwegyin (1.22) inches and Meiktila (0.82) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-9-2008 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 18-9-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-9-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 17-9-2008 was (0.1) hour approx.

Rainfall on 18-9-2008 was (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (92.64) inches at Mingaladon, (103.85) inches at Kaba-Aye and (120.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (09:30) hours MST on 18-9-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayah States, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and upper Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, Mandalay Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Asleep in Jesus

Daw Sheila
(Sheila James)

Aged 86 Years

Rtd. Lecturer, Dept of English, DSA, PyinOoLwin Daw Sheila, beloved mother of Judith, James and (Jennifer), grandmother of Michael+Marisol, Darryn+Caroline, Tyrin, May+Ben Whitney, great-grandmother of Kaia, Jennifer, Diana and Adrian passed away peacefully at home surrounded by all her family at 4:30 pm on August 30, 2008 in Hagerstown, Maryland, USA. The memorial service was held on September 6 at her home in Hagerstown.

Bereaved Family



Friday, 19 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Musical programme

8:00 am

6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. “ကျွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့” (လျှမ်းထက်၊ သတ္တိ၊ ဖြိုးမောင်မောင်၊ သဇင်၊ နန်းဆုရတီရိုး၊ စုချစ်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်လူထက်)

8:25 am

9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ဇော်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Song of yesteryears

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of national races

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:35 pm

4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:45 pm

5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm

6. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

8. “တောမြိုင်စွန်းမှလွမ်းမျက်ရည်” (ရဲအောင်၊ လူမုန်း၊ သူထူးစံ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ထူးသာ၊ ဂွမ်းပုံကြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အကယ်ဒမီ ပန်းချီရိုးမိုး)

5:30 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်

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6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်

7:10 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. Musical programme
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina road under repair

YANGON, 18 Sept— Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, on 13 September, looked into repairing of roads and bridges along Shwebo-Myitkyina road through Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) of Mandalay by car.

At the briefing hall of Public Works in Zin Village on Shwebo-

Myitkyina road, the minister gave instructions on maintenance of roads to engineers in-charge.

On arrival at construction site of Zaw Creek Bridge, the minister fulfilled the needs of building the Bridge.

On 14 September, the minister instructed engineers in-charge to systematically carry out roads and bridges work in line with road character-

istics at the mile post No, 120/3 on Shwebo-Myitkyina road and inspected the site chosen for construction of Kwin Creek bridge. Afterwards, the minister gave instructions on conducting survey on wide of the creek and waterway and inspected the repairing of roads and bridges along Shwebo-Myitkyina road.

MNA

Natural disaster preparedness instructor course for safety and security of the people

Article & Photos: Soe Thura

Nowadays, natural disasters occur in various countries of the world. Everybody knows the occurrences of natural disasters take place in coastal areas in most of those countries.

A news crew of the Kyemon Daily had interviews with responsible persons of the Instructor Course for Natural Disasters Preparedness jointly conducted by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, UN agencies and INGOs to enhance the awareness and

give knowledge to the people.

The training course was conducted from 15 to 19 September. In an interview, Director-General of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Dr Tun Lwin said, "I will discuss functions of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology on dissemination of information in advance about natural disasters and assessments at the training course."

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"I will discuss functions of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology on dissemination of information in advance about natural disaster and assessments."

Dr Tun Lwin, Director-General of Department of Meteorology and Hydrology

Public wish is ours

- * Favour we stability
Unrest we are against
- * Our wish is
Prosperity for country
Richness for countrymen
- * Wish we all
Reach democracy goal sooner
While every one
Enjoying freedom
According to law
- * Love and cherish we all
Seven-step Road Map
That leads and helps us
Realize our wishes

Mahn Tha Sein (Papun)

3 tiger cubs born at Nay Pyi Taw Zoo



Proud mother going to roar that she gave birth to three cubs.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept —Today can be said a joyful day for Nay Pyi Taw Zoo as it saw the arrival of three tiger cubs at 11:15 am. It was "Noe Noe" a tigress at the zoo, that gave birth to the three baby tigers. —MNA

United prepare for showdown with Chelsea

LONDON, 18 Sept—The tension surrounding Sunday's high-profile clash between Chelsea and Manchester United intensified last night when it emerged that the Football Association are looking into remarks made by Sir Alex Ferguson about referees' chief Keith Hackett.

Ferguson was upset by the FA's decision to rescind the red card John Terry received at Manchester City last weekend, and claimed that Hackett, general manager of the Professional Game Match Officials' Board, had intervened and would not have done so for a United player.

Internet



Pitched battle: last season's encounter at Stamford Bridge descended into chaos.

INTERNET

Remote Sensing Course on 7 October

YANGON, 18 Sept—A Remote Sensing Course will be conducted for the third time at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, here, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Credent Technology will jointly organize the course so as to promote information and communications technology. Disaster preparedness and rehabilitation activities are included in the course to be conducted from 7 October to 17 December. Only 20 trainees will be allowed to attend the course. For the detail information, contact office of the association, building No. 4, room No. 4, Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, dialing 652276.—MNA