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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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein awards championship shield to Ministry of Sports team in 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents championship shield to Ministry of Sports team.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the final match of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, members of the Myanmar National Olympic Council, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and members, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, the president of Myanmar Football Federation and officials, staff of ministries, staff families and guests. Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party enjoyed the final match between Sports Ministry and Labour Ministry. In the match, Sports Ministry clinched the title with a 4-1 win over Labour Ministry.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented the third prize to Ministry of Transport; Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, the second prize to Ministry of Labour; and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, the first prize to Ministry of Sports. They also awarded medals to the winners.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gave away the best goalkeeper award to Wai Lin Tun of Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the best defender award to Zaw Win Htut of Ministry of Transport,

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Malaysian Co shows interest in power generation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received delegation led by Mr. Syed Slarjudeen, chief representative of MASER from Malaysia at the ministry here on 17 September morning.

They held discussion on construction of new natural gas-fired power station and cooperation in maintenance of factories.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental officials.

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Zhai Zhigang to be China's first man to walk in space

BEIJING, 19 Sept—A 42-year-old fighter pilot whose mother sold sunflower seeds on the street to pay for his education is to become China's first man to walk in space.

Zhai Zhigang, who holds the rank of colonel in the People's Liberation Army, will join two other astronauts on board the *Shenzhou VII* for China's third manned space mission when it blasts off on 25 September for a 68-hour flight.

Launch is scheduled for between 8 pm and 9 pm on 25 September with the spacewalk by Colonel Zhai expected to take place in the afternoon or evening of 26 or 27 September, the State Council, or cabinet, said.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards a new democratic nation in line with the seven-step Road Map

At present, the government is in the process of building a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation. To realize this, it is implementing the seven-step Road Map phase by phase in accord with the background history of the nation and national prestige and integrity.

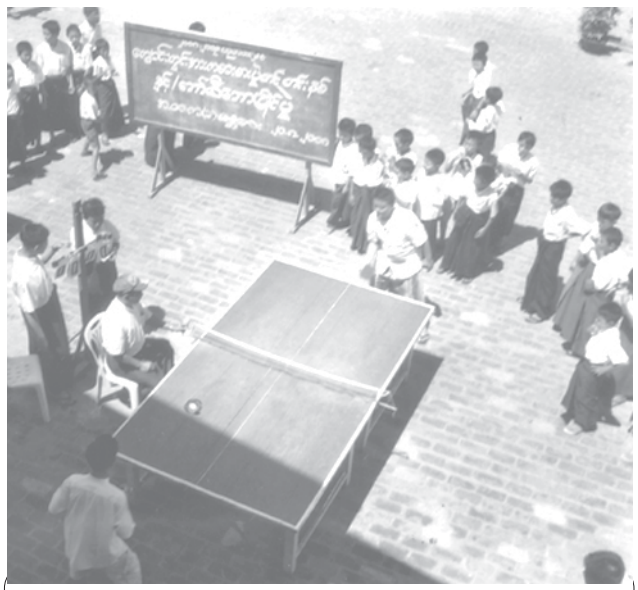
In building a new nation, political, economic and social systems that are in conformity with the nation are required, and the entire national people are to be endowed with knowledge and outlooks based on the systems.

The State constitution, the fourth step of Road Map, was approved with 92.48 percent votes in favour at the national referendum. This means that the efforts of the government in the process of transition to democracy are unanimously supported by the entire people.

At a time when the entire people are striving for prevalence of peace and stability as well as improvement of their socio-economic status, any act leading to violence and unrest is totally unacceptable.

Now, efforts for building of a new democratic nation are in full swing. Meanwhile, necessary steps are being taken in order to hold the multiparty democracy general election in 2010.

It is our belief that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will be able to continue building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the national goal, in line with the seven-step Road Map.



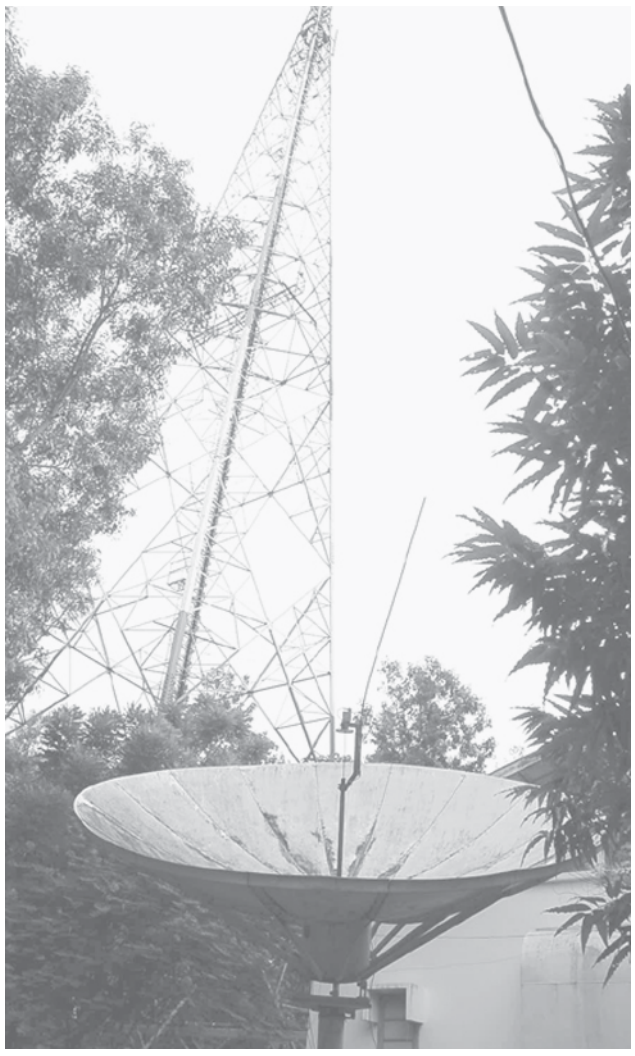
School Sports: ***School boys taking part in table tennis contest held at Basic Education High School No. 1 in Aungmyay Thazan Township, Mandalay on 28 August.*** **—NLM**

People's Desire

* **Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
* **Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
* **Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
* **Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Functions of Toungoo TV Re-transmission Station inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—At Toungoo TV Re-transmission Station this morning, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan was welcomed by Deputy Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, member of Toungoo District Peace and Development Council Commander of Toungoo District Police Force Police Lt-Col Thet Lwin, Chairman of Toungoo Township PDC U Tin Maung Win, Assistant Director U Kyi of Bago Division (East) Information and Public Relations Department and Staff Officer U Than Htay of Toungoo District IPRD.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visits TV Re-transmission Station in Toungoo. **—MNA**

After viewing functions of the TV Re-transmission Station, the minister urged the staff to operate the station at full capacity on schedule, transmit quality pictures and sound, control and maintain the machinery, carry out maintenance of machines, take fire preventive measures and guard against disturbances of destructive elements.

Next, the minister visited the station and left there.—*MNA*

MANA forms Yangon Division association

YANGON, 19 Sept – Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association held a ceremony to mark the establishment of Yangon Division Anti-Narcotics Association at the office of the association on Kyundaw Road in Kamayut Township this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the MANA U San Thein.

CEC members and doctors who are taking part in anti-narcotic projects gave accounts of MANA and explained progress of the projects.

The ceremony came to an end with the concluding remarks by the chairman of MANA after forming Yangon Division Anti-Narcotics Association with ten executives including Police Lt-Col Sai Aung Min (Retd) as chairman. —*MNA*

Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 5 concludes

YANGON, 19 Sept – Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceutical Dealers and Entrepreneurs Association, the conclusion ceremony of Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 5 was held at UMFCCI Office Tower Level 5, here, this morning.

Chairman Dr Win Sithu and Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin of the association delivered addresses and presented certificates of honour to the course instructors.

Next, the chairman and responsible persons awarded outstanding trainees, and course instructor Dr Mi Mi Ko made concluding remarks.

Applied Pharmaceutical Management Course No. 3 (Advanced Level) will be opened in the first week of October. —*MNA*

Most liquid milk in China does not contain melamine

BEIJING, 19 Sept— Most liquid milk on the market did not contain melamine and was safe to drink, Chinese quality watchdog said on Thursday following a nationwide special check on the chemical.

The chemical was first found in a top powder milk brand, Sanlu, earlier this month that caused kidney stones and kidney failure among babies.

Chinese State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), along with 150 state level food testing centres, checked more than 400 liquid milk producers, and found most diary products were safe to drink.

The 408 liquid milk producers, including Sanyuan and Nestle, were not found containing the chemical.

However, the test results showed nearly 10 per cent of the sample batches tested from Mengniu and Yili, 2 top brands on Chinese diary market, contained 0.8 - 7 and 0.7 - 8.4 milligrammes of melamine per kilogramme respectively while six batches out of 93 from Bright, contained 0.6 to 8.6 milligrammes of melamine per kilogramme.

Medical experts said that it would not cause any illness such as kidney stones for an adult who drink less than two litres of such milk daily. The administration also urged producers to recall all contaminated products, find the source of the problem and punish severely those held responsible. —*Xinhua*

Iraqis protest deaths of seven people including women

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept — Iraqis protested the deaths of at least seven people during an American air strike in northern Iraq on Friday, in the town where Saddam Hussein was captured in 2003.

Destroyed homes after US air raid.— INTERNET

Iraqi officials said the strike used excessive force in killing eight members of one family, whose innocence they protested. They accused the Americans of shooting down men and women from the air as they fled. The Americans say seven were killed.

After the attack, 400 protesters gathered at the site demonstrating peacefully against the raid, and marched to the cemetery for the funeral.

Abdullah Hussein Jibara, the deputy governor of Salahuddin Province said he did not accept the initial explanations offered by the Americans to the Iraqi police in Ad Dwar and said that they should have carried out more checks before the bombing.

"I condemn the random targeting of civilians and the excessive use of force against civilians," he said. "It was better to use another method to avoid losses; this is the third incident during the past two months," he said.

Fares Khatab, a sheik of the family's tribe, said that the family had fled to Ad Dwar from their home in Baghdad to escape the violence in the capital. "This family is an innocent family," he said. — *Internet*

Men carry the lifeless body of a person killed in an overnight raid in the town of Adwar, Near Samarra, Iraq, on 19 Sept, 2008.— INTERNET

Dir villagers kill two suspected 'bombers'

PESHAWAR,19 Sept— Two suspected suicide bombers blew themselves up in the Upper Dir town on Thursday after residents foiled their attempt to take 300 schoolchildren hostage, police said.

The men entered into the town from Swat valley but people from the area chased them away, local police officer Johar Ali told *AFP*. They took refuge in a school building then and tried to take students hostage, local news agencies said, but police and villagers forced them to flee from there as well.

Two of them then tried to take refuge in a forest where an exchange of gunfire took place, and later detonated the explosives strapped to their bodies, Johar Ali said. The state-run *APP* news agency said a third man fled, but Online said he was arrested.

"Showing extreme courage and boldness", the residents of a village in Upper Dir district "foiled attempt of the armed militants to take hostage around 300 students of a school and successfully freed the students" after a fierce gunbattle, said an *APP* report about the incident.—*Internet*

Workers remove the remains of a Metrolink commuter train on 14 Sept, 2008 in Chatsworth, California. The conductor of a train involved in a rail crash that left 25 people dead was sending text messages on his mobile phone during working hours, authorities said on Thursday.
INTERNET

A Labelle-Fannett volunteer firefighter looks up at the damage to his roof caused by a fallen tree due to high winds from Hurricane Ike, on 18 Sept, 2008, in Fannett, Texas.— INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,168

WASHINGTON,19 Sept — As of Thursday,18 Sept, 2008, at least 4,168 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,377 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

Internet

GI held in killings of soldiers at Iraq base

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept — An American soldier was in custody in Iraq in the shooting deaths of two fellow American soldiers at their patrol base near Iskandariya on Sunday, the American military said Thursday.

The two soldie1rs who were killed were identified as Staff Sgt Darris J Dawson, 24, of Pensacola, Fla and Sgt Wesley R Durbin, 26, of Hurst, Tex. They were killed early Sunday at the base, about 25 miles south of Baghdad, a military statement said.

All three soldiers were assigned to the Third Battalion, Seventh Infantry Regiment, Fourth Brigade Combat Team, Third Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.— *Internet*

Delhi bombings suspects killed in gunbattle

NEW DELHI, 19 Sept— A battle between suspected terrorists — believed involved in a series of bombings — and Indian police in a south Delhi neighborhood ended Friday with two suspects dead and two others on the run, a police official said.

A fifth suspect who was wounded was also captured, police said.

Two police officers were wounded, including one — identified as Special Cell Inspector Mohan Chand — who was in serious condition, according to Assistant Police Commissioner Bhisham Singh.

The gunbattle was centered in a third-floor home in Jamia Nagar, according to South Delhi Deputy Police Commissioner H G S Dhaliwal.

"A lot of firearms have been recovered from that place," said New Delhi police spokesman Rajan Bhagat. — *Internet*

US soldier gets 7-month sentence in Iraq killings

VLSECK (Germany),19 Sept — A US soldier pleaded guilty to conspiracy to murder and was sentenced to seven months in prison on Thursday in the deaths of four Iraqis, saying he stood guard from a machine-gun turret while the bound men were shot.

The relatively lenient sentence for Spc. Belmor Ramos was part of a deal that will see him testify against others alleged to have been involved in the killings last year.

The four unidentified Iraqi men were bound, blindfolded, shot in the head and dumped in a Baghdad canal between 10 March and 16 April 2007 — killings prosecutors said were in retribution for casualties in Ramos' unit at the time.

The Army did not provide details on that death.

Internet

Research into GM cotton makes cover of "Science"

BEIJING, 19 Sept— Newly released results from Chinese scientists' research into genetically modified (GM) cotton will be featured in a cover story in the latest issue of Science magazine on Friday.

Wu Kongming, a researcher from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, said in the paper that bacillus thuringiensis (BT) cotton could defend itself against cotton boll worms as well as protect neighbouring crops such as soybean and sorghum.

The cotton is the main host crop for the destructive insect, which often breeds in the plant, Wu said.

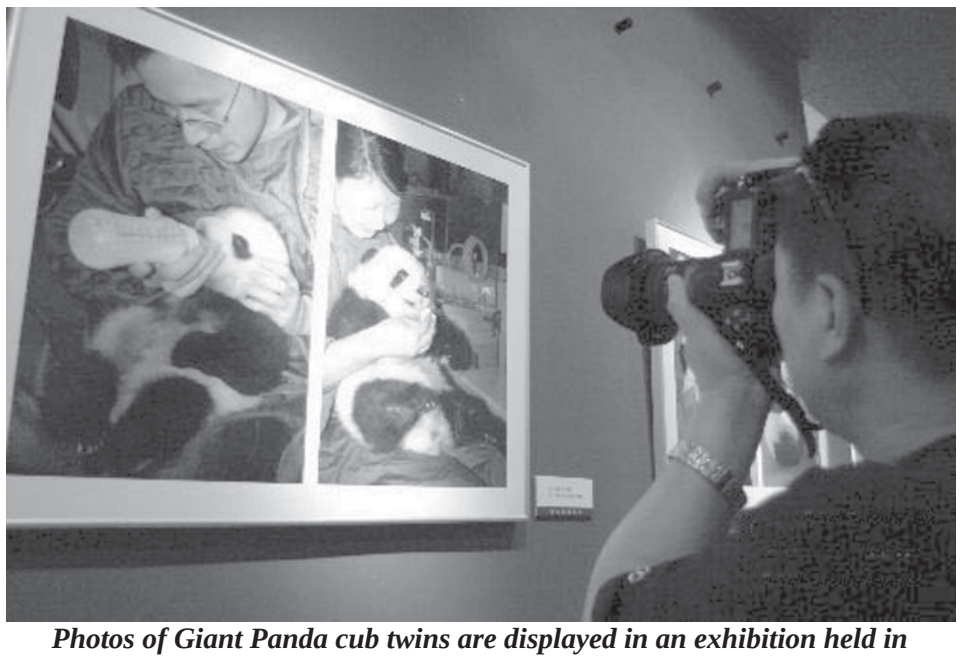
Wu and his team worked on the project from 1997 to 2007. Their study covered about 3,800 hectares of GM cotton in six provinces of Shandong, Hebei, Henan, Jiangsu, Anhui and Shaanxi.

The research found that after the cotton was planted, the population of boll worms decreased sharply. In addition, cotton yields increased by 15-20 percent and pesticide use could be cut by up to 50 percent. The team said these factors helped the ecology and rural people's health.

Bacillus thuring-iensis is a soil microorganism with a pest-killing insecticide. In recent years, the gene inside BT that expresses the insecticide effect has been cloned in several plants, including corn and potatoes.

BT has been used in pesticide since 1960 and is considered harmless to humans, animals, fish and most insects.

Xinhua



***Photos of Giant Panda cub twins are displayed in an exhibition held in Beijing on 18 Sept, 2008.—*XINHUA**

East China nuclear power plant safe after its transformer fire

BEIJING, 19 Sept — A nuclear power plant in east China's Jiangsu Province is in safe condition although a fire occurred in late August in a transformer, company sources said on Thursday.

The transformer in the Tianwan nuclear power plant caught fire at 5:32 pm on 26 Aug due to a short circuit, however, the blaze was immediately extinguished, a plant source said, adding it was just "an ordinary incident".

The National Nuclear Safety Administration carried out an on-the-spot check soon after the incident and then assigned inspectors to Jiangsu Nuclear Power Co Ltd for a special inspection of nuclear safety.

No radiation leaked and the plant functioned normally, the inspectors confirmed. —*Xinhua*

***Two girls drum to cheer at a booth of north China cuisine during 2008 Autumn/Winter Food Fair in Shanghai, China on 17 Sept, 2008. Some 150 chefs participated in the fair to show their unique cuisine. —*XINHUA**

Russia test-fires strategic missile from submarine

MOSCOW, 19 Sept — The Russian Navy Thursday test launched a Bulava ballistic missile, a spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry said.

The Bulava missile was launched from a submerged submarine cruiser Dmitry Donskoi and its warheads hit targets at the Kura testing ground on the Kamchatka peninsula in Russia's far east.

The telemetric information on the launch and missile flight was still being processed, but even the early data indicated that the mission had performed in the scheduled mode, the official was quoted by the Itar-Tass news agency as saying.

The Bulava, designed by the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology, is carried by Borey-class Project 955 nuclear-powered submarines.

Fourth-generation Borey-class nuclear-powered submarines armed with Bulava missiles will form the core of Russia's fleet of modern strategic submarines.

The first submarine in the series, the Yury Dolgoruky, will soon join the Russian Navy.

It will be equipped with 16 Bulava ballistic missiles, each carrying up to 10 nuclear warheads and having a range of 8,000 kilometers.

Xinhua

India to launch Chandrayaan-1 moon mission in October

NEW DELHI, 19 Sept — Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) announced on Thursday that it is all set to launch the country's first unmanned spacecraft Chandrayaan-1 to the moon, according to the Indian Express on Friday.

The spacecraft is scheduled for launch on 22 October, five years after the Indian government cleared the project. It will make an entry into the lunar atmosphere for a two-year mission.

It will be loaded with six Indian and five foreign scientific instruments.

It has overcome a major hurdle in the form of extreme temperature tests over the past fortnight. Now its launch is dependent on weather factors, said ISRO moon mission director Annadurai.

"Weather is a key issue. We are watching for forecasts closer to the tentative launch dates," Annadurai said. Chandrayaan-1 would take approximately eight days to course the nearly 386,000 km to get to its final orbit — 100 km from the moon.

If weather plays spoilsport and the late October launch is postponed we would have to wait for dates in November or December when the trajectories of the moon and Chandrayaan-1 will intersectagain, he said.

Chandrayaan mission is seen as major step in acknowledging India's existence in space.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Global burden of malaria control remains enormous

GENEVA, 19 Sept — The global burden of malaria control remains enormous as many countries still lack sufficient resources to tackle the disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Thursrsday. Worldwide 247 million people were infected with malaria in 2006, and 881,000 died of the disease in the same year, the UN agency said in its World Malaria Report 2008. In Africa only 125 million people were protected by mosquito nets in 2007, while 650 million are still at risk.

A lot of surveyed countries still lack sufficient resources to tackle the disease and access to treatment is still inadequate, said the report.

Most African countries are way off meeting the 80 percent coverage target for the four main treatments — mosquito nets, drugs, indoor insecticide spray and treatment during pregnancy — set by the WHO in 2005.

"We know that malaria control interventions work and that we can make rapid progress toward ending malaria deaths," said Ray Chambers, the United Nations Secretary-General's special envoy for malaria.

"Now is the time to expand these results to all of Africa and the rest of the world," Chambers said in a statement. Yet, the report noted some progress in malaria control, particularly in African countries.

Recent increases in malaria funding were beginning to translate to coverage of key malaria interventions, especially mosquito nets, by 2006, the report said.

Xinhua

China's tourism receives $160 b income in 2007

BEIJING, 19 Sept — China's tourism income reached 1,095.7 billion yuan (160.328 billion US dollars) in 2007, up 22.6 percent year-on-year, said China National Tourism Administration on Thursday.

The country hosted 131.87 million inbound tourists last year. Domestic and outbound travelers surpassed 1.6 billion and 40.95 million respectively. The international tourism income reached 41.91 billion US dollars, up 23.5 percent. Domestic tourism income reached 777.06 billion yuan, up 24.7 percent. The international inbound market maintained fast momentum last year. Tourists from other Asian countries took up 61.5 percent of all international tourists. Republic of Korea continued to be the first on the list of nations. —*Xinhua*

New Mozart piece of music found in French library

Nantes vice-mayor Jean-Louis Jossic displays a previously unknown piece of music by Mozart, found by a library as staff were going through its archives, on 18 Sept, 2008, in Nantes, western France.—INTERNET

PARIS, 19 Sept—A French museum has found a previously unknown piece of music handwritten by Mozart, a researcher said Thursday. The 18th century melody sketch is missing the harmony and instrumentation but was described as an important find. Ulrich Leisinger, head of research at the International Mozarteum Foundation in Salzburg, Austria, said there is no doubt that the single sheet was written by the composer.—*Internet*

Palin's husband refuses to testify in Alaska probe

Todd Palin, husband of Republican vice-presidential nominee and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin.
INTERNET

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 19 Sept—The husband of Gov. Sarah Palin will ignore a subpoena from Alaska lawmakers investigating whether the Republican vice presidential nominee's firing of a state commissioner constituted an abuse of power, officials from her campaign said on Thursday. Todd Palin was among 13 people, including several Palin administration staffers, subpoenaed by a legislative committee to testify in private or at a hearing scheduled for Friday.

The abuse-of-power investigation is seeking to determine whether Gov Palin dismissed former Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan because he declined to fire a state trooper involved in a contentious divorce from the governor's sister.

"Nobody is above the law," said State Sen. Bill Wielechowski, an Anchorage Democrat. "Just because you're the husband of someone who is running for vice president doesn't mean you can flout the law."

Internet

China health scandal spreads to ice-cream, yoghurt

HONG KONG, 19 Sept—Hong Kong ordered the recall of a Chinese company's products on Thursday after tests found that eight out of 30 of its products, including milk, ice cream and yoghurt, were contaminated with melamine.

Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co Ltd is one of several Chinese firms implicated in China's growing milk powder contamination scandal. Powdered milk poweder containing melamine has killed four infants in China and made over 6,000 more ill.

"We are recalling the Yili products and the importer is also recalling all Yili products from the Yili brand," said Constance Chan, the Controller of Hong Kong's Centre for Food Safety, after latest round of test results of 30 samples of milk products.

MNA/Reuters

Natural childbirth linked to stronger baby bonding than C-sections

SCIENCE DAILY ,19 Sept — The bonds that tie a mother to her newborn may be stronger in women who deliver naturally than in those who deliver by cesarean section, according to a study published by Yale School of Medicine researchers in the October issue of Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry.

The researchers, led by Yale Child Study Centre Assistant Professor James Swain, MD, recruited two groups of parents from postpartum wards. One group of 12 mothers had cesarean sections and the other delivered naturally (vaginally). All women were interviewed and given brain scans two to three weeks after giving birth. During the brain scans, parents listened to recordings of their own baby's cry during the discomfort of a diaper change. The researchers then conducted interviews to assess the mothers' mood as well as their thoughts and parenting.—*Internet*

ExxonMobil Indonesia to spend 450m USD in oil, gas exploration

JAKARTA, 19 Sept—ExxonMobil Indonesia inc will invest 450 million US dollar for gas and oil exploration in two blocks in West Sulawesi Province, pokesperson of the company said here on Thursday.

The two blocks, Mandar in Polewali Mandar regency and Surumana near Dongala regency, are predicted to have total reserves of 1 billion barrels of oil equivalent, the spokesperson, Deva Rahman told *Xinhua*.Some of the funds will be spent on rig hiring, which will cost up to 70 million US dollars, she said. Drilling activities in the fields will begin in December, said Rahman. —*Internet*

Rocket fuel experiment by NASA engineer blows up

A retired NASA engineer looking to develop an inexpensive way for people to travel to space might have to go back to the drawing board after one of his experiments exploded.

Jim Akkerman was working on a spacecraft his firm is developing when his rocket fuel exploded. No one was injured and no property was damaged at the accident in Hitchcock, located about 40 miles southeast of Houston.

"It's just an experiment that went bad," police Chief Glenn Manis told the Galveston County Daily News.

Two-year-old white tigers Keerthi, left, and Kunal, yawn in an enclosure at the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad, India.

Australian surfer says he was towed by shark

A large shark entangled itself in a surfer's leg rope in Australia and began towing him and his board out to sea, the surfer said. John Morgan, a 51-year-old surf shop owner from the east coast tourist town of Byron Bay, compared his terrifying 170-foot ride off a local beach to being towed by a jet ski.

He said he was about 330 yards from shore and paddling out when the 10-foot shark swelled up from underneath him Sunday afternoon. "It freaked me out," Morgan said. "It bumped my leg rope and next thing it tangled itself in the leg rope and started charging out to sea with me in tow."

"To say it was like being towed by a jet ski might be an exaggeration, but it was really fast," he added.

Morgan said he clung to the board until the shark suddenly freed itself and disappeared. The rope was not damaged and remained attached to the board and his ankle.

A new born Laced Monitor goanna poses in the hand of a keeper at Sydney's Taronga Zoo. The goanna, Australia' largest species, joins the Veiled Chameleon, which famous for its bold green coloring that can change according to its mood and body temperature, on display at the zoo.

Mario Wallenda, of the famed Flying Wallendas, rides his specially constructed "skycycle" across the Chicago River, during a promotional event in downtown Chicago. Wallenda has been in a wheelchair since a high-wire accident in 1962 left him paralyzed from the waist down. The 60-something Wallenda said he was a bit afraid as the wire swayed in the wind.

Dad accused of leaving son while fleeing police

A Memphis man is accused of leaving his 3-year-old son behind while running from police on foot after a traffic accident. A 46-year-old man was charged with driving under the influence and child endangerment after a minor traffic accident.

A police affidavit says the man tried to run from the scene but was chased down and held for authorities by two witnesses to the accident.

The man was accused of leaving his son, who was not properly restrained, sitting on the front seat of his car. Police said the boy's mother came and picked him up.No serious injuries were reported.

NEWSALBUM

So, they are expatriates

Reporter Thet Shei

Politics that can chart a prosperous future of a nation lies inside.

Similarly, the strength of a nation lies at home.

If a nation has come under alien invasion and interference, every citizen of the nation is duty-bound to drive out the intruders to help their motherland regain independence and sovereignty.

Falling under the subjugation of the British for more than 100 years, Myanmar went through the hell of suppression and despotism by the colonialists. It was British Bombay Burma Co that made substantial profits by unfairly exploiting Myanmar's various species of hardwood such as teak and ironwood that earn a global reputation for its first-class quality. Such British companies as Steel Brothers and Bullinger Pool also made huge profits by collecting with low prices the agricultural produce such as paddy, crops, beans and pulses, cotton and jute produced by Myanmar farmers, and exporting them.

Moreover, BOC Company of the British did well in its business by exploiting oil at Myanmar oilfields. The British companies that engaged in mining industry like Burma Corporation became in the list of world's richest companies by Myanmar's minerals such as gold, silver, copper, lead and iron. Nonetheless, Myanmar people's whole life was merely a constant battle against poverty.

So, patriotic national brethren launched independence struggles risking their life and limb to regain independence. A large number of Myanmar patriots sacrificed their lives in the Oilfield Workers' Uprising, Peasants' Uprising and students' uprising. Just before the World War II, thirty Myanmar young men secretly went abroad. They realized that demands alone did not work to regain independence from the British. It made it clear that the British colonialists were addicted to colonizing other countries. Being aware of that point, the 30 Myanmar young men left the nation to undergo military training and in search of weapons.

Traditional weapons such as swords, spears, arrows and bows, and solid bamboo sticks were not enough to fight back the British. So, the Thirty Comrades contacted Japanese Minamikan group and underwent military training and got weapons from Japan. The Thirty Comrades and the Myanmar Independence Army drove the British colonialists out of the nation at the start of the World War II.

The young men later realized that they had kept bad company, the Fascists, who then suppressed Myanmar people for three years. So, Myanmar revolutionaries drove out the Fascists commencing 27 March 1945. In the process, some Myanmar patriots went to India for help of the British to drive the Fascists out of the Myanmar soil. The Fascists' withdrawal was followed by the re-entry of the British. Then, Myanmar patriots managed to regain the independence through the strength of the people. **The purpose of dealing with Fascists was to drive out the British, and dealing with the British, to drive out the Fascists as soon as possible. The strategies to deal with the aliens were indeed to help the nation regain independence.**

When it came to their knowledge that Myanmar would soon regain independence and the nation would be ruled by a national government in 1948, some educated persons, rich men and landlords of the colonial days moved to some western countries, giving an excuse that they did not want to live under the rule of the Myanmar government. At first, they could lead an easy life there. However, they lost the golden opportunities to be independent Myanmar citizens with a sense of duty to work hard for reconstruction of the motherland.

In 1917, Bolshevik (Socialist) revolutionaries led by Lenin conquered the Soviet Union, that made up one-sixth of the world area, followed by conflicts between Tzar royal clans, and the leader of the interim government and followers, and Lenin's Bolshevik (the majority) Party. Leader of Menshevik (the minority) Party Trotsky who opposed Socialism fled abroad, putting reliance on alien nations, in the hope of re-conquering the Soviet Union with the assistance of the western capitalist countries. In practice, they were known as world's first expatriates.

Trotsky was assassinated by Soviet KGB Intelligence while taking refuge in Mexico. Western countries used Russian dissidents to do anti-Soviet government movements. However, the assistance they provided for the renegades was just enough to survive. However, when government expatriates were no longer capable of attacking the Soviet Union effectively, the colonialists sidelined them. Many descendants of Tzar Dynasty had to work as waiters to earn their living in Paris, France. There have been many other similar instances in which expatriates have met their miserable ends due to their failure to rely on the strength of the nations concerned in internal revolutions.

Once Myanmar had regained independence, KNDO rose against the government, placing reliance on Colonel Tulloc and correspondent Campbell in the hope of gaining funds and weapons from the British and the US. In the end, **it changed itself to KNU, and now its strength is getting weak in the neighbouring country. It has placed too much reliance on external elements and has been expatriate-cum-insurgent for more than 60 years.**

All the insurgents who flee Myanmar and rely on alien nations meet their tragic ends. U Nu-U Law Yon-led absconder group that came into being in 1969, for instance, aided and abetted by CIA of the US and reinforced with insurgent groups, took a stronghold in the soil of the neighbouring country and boasted as though they would occupy Myanmar overnight. However, their anti-government campaigns lasted only a few months.

U Nu's sons Maung Aung and Than Htaik, U Chan Tha's son Ye Kyaw Thu, and U Win's son Tin Maung Win inherited the life of expatriates from their fathers. They tried to oppose their motherland just to survive in London and Washington. Now, Ye Kyaw Thu and Tin Maung Win have met their tragic ends in the neighbouring country. They were branded as CRDB members or old expatriates. **When they were old with incapability, the colonialists discarded them.**

The Burma Communist Party (BCP) that fled Mya Yar Pin range of Bago Yoma mountain range to border areas stayed hidden as expatriates, putting reliance on alien countries. In practice, they had to live on smuggling of jade and opium. The BCP discarded by their foreign masters and abhorred by the public has dwindled away into a couple of remnant members, who sometimes take part in the interviews with colonialists-backed media BBC and VOA to survive.

When the anarchic riots (1988) broke up, so-called Democracy leaders in the nation deceived so many artless young people to go to the insurgent camps in the border and to the neighbouring country. External elements offered them a welcome and established expatriate camps there. Some expatriates who are still useful to the colonialists are now in some cities of western countries such as Washington, London and Oslo. **There are many useless under-graduate expatriates who have been discarded there. I have learnt that many male and female dissidents being stranded in the neighbouring country have met their fateful ends.**

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So, they are expatriates

Reporter Thet Shei

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Some expatriates were appointed in BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB to serve as living proofs and attack their motherland. The Thirty Comrades, according to the prevailing situations at that time, went abroad and underwent military training with the aim of driving out the colonialists and helping the nation regain independence, unlike today's expatriates who are working to the liking of their masters and putting reliance on them to make the mother country fall under alien subjugation again. **Today's dissidents' acts are designed to make their country lose independence. So far, thousands of expatriates have been sidelined abroad.** A small number of expatriates who are still young are speaking ill of their country indiscreetly. According to the history of the world, expatriates are the hopeless ones who have no chance to return home.

The British ruled Myanmar for more than 100 years. As described in the poem by Achoktan Saya Pe, at the start of the time of the British, many national people excessively relied on external elements and served as lackeys of the colonialists. Among them was national traitor interpreter Maung Ba Than who guided the colonialists, sitting on the deck of their warship.

When it came to their knowledge that Myanmar would soon regain independence and the nation would be ruled by a national government in 1948, some educated persons, rich men and landlords of the colonial days moved to some western countries, giving an excuse that they did not want to live under the rule of the Myanmar government. At first, they could lead an easy life there. However, they lost the golden opportunities to be independent Myanmar citizens with a sense of duty to work hard for reconstruction of the motherland. **Some of them were homesick at their old age and visited their native country with tourist visas. However, as for them, what they could do was just to long for their mother country and repent for their total disregard of the interests of the nation and the people.**

Expatriates are the ones who fled to foreign countries or who have turned their back on their motherland without any hope of coming back.

Again in 1962 when the Revolutionary Council Government planned to introduce Socialist economy, those who were strongly equipped with landlord fervour, and some rich men and landlords moved to western countries for good because they were not in favour of Socialism, they failed to deduce that why Myanmar lacked development was due to the rule of the colonialists and internal armed insurgency, and they thought highly of western countries. They applied for citizenship there and forgot their motherland.

Some of those who left the nation in 1970 were educated persons, but they were power-craving and they hatched plots to seek their own interests at the expense of their motherland. That was why they met their tragic ends.

The majority of those who absconded abroad in 1988 were the ones who had just completed middle school education, who were illiterate with the hope of leading a comfortable life abroad, and who were at large after committing crimes. They are now stranded, doing odd jobs to earn their living in foreign countries, and they are not in a position to return home yet.

In reality, expatriates are the ones who fled to foreign countries or who have turned their back on their motherland without any hope of coming back.

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Experts reassess Post-Cyclone Assistance Project

***Dr Abdul Haque Waheed of UNICEF makes an opening speech at Mid-Term Review Meeting, which reassesses the Post-Cyclone Assistance Project.*—MNA**

YANGON, 19 Sept — The Mid-Term Review Meeting, which reassesses the Post-Cyclone Assistance Project of Myanmar Health Assistance Association was held at Park Royal Hotel, here yesterday.

Dr Abdul Haque Waheed of UNICEF made an opening speech. Chairman of MHAA U Aung Khin and Dr U Soe Lwin Nyein of the Health Department (Infectious Disease Control) put forward suggestions on the project.

Altogether ten representatives of seven townships from Ayeyawady Division and three townships from Yangon Division submitted review papers on three-month period health care services.

Next, the MCs read paper on 15 work programmes for Primary Health Care to be implemented for storm-victims during September, October and November.

Later, the attendees viewed the booth that displayed photos, maps and documents on provision of aid to storm-hit people.

In the evening, Dr Garita Thein, Dr Kyaw Win Sein and Dr Khaing Soe gave talks on Primary Health Care, Food+Nutrition, Development, Infantile Beri Beri, WASH.— *MNA*

Crude prices open sharply higher

NEW YORK, 19 Sept—Crude futures opened sharply higher Friday morning as light, sweet crude for October delivery rose 4.40 U.S. dollars to 102.28 dollars per barrel.—*Xinhua*

Jobless claims rise due to Hurricane Gustav

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—New applications for unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week, largely due to Hurricane Gustav, the government said Thursday, adding further strain to the economy.

The Labor Department reported that initial jobless claims rose to a seasonally adjusted 455,000, up 10,000 from the prior week. Wall Street economists had expected claims to fall slightly to 440,000. Layoffs can worsen the nation's economic woes as newly unemployed workers and those that fear for their jobs cut back on their spending and fall behind on their debts. Consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the economy.—*Internet*

Toyota plant in Canada receives bomb threat

OTTAWA, 19 Sept— Employees at a Toyota plant in eastern Canada were evacuated Friday after a bomb threat was received, police said.

The Oxford Community Police Service confirmed that a threat has been made against the Toyota plant in Woodstock, Ontario, forcing the evacuation of employees there, local media reported.

No details about the nature of the threat has been disclosed. —*Xinhua*

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein enjoys final match between Sports Ministry and Labour Ministry.*—MNA**

Prime Minister General Thein Sein awards…

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the best midfielder award to Zaw Min Htwe of Ministry of Labour, the best forward award to Kyaw Ko Ko of Ministry of Sports and the best player award to Min Min Thu of Ministry of Sports. Moreover, they also won medals and cash awards.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha handed trophy and cash award to Ministry of Sports that won the fairplay award.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented cash awards to fourth prize winning Ministry of Industry-1 and third prize winning Transport Ministry; and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin gave away cash awards to second prize winning Ministry of Labour and first prize winning Sports Ministry.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein awarded championship shield and duplicate shield to Ministry of Sports football team that secured the first prize in the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008.—*MNA*

***Minister U Soe Tha presents trophy and cash award to fairplay award winner Sports Ministry.*—MNA**

Staff complete Banking Course

YANGON, 19 Sept —The conclusion ceremony of General Banking Services Course No .12 organized by Supervisory Committee for Banks of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at Myanmar Banks Association this afternoon with an address by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe.

The deputy minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, completion certificates to trainees and certificates of honour to course instructors.

Altogether 48 trainees of State-owned banks and private-run banks attended the 12-week course.

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Excavators, fumigators, paddy harvesters provided to farmers of arid region

YANGON, 19 Sept—With a view to boosting agricultural production of local farmers in Kyaukse and Myittha townships of Mandalay Division, excavators, paddy harvesters and fumigators were donated at the hall of Irrigation Department, here, on 16 September afternoon.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo spoke words of thanks.

Ambassador of Japan Mr Yasuaki Nogawa explained the purpose of donations and handed over documents related to the donations to the minister.

The documentary films were presented on efforts for supply of water by sinking tube-wells and renovation of village lakes in arid zone.

On behalf of the Japanese government, the Japanese ambassador donated four excavators, 580 fumigators and nine paddy harvesters.

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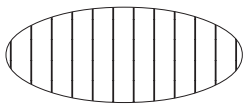
***Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo accepts farm equipment presented by Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa.*—A&I**



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe presents prize to an outstanding trainee.

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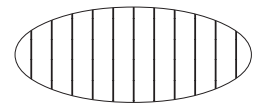

New facilities for schools

YANGON, 19 Sept — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In-charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa on 16 September looked into construction of two-storey school building for Basic Education Post Primary School No. 7 at Yangonthit ward in Thingangyun Township and progress of construction of Basic Education Primary School No. 18 at 26 ward in Dagon Myothit (South) and Basic Education Middle School No. 4 in Dagon Myothit (East).—*MNA*

USDA honours outstanding students in Yamethin

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept — Yamethin District Union Solidarity and Development Association's Annual General Meeting-2008 took place at Thilawa Hall of Yamethin on 16 September in conjunction with a prize presentation ceremony for outstanding matriculation students. Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung extended greetings on the occasion.

The secretariat member and departmental officials presented grants to six students and prizes to the outstanding students who passed with flying colours in the matriculation examination for 2008.

Next, the secretariat member and departmental officials accepted cash donated by wellwishers. Minister U Aung Thaung visited Winthuza Shop (Yamethin).

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Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein meets Vice-President Mr Wang Bo of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd.— MNA

Early completion of joint projects discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Mr. Wang Bo, Vice - President of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry this morning.

They held discussion on early completion of the projects being implemented by Ministry of Industry-2 and China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and personnel.—*MNA*

Shwebo-Myitkyina and Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai roads, bridges maintained

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—With the ardent efforts of employees and engineers of Public Works, the Shwebo-Myitkyina road was being maintained at mile post 213/1 on 15 September.

On the road, Bridge Construction Special Group-15 is building Nantkwin Creek Bridge. Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun looked into construction works. At the briefing hall, the minister heard a report by Senior Engineer U Zaw Win Myint on progress of the bridge and gave instructions on timely completion of the bridge.

The upper structure of Nantkwin Creek Bridge will be installed with iron frames. The bridge will be 262.5 feet long and it will have 12-feet wide motor road. The bridge will withstand 35-ton loads.

The minister then inspected maintenance work at Moegaung Bridge. At the hall of Yuzana Co on Namti-Tanai Road, Chairman of Yuzana Co U Htay Myint submitted the reports on progress of Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai road and maintenance of bridges along it.

In his instructions, the minister said that priority is to be given to maintenance of roads and bridges as Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai Road is artery of Kachin State in road transportation.

Later, the minister looked into condition of Warazup Bridge.—*MNA*

EP-1 Ministry, PRC Co discuss Yeywa hydropower project

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No-1 Col Zaw Min met with President Ms Jean Zhou Oin, Deputy Managing Director Mr Shen Decai and party of CITIC and Sinohydro Joint Venture CCYW Co from the People's Republic of China at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday morning, At the meeting, they discussed the matters on turbine generator and Hydraulic Steel Structure of Yeywa hydro power project.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads and officials.

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Minister Col Zaw Min receives President Ms Jean Zhou Oin of CITIC and Sinohydro Joint Venture CCYW Co and party. —MNA

Athletes encouraged to grab victory

YANGON, 19 Sept—U Thaung Htaik, general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education met Myanmar Wushu athletes who will participate in the 4th World Wushu Competition to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea from 26 to 29 September, cyclists going training camp in Bangkok of Thailand and taking part in Asian indoor cycling race championship to be held in Bangkok of Thailand from 30 September to 12 October, members of Myanmar Volleyball Federation who will attend the Volleyball technique seminar to be held in Bangkok of Thailand from 22 to 26 September at the meeting hall of Aung San Stadium this morning.

Personnel of Myanmar Sports Federations introduced the athletes to the director-general one by one and presented reports on arrangements for the competitions.

Next, the general secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education made a speech on behalf of the chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports.—*MNA*

Myanmar youth football team brings honour to the State

Article: Pho Thaw Zin; Photos: Myanma Alin

The Mekong Delta Region Sports Competitions held in Thailand concluded successfully with the victory for two years successively by Myanmar youth team in the U-18 football tournament. Myanmar youth team secured the championship with the largest points and without loss.

In the training period, the Myanmar youth team focused on achieving more success in the tournament. Concerted efforts and perseverance of coaches U Khin Maung Tint and U Kyaw Lwin and the players enabled the team to win the victory. In addition, nine eligible players chosen from the 2005 ASEAN U-17 champion team and many footballers who had experiences in age-wise football tournaments became reliable footballers for the Myanmar youth team in securing the championship trophy.

In the U-21 football tournament of the Mekong Delta Region Sports Competitions 2007, the Myanmar youth team managed to emerge champion without loss. Likewise, the team clinched one more title in the tournament for 2008 without loss. In the football tournament 2007, the Myanmar youth team held the championship title by beating its opponent teams in four matches with 12 points. In this year's tournament, Myanmar, host Thailand, Vietnam and Laos played the round-robin matches. In the competitions, Myanmar stood first with seven points with two wins and one draw and won the championship.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw welcome back champion Myanmar youth football team.

In its debut, Myanmar held a 1-1 draw with Laos. Remarkably, Myanmar crashed host Thailand 3-2 and edged out Vietnam 7-0. After the round-robin matches, Myanmar stood first with seven points and Thailand, second with six points. Throughout the tournament, Myanmar scored 11 goals and conceded three only. For Myanmar youth team, Tin Zaw Moe netted four goals, Kyaw Kyaw Khaing three goals, Soe Min Naing two goals, Win Thu and David Dun one goal each.

The victorious Myanmar youth football team arrived back in Yangon on 16 September. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of the Sports and Physical Education Department and officials, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives and relatives of the footballers.

At the airport, the news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily made an interview with responsible persons of the champion Myanmar youth team.

Chief Coach U Khin Maung Tint said that he took pride in Myanmar youth team for its championship victory in the U-18 football tournament similar to that of Myanmar team in the U-21 football tournament last year. In the competition, the match in which Myanmar beat Thailand was the decisive one. In the match played against Laos, Myanmar missed the chance as the referee designated one goal as a foul. Due to playing a draw with Laos, the team spirit was enhanced to win host Thailand. In the first half, Myanmar led the match with two goals scored by Tin Zaw Moe and Win Thu. In early minutes of the second half, one goal was conceded to Thailand through the penalty shot. Although Soe Min Naing added one goal as third for Myanmar team, Thai team took one more equalizer. So, Myanmar won over Thailand 3-2, he said.

Striker Tin Zaw Moe who scored four goals in the tournament.

He continued to say that Myanmar's team spirit was at the highest level after beating Thailand. Therefore, the team showed off its brilliant football skills in playing against Vietnam. In the first half, Myanmar shot five goals. The winning goals came from three of Kyaw Kyaw Khaing, two of Tin Zaw Moe and one each of David Dun and Soe Min Naing. Among three opponent teams, Thai team was the best and its players had good individual football skills. According to the match schedules, Myanmar had the opportunity for competing against Vietnam in the last match. Despite playing the matches three days successively, the players did not have any difficulty because they had experiences in the training. A total of 18 players were deployed in the competitions, he added.

Striker Tin Zaw Moe, who showed off brilliant football skills, said that it was the second gold medal for him. He secured the first goal medal in the AFF U-17 Championship 2005. In the recent tournament, he scored goals in all three matches. He said he was not content with two goal medals he had won. He added that he had set the aim to become the selected player to bring honour to the State.

Tin Zaw Moe scored one goal in the match against Laos, one goal against the Thai team and shot two goals in competing against Vietnam.

Under control of Chief Coach U Khin Maung Tint (Transport) and Assistant Coach U Kyaw Lwin (Defence), the Myanmar youth team was formed with footballers Tin Zaw Moe (Construction), Soe Min Naing (Myanma Railways), Kyaw Kyaw Khaing (Finance and Revenue), David Dun (Air Bagan), Win Thu (YCDC), Tin Win Aung (Air Bagan), Kyi Lin (Transport), Hein Zar Aung (YCDC), Myo Min Latt (Transport), Kyaw Zeyar Win (Air Bagan), Nyan Lin Tun (Energy), Naing Zin (Kanbawza), Than Tun Aung (Myanma Railways), Naing Lin Tun (Energy), Min Naung Oo (Transport), Aung Ye Thway (F&R), Zaw Naing Tun (YCDC) and Nay Hlaing (Kanbawza).

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Russia envoy warns NATO on air space to Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Sept—Russia threatened to block NATO from using its air space for operations in Afghanistan if member states did not stop "hostile" policies toward Moscow, the Kremlin's top diplomat in Kabul said.

"(Russian air space) is still open, but if the NATO countries continue to their hostile policies with regard to Russia, definitely this issue will happen," Zamir Kabulov told BBC radio in an interview aired on Thursday.

NATO imports most of its logistics via Pakistan to Afghanistan, but also uses Russia's air space for some cargo.

The 26-member alliance upset Russia by saying its use of force in a brief war with Georgia last month was disproportionate. NATO has also said Georgia will eventually be allowed join the alliance. Russia is fiercely opposed to further NATO expansion. NATO was not immediately available for comment.

Kabulov said the United States had made far too many mistakes since toppling the Taleban government in 1991. "The main one ... is that it did not work with the Afghan Government and the Afghan nation," Kabulov said. More than 71,000 foreign troops under the command of NATO and the US military are stationed in Afghanistan where the Taleban has made a come back since 2005. — *MNA/Reuters*

***An Andean Condor, one of the largest flying birds in the world, flies next to other condors after being released into the wild in Sierra de Paileman, some 750 miles south of Buenos Aires, on 18 Sept, 2008.—*INTERNET**

Berlin Wall goes under hammer

BERLIN, 19 Sept—Four graffiti-covered giant slabs of the Berlin Wall could fetch as much as 3,000 euros (4,350 US dollars) each at an auction on Friday, a Berlin auction house said on Thursday.

The four 2.8-ton chunks of the wall that once divided Communist East Berlin and capitalist West Berlin are pieces of German history, said Hans Peter Plettner, spokesman for Deutsche Grundstuecksauktionen AG.

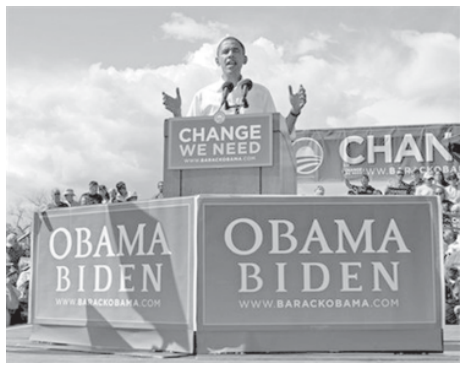
Even though much of the Berlin Wall was quickly broken up ground down for road construction after it was demolished in 1989, a myriad of its pieces chipped off by souvenir hunters remain popular with tourists and Berliners alike.

Precious few segments of the 3.5-metre high "anti-fascist protection barrier"—as East German leaders called the 155-kilometre (96-mile) long fortification—have survived.

"We're hoping the bidding will reach 12,000 euros for all four," Plettner said. He said there had been many fake pieces of the wall sold but his lots were genuine.

MNA/Reuters

Obama mocks McCain's call to fire SEC chairman



***Democratic presidential candidate, Sen Barack Obama, D-Ill, speaks during a rally in Espanola, NM, on 18 Sept, 2008.—*INTERNET**

ESPANOLA (NM), 19 Sept—Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama promised fresh ideas Thursday to calm America's financial meltdown and help struggling families avoid mortgage foreclosure, saying "this is not a time for fear, it's not a time for panic."

Obama also heaped criticism and sarcasm on Republican rival John McCain and mocked his promise to fire the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission if elected.

"I think that's all fine and good but here's what I think," Obama said. "In the next 47 days you can fire the whole trickle-down, on-your-own, look-the-other way crowd in Washington who has led us down this disastrous path.

"Don't just get rid of one guy. Get rid of this administration," he said. "Get rid of this philosophy. Get rid of the do-nothing approach to our economic problem and put somebody in there who's going to fight for you."

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Afghan governor killed in firefight

CANBERRA, 19 Sept—An Afghanistan district governor was killed in a firefight involving Australian special forces soldiers, Australia's military said on Friday.

Chora District Governor and tribal leader Rozi Khan Barekzai was among a number of people killed when an Australian patrol became involved in a firefight on Thursday near their Tarin Kowt base, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) said in a statement.

"It is not possible at this time to determine that he was killed by ADF fire," the military said. Australia, a close Washington ally, was an original member of the US-led coalition which arrived in the country in 2001 to oust the Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters. —*Internet*

Cuba says US lying about hurricane aid

HAVANA, 19 Sept—Cuba on Thursday accused the US Government of lying about its aid to the island following hurricanes Ike and Gustav and said the 46-year-old US trade embargo against Cuba is hurting recovery from the storms.

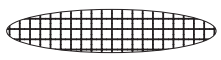
Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said the Bush Administration was conducting "a propaganda operation" to make it look like it was helping the island after the storms caused five billion US dollars in damage.

The United States has said it gave 100,000 US dollars in aid for Cuba and accelerated the approval of 250 million US dollars in agricultural sales from US companies.

It also offered five million US dollars in aid that Cuba rejected, saying it would not accept US help due to the embargo imposed a few years after the now ailing Fidel Castro took over the island in a 1959 revolution.

Perez Roque, in a news conference, said the licensing of agricultural sales, permitted under the embargo, was routine procedure and did not represent aid because Cuba pays in cash for what it buys from US farmers. — *MNA/Reuters*

***A researcher works on Aspirin ingredients in a handout photo.—*INTERNET**



Iraqi police escort suspected al-Qaida members after their arrest in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq on 18 Sept, 2008.

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INVITATION TO REGISTER AS SUPPLIER

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations intend to carry out the registration of companies suitable to supply:

1) Crop seeds (Pulses, Rice/Paddy, vegetables, maize, etc.)
2) Fertilizers, insecticides and pesticides
3) Agricultural tools
4) Fishing Gears/Nets
5) Livestock (chicken, ducks, buffalos, cattle, pig, etc.)
6) Veterinary supplies

These items are required for the implementation of its activities. All firms wishing to register with FAO and to be invited to tender, for the awarding of FAO Purchase Order, should contact FAO by mail or fax at the following address:

FAO Representation in Myanmar
Attn: Emergency Rehabilitation Coordination Unit
Seed Division Compound (Myanma Agriculture Service)
Insein Road, Yangon, Myanmar. P.O. Box 101.
Fax No.: 0095-1-641561

The interested companies will then be asked to complete a registration form. FAO intends, without having committed itself in any way to any of these firms, to select for tendering the firms which it considers suitable.

ADB grants to India $420 mln loan for highway project

MANILA, 19 Sept—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is extending a 420-million-US-dollar, 25-year loan to the Indian state of Bihar for the expansion of the state's highway network, the lender said on Thursday.

The Bihar State Highways Project will improve about 820 kilometers of roads under the state government's highway development program. A 1-million-dollar technical assistance is also granted by the ADB for the reform and strengthening of road sector institutions.

Bihar, the country's third most populous state, is one of the poorest states in India. Its development is a key to the country's goal of regionally balanced growth, the ADB said in a press release. Many roads have deteriorated badly in the past years, and demand for improved road transport has increased sharply due to India's strong economy. "The project is a core investment of the state government to transform the state dependent on subsistence farming to a state built on market-oriented agriculture and tourism and to attract private sector investment," said Hiroaki Yamaguchi, a Senior Transport Specialist with ADB's South Asia Department.

"It will improve access to socioeconomic services, increase employment opportunities and improve transport services which will reduce poverty in the region," the specialist said.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV OLYMPIAN RACER VOY NO (115) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.9.08 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Pakistan says not informed of US missile strike

ISLAMABAD, 19 Sept — The United States did not inform Pakistan about a missile strike on militants hours after the top US military officer said the United State's would respect Pakistan's sovereignty, Pakistan's Foreign Minister said.

The United States, frustrated by an intensifying Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan, has stepped up attacks on militants in Pakistan with six missile attacks by pilotless drones and a helicopter-borne ground assault this month.

US officials say Taleban and al-Qaeda-linked fighters use ethnic Pashtun tribal regions on the Pakistani side of the border as a springboard for attacks into Afghanistan.

But the US attacks have infuriated many in Pakistan, which is also battling al-Qaeda and Taleban militants, and the Army has vowed to stand up to aggression across the border.

The latest missile strike, on the Pakistani side of the Afghan border on Wednesday evening, killed five militants, and was the result of better US-Pakistani intelligence sharing, a senior Pakistani official with knowledge of the operation told *Reuters* earlier. — *MNA/Reuters*

Drive with care

California expected to benefit from anti-global warming plan

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept—California's ambitious anti-global warming plan would boost the state's expected 2.6-trillion-dollar gross product by 4 billion dollars, the Los Angeles Times said on Thursday.

The plan would also create 100,000 additional jobs and increase per capita income by 200 dollars, the state Air Resources Board said in a report published by the paper.

"These are good-news numbers," board Chairwoman Mary Nichols said. "We are not claiming this is the way to economic salvation. But making our state more energy-efficient and less reliant on imported oil . . . will have a net positive effect."

California is poised to adopt the nation's most comprehensive plan to slash emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, which come mostly from burning fossil fuels.

A draft blueprint, to be finalized by the end of the year, would force utilities to produce a third of their electricity from solar, wind and other renewable sources, require automakers to sell cars that are more fuel-efficient, and wedge energy-saving measures into home-building, manufacturing and other sectors of the economy, according to the report.—*Xinhua*

S'pore selected as best place for meetings, business

SINGAPORE, 19 Sept—For the first time, Singapore has been ranked the best place for meeting and business, beating perennial favourites such as Paris and Vienna.

Singapore's Tourism Board announced on its website Thursday that the Union of International Associations (UIA) Global Rankingsranked Singapore "Top International Meeting City" in its International Meetings Statistics 2007 report. The UIA also gave Singapore top billing as the number one Asian country for meetings, a position Singapore has held for the past 24 years. —*MNA/Xinhua*

A flock of Sri Lankan egrets search for food in Minneriya, about 200 kilometers north of Colombo. Sri Lanka is showcasing its rich biodiversity ranging from butterflies, dragonflies to primates, to lure tourists who have a taste for the wild.—INTERNET

A man transports cooking gas cylinders on his bicycle through a flooded road after heavy rain in the northern Indian city of Mathura on 19 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Six killed in shootout in southern Italy

ROME, 19 Sept—Six people were killed and two wounded in southern Italy on Thursday in a shootout which police said they suspected was linked to drugs trafficking, Italian television reported.

All those killed were foreigners, probably Nigerians, RAI television's televideo service said.

Around 100 shots were fired in a restaurant near the town of Caserta, in the Campania region, which is home to the Camorra organized crime group.

MNA/Reuters

100s of new creatures found on Australian reefs

SYDNEY, 19 Sept— Marine scientists have discovered hundreds of new animal species on reefs in Australian waters, inclu-ding brilliant soft corals and tiny crustaceans, according to findings released Thursday.

In this 2008 photo provided by the Queensland Museum is a white topped coral crab collected from dead coral head off Australia's Heron Island. — Internet

The creatures were found during expeditions run by the Australian chapter of CReefs, a global census of coral reefs that is one of several projects of the Census of Marine Life, an international effort to catalog all life in the oceans.

"People have been working at these places for a long time and still there are literally hundreds and hundreds of new species that no one has ever collected or described," said Julian Caley, a scientist from the Australian Institute of Marine Science who is helping to lead the research.

"So in that sense, it's very significant in that if we don't understand what biodiversity is out there, we don't have much of a chance of protecting it," he said.

Scientists at several Australian museums have begun the complex process of working with the samples for genetic barcoding and taxonomy, the formal system of naming living things. That work is expected to take years, Caley said.

Internet

The world's largest superconducting solenoid magnet, part of the experiment in smashing atoms, September 10. The world's largest particle collider has been stopped, a week after its startup, as a result of an electrical fault, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) said.—INTERNET

Fly studies reveal immune cell responses to tumor and tissue damage

SCIENCE DAILY ,19 Sept — Knee scrapes and tumor growth might have more in common than you think.

The idea that tumor growth triggers the same immune response as a cut or wound was once a highly controversial notion. However, increasing evidence supports the idea that the same cellular mechanisms which heal a skinned knee might also have a role in preventing the growth of tumors.

A new report published in Disease Models & Mechanisms (DMM), now reveals more details about the common links between tumor growth and tissue damage in flies.Tian Xu and colleagues at the Yale University School of Medicine examined the activity of hemocytes, a type of immune cell, in response to genetically-induced tumor growth in the fruit fly Drosophila. They found that tumors caused circulating hemocytes to replicate and adhere to the tumor surface, thereby limiting tumor growth. —*Internet*

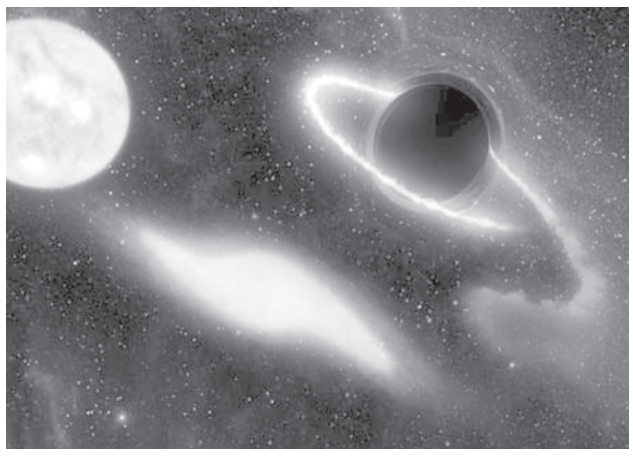
US space tourist Richard Garriott puts on a space suit during a training session in the Star City space centre outside Moscow on 19 Sep, 2008. **INTERNET**

Scientists find black hole "missing link" in galaxy

WASHINGTON,19 Sept— Scientists have found the "missing link" between small and super-massive black holes in a galaxy, according to a study published in 18 Sept issue of journal Nature.

For the first time researchers from Durham University have disco-vered that a strong X-ray pulse is emitting from a giant black hole in a galaxy 500 million light years from Earth.

The pulse has been created by gas being sucked by gravity on to the black hole at the center of the REJ1034+396 galaxy.—*Xinhua*



The artist's concept chronicles the star being ripped apart and swallowed by the cosmic beast over time. First, the intact sun-like star (left) ventures too close to the black hole, and its own self-gravity is overwhelmed by the black hole's gravity. The star then stretches apart (middle yellow blob) and eventually breaks into stellar crumbs, some of which swirl into the black hole (cloudy ring at right).—INTERNET

Stressed plants release aspirin-like chemical

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Plants stressed by drought or unseasonable tempera-tures squirt out an aspirin-like chemical, researchers reported on Thursday in a finding that may some day help farmers watch for trouble.

The chemical, methyl salicylate, may help plants resist the damage and may help them signal danger to one another, the team at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Colorado said.

"Unlike humans, who are advised to take aspirin as a fever suppressant, plants have the ability to produce their own mix of aspirin-like chemicals, triggering the formation of proteins that boost their biochemical defences and reduce injury," Thomas Karl, who led the study, said in a statement.

"Our measurements show that significant amounts of the chemical can be detected in the atmosphere as plants respond to drought, unseasonable temperatures, or other stresses."

Acetylsalicylic acid, or aspirin, was originally derived from tree bark, so scientists knew it was a compound made by plants. But it was never seen to be emitted as a gas.

Writing in the journal *Biogeosciences*, the researchers said they accidentally found the chemical when they set up instruments last year in a California walnut grove to monitor plant emissions of volatile organic compounds.Such com-pounds can combine with industrial emissions to affect pollution and they can influence local climate.

The trees were already stressed by drought, and levels of methyl salicylate rose with unseasonably cool night-time temperatures especially when it quickly warmed up the next day.

Internet

Public needs to know vaccines are safe, docs say

CHICAGO,19 Sept —A new coalition of 22 major medical groups says public confidence in vaccine safety needs to be restored to avoid risks for deadly disease outbreaks.

Thursday's message comes from the Chicago-based American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and 20 more of the nation's most influential health-related groups.

Their concern stems from recent measles outbreaks in several US cities. Last month, health officials said 131 children had gotten the measles so far this year the highest number in more than a decade. Nearly half of the cases involved children whose parents rejected vaccination and many of the cases were traced to outbreaks overseas.

The alliance said public health officials need to counteract campaigns by advocacy groups who believe vaccines can cause autism, despite scientific evidence to the contrary.

The alliance suggests several ways to boost confidence in vaccines, including urging the government to create a public information campaign, and calling for more vaccine research.

Internet

SPORTS

Russia's Nadia Petrova returns the ball to Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska during their match at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo on 19 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Milan put aside league woes to beat Zurich in UEFA Cup

MILAN, 19 Sept — Struggling AC Milan earned their first victory of the season in a 3-1 success over FC Zurich in the UEFA Cup first round, first leg at the San Siro on Thursday.

It was a welcome boost for under-fire coach Carlo Ancelotti who will now hope his team carry that form into Sunday's visit of Lazio in Serie A. Goals from Marek Jankulovski, Pato and Marco Borriello gave Milan a three-goal start before Dusan Djuric pulled one back for the visitors in front of a pitiful crowd of less than 25,000.

Borriello claimed that this victory would boost confidence in the team.

It was a measure of Milan's lack of confidence in this competition that despite Andrea Pirlo's injry, Ronaldinho, Gianluca Zambrotta and goalkeeper Christian Abiatti were all rested while Alessandro Nesta wasn't even included amongst the list of 25 available players.

Internet

AC Milan's forward Marco Boriello controls the ball during their UEFA cup first round football match against FC Zurich in Milan. Milan won 3-1.
INTERNET

Jo brace completes City fightback victory at Omonia

NICOSIA ,19 Sept — Cash-rich Manchester City needed a brace from Brazilian striker Jo to overcome Cypriot minnows Omonia Nicosia 2-1 in this UEFA Cup first round, first leg tie here on Thursday.

Omonia surprisingly went ahead from Klodian Duro's direct free kick on the edge of the area after 49 minutes but Jo grabbed the headlines with two second-half goals to clinch victory.

Brazilian striker Jo

Jo levelled the score in the 59th minute with a simple tap in after Elias Charalambous had failed to clear the ball as Sean Wright-Phillips took it off him to set up his teammate.

The Brazilian secured victory on 72 minutes when, unmarked inside the area, he had time to trap the ball and pick his spot with a low drive into the right-hand corner.

Internet

Wilkins in Chelsea return as Scolari's assistant

LONDON ,19 Sept—Ray Wilkins was appointed as Chelsea's new assistant first-team coach on Thursday following Steve Clarke's move to London rivals West Ham.

Former England midfielder Wilkins began his career at Stamford Bridge and, while still a teenager, captained Chelsea before moving to Manchester United.

This will be the 52-year-old's second coaching spell with the club, having previously worked under former manager Gianluca Vialli.

Ray Wilkins

Now he will assist Luiz Felipe Scolari after Clarke decided to join up with Gianfranco Zola, another former Chelsea player, at West Ham.

This will be Wilkins's first coaching role since he lost his position with the England Under-21 side last year when boss Peter Taylor departed and was replaced by Stuart Pearce.

He is due to start work immediately and arrives at Stamford Bridge with Chelsea top of the Premier League table and in sparkling form following a 4-0 thrashing of Bordeaux in the Champions League.

Wilkins's first match back sees Chelsea up against Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on Sunday, where a win for the Blues would leave them nine points clear of the reigning champions.—*Internet*

Jankovic knocked out of Pan Pacific tennis Open

Jelena Jankovic of Serbia

TOKYO, 19 Sept—Jelena Jankovic's hopes of regaining her world number one spot this week ended on Friday when she crashed out of the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament to Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarter-finals.

The Serbian top seed, who could have regained the top spot by winning in Tokyo, hit two double-faults on a break point before losing 2-6, 7-5, 7-5 to the fifth-seeded Russian.

Jankovic had to crawl back from a break down in each set and at 5-5 in the second set she hit her sixth double fault on an advantage point for Kuznetsova before the Russian held her own to even the score.

Jankovic came back from a break down three times in the final set, but again hit a double-fault at 30-40 in the 11th game to go down 5-6.

Kuznetsova, who avenged her Olympic loss to China's Li Na in the first round, made no mistakes in the following game, hitting a backhand passing shot at 40-30 to finish off the two-hour-26-minute battle.

In the semi-finals on Saturday, Kuznetsova will meet either Russian Olympic gold medallist and third seed Elena Dementieva or Katarina Srebotnik of Slovenia.

Internet

Tottenham Hotspur's Fraizer Campbell, right, tackles Wisla Krakow's Radoslaw Sobolewski during their UEFA Cup first round, 1st leg soccer match at the White Hart Lane stadium, London, on 18 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Tennis aces Nadal and Federer on national service

Rafael Nadal of Spain

TOKYO,19 Sept—Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer swap their gripping personal rivalry for Davis Cup duty this weekend with the two superstars having dramatically different ambitions.

Nadal leads Spain into a semi-final clash against defending champions USA in a Madrid bullring with a final date with either Argentina or Russia in the offing.

Federer, fresh from his 13th Grand Slam triumph at the US Open, hopes to guarantee Switzerland a place in the 2009 World Group with a home tie in Lausanne against Belgium.

World number three Novak Djokovic is also on national service leading Serbia into their play-off against 2005 runners-up Slovakia in Bratislava.

Nadal faces Sam Querrey in the opening rubber with David Ferrer next on against former world number one Andy Roddick.—*Internet*

Udinese's Mauricio Isla, center, jumps for a ball against Dortmund's Jakub Blaszczykowski, right, during the UEFA Cup soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and Udinese Calcio in Dortmund, Germany, on 18 Sept, 2008. Dortmund was defeated by Udinese 0-2.
INTERNET

Italian police dress as doctors to nab Mafia boss

REGGIO CALABRIA, 19 Sept — Italian police said on Thursday officers entered a clinic disguised as doctors and arrested the suspected head of a Mafia clan linked to the murder of six men in Germany.

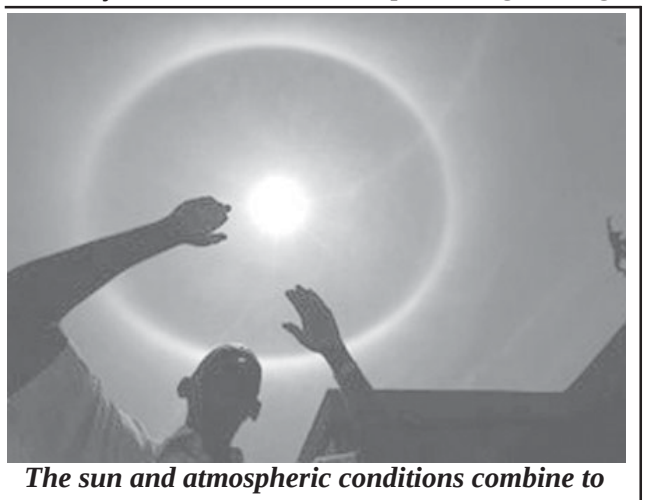
Francesco Pelle is believed to head the Pelle-Vottari clan of the 'Ndrangheta, the Mafia from San Luca in Calabria which has become Italy's most powerful crime syndicate, dominating Europe's illegal drugs trade.

He was arrested late on Wednesday after having surgery in a private clinic in Pavia, northern Italy, to try to recover the use of his legs after an attack which left him unable to walk.

Police dressed up as doctors out of fear Pelle would resist arrest, but he turned out to be unarmed. He is suspected of ordering the murder of a rival clan leader's wife at Christmas 2006 in revenge for the attack on him.

A feud that began in 1991 over an egg-throwing incident during carnival has grown into a drugs turf war.

MNA/Reuters



***The sun and atmospheric conditions combine to create a rainbow colored ring around the sun in the skies above Havana recently.*— INTERNET**

Vehicle accident kills 7 in northwest China

URUMQI, 19 Sept— Seven people were killed and 15 others injured in an accident in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygue Autonomous Region on Friday.

The accident took place on a highway in Gongliu County of Yili Prefecture shortly after midnight Friday.

According to an offcial with the Yili prefectural government, a cement truck rear-ended a tractor sending it into the opposite lane.

The tractor then smashed head-on with a minibus carrying 24 people.

Seven people on board the bus were killed. Fifteen were injured, two seriously. Officials said everyone board is related.

Internet

Venezuela-Russia ties deepen

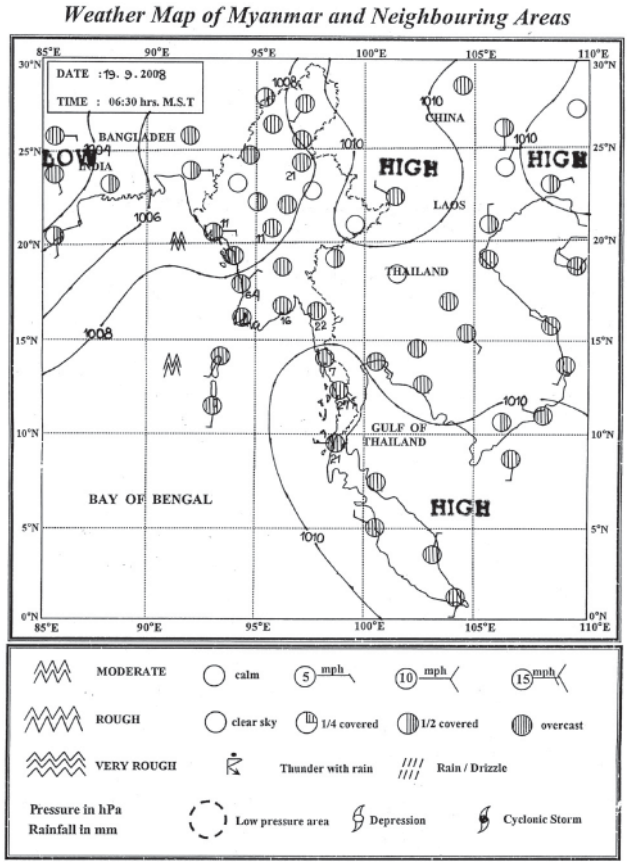
CARACAS (Venezuela), 19 Sept — Venezuela and Russia are strengthening their strategic alliance with new plans to cooperate on oil production, weapons and even wireless technology, the governments said as two visiting Russian Tu-160 bombers left for home on Thursday.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, traveling to Moscow next week at the invitation of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, is planning new oil projects with Russian companies and joint military exercises with Russian warplanes and ships in the Caribbean by December.

Venezuela also is in talks to buy Russian air defense systems and armored vehicles, and has expressed interest in the new Su-35 fighter, due off assembly lines in 2010, said Sergei Chemezov, general director of the Russian state holding company Rostekhnologii, according to Russia's Interfax news agency.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 19 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (2.52) inches, Gwa (2.40) inches, Ye (2.36) inches, Pinlaung and Kawkareik (1.38) inches each, Loikaw (1.26) inches and Yamethin(1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2008 was 85˚F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2008 was 69ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-9-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 18-9-2008 was (1.5) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 19-9-2008 was (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (93.03) inches at Mingaladon, (104.21) inches at Kaba-Aye and (120.47) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:30) 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 20-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread Kayin State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for forth weekend of September 2008: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.

TV Myanmar

Saturday, 20 September

View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:10 am
2. ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသင္ကန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning news

7:40 am
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

7:50 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am
7. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:10 am
8. "ဟွန်းသံ" (ဧရာနှင့်အဖွဲ့) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–သက်တင်)

8:15 am
9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ် ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ အသက် ၅–၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am
10. International news

8:45 am
11. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:10 am
2. Musical programme

11:20 am
3. Round up of the TV local news

11:50 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေမေ့မေတ္တာကုဌေကုဌာ" (အပိုင်း–၅)

12:40 pm
5. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

1:20 pm
6. "စိတ်၏စေရာ ၃၀၂" (နေတိုး၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်ဇင်၊ ထူးခန့်ကျော်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ခင်မောင်ဦး၊ စိုးသိမ်းထွဋ်)

2:35 pm
7. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. Songs of National Races

4:20 pm
3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm
4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:40 pm
5. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm
7. Musical programme

5:15 pm
8. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်လှေ

5:30 pm
9. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

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

6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:35 pm
13. အလှရှာမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm
14. Musical programme

7:15 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း–၃၂)

8:00 pm
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. Musical programme
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး" (အပိုင်း–၂၃)

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Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District USDA honours students, volunteers at AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District Union Solidarity and Development Association held the Annual General Meeting 2008 in conjunction with the prize presentation to outstanding students at Mingala Kandaw Hall, here, this morning, with an address by Patron of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District USDA Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

After giving a speech, CEC member in-charge of the region U Thein Swe together with District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

The commander, the CEC member, Chairman of District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw, District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay and Joint Secretary U Zaw Tint awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2008, Maung Pyae Phyo Naing of Thitpokpin Basic Education High School Branch of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township who stood first in the arts combination in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District, Township USDAs and the USDA members who contributed to rehabilitation of storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady Division.

Afterwards, a general round of discussion of the District USDA followed, with an address by District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay.

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Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents award to a six-distinction winner. MNA

2008 ASEAN Award winners honoured

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and prize winners pose for documentary photo.— ENERGY

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A ceremony to present certificates of honours to the winners who won the prizes in the contests of ASEAN Awards 2008 for Factory and Building Energy Management and Energy Efficient Building and Renewable Energy Project was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Energy here this afternoon. At the ceremony, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave a speech.

Scrutinizing National Committee Joint-Secretary U Win Khaing briefed them on participation of the factories and buildings and functioning of renewable energy projects.

Afterwards, the minister presented certificates of honour to the winners and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, to the responsible persons of the associations that took part in the contests. On behalf of the winners, U Sit Thway Aung spoke words of thanks.—*MNA*

New homes for villagers in Hainggyikyun Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met departmental officials, chairmen of township and village Peace and Development Councils and inspected rehabilitation of agriculture, fishery and salt industries in Konthaya Village of Hainggyikyun Township, Labutta District, on 15 September.

The minister and party also looked into progress of the construction of houses for storm victim households, works of local people and progress of houses construction in the village.

Next, they inspected Konthaya Village Basic Education Middle School being constructed by Shwe Thanlwin Co and task of water availability for the village and fulfilled their requirements.

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Ronaldo 'still talking with City'

MANCHESTER, 19 Sept—Brazilian striker Ronaldo has claimed he is 'in the process of talking' with Manchester City, contrary to the Premier League club's recent announcement.

The three-time World Footballer of the Year said earlier this month that he was set to join Premier League side City, however the Eastlands outfit moved to confirm they will not be perusing the capture of his signature.

But the out-of-contract 32-year-old has insisted that joining City remains a possibility, while he also expressed his interest in signing for Ligue 1 club Paris St Germain when he returns to fitness after suffering a serious knee injury in February.

"Yes, it is a big possibility," he said, when asked by French daily *L'Equipe* if he was tempted by playing in the Premier League.—*Internet*

Ancient wall paintings found

EL PASO, 19 Sept — It was in Hueco Tanks State Historic Site near *El Paso*, Tex., that the tiny dome-shaped niche called Umbrella Cave was found. Inside were centuries-old images that render it a sort of miniature New World Sistine Chapel — rust-colored, graceful, haunting outlines of human and animal forms, painted on the rock as much as 800 years ago or even more.

Masks ***Cave Kiva in Hueco Tanks State historic site in Texas.***

About 2,000 rock paintings, called pictographs, are scattered over the 860 rugged acres of Hueco Tanks, offering the visitor an experience of *archaeology* combined with adventure that conjures up Indiana Jones. Ancient artists, working with colored paints, hid the pictures in cavities, cracks and crevices. Seeing even a small part of this abundance requires clambering over rocky mounds, crab-walking down steep slopes, sliding into irregular niches and squeezing through narrow passages.

Whether the painters planned it or not, the locations they chose served to preserve their work, protecting it from centuries of sunlight, wind and rain. As if caught in a curious cultural slipstream, many of these images remain clear and bright, offering a vivid glimpse into the psyches of people long gone.—*Internet*

Myanmar youth football team brings honour to the State

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