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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

PERSPECTIVES

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Expand horizons of youth for national development

Today science and technology dominates any other sector. At such a time, constant generation of human resources, like restoration of stability and peace, and national solidarity, has become indispensable in a bid to develop the nation and the people.

Students are, therefore, well nurtured and guided in order that they are fully qualified in their studies, and healthy with high educational qualification, strong character and moral sense.

In the drive for building economic infrastructures, the government is taking measures for parallel development of the agricultural, industrial and IT sectors. Moreover, it is building a large number of infrastructures in the information and communication, technology and industrial sectors.

Teachers are responsible for constantly nurturing the students to raise the education standard and broaden the horizons of the youth with the aim of helping fulfil the requirements for national development.

Youths with high education standard are a driving force for creation of a peaceful and prosperous society. With that concept, the government is building many education infrastructures and introducing modern networks to achieve the goal.

So, teachers and responsible persons are obliged to enhance cognitive development and sharpen the abilities of the students so as to ensure sustainable progress in boosting the national education standard and development of the nation and the people.

C-in-C (Air)’s Boxing Championship kicks off

YANGON, 23 Sept —The opening of the 16th Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Boxing Championship Tournament took place at Thura Maung Thein hall of Mingaladon Airbase this morning. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Com-mander of Mingaladon Airbase Col Thein Naing opened the tournament after delivering an address.

It was also attended by squadron leader and heads of department of the base, judges of Myanmar Boxing Federation, Yangon

Command, Defence Services (Air), Myanmar Police Force and Yangon City Development Committee, guests, managers and athletes of the teams.

The tournament will be held up to 26 September. — MNA

Commander of Mingaladon Airbase Col Thein Naing addresses opening of 16th Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Boxing Championship Tournament.

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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

Commander visits Yangon Division vegetable and poultry and fish breeding special zone

YANGON, 23 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint arrived at Yangon Division vegetable and poultry and fish breeding special zone near Nyaunghnapin Village in Hmawby Township yesterday afternoon.

Officials reported on cultivation of vegetables and physic nut and poultry farming.

The commander and party inspected poultry farm and vegetable farms,



harvesting and transplanting of paddy with the use of power tillers.— MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint inspects thriving vegetable cultivation at Yangon Division vegetable and poultry and fish breeding special zone.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects Bo Aung Kyaw Container Yard. — MNA

Import, Export procedures need to be more speedy

YANGON, 23 Sept—Chairman of Committee for Full Operation of Freight Handling Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe together with committee members looked into Bo Aung Kyaw Container Yard on Strand Road here yesterday.

He there looked into inspection of export and import cargo by examining group, systematic putting of goods into containers, examining of containers through X-Ray, unloading of imported containers from Sittway vessel of Myanma Five Star Line. He also looked into unloading of oil

carrier vehicle and machinery and loading of logs onto foreign vessel in Sule No. 5 wharf.

Next, the minister and member looked into unloading of containers from the vessel at Myanmar Industrial Port. The minister met with personnel at Asia World Port and gave instructions on cooperation of departments concerned for swift commodity flow, port security, minimizing wastages of cargo and safety measures. They then looked into inspection of cargo containers by examining group and unloading of containers from foreign vessel.

MNA



Five Iraqi children killed by bomb in northern city Mosul

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept—At least five children were killed and two others injured on Monday when a bomb hidden in a street stall near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, local police said.

According to the police, the incident took place around 6:30 pm (1530 GMT) when the children were playing near their

homes in the town of Hammam al-Ali, some 20 kilometres south of Mosul.

The children were aged between seven and nine years old. The two wounded were in critical condition and had been sent to Mosul for specialist treatment, according to a local doctor.

Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,169

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept—As of Monday, 22 Sept, 2008, at least 4,169 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count.

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 AP count is two fewer than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Monday at 10 am EDT.

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*

19 hurt in vehicle attack in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, 23 Sept—A man driving a black BMW plowed into a crowd of people at a busy Jerusalem intersection Monday evening, leaving 19 people hurt, an Israel Police spokesman told *Xinhua*.

Among those wounded, there were 15 soldiers and four civilians, said Micky Rosenfeld, adding that nobody was killed in the vehicle attack.

All the victims sustained minor to moderate injuries and had been rushed to hospital for treatment. The driver was shot and killed by armed civilians, according to the police.

The perpetrator was not immediately identified, but Rosenfeld said that according to the vehicle number, the car was from a village in East Jerusalem.

Internet



A damaged car is removed from the scene of an attack in Jerusalem on 22 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Venezuelan President arrives in China

BEIJING, 23 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez arrived in Beijing Tuesday to meet with top Chinese officials, state-run media reported.

Chavez is in China for meetings with President Hu Jintao, along with other “relevant state leaders,” according to the *Xinhua* news agency.

Their discussions are expected to include “bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern,” *Xinhua* reported.

The nations are also expected to sign cooperation agreements in the areas of “justice, sports, and quality supervision and inspection.”

Internet



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, centre, arrives in Beijing at the start of an official visit on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Gunman opens fire at school in Finland, 9 dead

HELSINKI (Finland), 23 Sept — A gunman opened fire at a vocational school for adults in western Finland on Tuesday before shooting himself, police said. Finnish media reported nine people were killed and the gunman was wounded.

The shootings began just before 11 am local time as about 150 students went to class in Kauhajoki, 180 miles northwest of Helsinki. Witnesses said panic broke out as the hooded gunman entered the school and began firing.

Jussi Muotio, superintendent of the Kauhajoki police, confirmed that several people had been wounded but could not immediately confirm the deaths. “The incident is over now,” Muotio said.

The shootings happened almost a year after another gunman killed eight people and himself at a school in southern Finland, an attack that triggered a fierce debate about gun laws in this Nordic nation with deep-rooted traditions of hunting in the sub-Arctic wilderness.

Internet



The Kauhajoen palvelualojen oppilaitos school where a shooting took place in Kauhajoki, Finland, Tuesday, 23 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

2 bombs hit Baghdad, killing 1, wounding 7

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept—Two roadside bombs apparently targeting Iraqi security forces struck separate areas of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least one civilian and wounding seven others, Iraqi officials said.

The first explosion occurred about 9 am in northern Baghdad as a police patrol passed through the area, but it missed its target and hit a civilian car instead, wounding four people, a police officer said.

Another roadside bomb struck near an Iraqi Army patrol in central Baghdad, killing one civilian and wounding three others, according to police and hospital officials.—*Internet*

China removes 7,000 tonnes of tainted milk from retail outlets

BEIJING, 23 Sept—A total of 7,074 tonnes of tainted dairy products have been removed from retail outlets across China, State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) said in Beijing on Tuesday.

They included 4,246.7 tonnes of milk powder and 1,562.1 tonnes of liquid milk products contaminated with melamine, SAIC statistics showed.

Upto Tuesday, 2.18 million inspectors from industry and commerce departments across China visited 6 million dairy firms. The country has received 310,000 complaints of tainted milk products and replaced 614.5 tonnes of milk for customers.

Milk powder laced with the industrial chemical melamine has led to nearly 13,000 Chinese infants being admitted to hospital, 104 in a serious condition with kidney stones and agonizing complications. Four have died in past months.

The chemical, which was added illegally, makes the protein content of milk appear higher than it actually.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Sun Zhengcai said he would “battle” merchants blamed for selling adulterated milk to dairy companies, acknowledging the problem extended far beyond infant formula.

Sun singled out local “milk stations,” which collect fresh milk from farmers and sell it on. Their operators have been blamed for adding nitrogen-rich melamine to sub-standard or watered-down milk, fooling quality checks measuring protein, also rich in nitrogen. Many were unregistered and unregulated, he said.

Dr Shigeru Omi, director of the World Health Organization (WHO) on Sunday said that China is now taking the issue “seriously” and has launched very intensive investigation.

Recently, Gao Qiang, an official of Chinese Health Ministry, said that the contaminated Sanlu baby milk powder in connection with the country's hundreds of infant kidney stone cases was only sold on the Chinese mainland and Chinese Taipei. “None of the milk powder was exported to other countries or regions,” Gao said at a Press conference.—*Internet*



A worker feeds milk cows at a dairy farm in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 23 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

IAEA finds no nuclear material in Syria

VIENNA, 23 Sept — The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has found no trace of nuclear material in Syria’s Al-Kibar so far, but it would continue sampling in this area to analyze, said Mohammed ElBaradei, IAEA director general, in Vienna on Monday.

ElBaradei also pointed out at an IAEA council meeting that Syria has not provided IAEA supplement information so far about its related nuclear activities as requested.

In September 2007, Israeli Air Force struck over 100 kilometre deep into Syria and bombed out a facility in

Syrian Al-Kibar. Then Israel claimed that Syria was developing nuclear weapons in that area, but Syria keeps denying the facility is for nuclear activities. Therefore, IAEA began probing Syria and required further explanation about it.

ElBaradei also noted on the council meeting Monday that IAEA can not make sure so far whether Libya is involved in activities of nuclear weapon development in the country. Libya’s explanation of its nuclear programme accords with the outcome of IAEA’s investigation, but IAEA would continue normal security inspection, so as to ensure Libya owns no secret nuclear materials. —Internet



Mobile oil vendor M Subramaniam reads a Tamil newspaper on his bullock cart at a street in Colombo, on 23 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

China strengthens quality supervision on export foods and goods

BEIJING, 23 Sept — Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOC) on Monday ordered its local agencies to step up quality supervision efforts targeted at export-oriented foods, dairy products, medicines, toys and furniture products.

This notice came after tainted dairy products sickened thousands of infants in the country.

“Local commerce agencies should set up special quality supervision working groups and establish export-oriented product quality reporting system on those foods and goods that may affect consumers’ health and safety,” said the MOC in a notice on its website.

Internet

Typhoon kills three in Philippines, heads for China

HONG KONG, 23 Sept — A typhoon was gathering strength in the South China Sea on Tuesday and heading toward Hong Kong after killing three people in the northern Philippines and trapping 13 people in a gold mine.

The Hong Kong Observatory raised its strong warning wind signal number 3 with Typhoon Hagupit edging west-northwest at about 30 kph toward the south China coast.

“The observatory will consider the need for the No 8 gale or storm signal around dusk today,” it said.

The highest signal is 10.

Hong Kong kindergartens were closed for the day and the city’s bustling container ports and termi-

nals were due to suspend operations in the afternoon.

Hagupit, which means “lashing” in Filipino, was estimated to be 380 km (236 miles) southeast of Hong Kong at 10 am (10 pm EDT) and was expected to make landfall in China on Wednesday.

In the Philippines, the coastguard rescued 21 people from three cargo and fishing vessels that sank in rough waters as Hagupit passed the north

Taking advantage of a windy day kitesurfers walk along Spanish Banks while preparing to head out into the waters of English Bay in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 22 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Flooding deaths now 2,400 in monsoon-hit India

NEW DELHI, 23 Sept —The death toll from monsoon floods in eastern India rose to more than 2,400 Tuesday as authorities reported that another 32 people had perished in the disaster that has affected millions of people.

The latest deaths in Uttar Pradesh state brought the countrywide death toll from the floods to 2,404 since June,

according to the federal home ministry's disaster management unit.

So far, no new deaths have been reported from the eastern Indian state of Orissa, where 55 people have died and more than 4.3 million have been hit by floods that have inundated numerous villages in 17 of its districts. In the hill state of Uttrakhand, police

rescued a seven-member team of stranded Austrian trekkers, authorities said.

In all, more than 20 million people have been affected by floods in different parts of India since June.

Most of the flood-related deaths —1,088— have been reported from Uttar Pradesh, India's densely populated state, according to the report.

Internet

Dubai ups ante with \$1.5b hotel on palm island

DUBAI, 23 Sept — It’s the latest word in Persian Gulf excess: a \$1.5 billion resort boasting a \$25,000-a-night suite and dolphins flown in from the South Pacific — all atop an island built in the shape of a palm tree.

Environmentalists have long criticized both Palm Jumeirah island and some of the features of the Atlantis hotel, set to open Wednesday. And analysts wonder if global financial



Workers carry rolls of carpets as they pass the giant aquarium at the Poseidon hall of the Atlantis hotel which is a part of \$ 1.5 billion resort in Jumeira Palm Island in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 17 Sept, 2008. — INTERNET

turmoil will crimp Dubai’s big hopes for tourists.

Dubai is not blinking. The 113-acre resort on the artificial island off the coast is among the city-state’s biggest bets that tourism can help sustain its economy once regional oil profits stop flowing.

“You don’t build a billion-and-a-half dollar project just anywhere in the world,” said Alan Leibman, president and managing director of Kerzner International, the hotel operator that teamed with Dubai developer Nakheel on the resort.

Internet



Shenzhou-7 taikonauts in final training for liftoff

JIUQUAN (Gansu), 23 Sept — Six taikonauts (astronauts) selected for China's Shenzhou-7 space mission are in final training for the launch sometime from 25 to 30 Sept, says a senior mission official.

The candidates for the three-man mission rehearse basic procedures every day and study manuals to maintain their skills, Huang Weifen,

deputy chief designer of the mission's flight system, said on Tuesday.

The six taikonauts arrived at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre on Sunday, where they were accommodated in a guarded quarantine facility to protect them from health risks.

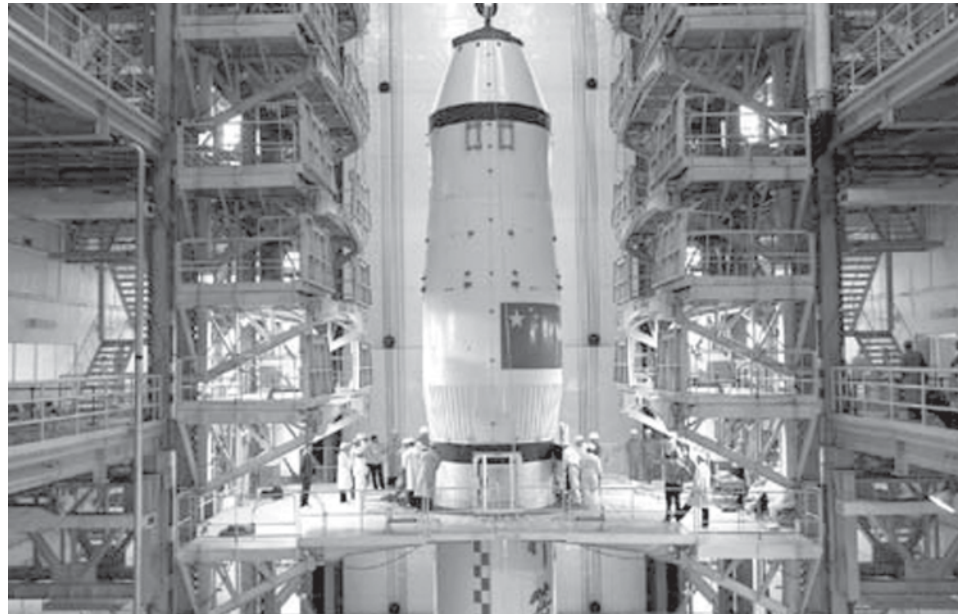
Staff who entered the compound had to wear masks and sterile uniforms and undergo health checks,

and were prohibited from shaking hands with the taikonauts, she said.

Doctors at the compound were closely monitoring the physical and psychological states of the taikonauts before the final crew was announced, she said.

Three taikonauts will fly on the Shenzhou-7 aircraft. One of them will perform a spacewalk.

Xinhua



The undated photo shows technicians help the Shenzhou-7 manned spaceship to dock with the Long-March II-F rocket at an assembly plant. The spaceship has been finished docking with the rocket recently. —XINHUA

Group claims responsibility for Marriott Hotel blast

ISLAMABAD, 23 Sept — A shadowy group has claimed responsibility for the suicide bombing attack in Islamabad, private TV channel reported on Monday.

The group called "Fedayeen of Islam" claimed responsibility in a phone call to the Dubai-based Al-arabiya TV channel, said the report.

Two suicide bombers driving an explosive-laden truck launched the attack at the gate of Marriott Hotel in Islamabad, leaving 53 people dead and 266 others injured.

MNA/Xinhua

A surgeon holds Opshora, the baby girl born from a frozen embryo, at Modern Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh, recently.

XINHUA



People watch performance in the Huai'an Drama Museum in Huai'an city, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 22 Sept, 2008. The museum, featuring vivid introduction on the local drama's origin and development in Huai'an, opened to public on 22 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Blast in SE Turkey kills one soldier

ANKARA, 23 Sept — One soldier of the Turkish security forces was killed and two others wounded in an explosion in southeastern Turkey on Monday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The report said the explosion occurred near the wall of a building at Republic Street in Yuk-

sekova town of Hakkari province at 18:15 local time (1515 GMT), leaving the soldier dead and another soldier and one Turkish citizen wounded.

The injured were taken to Yuksekova State Hospital for treatment, added the report.

The militants of the outlawed Kurdish Work-

ers' Party (PKK) have been staging attacks against Turkish military and civil targets in eastern and southeastern Turkey.

The PKK, listed by the United States and Turkey as a terrorist group, took up arms in 1984 with the aim of creating an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. —Xinhua

Thousands of Nepalese stranded by flood in far west region

KATHMANDU, 23 Sept — Though Nepal Army and police began rescue operation in the flood-hit areas in Kailali district in far-western Nepal on Monday, thousands of people were still locked up in their houses in some villages because of inundation following incessant rain since Friday, local media reported on Tuesday.

According to *The Himalayan Times* daily, a rescue team of Nepal Army said it rescued 200 persons and took them to different temporary camps by the evening.

"Elders, children and patients from Thapapur and Lalbojhi Village Development Committees (VDC) were rescued by helicopters," Shanker Pandit, battalion commander of Nepal Army's Barakh Battalion, said. But locals said only helicopters could rescue the marooned villagers.

"At least 400 villagers have been confined to their houses in Thapapur VDC alone," a local of Thapapur village said. —Xinhua

Indo-Nepal Power Summit 2008 begins in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 23 Sept — The third Indo-Nepal Power Summit 2008 will begin in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Tuesday to explore the possibilities of hydropower project co-operation between Nepal and India.

According to *The Hi-*

malayan Times daily, Deputy Prime Minister Bam Dev Gautam will inaugurate the two-day summit. As many as 300 delegates from Nepal and India are expected to participate in the meeting.

Indian Minister of State for Commerce and Power Jairam Ramesh and a 60-member delegation that includes leading power developers will grace the summit.

The Nepal government is organizing the summit in collaboration with the Nepal India Chambers of Commerce and Industries and the Independent Power Producers' Association of Nepal, backed by India's Power Trading Corporation. —Xinhua

Foreign tourists kidnapped in S Egypt

CAIRO, 23 Sept — A group of 11 foreign tourists and at least four Egyptians have been kidnapped by unidentified gunmen in southern Egypt, local media reported on Monday.

Egyptian Minister of Tourism Zuheir Garana told the official MENA news agency that the abducted foreigners include five Germans, five Italians and a Romanian.

Garana confirmed earlier in the day that the kidnapping of tourists occurred on Friday and efforts are underway to rescue the abducted.

Xinhua



All items from Xinhua News Agency



Work takes place at a construction site of a residential development in Singapore on 23 Sept, 2008. Singapore’s annual inflation stood at 6.4 percent in August, slightly higher than expected, because of rising food and housing costs but falling further from a 26-year high.—INTERNET

Obama and McCain battle over US financial crisis

GREEN BAY (Wisconsin), 23 Sept—Barack Obama proposed reforms on Monday to rein in practices that led to the worst US financial crisis since the Depression, while White House rival John McCain touted his own remedies and accused Obama of failing to provide leadership.

McCain, the Republican presidential candidate, pushed a plan he offered last week calling for an independent panel to oversee a Wall Street bailout that could cost as much as \$1 trillion. He said Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson had too much power in the crisis.

“This arrangement makes me deeply uncomfortable,” McCain, an Arizona senator, told a gathering of Irish-Americans in Scranton, Pennsylvania. “When we are talking

about a trillion dollars of taxpayer money, ‘trust me’ just isn’t good enough.”

Wall Street has been rocked by the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, with global credit markets seizing up over concerns about the plummeting value of US housing and securities based on home mortgages.

Internet

Russian Navy sails to Venezuela

Moscow, 23 Sept — Russian warships have set off for Venezuela for joint exercises unprecedented since the Cold War.

The fleet of ships, headed by the nuclear-powered *Peter the Great* cruiser, set off from its base at Severomorsk in the Arctic.

The ships are due to take part in joint manoeuvres with Venezuela



Peter the Great heads the fleet travelling 15,000 miles to Venezuela.—INTERNET

in November.

The move is seen as a rebuff to the United States, which is facing increasingly fraught relationships with the two nations.

Russian Navy spokesman Igor Dygalo said the ships set sail at 1000 local time (0600 GMT), and would travel 15,000 nautical miles to reach their destination.

“It’s the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser *Peter the Great*, the anti-submarine warship Admiral Chebanenko and other accompanying ships,” he told the AFP news agency.

Two Russian bombers arrived in Venezuela last week for training flights.

Moscow has intensified ties with Venezuela and other Latin American countries recently as relationship with Washington has become strained.

Internet

African energy ministers set to meet in Tanzania over power trade

NAIROBI, 23 Sept — African ministers responsible for energy from nine countries bordering the Nile will meet in Tanzania this week to review how to economically benefit from the waters that has been a source of conflict in the region. A statement from the United Nations-backed Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) said the ministers responsible for electricity will discuss enhanced cooperation towards regional power trade.

“The ministers responsible for electricity in the Nile Basin countries will meet on Thursday in Dar es Salaam to review the Regional Power Trade Project (RPTP), one of the thematic projects under the Shared Vision Programme of the NBI,” the statement said.

The meeting whose theme is “Enhancing Cooperation towards Regional Power Trade,” will deliberate on progress made by RPTP since it was launched in 2003 by the ministers responsible for electricity affairs. —Internet



A small frog is shown in the hands of a bicyclist along a stretch of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal just east of Little Orleans, Md.

Airline seeks bald men as walking billboards

New Zealand’s national airline is offering to pay bald travellers to use their heads — literally — in a new advertising campaign.

Air New Zealand said it wants 70 recruits to stand in lines in three airports — while wearing temporary tattoos on the back of their heads so the displays can be seen by people lining up behind them.

The airline would pay 1,000 New Zealand dollars (\$660) for each walking billboard, a company official said.

NEWSALBUM

Cat and chick: best of friends

A farmhouse cat has adopted a chicken after she became the only survivor of a fox attack in Middleton, near Leiston in Suffolk, Britain.

It’s an unlikely partnering, but the pair have become firm friends — even lavishing affection on each other. The incredible friendship blossomed just over two months ago when a fox killed 13 chicks — leaving the chick Gladys as the only survivor.



Mouth to meow-th: mass firefighter revives cat

A lucky cat owes one of its nine lives to a firefighter who revived it with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Al Machado rescued the cat from a burning apartment Tuesday, telling *The Standard Times* of New Bedford that he saw immediately that it needed air.

Machado began performing mouth to mouth on the animal as he carried it outside.

Woman fends off burglars with musical instrument

A woman who lives near the Smoky Mountains used a musical instrument to scare away two men who broke into her home.

The Knoxville News Sentinel quoted a Sevier County Sheriff’s Office report that stated the victim awoke to find two men in her home in Seymour on Saturday morning. Her child was asleep in the home.

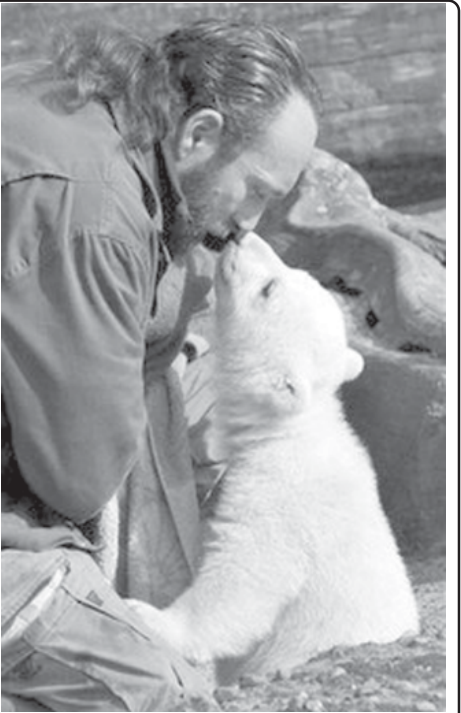
Deputies said the woman used part of a brass musical instrument to hit one of the men and both intruders fled.

Identities during stop

Police in Hunterdon County say two twin brothers attempted to switch their identities during a motor vehicle stop.

Readington Township police said a patrolman stopped Julio and Josel Rodriguez of Bethlehem, Pa, at 2 am Wednesday. The patrolman soon noticed discrepancies in the 18-year-old brothers’ stories after pulling them over for failure to maintain a lane and a broken brake light. Police said Julio Rodriguez, who was driving, was trying to avoid getting a ticket.

Both brothers were arrested and charged with obstruction of justice. Julio Rodriguez was also issued three traffic summonses.



Zookeeper Thomas Doerflein, left, kisses Knut, the polar bear cub, at Knut’s first public appearance at the Zoo of Berlin. Doerflein was found dead in his Berlin apartment on 22 Sept, 2008. A spokeswoman for Berlin police said Doerflein was dead when authorities arrived at the apartment and that they had no information on the cause of death. Doerflein was 44.

Do not derail the democratic process

Ko Thayar

I had a complete picture of the incidents clarified at the press conference only after watching them on TV and reading the newspaper. Although I had watched the news of the press conference on TV, I did not get it. Only after I read the whole story inserted in the newspaper with documentary photos and tables, would I be informed well. NLD members got involved in the terrorist scheme that cost many casualties of innocent people. At first, I did not believe my eyes. But, the conference proved the story true because that disclosed the incidents with profound evidences.

NLD recruited and sent people to the explosives course in the border and some NLD members committed bomb blasts. Officials concerned managed to expose the bombers, otherwise the culprits kept on committing terrorist acts. I was shocked to the core when I learnt facts about the cash incentives and the plots designed to commit inhumane and ruthless acts. Is it their politics? Is terrorism means a correct solution?

NLD is giving only lip service that what it is doing now is to introduce democracy and serve the interests of the people. But, in practice, what it is claiming is in contrary with what it is doing. Up to now, it has done nothing beneficial to the nation and the people.

After taking over State duties unavoidably, the government launched programmes to transform the nation from the old system into democracy, as aspired by the people. In order to satisfy the people's wishes, it fulfilled necessary requirements such as restoration of security, peace and stability, tasks for national development and introduction of the market-oriented economic system. **So far, almost all the infrastructures have been built. At the same time, the government is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map for transition to democracy. All the measures it is taking are designed to pave the way to democracy. It is required to wait for a certain period for a brighter future, and to take time to achieve such a noble goal.** However, it is taking longer than it should be, in that regard. It is because of the disruptions by anti-government groups, not because of the government. Due to NLD, for instance, the National Convention launched in 1993 was adjourned in 1996.

NLD's acts were intended to hinder the ongoing democracy process. The programmes were being implemented in accordance with the agreement reached between the government and the political parties including NLD. When the convening of the National Convention was in full swing, it showed its pessimistic attitude. Making unreasonable demands, NLD representatives turned their back on the NC of their own. That had adverse effects on the interests of

the nation and the people. In consequence, the process took longer unnecessarily. It hindered the government from carrying out the process in compliance with the people's desire. It is safe to say that NLD gave priority to its own interests, rather than public interests.

When it knew that its acts to disrupt the National Convention did not work, it tried to prevent the State constitution from being approved. It deceived the people through "Vote No" and "No Vote" campaign. It accused that the constitution was undemocratic, it was formulated by the handpicked representatives and it was designed to prolong the government's rule. The government is working hard to introduce enduring and disipline-flourishing democracy. **The present constitution bestows all due rights on the people and prevents unnecessary consequences that can trouble the nation. It is the most appropriate one according to the prevailing conditions of the nation.** It takes a period of time for the government to achieve the processes, and it is imprudent to hand over power irresponsibly. An enduring constitution is a must for the future of the nation. No one should hinder the process. The reason of why NLD was trying to disrupt the process for drawing an enduring constitution was that it would not be in a position to form a government as it wished, and to seek own interests at expense of the interests of the nation; there would never be a puppet government that would dance to the tune of its alien masters; and the people would be further consolidated. Sometimes, I doubt if they are doing politics with own views and opinions, but it is out of the question. It is because alien visitors frequent the headquarters of the party. Very often, they bring packets and large envelopes together with them into the headquarters.

Now, the State constitution has been adopted with the approval of the people. **The people realize that the constitution is the most suitable and the safest one for the nation. They believe that a democratic nation can be built up only through the present constitution, so they voted for it.** However, NLD said it did not recognize the constitution and would be opposed to the elections to be held in 2010, thereby showing absolute disregard for the desire of the people. Democracy is based on the desire of the majority. Its words and deeds are in contrary with each other. The results mean that the people are in support of the ongoing process; it is the most appropriate programme; they call on the government to keep on carrying out the programme; and they have given mandate to the government.

The party is reiterating matters on the 1990 election. The number of remnant NLD representatives-elect is very small. Of the NLD representatives-elect, some are serving their prison terms, some have resigned, some have changed themselves to independent

representatives-elect, some absconded to the border, some have passed away, and some have been expelled. The number of the remnant representatives-elect does not meet the quorum for a parliamentary session. The previous elections were held more than 18 years ago. According to the international procedures, the term of a parliament is about four or five years. So, the previous election results have expired for long. Sticking to the old results is nonsense.

But, that may be meaningful for the party. According to the approved constitution, they have no future. There is no unity of the members in the party. The people do not accept their acts. None of their acts yields good results. They have nothing to do, in this case. They are demanding for recognition of old results. I would like to advise them to act according to the mandate the people have just given. Maybe, they will enjoy some fruitful results. Otherwise, their hope will dwindle away. They have political experience to some extent. If they apply their experience, it will be beneficial to the people. If they do something positive, that will serve the interests of the nation to a degree.

They are demanding a dialogue, which has been overdue long. They were given opportunities for a dialogue long ago. They walked out of the National Convention, giving lame excuses. They should no longer attempt to get rid of the results of the National Convention. The results came out only after discussions held by many representatives, not by an individual or few persons alone. It is too late to ask for a dialogue and to make some amendments to the constitution. The National Convention was held by representatives, and the constitution was adopted with the approval of 92.48 per cent of the entire people. That is to say discussions alone are not enough to amend it. Necessary amendments can be made in accordance with the procedures when need arises in future. That point is enumerated by the constitution, but only with the law will necessary amendments be made.

Now, they should have given up making unreasonable demands. The present mandate of the people is the only way they can choose. **The government will go on following the procedures in accordance with the people's mandate. The government has announced publicly that it will see to the State's seven-step Road Map; it will hold elections in 2010; it will not stand any attempts to delay the process; and it will continue to implement the process in accordance with the people's wishes.**

It took longer than it should to complete the National Convention in the past. Now, they are hatching plots to disrupt the process. And they should cease misleading the people into misunderstanding the process through demands and objections. They should no longer destroy stability and peace, for which the people are in favour. They should have stopped hatching plots designed to destroy the peaceful life of the people, and to get them into crises. They should no longer prevent the nation from making good headway in the democratic transition process. They are exhorted to join hands with the people in the drive for transition to democracy in a peaceful way. Now, the goal of democracy is in sight. It is visible very clearly, not dimly. In conclusion, I would say do not make the democratic process deviate from its path.

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After taking over State duties unavoidably, the government launched programmes to transform the nation from the old system into democracy, as aspired by the people. In order to satisfy the people's wishes, it fulfilled necessary requirements such as restoration of security, peace and stability, tasks for national development and introduction of the market-oriented economic system.



Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Julius Georg Luy, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany (News on page 1). — MNA

Fertilizer-fed paddy thriving in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Yehsin Lonethwe paddy plantation in Sintgaing of Mandalay Division that belongs to peasant U Hla Tint yesterday.

They looked into progress in tarring the roads and streets in Mandalay and paving the gravel roads. At Yan Aung Myin hall of the Central Command, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with servicemen and their families and oversaw greening and sanitation



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint views spreading of fertilizer on rice field in Nyaungpingyi Village in Sintgaing Township . — MNA

tasks being carried out and progress in repaving the roads.

At the National Kandawgyi Gardens in Chanmyathazi township, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party inspected progress in carrying out sanitation and greening tasks there and then those in Taungthaman-

inn and its environs.

At the entrance to Mandalay International Airport, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party looked into condition of No 1 district-to-district crossroad being built by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee and sign-boards.—MNA

Government taking...

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highly-qualified human resources and creating conditions to achieve learning opportunity in all the regions of the country. The minister urged the teachers to serve the functions of the education sector in earnest after realizing that they can weigh the pros and cons of the future of the nation and its peace.

Continuing, he said, the teachers are not only to train the students to be proficient in education and provide requirements for national development but also equip them with high morale and other skills.

He said it is necessary for the education sector to provide high qualification, technical know-how and the strength of technology that can satisfy the new requirements for modernization of the country.

Just as 86.41 per cent

of basic education schools are in rural areas, 68.25 per cent of students are rural people.

If the teachers are capable of teaching students in rural regions keeping pace with those at schools in cities, there would be no development gap between rural regions and urban areas in the very near future.

To keep abreast of the international community, efforts are to be made to effectively use development infrastructures created by the government and firmly grasp such opportunities as learning opportunities for the entire mass of students including rural children and opportunities for each and every citizen that could bring prosperity based on education.

Regarding the people as its offspring, the government has been taking possible measures

in all seriousness in shaping a future state that can serve the long-term interest of posterity.

In conclusion, the minister urged the teachers to strive for successful realization of the national education promotion programmes capable of safeguarding such good foundations as stability of State, development and perpetuation of the Union through the education sector and to make constant efforts for the emergence of highly qualified intellectuals and technocrats who are able to safeguard the already-achieved development infrastructures in the interest of posterity.

Afterwards, Minister U Thaung and party cordially greeted trainee teachers.

The five-week course was attended by 1,305 trainee teachers of basic education schools in upper Myanmar.—MNA

2009 Calendar in circulation

YANGON, 23 Sept — The Calendar for 2009 (1370-71 ME) published by the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information has been in circulation.

With art paper covers and wood-free papers inside, the calendar carries 12 pages each featuring public holidays and astrological influences.

It is available at the offices of IPRDs in townships of the states and divisions.—MNA

SAM donates over K 4 mln to MMCWA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) donated K 4.5 million to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association here today.

President of SAM

Mr Teddy and party, accompanied by Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong, went to the association and donated K 4.5 million to the association to be spent on

social welfare tasks of the association.

On behalf of donors, Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong handed over the cash to Vice President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Yaron Mayer, newly-accredited Ambassador of Israel, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.
(News on page 1)—MNA

Inter-School Football Tourney kicks off

YANGON, 23 Sept—Yangon Division Inter-School Football Tournament of No. 3 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education for 2008-2009

academic year opened in Aung San Football Ground here yesterday morning. Among the specators were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon

Command Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

After the opening ceremony, No. 3 BED women's football selected

team(U-16)playedagainst South District women's selected team (U-16).

A total of 18 teams will compete in the tournament.

MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attend opening of Yangon Division Inter-School football Tourney.—MNA

Myawady Magazine Colour Photo Contest to be held

YANGON, 23 Sept— The 2008 Annual Colour Photo Contest of Myawady Magazine will be held under the title of a pleasant nation.

Entries of photographers are to be sent to Myawady Literary House, at No. 75/B, Pyay Road, Sawbwagyigon, Insein Township, Yangon not later than 31 December.

The list of winners will be announced in the newspapers, radio and television by the last week of January 2009, and handsome prizes will be given at a ceremony.

For further information, contact the executive editor of Myawady Magazine (Tel :01-642203) during officer honours.—MNA

New natural pozolan factory starts production

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min looked into natural pozolan production factory near Ngayangon village, 2 miles away from Popa in Mandalay Division on 21 September.

At the briefing hall, the factory manager reported on construction of 500-ton pozolan production factory, test-run of Performance Test run, Blaine Test, output per hour, supply of raw materials, stock inventory, and production of finished goods. The minister gave instructions to run production lines at full capacity.

The minister looked into installation of dust collector in old factory, operation of Ball Mill and installation of machines, equipment of air compressor room, storage of machines in sub station in new factory.

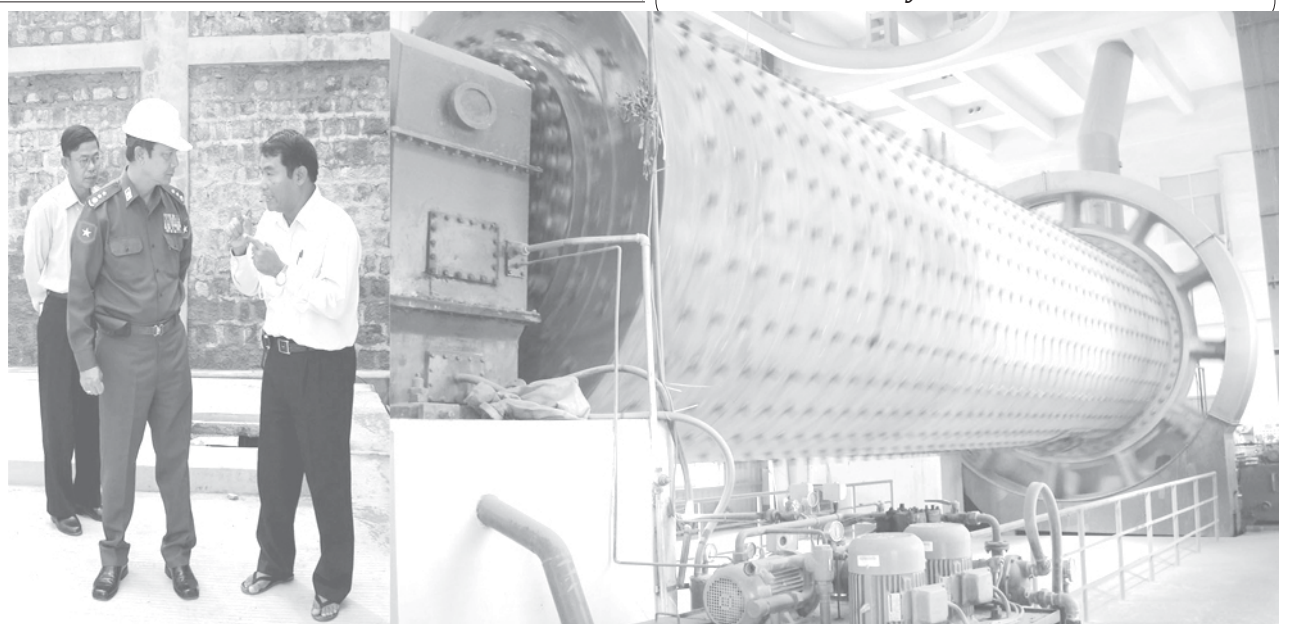
The minister and party inspected systematic packing of finished goods at 5000-ton capacity finished goods store and gave instructions on total quality management, minimization of wastages, worksite safety and cleanliness of the factory and its surroundings.—MNA

Minister Col Zaw Min inspects natural pozolan factory near Ngayangon village in Mandalay Division.—MNA

Certificates presented to toothpaste companies

YANGON, 23 Sept— The Netherlands-based Oral Health Department, a partner of the World Health Department, has recognized the six companies including Cool and 3D that produce Myanmar-made toothpastes with sufficient fluoride.

Certificates were presented to the six companies at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 September in recognition of their achievements, for they produce toothpastes with the required amount of fluoride meeting the standard of WHO. The toothpastes are able to whiten teeth and prevent oral diseases.—MNA



Mutual understanding between PSRD and literary workers exists: Information Minister

YANGON, 23 Sept — “Progress has been made to some extent as the functions of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division were reformed gradually beginning 2005. The division has laid down four objectives and 21 principles on press scrutiny for those from literary world to participate in the tasks of the development of literary world and in the national interest,” said Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in meeting with staff from PSRD of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Wingaba Road in Bahan Township yesterday.

First, Director of PSRD U Tint Swe reported on its

functions, reformed measures and tasks to be undertaken and security measures.

The already-achieved success means that there is mutual understanding between the Ministry of Information and literary workers. Closer and warmer relations and mutual respect on work are to be built for wider understanding and confidence between PSRD and literary workers, the minister said.

The more the literary workers understand the correct objectives and measures taken by the division, the more they will serve the national interest, he added.

He said the literary world and the media effectively contribute towards the full realization of Our Three Main National Causes and the twelve objectives.

He spoke of the need to be aware of the danger of fire and sabotage of destructionists.

Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint, Deputy Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung, General Manager of PPE U Ye Tint and officials were also present.—MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with staff of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division.

MNA

Introduction to Executive Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management Course on 4 Oct

YANGON, 23 Sept — STI has organized seminar and workshop on Logistics and Supply Chain Management with the contribution of experts from abroad and at home since early 2007. Diploma Courses have been in full swing where renowned academic and field personnel have empowered trainees in the hundred.

STI Education and SIMM (Singapore Institute of Materials Management) is jointly taking steps forward to conduct Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management Course next month for those who are in senior management positions or for those who will be assuming senior positions in the very near future.

Executive Diploma

comprised seven modules where five modules will be at STI, Yangon and two modules will be covered at SIMM, Singapore. Five Modules in STI will be lectured by trainers from SIMM and at home.

While attending two modules at SIMM, the trainers will have opportunities of hands-on experiences, that is, visits to industries and logistics sites in Singapore.

Teaching methodologies include e-learning platform and case studies, critical analysis, case presentation, submitting reports and projects.

Assessment covers individuals as well as group assignments followed by final examination for each module.

If you are a graduate of any university, have at

least three years of working experience in an industry after graduation, pass an English test before admission to the course and if you are prepared to visit Singapore, then you are eligible to join this exciting programme.

In commemoration of first intake in Myanmar, SIMM will award scholarship to the trainees.

Press conference will be held at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, at 10 am on 4 October.

Every one may contact Building 4, Room 7 in Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, Yangon and No 337, Upper Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon (Ph: 250056, 700273, 507046/48, 507151/52).—MNA

AGM of Hinthada District USDA held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — The Annual General Meeting 2008 of Hinthada District Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the hall of BEHS-1, Hinthada, on 21 September.

CEC member of USDA Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay delivered an address at the meeting and presented cash for regional development undertakings.

CEC member and

officials presented prizes to the outstanding students in the matriculation examination 2007-2008, and six schools for best pass rate.

According to the agenda, second section of meeting continued.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay delivers an address at annual general meeting of Hinthada District USDA.

MNA



Magician David Blaine performs a stunt in Central Park in New York on 22 Sept, 2008. Blaine plans to hang upside down without a safety net for 60 hours.—INTERNET

Typhoon Hagupit lashes Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 23 Sept — Typhoon Hagupit lashed Hong Kong with heavy rain and strong winds Tuesday evening, suspending flights and disrupting public transport as workers hurried home.

The Hong Kong Observatory issued a number eight tropical cyclone warning at 6:00pm (1000 GMT), as winds of 63 kilometres (40 miles) an hour hit the southern Chinese city.

The observatory said that the typhoon was centred about 210 kilometres south-south-east of the territory and was forecast to move west or northwest towards the South China Sea.

It also expected flooding to occur in low-lying areas overnight due to the combined effect of typhoon and high tide.

A total of 47 flights in and out of Hong Kong had been cancelled by 4:00 pm, a Hong Kong Airport Authority spokeswoman told AFP.—Internet

Crude prices surge over 20% on weak dollar, short squeeze

NEW YORK, 22 Sept — Crude prices soared over 20 percent Monday, the biggest ever one-day gain on record, on short squeeze and concerns about the outlook of the US dollar.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery, which expires Monday, was up 16.37 dollars to settle at 120.92 dollars a barrel, after rising as high as of 130.00 dollars per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"The fact that oil experienced its biggest one day price spike ever has to do with a short squeeze of massive proportions taking place," Wall Street Strategies' senior research analyst Conley Turner told Xinhua.

"In fact, the approximately 20 percent move suggests that some institutions are on the hook for making a wrong bet on the direction of the

commodity and massive unwinding is taking place," added the analyst.

Crude prices had tumbled from record highs of 147.27 dollars a barrel, which was set on 11 July, weighed down by growing evidence that high energy costs and economic woes were curbing global demand.

Investors' concerns about the outlook of the US currency also push the prices higher.

The US dollar fell sharply Monday as concerns grew that Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson's 700-billion-dollar rescue plan will further burden US finances.

The new rescue plan would increase the

public debt limit to 11.3 trillion dollars from 10.6 trillion dollars. The jump in federal debt would be negative for the dollar.

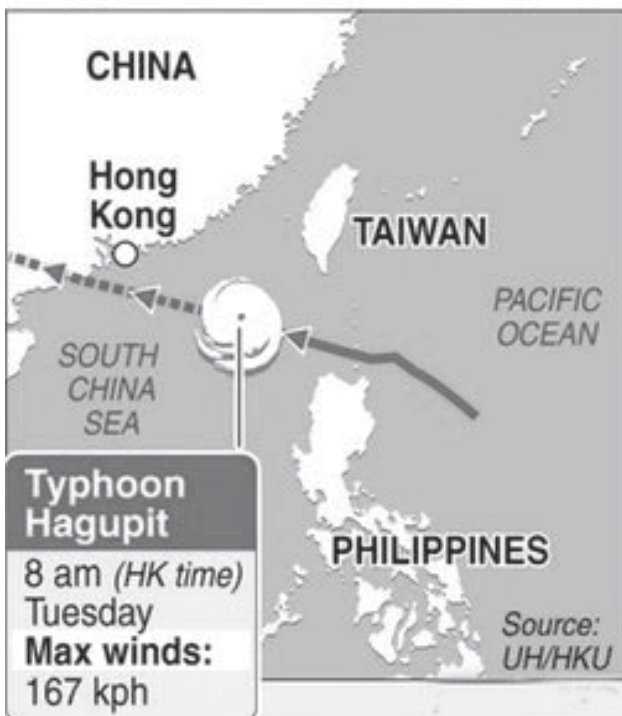
The US dollar was lower against other major currencies Monday. In Europe, the euro traded at 1.4689, up from 1.4470 late Friday in New York.

"It is clear that the US dollar had peaked in value some days ago and is now falling. Oil traders are pumping money into the commodity as the trade of choice now is to sell dollars and buy oil," said Turner.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for November climbed 6.43 dollars to settle at 106.04 dollars a barrel.

Internet

Typhoon Hagupit



A graphic showing the path of Typhoon Hagupit heading towards the South China coast. Typhoon Hagupit lashed Hong Kong with heavy rain and strong winds Tuesday evening, suspending flights and disrupting public transport as workers hurried home.—INTERNET

2009 named European Year of Creativity and Innovation

BRUSSELS, 23 Sept — The European Parliament on Tuesday backed a European Commission proposal to designate 2009 as the European Year of Creativity and Innovation.

The European Year of Creativity and Innovation is a major initiative involving European Union (EU) member states, EU institutions and a wide range of stakeholders.

Each member state will designate a national coordinator who will be responsible for the year's activities at the national or regional level. The European Commission, the EU's executive body, will coordinate activities at the EU level.

Internet

Traders in the oil options pit work at the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude prices soared over 20 percent Monday, the biggest ever one-day gain on record.

INTERNET



Global warming poses grave health threat to Asia-Pacific

MANILA, 23 Sept — Global warming is expected to pose grave challenges to Asia Pacific region in years to come, a senior World Health Organization (WHO) official warned Tuesday.

In his final address to the Regional Committee, WHO Western Pacific Regional Director Dr Shigeru Omi said climate change would expand the range of mosquitoes that carry malaria and dengue to areas other than their natural Southeast Asia habitat.

He said that some low-lying island states in the Pacific were at risk from rising ocean levels, while heat waves and droughts elsewhere were among the many factors contributing to the global food crisis.

In a wide-ranging valedictory address at the WHO Regional Office here to Health Ministers and senior officials from the 37 countries and regions that make up WHO's Western Pacific Region, Dr Omi, who will step down early next year after serving 10 years on the post, said significant progress had been made on a number of health fronts, including the fight against communicable diseases.

He said, for instance, the number of daily deaths

from tuberculosis in the Region has dropped from 1,000 to 600 as a result of a non-stop battle against the disease.

Tobacco control, fight against HIV/AIDS, measles and maternal mortality are singled out by Dr Omi as fields where impressive progress had been made.

He said, however, much work remains to be done on issues such as health care financing and building up human resources and the preparation for adverse effects of climate change.

"I must be honest. We have not been as successful in this area as we have with communicable diseases," he said.

In an address that ranged across his 10 years in office, Dr. Omi said that the most difficult decision he had been involved in was the issuing of travel advisories against a number of countries and areas at the height of the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) threat in 2003.

"SARS awakened the global public health community from a kind of slumber," Dr Omi said.

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AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES
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Saturn's rings are older than thought, say astronomers
PARIS, 23 Sept—Saturn's rings are more massive and far older than previously thought, astronomers reported on Tuesday.
The estimate is made by a University of Colorado team, harnessing a powerful computer model and using data from the US spaceprobe *Cassini* in orbit around the be ringed giant. The team computed gravitational forces and collisions in a sample of more than 100,000 icy particles in one of Saturn's rings.
Rather than orbiting smoothly around the planet, as had been the previous assumption, the particles tend to aggregate in denser clumps, they said. As a result, the mass of material in the rings could be three times greater than thought.
The fragments also give an indicator of the rings' age, because they are reduced by repeated orbital collision over time, and by impact from meteorites, which also produce dust. Saturn's rings could be "billions of years old," compared with a previous estimate of around 100

An investor monitors a electronic price board at a securities company in Chengdu, in China's southwestern province of Sichuan on 22 Sept.
INTERNET

Vietnam's 1st oil refinery to be in operation next year
HANOI, 23 Sept—Construction of Vietnam's first oil refinery named Dung Quat is more than 97 percent complete and the project is on track to be fully operational in the first quarter of next year, local newspaper *Youths* reported on Tuesday.
The refinery is expected to complete trial operations and begin producing fuel, oil and gasified liquids in February 2009, the newspaper quoted Truong Van Tuyen, Deputy General Director of the Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group, the refinery's investor, as saying. The output of the refinery would meet one third of the domestic fuel demand, he said.
Vietnam currently has no processing capacity of crude oil. It imported 9.6 million tons of petroleum products totalling 9.1 billion US dollars in the first eight months of this year, up 13.7 percent and 94.3 percent, respectively, according to the country's General Statistics Office.—*Internet*

Breast cancer patients may have intense radiation
BEIJING, 23 Sept — Intense radiation therapy of three weeks after surgery for early breast cancer patients cures the disease just as well as standard radiation of five weeks, according to a study as quoted by media reports Tuesday.
The study results suggest that breast cancer patients could elect treatment for a shorter period and get back to their normal life more quickly, researchers said at the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.
There are some 182,000 women diagnosed with the disease each year in the US. Many in the early stage choose to have the cancerous tissue removed, a surgery known as a lumpectomy, the researchers said.
The operation is typically followed by whole breast radiation, used to kill any lingering malignant cells which typically takes five to seven weeks, they added.—*Internet*

India to build 27 Special Economic Zones
MUMBAI, 23 Sept — Indian Board of Approval on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Monday formally approved 17 SEZs, reported leading business newspaper *Business Standard* on its website.
One SEZ in west state Maharashtra is reported to spread across 1,271 hectares and see investments of over 1.25 billion US dollars.
Another significant SEZ that was formally approved was a 1,804 hectares SEZ by JSW Bengal Steel in West Bengal. This SEZ would see an investment of 3.8 billion US dollars.
Other 10 SEZs also received in-principle approvals from the Board of Approval.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Montreal launches public bike system
OTTAWA, 23 Sept—Canada's Montreal launched its public bike system Sunday, offering bikes to residents in a bid to build an environmentally friendly public transit system.
By launching the system named "Bixi", the city joins Paris, Barcelona, and Lyon to become the first North American city to have a public bike system.
Starting next spring, a total of 2,400 bicycles will be available to the public at more than 300 locations across six Montreal districts. Residents will be able to borrow bicycles from one station and drop them off at another. "You grab it, you ride it, you bring it back," Montreal's mayor Gerald Tremblay told The Canadian Press. "It will become an emblem for Montreal." — *MNA/Xinhua*

World leaders renew promises to help Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 23 Sept — World leaders and top officials on Monday renewed pledges to help Africa dramatically reduce poverty, but African governments told rich nations they are lagging on previous promises of increased aid.

In a political declaration after a UN meeting on Africa's development needs, countries pledged to mobilize resources to end poverty, hunger and underdevelopment.

"We stress that eradicating poverty, particularly in Africa, is the greatest global challenge facing the world today," they said.

The meeting expressed

concern that commitments by rich industrialized nations of doubling aid to Africa by 2010 will not be reached, while also welcoming new aid flows from emerging economies and the private sector. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called the meeting on Africa to draw attention to a danger that the region would fail to meet UN-agreed Millennium Development Goals set in 2000 to halve global poverty by 2015.

Ban urged concerted global action, warning that not one African country was on track to meet all of the goals, although he noted some progress on health and education. — *Internet*



Ilulissat Icefjord, western Greenland. Flying low over the vast, white expanse of the glacier, one of the biggest and most active in the world, the effects of global warming in the Arctic are painfully visible as the ice melts at an alarming rate.—INTERNET

Acupuncture beats drug to treat hot flashes

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept — Acupuncture works as well as a drug commonly used to combat hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms that can accompany breast cancer treatment, and its benefits last longer, without bad side effects, researchers said on Monday.

They tested acupuncture, which began in China more than 2,000 years ago and involves inserting needles into the body, against the Wyeth antidepressant Effexor, for hot flashes in breast cancer patients. Acupuncture was just as effective as Effexor, also called venlafaxine, in

managing symptoms including hot flashes and night sweats, according to researchers led by Dr Eleanor Walker of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

After 12 weeks of treatment, symptoms were reduced for 15 additional weeks for women who had undergone acupuncture, compared with two weeks for those who had taken Effexor, Walker said.

There were no bad side effects with acupuncture, and women reported increased energy, overall sense of well-being and sexual desire, the researchers said.

— *Internet*



The first cell phone running Google Inc.'s mobile software looks something like Apple Inc.'s iPhone and has a large touch screen, but it also packs a trackball, a slide-out keyboard and easy access to Google's e-mail and mapping programs.—INTERNET

Heavy children may have more headaches

NEW YORK, 23 Sept — Overweight children and teenagers may be at elevated risk of developing chronic headaches, a new study suggests.

The good news, researchers found, is that weight loss may, in turn, cut headache frequency.

The study, which included 913 children and teens with headache complaints, found that as the children's body mass index increased, so too did the frequency of their headaches.

Body mass index, or BMI, is a measure of weight in relation to height. Studies of adults have suggested a link between BMI and chronic headache, with some indicating that obesity may be a risk factor for chronic daily headaches.

Little, however, has been known about the relationship between weight and headaches in children.

The current study, led by Dr Andrew D Hershey of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre, involved patients seen at one of seven US pediatric headache centres.

The researchers assessed 913 children and teenagers and then followed a subgroup for up to 6 months.

Of the whole study group, 17.5 percent were overweight or obese, while another 33 percent were at risk of becoming so.

In general, the researchers found, the frequency of the children's headache bouts increased in tandem with their BMI.

— *Internet*

Exercise may help pregnant women stop smoking

LONDON, 23 Sept — Physical exertion may help pregnant women stop smoking, researchers said on Tuesday, after two small studies showed a quarter of women who exercised regularly while expecting a baby quit smoking.

The British scientists said the quitting rate was about the same as for people who use nicotine replacement.

Nicotine — one of the most addictive substances known — can lead to lower birth weight, higher

infant mortality and is linked to learning difficulties and health problems in childhood.

An estimated 17 percent of British women and 20 percent of women in the United States say they smoke during pregnancy, the researchers said. Nicotine patches are one way to help smokers give up, but there are worries they may harm the fetus, leaving exercise as a healthy alternative for pregnant women, the researchers said.

— *Internet*



Visitors roam around to look at the photo works at 2008 Pingyao International Photography Festival in Pingyao of north China's Shanxi Province on 21 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Reef could provide clues to evolution



A handout photo obtained, shows the Northern Flinders Ranges where Australian scientists said they had discovered a reef that was under water 650 million years ago in an outback mountain range and could provide fresh insight into early life on earth.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 23 Sept — Australian scientists said Monday they had discovered in an outback mountain range a reef that was under water 650 million years ago and could provide fresh insight into early life on earth.

The University of Melbourne researchers said the find could reveal fossils of the earliest examples of primitive

animal life and also help trace the pattern of global climate change.

The reef is believed to have existed for between five and 10 million years during a period of tropical climates squeezed between two major ice age events, said researcher Jonathan Giddings. "It provides a significant step forward in showing the extent of climate change in Earth's past and the evolution of

ancient reef complexes — and it also contains fossils which may be of the earliest known primitive animals," he said. "There is a good chance that the new fossils and organisms found in the reef will provide significant insight into the evolution of early multi-cellular life.

"It could prove that life took more complex forms much earlier in history than we previously thought." The reef was discovered in the Northern Flinders Ranges in outback South Australia, said Giddings and his colleagues, Associate Professor Malcolm Wallace and Estee Woon from the university's School of Earth Sciences.

It is the only known reef complex of this age anywhere in the world, with the closest being reefs around 800 million years old located in Arctic Canada, they said.

— *Internet*

SPORTS

Juve's Buffon out for 10 days



Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, seen here in August 2008, faces 10 days on the sidelines after injuring his groin, the club said on Monday.—INTERNET

ROME, 23 Sept — Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon faces 10 days on the sidelines after injuring his groin, the club said on Monday.

Buffon was injured in Sunday's 1-0 win at Cagliari and will miss matches against Catania on Wednesday and Napoli on Saturday.

He is also a doubt for next Wednesday's Champions League trip to Minsk to play BATE Borisov of Belarus.

Internet

EU to bolster UEFA crackdown on soccer betting: Platini

PARIS, 23 Sept — UEFA president Michel Platini said Monday the European union is to bolster the efforts of European football's governing body to crack down on betting in football.

"We are going to reinforce our activities regarding betting and bolster our inspectors," Platini said in an interview for Tuesday publication with French newspaper *Dauphine Libere*.

"We already have an early warning system, which tells us there is some kind of irregularity surrounding a match. From there, we investi-



UEFA chief Michel Platini

gate. We have had an inquiry into some 15 or 16 matches - 14 cases resolved and there was a problem with one or two. We're looking into those a little more closely," said Platini.—*Internet*

Jankovic insists she has nothing to prove on tennis court

BEIJING, 23 Sept — World number two Jelena Jankovic said Monday she feels no extra pressure due to her lack of a Grand Slam trophy, as the chase for the top spot in the women's game continues at the China Open.

Jankovic and fellow Serb Ana Ivanovic top the draw here. New world number three Dinara Safina, who captured the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Sunday, withdrew due to injury.

Internet



World number two Jelena Jankovic, seen here, said Monday she feels no extra pressure due to her lack of a Grand Slam trophy, as the chase for the top spot in the women's game continues at the China Open.—INTERNET



Chelsea's Portugal international pair of Ricardo Carvalho(R) and Deco, seen here at a training session in August 2008, are both set to miss matches for the London club through injury it was announced Monday.—INTERNET

Blues brothers Carvalho and Deco sidelined

LONDON, 23 Sept — Chelsea's Portugal international pair of Ricardo Carvalho and Deco are both set to miss matches for the London club through injury it was announced Monday.

Defender Carvalho is set to be out for up to a month after a knee injury forced him off 11 minutes into the club's 1-1 Premier League at home to reigning champions Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. Playmaker Deco was injured during the warm-up to that match with what the Blues said Monday was a upper thigh muscle tear and will be out "for approximately two weeks," according to a club statement.

The statement added: "A scan has shown that Carvalho strained a medial collateral ligament in his knee. It is expected to be three-to-four weeks until the central defender is back in action."—*Internet*

Li Na crashes out of China Open tennis

BEIJING, 23 Sept — Olympic semi-finalist Li Na crashed out of the China Open in the first round Tuesday despite high hopes in Beijing for home-grown success. Li, China's highest-ranked player, who also reached the fourth round of the US Open, slipped to a 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) defeat against Italy's Francesca Schiavone in just under two hours.

"Today, I think I was in a hurry and I made many faults," the 29th-ranked Li said.—*Internet*



Olympic semi-finalist Li Na, seen here, crashed out of the China Open in the first round Tuesday despite high hopes in Beijing for home-grown success. She lost to Italy's Francesca Schiavone 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

INTERNET



Hull sign Stelios

LONDON, 23 Sept — Stelios Giannakopoulos joined Premier League new boys Hull City on a permanent contract Monday.

The 34-year-old Greek midfielder left top-flight rivals Bolton Wanderers during the close season.

He had been training with Hull as a free agent but has now signed a deal that will keep him at the KC Stadium until the end of the season.

Greek international Giannakopoulos spent five seasons with Bolton before Wanderers manager Gary Megson decided the north-west club could do without him.—*Internet*



Greek midfielder Stelios Giannakopoulos, seen here in June 2008, joined Premier League new boys Hull City on a permanent contract Monday.—INTERNET

Former Olympian Abdur-Rahim retires from NBA

SACRAMENTO, 23 Sept — Sacramento Kings forward Shareef Abdur-Rahim announced his retirement Monday, ending

a 12-year NBA career that included winning an Olympic gold medal.

The 31-year-old Abdur-Rahim has been battling problems in his right knee, which forced him to miss almost all of last season.

Abdur-Rahim's production had dwindled in recent years after achieving stardom early in his career. After being drafted third overall by the Vancouver Grizzlies out of California in 1996, he quickly became the Grizzlies' best player, averaging 20.8 points over his five seasons in Vancouver.

While with the Grizzlies, he was a member of the US Olympic Team that brought home the gold medal in 2000 in Sydney, Australia.—*Internet*



Sacramento Kings' Shareef Abdur-Rahim (left) at a match in New Jersey. Abdur-Rahim has announced his retirement, ending a 12-year NBA career that included winning an Olympic gold medal.

INTERNET

Derby day as goal-crazy Atletico face Getafe

MADRID, 23 Sept — A fierce Madrid derby is the highlight of the midweek fixtures in the Spanish first division as the league's top-scorers Atletico Madrid travel to

unbeaten neighbours Getafe on Wednesday.

Atletico lie fifth after a 4-1 hammering of Recreativo Huelva at the weekend and Getafe midfielder Manu del Moral admits his team are wary of the threat posed by in-form Argentine Sergio "Kun" Aguero.

"Even though he is so young Aguero is living up to the high expectations at Atletico and we will have our work cut out to stop him and Atletico," said Moral.—*Ineternet*

Atletico Madrid's Argentinian Sergio Leonel "Kun" Aguero. A fierce Madrid derby is the highlight of the midweek fixtures in the Spanish first division as the league's top-scorers Atletico Madrid travel to unbeaten neighbours Getafe on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Islamabad hotel blast targets political leadership

ISLAMABAD, 23 Sept — The Pakistani Adviser to Prime Minister on Interior Rehman Malik Monday said the suicide blast outside the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad was targeting political leadership.

"The suicide blast was aimed at targeting political leadership but the government foiled the malicious designs of the terrorists by changing the venue of "Iftar" dinner hosted by Speaker of the National Assembly from the Marriott Hotel to the Prime Minister House," Malik said while talking to media persons at the Chaklala Air Base near Islamabad.

Two suicide bombers rammed an explosive-laden dumper into the gate of the Marriott Hotel, killing 53 people and injuring 266 others on Saturday.

Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani earlier said the blast targeted the Parliament House and Prime Minister House.

He said the incident could have been averted if there was an effective disaster management system and well-equipped fire brigade team.—MNA/Xinhua



Spinning her wheels : Brittany Mercer performs on her giant wheel as she prepares for her graduation performance from the National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA), in Melbourne.—INTERNET

S Korean nominated to head WHO Pacific region office

MANILA, 23 Sept—Dr Shin Young-Soo of the Republic of Korea was nominated Monday as the new director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific regional office to take over outgoing Dr Shigeru Omi of Japan, who will retire next year after serving 10 years on the post.

The Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, WHO's governing body in the Region, nominated Dr Shin at its annual meeting held in Manila September 22-26.

Dr Shin, 64, is currently Professor at the College of Medicine at Seoul National University. Dr Shin has made significant contributions to health-related organizations at global, regional and national levels during his three decades of public service, WHO said in a Press release.

Dr Shin is expected to take up the new post on 1 February, 2009.

The outgoing Dr. Shigeru Omi, 59, has served two terms as the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office chief. He assumed the post in 1999 and was reelected in 2004.—MNA/Xinhua

Spread of Hepatitis E virus in N Uganda reduces by 50%

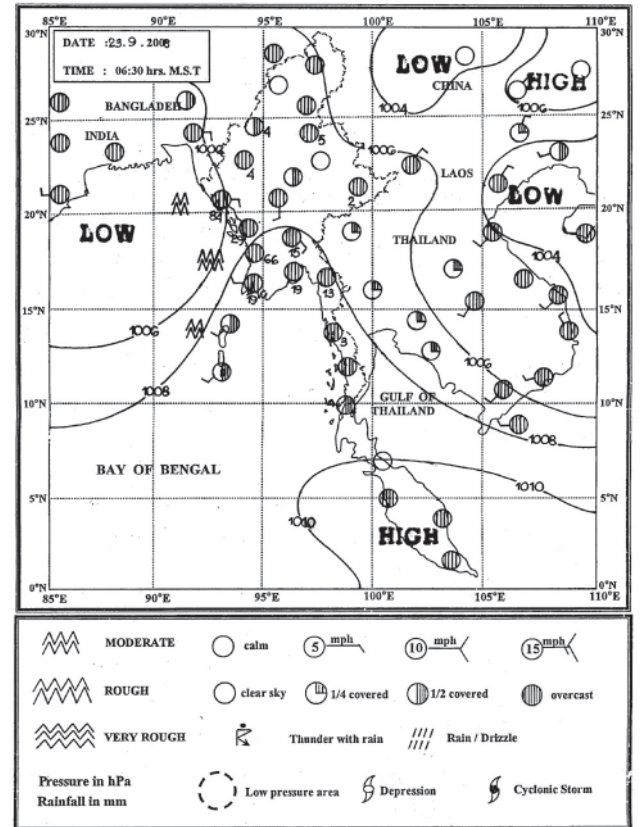
KAMPALA, 23 Sept — The fight against an outbreak of the deadly Hepatitis E in war-ravaged northern Ugandan has made substantial progress as the number of new cases and deaths are declining by half, an official said here on Monday.

Stephen Malinga, Uganda's Health Minister, told reporters that since the six-million-US-dollar emergency response was launched in late July, the situation in Kitgum District, where the virus struck first late last year, has much improved.

"Only two new deaths were recorded in the week ending 14th September, bringing the cumulative number of deaths to 124, indicating a case fatality rate of 1.5 per cent," said the minister. That is quite reasonable in any epidemic," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 23 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (3.86) inches, Thandwe (2.60) inches, Gwa (2.13) inches, An (1.73) inches, Hpa-an (1.30) inches and Magway (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-9-2008 was 80°F. Minimum temperature on 23-9-2008 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-9-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 22-9-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 23-9-2008 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (0.75) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.14) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (95.55) inches at Mingaladon, (106.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (124.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (23:10) hours MST on 22-9-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is 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 24-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 24 September
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy
exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 7:50 am**
5. “ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ
အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ”

- (လွင်မိုး၊ မင်းမောင်ကျွန်း၊ စာနုညို၊
ကင်းကောင်း၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊
ကြည်လှလှဦး၊ လှအူလီတင့်)
- 8:00 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်
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(ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ)
(ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း
အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:40 am**
9. ဝမ်ပုံရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:45 am**
10. Musical programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm**
3. Song of national

4. Classical song
- 4:40 pm**
5. Song to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:00 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 5:10 pm**
8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင် အာစီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:20 pm**
9. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်
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(အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်)
(အမျိုးသား)
- 5:30 pm**
10. ရာသီလွင်
သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

- 6:00 pm**
11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
13. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
- 6:50 pm**
14. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:00 pm**
15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်
အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:30 pm**
16. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက်
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(ပထမဆုံး) (မွန်လေးတိုင်း)

Tax-free markets thriving in Yangon

YANGON, 23 Sept—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, this morning went to the tax-free markets in Mayangon, Yankin, Tamway, Thakayta, Dagon Myothit (South) and Dagon Myothit (North) townships here. During his tour, he inspected shops and sale of food stuff and personal goods, eggs, vegetables, fish, meat, dairy products, kitchen items, rice and edible palm oil.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence visits a tax-free market in Tamway Township.

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Government taking every possible measure in shaping future state in long-term interest of posterity



Minister U Thaung delivers an address at opening ceremony of special refresher course No. 32 for basic education teachers in PyinOoLwin Township. — MNA

ARSENAL, 23 Sept—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has described highly-rated Carlos Vela as in a similar mould to Croatia international Eduardo, who is currently out recovering after a horrific leg break.

Mexico international Vela had faced work permit problems and as such his stint with the Gunners was delayed until this season. The 19-year-old has now established himself in Wenger's plans.

"I worked very hard to get him and when

Wenger rates Vela highly a central position

he came on the other time he did very well," Wenger told Arsenal TV.

"We believe highly of him in a central position. He can play central as well but he's an Eduardo basically.

"He's a similar type – left-footed, intelligent runs and a good finisher – there are similarities with Eduardo."

Vela was named by British tabloid *The Sun* as one the 20 young players to watch in 2008. He is

the younger brother of Alejandro Vela, who plays for Cruz Azul in the Primera Division de Mexico.—Internet



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept – The special refresher course No. 32 for basic education teachers was opened at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division yesterday morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered a speech.

Also present were

the ministers, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, members of CSSTB, the Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor, heads of departments, the rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar), the pro-rector, heads of

departments, course instructors and trainee teachers.

On behalf of the Secretary-1, Minister U Thaung said the government is implementing all-round development plans for promotion of national education, nurturing

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Just as 86.41 per cent of basic education schools are in rural areas, 68.25 per cent of students are rural people.