

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

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
The Law Amending the Myanmar Historical Commission Law
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 7/2008)
The 10th Waning of Tawthalin 1370 ME
(24 September, 2008)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

1. This Law shall be called the **Law Amending the Myanmar Historical Commission Law**.

2. The expression “**Ministry of Education**” contained in sub-section (b) of section 2 of the Myanmar Historical Commission Law shall be substituted by the expression “**Ministry of Culture**.”

3. The expression “**the Universities Historical Research Department**” contained in sub-sections (c) and (d) of section 5 of the Myanmar Historical Commission Law shall be substituted by the expression “**the Department of Historical Research**” respectively.
4. Section 9 of the Myanmar Historical Commission Law shall be substituted as follows:

“9. (a) The Ministry shall form the Department of Historical Research, with the approval of Government, to enable carrying out of functions of the Commission.

(b) The functions, rights and liabilities of the Universities Historical Research Department shall devolve on the Department of Historical Research.”

(Sd) **Than Shwe**
Senior General
Chairman
The State Peace and Development Council

China’s latest space mission finishes rehearsal

JIUQUAN, 24 Sept — China’s third manned space mission Shenzhou-7 finished its last rehearsal before blast-off.

Now the crew, who will conduct the first Chinese space walk, is waiting for a launch window at a remote rocket base.

Monday’s rehearsal involved scientists from all branches of the space project including the carrier rocket and landing venue.

After three hours of tests and safety examinations in the rehearsal, the mission has been given the green light.

Depending on weather, the launch is scheduled between Sept. 25 and 30 at Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern Gansu Province.—*Xinhua*



Students in Kachin State get awards

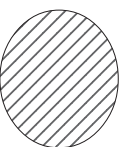
NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept— At Myitkyina Airport yesterday morning, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence was welcomed by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win and officials.

At the city hall in Myitkyina, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint awarded outstanding students who passed the 2008 matriculation examination with flying colours and teachers for their best performance in teaching and townships that secured the high pass rate.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party released 500,000 fingerlings into Ayeyawady River at Myitkyina Jetty.

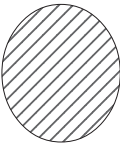
At the city hall, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and officials presented sports gear, medicines, exercise books and stationery and cash assistance to sports teams, hospitals, schools and social organizations.—*MNA*



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presenting awards to outstanding students and teachers.

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 25 September, 2008

Take part in building discipline-flourishing democratic nation

The State Peace and Development Council is making efforts for the emergence of a peaceful modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The vast majority of the people have adopted the constitution, the fourth step of the seven-step Road Map to shape the future State.

The government sentenced those who violated the existing laws to prison terms in accord with the law to ensure stability and prevalence of law and order in the country. On 23 September, the government terminated the prison terms of 9,002 and released them from the respective jails.

It was good news for the prisoners and their families. It is a plan for those serving prison terms to turn themselves into citizens to be able to participate in building a new nation.

The government has granted amnesty for the prisoners with good conduct and discipline for social consideration of their families.

Those amnestied have an opportunity to serve the interests of the State together with the people in the fair election to be held in 2010. Therefore it is necessary for them to make the most of their strength in the interest of the regions and of their own hand in hand with the national people for the emergence of a peaceful modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation after realizing the government's loving kindness and goodwill.

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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

Myitmakha Panlaung Bridge in Myittha Tsp inaugurated



Minister U Aung Thaung unveils stone inscription of Myitmakha Panlaung Bridge in Myittha Township.—INDUSTRY-1

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Myitmakha Panlaung Bridge in Myittha Township was inaugurated on 21 September in the presence of Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

The reinforced concrete bridge is 125 ft long and it can withstand 35 tons of load. It was constructed at the cost of over K 51.6 million. The bridge will benefit the residents in 15 villages in Myittha Township and four villages in Wundwin Township.

Chairman of Kyaukse District Peace and Development Council U Soe Win, donor U San Win and Secretary of Myittha Township USDA U Aung Kyi formally opened the bridge and Minister U Aung

Thaung unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

After the opening ceremony, the minister met with local people from 19 villages in Myittha Township and gave instructions on regional development.

Afterwards, he visited Myittha Textile Factory project and urged responsible personnel to complete the project timely.

He also visited Wundwin Textile Factory in Wundwin and Pyawbwe Textile Factory project in Pyawbwe Township.

During the tour of Pyawbwe, the minister inspected 277 acres of cotton plantation in Pyawbwe and called for extended cultivation of cotton.

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Myanmar, China to promote tourism sector

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received the delegation led by Vice-Governor of Jilin Province of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Shouchen and businessmen at the ministry here this evening.

They discussed promotion in tourism industry between the two countries.

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Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing receives delegation led by Vice-Governor of Jilin Province of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Shouchen and businessmen.—MNA

Chinese official says milk scandal “under control”

BEIJING, 24 Sept—China said on Wednesday a tainted milk scandal had been brought under control and recently tested liquid milk samples showed no traces of a toxic chemical.

“There is no problem,” Xiang Yuzhang, the national quality watchdog’s chief inspection official, told reporters in Beijing.

“It has been brought under control, more or less. There are no more problems

in the market. As far as I know, there will be no more bad news.” China’s quality control agency said on its website (www.aqsiq.gov.cn) that 235 samples of carton

milk and drinking yoghurt produced since September 14 and sold across the country had shown no signs of the toxic chemical melamine.—*Internet*

A baby looks at a tube of his urine sample while waiting for a kidney stone test in a hospital in Taipei on 24 Sept, 2008.
INTERNET



US soldiers accidentally kill Sunni leader in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 Sept—American soldiers accidentally shot and killed the leader of a local US-allied Sunni group Tuesday after coming under attack in a volatile area north of Baghdad, the military said.

The shooting comes a week before the Shiite-led Iraqi government begins to assume authority over the Sunni groups known as the Sons of Iraq, or

Awakening Councils. The military has credited the Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq as a key factor in the sharp decline in violence over the past year. The head of the group in Siniyah, Jassim al-Garrou, was killed after he rushed to the site of an ambush against US forces in the area, which lies between the northern oil-hub of Beiji and Saddam Hussein’s home-

town of Tikrit, according to witnesses and police.

One of al-Garrou’s comrades said the group would demand an apology from the Americans.

“The Awakening Councils have become targets of al-Qaida, the government and sometimes even the US forces. We do not know our fate and we are feeling lost,” Farooq Sami said.—*Internet*

Attacks kill five police in Afghan capital Kabul

KABUL (Afghanistan), 24 Sept—A police official says a bomb blast in the capital has wounded Kabul’s chief criminal investigator.

Zemerai Bashary says Wednesday’s bomb blast appears to have targeted Gen. Ali Shah Paktiawal, the head of criminal investigations for the Kabul police.

Bashary says Paktiawal was investigating the overnight killing of three officers at the checkpoint in Kabul’s western outskirts when a blast struck his team.

Paktiawal was lightly wounded and two of his guards were killed.

Paktiawal is a high profile police official in the capital, rushing to the scenes of the bombings, busting drug smugglers and personally leading the raids on the city’s numerous criminal gangs. He was protected at all time by a large security detail.—*Internet*



Pakistanis say suspected US drone shot down

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan), 24 Sept—Pakistani soldiers and tribesmen shot down a suspected US military drone close to the Afghan border Tuesday night, three intelligence officials said.

If verified, it apparently would be the first time a pilotless aircraft was brought down over Pakistan and likely would add to tensions between Washington and Islamabad over recent American cross-border

incursions into the country’s lawless tribal regions.

The three officials said the aircraft was hit at the village of Jalal Khel in South Waziristan after circling the area for several hours. Wreckage was strewn on the ground, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Pakistan’s army said later that troops recovered the wreckage of an unmanned spy plane near the Afghan border.

Internet

Italian police faces demonstrators in Castelvoturno on 19 Sept. Italy has approved the deployment of 500 soldiers to the Naples region where an attack blamed on the local mafia left an Italian and six Africans dead.
INTERNET

Iran’s leader says ‘American empire’ near collapse

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Sept—Iran’s president addressed the UN General Assembly Tuesday declaring that “the American empire” is nearing collapse and should end its military involvement in other countries.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said terrorism is spreading quickly in Afghanistan and that “the occupiers” are still in Iraq nearly six years after Saddam Hussein was

ousted from power in Iraq.

“American empire in the world is reaching the end of its road, and its next rulers must limit their interference to their own borders,” Ahmadinejad said. He accused the US of starting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to win votes in elections and blamed a “few bullying powers” for trying to undermine Iraq’s nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad’s hardline

rhetoric came as no surprise and offered little in the way of compromise at the UN, where he faces a new round of sanctions if no agreement is reached on limiting Iran’s nuclear capabilities.

While he reiterated that the country’s nuclear program is purely peaceful, the US and others fear it is aimed at producing enriched uranium to make nuclear weapons.

Internet



Protesters set a barricade in the restive area of Mingora, Pakistan, as the local people protest against the long hours of curfew, and the lack of gas and water facilities on 23 Sept, 2008. —INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,170

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—As of Tuesday, 23 Sept, 2008, at least 4,170 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*

US soldier killed southeast of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 Sept—An American soldier was killed by a small-arms fire attack southeast of Baghdad on Tuesday, the US military said.

The incident took place in a village west of Salman Pak area, some 30 km southeast of Baghdad, a military statement said without providing further details. The Iraqi area is also known as Madain, which is a stronghold for powerful Sunni Arab tribes of Dulaim and Jubour.

The latest death brings the number of US troops killed in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion to more than 4,170, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—*Internet*



The death toll from Typhoon Hagupit in the northern Philippines has risen to eight with hopes fading for 13 gold miners still trapped in a flooded tunnel.
INTERNET

One Philadelphia officer killed, one wounded on duty

PHILADELPHIA, 24 Sept— A city police officer pursuing an armed suspect Tuesday afternoon was fatally shot, the fourth Philadelphia officer to die in the line of duty in the last year, authorities said. Another officer was wounded and the suspect was killed.

The officer who died, Patrick McDonald, 30, was shot in the chest, Mayor Michael Nutter said. The other officer, 35-year-old Richard Bowes, was shot in the leg. He was in stable condition and expected to be OK, Nutter said.

“We are in pain, and we are very angry about what’s going on here in our city,” Nutter said.

Police said McDonald called for backup around 1:45 pm, and Bowes was one of several officers to respond. At some point, an officer exchanged fire with the suspect. An automatic weapon was recovered at the scene. Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said witnesses told authorities that the suspect stood over the officer and shot him.

“According to witnesses, he did stand over the officer and fired several shots, and he was hit multiple times,” Ramsey told WXTF-TV. Police did not immediately identify the suspect or release other details. The suspect’s body was found about a half block from where McDonald was shot.—*Internet*

Man charged after gun found in car near Obama home

CHICAGO, 24 Sept— A member of a prominent Chicago family faces a felony gun charge after being arrested Tuesday when he approached security barriers outside Barack Obama’s home. The U.S. Secret Service insisted he never posed a threat to the Democratic presidential candidate.

Omhari Sengstacke, 31, of Chicago, was apparently intoxicated but not armed when he was arrested about 6:30 am as he neared the barriers posted with no-access



A photo released on 23 Sept, 2008 by the Chicago Police Department shows Omhari Sengstacke.—INTERNET
signs a block from the South Side home, said police spokesman Daniel O’Brien.
Police found a gun and

a bulletproof vest in his car nearby.

Sengstacke did not utter any threats against Obama or make any threatening gestures before his arrest, and he never breached the outermost perimeter of multiple security layers, US Secret Service spokesman Malcolm Wiley said.

Asked if Sengstacke may have wanted to hurt Obama, his brother, Robert Sengstacke, told *The Associated Press*, “I seriously doubt that.”
Internet

Japan parliament votes for Aso as prime minister

TOKYO, 24 Sept—Japan’s parliament on Wednesday voted for Taro Aso to be the next prime minister, the speaker announced.

Aso, a conservative former foreign minister, bowed four times and shook hands with fellow lawmakers after lower house speaker Yohei Kono announced the results of the vote.

In a largely party-line vote, 337 lawmakers voted for Aso, the head of



Newly elected ruling Liberal Democratic Party leader Taro Aso (centre) at a party convention in Tokyo on 23 Sept, 2008.
INTERNET

the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, and 117 picked chief opposition leader Ichiro Ozawa, Kono said.

Taro Aso has lined up his cabinet with like-minded conservatives to

help his mission to revive the economy and win upcoming elections.

The new premier is set to fly to New York on Thursday for the UN General Assembly.

“When I look at the financial situation and other things, I feel like we’re in a turbulent period — not in peacetime,” he told reporters as he headed to parliament, referring to the crisis over bad debts hitting global markets.
Internet



A truck drives past railway tracks at the Thai-Laos Friendship Bridge in Nong Khai province near the Thai-Laos border, in August.—INTERNET

Chrysler ’08 loss \$400 million through Aug

NEW YORK, 24 Sept— US automaker Chrysler LLC on Tuesday told dealers it had lost \$400 million so far this year, the *Wall Street Journal* said.

Chief Executive Robert Nardelli told dealers that despite cutting costs, Chrysler was still

losing money, according to two people at a session for dealers where the figures were released, the paper said.

The company added that sales fell 24 percent through August and it had \$11 billion in cash, the paper said, citing the people at the session.

A Chrysler spokesman declined to comment on the remarks, saying the meeting was “confiden-

tial.” He said Chrysler was meeting or exceeding its financial targets but acknowledged the company was “not in the black on a net basis,” the paper said.

A company spokesperson could not be immediately reached for comment by Reuters.

Chrysler, run by private equity house Cerberus (CBS.UL), lost \$1.6 billion in 2007.—*Internet*

5.2 degree earthquake hits Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 24 Sept — An earthquake of 5.2 degree on the Richter scale hit Mexico City and some areas in the central and southern parts of the country on Tuesday, Mexico’s official news agency *Notimex* quoted the country’s seismologist authority as saying.

According to preliminary information, the earthquake occurred at 17:46 pm local time (2346 GMT).

Its epicenter was at the coast of the southwest state of Guerrero.

The quake shocked tourists at the beach of the city of Acapulco, activated the seismic alarm and forced some buildings to be evacuated.
Internet



A view of Guder Refugee Camp in Pakistan located near the tribal region of Bajur Agency in late August. Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai has said recent leadership change in Pakistan has offered for the “first time” a hope of winning the “war on terror” and called for a joint assault on extremist “sanctuaries” along their common border.—INTERNET

Former US astronauts wish China's Shenzhou-7 mission good luck

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—Several former US astronauts told Xinhua that they wish China's upcoming Shenzhou-7 mission a success and the crew members the best of luck. Depending on weather, the Shenzhou-7 spacecraft launch is scheduled between 25 Sept and 30 Sept. This will be the third Chinese manned space mission, but the first time Chinese astronauts perform a spacewalk.

"I would like to wish

the crew of Shenzhou-7 a safe and successful flight," said Edward Lu, a famous Chinese-American NASA astronaut, servicing in NASA from 1994 to 2007.

As a veteran of three space missions, Lu has logged over 206 days in space, and a spacewalk totaling six hours and 14 minutes. "Spacewalking is an important capability, and it will mark a big milestone in China's space experience," Lu

told Xinhua.

Jeffrey Hoffman, a senior NASA astronaut from 1978 to 2001, told Xinhua that he wished China's next astronauts good luck for a successful mission and look forward to hearing about their spacewalk.

Hoffman made five space flights in his space career. He has logged more than 1,211 hours in space, and he is also the first US astronaut to log 1,000 hours aboard the US space shuttle.—Xinhua



A celebration convention for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region is held in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Autonomous Region, on 23 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

A post officer shows commemorative envelopes during the launching ceremony of a set of commemorative stamps and envelopes in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 23 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA



World's largest particle collider not to restart till spring

GENEVA, 24 Sept—The world's most powerful particle collider will not restart until spring 2009 due to the delay caused by a helium leak problem and related repair work, the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) said on Tuesday. "The time necessary for the investigation and repairs precludes a restart before CERN's obligatory winter maintenance period, bringing the date for restart of the accelerator complex to early spring 2009," CERN said in a statement. The Large Hadron Collider (LHC), housed in a 27-km circular tunnel under the

French-Swiss border, was built to recreate conditions just after the Big Bang 13 billion years ago so that many secrets of the universe could be unlocked. It started operation with great fanfare on 10 Sept, but a helium leak into the tunnel 10 days later forced scientists to shut down the huge machine. —Xinhua

Gunman arrested after making threats in Canada high school

OTTAWA, 24 Sept—Canadian police arrested a male Tuesday after he waved a gun and made threats at a high school in the western city of Regina, but there were no fire shots nor injuries.

The incident happened at the Catholic Luther College in the capital city of Saskatchewan province. Police received a call around 10:20 am local time reporting a male youth with a firearm at the school, Lara Guzik Rostad with the Regina Police Service told reporters.

The male was arrested and the firearm recovered about 40 minutes later.—Xinhua

Iranian president says its country's nuclear program is peaceful

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Sept—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in his speech to the UN General Assembly's general debate on Tuesday, asserted that his country's nuclear program is peaceful and slammed "a few bullying powers" for putting hurdles in the way of Iran's nuclear activities.

"Despite the inalienable right of all nations, including the Iranian nation, in producing nuclear fuel for peaceful purposes, and despite such facts as the transparency of all Iranian activities and our country's full cooperation with the inspectors of the IAEA ... a few bullying powers have sought to put hurdles in the way of the peaceful nuclear activities of the Iranian nation by exerting political and economic pressure against Iran," Ahmadinejad said.—Xinhua

Russia cuts oil export tax, changes calculation formula

MOSCOW, 23 Sept—Russia has changed its calculation formula for oil export duty, and announced a plan to cut tax from 485.8 U.S. dollars per ton to 372.2 dollars starting from October, Russia's major media said Monday.

According to the *Interfax News Agency*, export duty on refined oil will fall from 346.4 dollars per ton to 263.1 dollars, while tax on preliminary refined oil products will dip from 186.6 dollars per ton to 141.7 dollars.

The Russian government also changed its usual formula for calculating the export duty due to the wild price fluctuations on the global oil market.

Xinhua

Tunnel collapses under Gaza-Egypt borders, six missing

GAZA, 24 Sept—A tunnel under the borders between southern Gaza Strip and Egypt collapsed on Tuesday night, leaving six Palestinians missing under the tunnel's rubbles, witnesses and Hamas security sources said.

Witnesses in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah said a mysterious huge explosion was heard in the area, adding that six people went into the tunnel under the borders with Egypt, and apparently went missing after the collapse.

The Egyptian security forces and rescue teams have started to look for the missing people in the tunnel, according to security sources.

Tunnels became a profitable business for Gaza Strip residents after Israel imposed a tight blockade on the enclave after Islamic Hamas movement took control of it in mid June last year.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Frontier guards help fishermen shift their fishing gears to the coast in Pingtan County, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 23 Sept, 2008.—XINHUA

Heavy Mogadishu fighting kills at least seven

MOGADISHU, 24 Sept —Heavy fighting between Somali insurgents and African Union forces erupted late Tuesday in southern Mogadishu, leaving at least seven civilians dead, witnesses said.

“Heavy artillery shells hit a house and killed four civilians. Several others were wounded here in Taleh (district),” said Abdullahi Mohamed, a resident.

Another resident Ahmed Abdiweli said a stray mortar killed at least three people in another southern neighbourhood that is one of the most volatile areas in the sea-side capital.

“Mortar shells fired by the African Union forces landed in Tokyo area and killed three civilians,” Abdiweli told.

“This is the heaviest fighting ever since the AU deployed. I have seen the African Union forces using tanks,” added Farah Hassan, a resident.

“I have seen many civilians crowded



A Somali man and his family flee from Holwadag neighbourhood in Mogadishu during a lull in fighting. Heavy fighting between Somali insurgents and African Union forces erupted late Tuesday in southern Mogadishu, leaving at least seven civilians dead, witnesses said.—INTERNET

in minibuses (leaving the battle zone) and there was no access to hospital for the wounded in the whole neighbourhood,” he added.—Internet

14 people missing in landslides in China’s quake-hit area

BEICHUAN (Sichuan), 24 Sept — Fourteen people have gone missing in the wake of landslides triggered by heavy rain in the quake-hit Beichuan County of Sichuan Province in southwest China, a local official said on Wednesday.

Leigu town have also been injured, said Zuo Daifu, a county official in charge the reconstruction of Beichuan. The town received 104 mm of rain between 8 am Tuesday and 7 am Wednesday.

Heavy rain totaling 194 mm during the period also hit the Tangjiashan

area, blocking the sluice of the dangerous Tangjiashan quake lake and raising its water level by five metres.

Beichuan is one of the worst hit area in the devastating earthquake on 12 May. The county seat was almost flattened in the quake. —Internet

Canadian scientists discover North America’s oldest, tiniest dinosaur

OTTAWA, 24 Sept — Canadian scientists have discovered the oldest and smallest dinosaur known to exist in North America, the Canwest News Service reported Tuesday.

Paleontologists at the University of Calgary found the creature during an excavation in Alberta province in 2002, but they only confirmed it to be a new species until lately.

Called Albertonykus borealis, the unusual breed

of anteater dinosaur was skinny, birdlike and had the size only of a chicken. It ran on two legs and scoured the ancient forest floor for termites.

It was found during an excavation of an ancient bone bed near Red Deer, Alberta.

“These are bizarre animals. They have long and slender legs, stumpy arms with huge claws and tweezer-like jaws. They look like an animal created

by Dr. Seuss,” said Nick Longrich, a paleontology research associate at the University of Calgary.

“This appears to be the smallest dinosaur yet discovered in North America.”

Longrich studied 70-million-year-old bones that were collected on a dig in 2002 where the remains of more than 20 Albertosaurus were found. Albertosaurus are a type of tyrannosaur.

Internet



Visitors walk past screens displaying Brazil’s World Cup highlights at the Soccer Museum in Sao Paulo on 23 September, 2008. The Soccer Museum, located at Pacaembu municipal stadium, will be inaugurated on 29 September.—INTERNET

NEWSALBUM



A paraglider is airborne in front of the moon over the Schattenberg hill in Oberstdorf, southern Germany.

In this combination image, various closed circuit television cameras look down on central London locations. A new report entitled ‘The Surveillance Studies Network’ says that there are up to 4.2 million surveillance cameras in the United Kingdom.

Oyster lunch yields 26 pearls for Lebanese couple

Lebanese restaurant owner Raymond Salha and his wife were having oysters for lunch when she made a stunning discovery — a cluster of 26 pearls inside an oyster on her plate.

The find 10 days ago at his Al-Fanar Restaurant in the southern port city of Tyre was a “total surprise,” Salha said. It was one of about 200 oysters they had cooked that day at the restaurant.

As his wife opened the shell, she let out a gasp and said, “Look at this oyster, there are lots of pearls in it,” Salha recounted. The couple immediately believed the pearls were valuable, so Salha called the city’s maritime museum which sent a team that took the oyster — and the pearls still inside it — away for testing.



Ind city looks for time capsule that time forgot

Call it the time capsule that time forgot.

A city committee voted recently to open a time capsule buried in 1958, when the city was celebrating its centennial.

The plan was to display the items, then add modern ones and rebury it until 2058.

Trouble is, no one seems to know exactly where the capsule is.

Several committee members thought the capsule was buried in a park — but the capsule there was buried in the 1970s to commemorate the US bicentennial celebration.

Committee member Paul Thomas doubts the 1958 capsule exists since it wasn’t mentioned in detailed committee meeting minutes from that year or an extensive centennial brochure.

Mary Jo Weyrick, the city council’s administrative assistant, tracked down one resident who remembers the celebration 50 years ago and said the capsule may be buried on the corner of Main and High streets. If it’s there, it may not be dug up any time soon because that stretch of sidewalk was recently replaced as part of a streetscaping project.

Meanwhile, the city is still planning to create a 2008 time capsule.



A diner eats her meal at a toilet-themed restaurant in Shenzhen of Guangdong Province, China. Food arrives in bowls shaped like Western-style toilets or Asian-style “squat pots”. The theme has attracted droves of novelty-seeking young people who come to play with their food and gross out their friends.

Champion eater to defend his grits title

Pat Bertoletti has eaten 1.75 gallons of ice cream in 8 minutes, 266 pickled jalapenos in 15 minutes and 42 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in 10 minutes, and 21 pounds of grits in 10 minutes. His ability to down grits at a record pace gave him a title. On Saturday, Bertoletti will defend it at the Super Derby World Grits Eating Championship at Harrah’s Louisiana Downs in Bossier City. Bertoletti said winning the grits title was pretty easy because there’s no chewing. He said the difficulty comes when you start to get full.

Nothing better than mother's milk

Dr Aye Aye Thaw

Nutrient for a newly-born baby is mother's milk. Breast milk is perfect nutrient for a baby. Breast milk is endowed with carbohydrate, protein and vitamins. A mother gets those nourishments from the foods she has daily. So, a mother should consume foods of various types. Only then will her breast milk contain various kinds of nutrients.

Human milk contains nutrients that are enough for a baby till it is six months. Fat makes up about four per cent in human breast milk and it contributes 50 per cent of the calories needed for a baby.

The enzyme "lipase" contained in breast milk helps digest the fat easily.

Brain is the organ that absorbs glucose more than any other organ. Among the creatures, man is of highest intellectual power. So, human breast milk is the most suitable nutrient for a baby because human breast milk contains glucose most.

The content of Vitamin B1, B2 and C in the breast milk is based on the amount of food a mother consumes.

Human breast milk also contains minerals such as iron, calcium and copper. The iodine content in the human breast milk is high if a mother consumes sufficient food consisting of iodine. So, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers should consume iodized salt daily in order that the babies will be bright with fast development of brains.

Mothers with nutritional deficiency to some extent cannot produce milk as much as normal mothers. However, the contents of principal nutrients such as glucose and proteins in the milk are equal. There may be a gap of such nutrients as vitamin A, B1 and B2 between two mothers based on types and amount of food they consume.

There is a gap of nutrients between the milk of a woman who gives abnormal birth to a baby and that of a woman who gives a normal birth. The milk of the first mother is rich in protein, sodium, magnesium, iron and chloride, and that helps the baby given abnormal birth grow rapidly. Therefore, such a baby is to be breastfed

without fail.

The mother milk of a mammal is the best for its baby. For instance, cow milk is the best for a cow's calf; goat milk, the best for a billy goat; tiger milk, the best for a tiger cub; and human milk, the best for a human baby.

The milk of a female animal is not the best for and maybe it is harmful to the baby of an animal of different species.

In a research, babies of a dead kangaroo were fed cow milk. Later, all the kangaroo babies suffered cataract in both eyes, and lost their eyesight.

When some baby seals were fed cow milk, they suffered diarrhoea seriously because the content of glucose in cow milk is much higher than that in seal milk.

So, pregnant women should be aware of the fact that human milk is the best for their babies. Pregnant women should follow the following points.

- (1) breastfeed the baby as soon as possible after giving birth,
- (2) feed the baby the initial milk instead of pumping it out in waste,
- (3) feed the baby nothing except breast milk,
- (4) breastfeed the baby regularly and frequently in order that the breasts produce more milk,
- (5) keep the breasts clean,
- (6) take time to breastfeed the baby,
- (7) breastfeed the baby day and night,
- (8) for a mother working outside, pump the breasts with clean hands and produce milk into a clean cup, and leave the milk at home (It can be kept at room temperature.)
- (9) do not feed the baby any dairy products including milk powder and sweetened condensed milk.

Translation: MS

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Staff urged to try best to realize project's objectives

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin met with staff of Hlegu Township Immigration and National Registration Department at the department on 22 September.

After giving instructions on striving for timely completion of the

project's objectives, the minister inspected functional registration books, forms on display and systematic file keeping.

At Bago Immigration and National Registration Division (East), the minister met with staff.

The minister said that staff are to systematically

carry out the tasks learning to thoroughly know rules and regulations. He also said that requirements of the work are to be submitted in time and that officials at different levels are to fulfill the requirements and that staff are to make harmonious efforts in the realization of objectives and duties.

The heads of district

and township departments reported on progress of functions, and the requirements have been fulfilled.—MNA

Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspects registration books, forms on display and systematic file keeping in Hlegu Township Immigration and National Registration Department.—MNA



MMCWA donates Home-based Maternal Record to MoH

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) donated 200,000 copies of Home-based Maternal Record to Maternal and Child Health Section of Public Health Care Division of the Department of Health of the Ministry of Health today.

Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint handed over 200,000 copies of the record to Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo at Ministry of Health here.

Also present on the occasion were CEC members of MMCWA and officials of Health Department under Ministry of Health. —MNA



Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint hands over copies of Home-based Maternal Record to Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.—MNA

Shwepyitha Industrial Zone showing signs of progress

YANGON, 24 Sept—Shwepyitha Industrial Zone In-charge Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with members of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Management Committee and entrepreneurs at the office of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone

Zone 1 Management Committee U Aung Thein, Chairman of Shwepyitha Industrial Zones 2, 3 & 4 Management Committee U Sai Myo Win and members of Industrial Zone Management Committee.

First, the minister made a speech on the

explained production process of electrical appliances and super lamp fluorescent lamp of the company. The minister then went to Yangon Crown Cable Wire Co Ltd where Managing Director U Shaung San of the company and personnel explained production

Shwepyitha Industrial Zone In-charge Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gives a speech to members of Industrial Zone Management Committee and entrepreneurs.

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Management Committee yesterday.

Also present were Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint, Chairman of Yangon North District Industrial Zone Management Committee Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council U Thein Naing, Chairman of Shwepyitha Industrial

occasion. Next, the chairman of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Management Committee reported on works and requirements of the industrial zone and the chairman of district industrial zone management committee made a supplementary report. The minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister later proceeded to Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd where chairman of the company U Sein Wan

process of electric cables and overhead cables and the minister gave instructions on production of hi-tech products.

There are 115 factories in Industrial Zone 1 and 105 in Zones 2, 3 and 4 that are manufacturing all kinds of clothing, foodstuff, consumer goods, construction and foundry materials, electrical appliances, forest products, chemicals, paper and stationery, machines and spare parts and marine products.—MNA



Shwepyitha Industrial Zone In-charge Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views cable wire at Yangon Crown Cable Wire Co Ltd.—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

Health care facilities inspected



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visits Food and Drug Administration.

HEALTH

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint looked into patient wards and departments of Hlinethaya Township Hospital yesterday.

Chairman of Township Health Supervisory Committee Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Thein Maung and Head of Township Health Department Dr Kyi San Htet reported on prevention against common diseases and health care services.

Next, the minister and

party inspected the hospital at Shwelinpan Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township.

At Insein General Hospital, the minister and party inspected patient ward, X-ray room, emergency and out-patient wards. Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Kyaw briefed the minister on health care facilities.

On arrival at Food and Drug Administration on Minkyaung Street in Dagon Township, the minister inspected quality control and melamine content in milk powder. The director of the FDA

submitted a report on duties and functions of the department.

In the afternoon, they met paediatricians from specialist hospitals in Yangon at the lecture hall of Yangon General Hospital and instructed them to check children patients on characteristics of urine and backache at present, to report conditions of those with such characteristics to the ministry as soon as possible and take care of prevention against the melamine content in milk powder that can harm the children.—MNA

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Brunei King

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept — Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Brunei Darussalam, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, on 15 September 2008 in Bandar Seri Begawan.—MNA

The wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication

When the wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication, he having ascended the tower of wisdom —being himself free from sorrow and being himself wise—looks at the sorrowing people and the unwise as one, standing on a mountain, views those on the plains.

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe gives a speech at coordination meeting on salvage of sunken boats and pontoon bridges in Yangon river.—TRANSPORT

Salvage of sunken boats and pontoon bridges in Yangon River coordinated

YANGON, 24 Sept — A coordination meeting on salvage of sunken boats and pontoon bridges in Yangon River due to the storm was held at Myanma Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport yesterday.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe said regular shipping routes are in operation in

the waterways as the departments concerned and private organizations salvaged the wrecked and sunken boats and pontoon bridges.

He spoke of the need to continue to salvage the rest of the sunken boats as soon as possible.

Secretary of the committee for salvage of sunken boats reported on

the work done according to resolutions of the previous meeting.

Officials concerned reported on the measures taken and equipment used in the salvage of the boats.

The minister said the ministry would provide equipment, technology and expertise.

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Labour Minister receives Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received Ambassador of Common

Wealth of Australia Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan at the ministry yesterday.

Also present on the

occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung and departmental officials.—MNA



Minister U Aung Kyi receives Ambassador of Common Wealth of Australia Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan.—MNA

Dyke helps extend paddy cultivation

YANGON, 24 Sept — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo looked into progress of building of dyke at extended farmlands to prevent entering of salt water and thriving monsoon paddy plantations at

Lulinhlakyun in Launglon Township, Dawei District on 15 September.

The commander viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantations at Kanyukon village in Launglon Township and called for food sufficiency in the region and boosting paddy production in meeting with local farmers.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung meets Chinese delegation led by Vice-Governor of Jilin Province Mr Wang Shouchen.—MNA

Forestry Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Chinese delegation led by Vice-Governor of Jilin Province Mr Wang Shouchen at the ministry here today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on investment in the forestry

sectors of the two countries.

The delegation comprises 14 members from Jilin Fuhua Agricultural Science and Technology Development Co Ltd. Also present at the call were departmental heads of the ministry and officials concerned.

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Health Deputy Minister visits hospitals in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe inspected hospitals in Magway Division on 19 September.

The deputy minister went to Taungdwingyi People's Hospital and gave instructions on health care awareness and treatments to health staff.

At University of Medicine in Magway, the deputy minister met with Rector Dr Maung Maung Win, professors, lecturers and course instructors of the university. Next, the rector and Medical Superintendent Dr

Than Oo reported to the deputy minister on facts about the university and 200-bed teaching hospital of Magway.

The deputy minister later visited around the hospital and then fulfilled the needs. At Minbu District People's Hospital in Minbu, the deputy minister held discussions with the medical superintendent, specialists and health staff and fulfilled the needs.

Next, the deputy minister viewed patients taking health care in newly constructed two-storey ward of the hospital.—MNA

Myeik Specialist General Hospital for reliable health care

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Moe Myint Hlaing

To uplift the health and fitness of the entire people, the State Peace and Development Council has laid down a national health plan and is implementing it.

Uplifting health and fitness of the citizens is a basic national duty. In striving for promoting health care services to the people of the entire nation including those of remote areas, the government has opened more specialist hospitals and appointed more doctors and nurses.

The investment put in the health sector is the basic factor for all round development of the nation. As such, the Ministry of Health is spending more and more funds on public health year after year.

In Taninthayi Division, there were 22 hospitals and 39 rural health centres in 1988. The division has been facilitated with 29

hospitals and 57 health care centres in 2008 and four hospitals were upgraded there. New Myeik Specialist General Hospital (200-bed) is one of them.

While in Myeik of Taninthayi Division, our news team had an opportunity to visit New Myeik Specialist General Hospital (200-bed). It was built on 19.81 acres of land on Saba Shwewah Street in Yaypon Ward of Myeik, donated by wellwisher U Soe Thein-Daw Than Than Yu of Daweisu Ward in Myeik.

In accord with the instructions of the State Peace and Development Council on 17 October 1998, the construction of the hospital started on 15 April 1999, and it was opened on 25 October 2003 with a view to providing health care services to the local people.

Myeik General

Hospital (200-bed) was upgraded to a specialist facility in 1998 and it is functioning 12 specialist works. These specialist facilities are general disease specialist, surgery specialist, obstetrics and gynecologist, paediatric specialist, orthopaedic specialist, eye specialist, X-ray specialist, dental specialist, anaesthetic specialist, psychologist, ear, nose and throat specialist and pathologist. Of them, specialists of 10 subjects are giving treatments to the patients at the new facility and obstetric and gynecology and paediatric subjects at the old general hospital.

Arrangements are made for providing health care services and giving treatments without hindrances. The medical treatments are being provided regularly. As part of realizing the humanitarian activities, free medical treatment is

being given to the needy patients at the hospital. Moreover, surgical operations are being performed on needy cleft lip and palate patients with the sponsorship of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

The specialist hospital (200-bed) has been facilitated with the

operation theatre, anaesthetic machines, modern electrical devices, monitors of special intensive care unit, beds, ECG machines, automatic vaccinating equipment, auto-respiratory devices, equipment for heart care, modern analgers, laboratory processors, fluroscopy X-ray and

other X-ray machines, ultrasound machines, compressors and vacuum cleaners, surgical lens, machines to check eye complaints and incubators to give health care services to the people.

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Surgical Treatment
Specialists and health staff performing surgical work on an eye patient at operation theatre of Myeik Specialist General Hospital.



CEC member of USDA Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents USDA uniforms and cash assistance to local people in Myitkyina. — MNA

850 villagers in Myitkyina Tsp join USDA

YANGON, 24 Sept — Patron of Kachin State Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win and Secretariat Member of USDA Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met with residents in villages in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, on 19 September.

At the meetings,

the secretary of Kachin State USDA accepted 250 membership applications for USDA at Nankway Village, 300 applications at Naungnan Village and 300 applications at Palana Village. Commander Brig-Gen Soe Win and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented USDA uniforms and cash assistance to villagers during the visits. After

hearing reports of villagers at the meeting, the commander and the minister fulfilled the requirements of the villagers.

During the tour of Naungnan Village, the commander and the minister visited the free clinic set up by the village USDA and provided cash assistance for the clinic.

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DON'T SMOKE

Typhoon “Hagupit” lands in south China

GUANGZHOU, 24 Sept — Typhoon Hagupit landed in south China’s Guangdong Province at 6:45 am on Wednesday, packing hurricane force winds at 172 kilometres per hour in its eye.

The 14th strong typhoon of the year made landfall in the coastal areas of Chencun Town, Dianbai County in the city of Maoming, the provincial meteorological bureau said.

In high alarm of the typhoon, the province recalled more than 50,000 ships and nearly 200,000 fishermen or crew members on Tuesday.

The coastal city of Yangjiang evacuated 17,324 people and

checked reservoirs and dams for potential danger.

In Xuwen County, more than 11,000 people were evacuated and more than 110 reservoirs were scrutinized.

The Shenzhen Airport cancelled most domestic flights scheduled after 7 pm on Tuesday, and encouraged passengers to postpone or cancel their trips.

Educational bureau of Haikou, capital city of the island province of Hainan,

issued a notice late on Tuesday, ordering all schools and kindergartens to close on Wednesday. In the adjacent Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, local governments were keeping close watch for secondary disasters.

Hagupit is the second typhoon in a week to affect Taiwan, Fujian and Guangdong, after typhoon Sinlaku lashed the region last Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Georgian police hand over a detained Russian soldier (2nd L) to an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) observer (R) in Mtskheta, outside Tbilisi on 24 Sept 2008. The soldier was briefly detained and his truck loaded with material for explosives seized when he was stopped by Georgian police inside Georgian territory near the Russian “security zone” adjacent to South Ossetia, police said.—INTERNET



Greek Culture Minister Michalis Liapis stands behind a fragment from the east frieze of the Parthenon during its presentation at the New Acropolis Museum. Italy has returned to Greece the ‘Palermo fragment’, a marble piece of the Athens Parthenon missing for nearly 200 years, officials said Tuesday.—INTERNET

Laos sees gold production fall, copper output rise

HANOI, 24 Sept—Laos saw gold production drop while copper output on the rise in the past few years, the *Vientiane Times* reported Tuesday, citing a report from the Lao Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Gold production from the two major mining projects of Phu Bia and Sepon was 11 tons in 2006 and nine tons in 2007. The figure is

expected to drop to six tons this year, said the report. The falling production has resulted in a decline in export.

Deputy Director General of the ministry’s Mines Department Simone Phichit said the lower production was due to the gold mines being exhausted. Sepon mine, the largest such project in Laos, is currently excavating gold ore in an area of only 28 square kilometres.

Meanwhile, the production of copper increased from 31 tons in 2005 and 60 tons in 2006 to 62 tons in 2007. In the first eight months of this year, 54 tons of copper have been mined, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

DPRK newspaper accuses US of spreading WMDs

PYONGYANG, 24 Sept — The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)’s official daily *Minju Sojon* has accused the United States of spreading weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and sparking off an arms race.

“The US policy of exporting weapons overseas serves as a catalyst to spark off armed conflicts and arms race by threatening peace and security and upsetting the balance of forces in the world,” said a commentary carried by the newspaper Tuesday.

The United States is “a thief crying stop the thief”, a trick that it should stop, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

Outgoing PM Fukuda’s cabinet resigns

TOKYO, 24 Sept — Outgoing Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda and his Cabinet resigned Wednesday.

The Cabinet was launched on August 2 following Fukuda’s reshuffle of the Cabinet he mostly inherited from his predecessor Shinzo Abe the previous day, retaining only 4 of a total of 17 Cabinet members. The abrupt and broad change was widely seen as aimed at saving the approval rating which had been lingering at dangerous levels for several months.

Fukuda announced his abrupt resignation on the evening of September 1 amid ever declining approval ratings for his Cabinet, sending shockwaves across the nation and incurring criticisms. — MNA/Xinhua

Three dead, 4 injured in south China wall collapse

NANNING, 24 Sept — Three workers died and another four were injured when a retaining wall collapsed at a construction site in southern China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Tuesday morning, a local official said.

The accident occurred at about 9:45 a.m. after the wall collapsed at the Labour Building, which was under construction in downtown Laibin City, a municipal work safety department official said.

The injured were still being treated in hospitals, he said.

All construction projects in the city were ordered to suspend work to examine safety risk.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia to target Middle East for tourism

PHNOMPENH, 24 Sept — Cambodian Tourism Minister Thong Khon said that a new government strategy hopes to make the Kingdom a target destination for more Middle East travellers, national media reported Tuesday.

“We want to attract as many tourists from the Middle East as possible,” Thong Khon was quoted by the *Phnom Penh Post* as saying.

The move comes amid efforts by Prime Minister Hun Sen to strengthen ties between Cambodia and the Middle East.

The Cambodian Government last month signed a direct-flight agreement with Qatar, Thong Khon said, adding that a similar agreement with Kuwait is expected soon.

In April, Qatar Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Jasim Bin Jabir Al-Thani announced a 200-million-US-dollar investment in Cambodia’s agriculture sector, while Kuwait last month pledged 546 million US dollars in soft loans to

upgrade irrigation systems and roads throughout the Kingdom.

Hun Sen is expected to pay a state visit to the Middle East in January next year, with stops in Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

MNA/Xinhua



Children talk to a US soldier of Charlie Company, 2nd-327th Infantry Battalion during a patrol in Samarra, north of Baghdad, on 23 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

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Somali gunmen abduct two foreign aid workers

MOGADISHU, 24 Sept—Somali gunmen have abducted two foreigners working for the aid agency Medecins du Monde along the border with Ethiopia, the organization and witnesses said Tuesday.

Kidnapping of foreigners and aid workers has become common in Somalia, where a transitional government is fighting Islamist insurgents and clan militia rule large areas. Most hostages are freed unharmed after ransom payments or negotiations.

“All we are confirming at this point is that indeed two of our people have been taken, that they were expatriates and that we are in contact with authorities,” Susan Wright, the director of MDM UK, told Reuters from London.

In France, the organization issued a statement saying that the two employees, who were on a mission in Ogaden region, were abducted Monday and that it was in constant contact with the authorities.—Internet

Afghan ambassador-designate kidnapped in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 Sept—The Afghan ambassador-designate to Pakistan Abdul Khaliq Farahi was kidnapped in the northeastern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Monday. The vehicle carrying Abdul Khaliq Farahi was attacked by unidentified gunmen in Peshawar, capital city of North West Frontier Province and the driver was killed, according to News Network International (NNI) news agency.

The gunmen kidnapped Abdul Khaliq Farahi from the Hayatabad area in Peshawar. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Farahi has been serving as Consul General in Peshawar since 2001 and was recently designated ambassador to Pakistan, according to NNI.

MNA/Xinhua



Steam and other emissions are seen coming from funnels at a chemical manufacturing plant in Melbourne on 23 Sept, 2008. Australia’s plan to impose a carbon emissions trade scheme on its \$1 trillion economy within two years will not be affected by global financial turmoil, Climate Change Minister Penny Wong said on Tuesday.

INTERNET

Employees of French auto giant Peugeot at work on firm’s assembly line in Wuhan in central China. The global financial hurricane has only slightly swayed China and India, but the emerging Asian giants are not yet strong enough to drive a revival in world economic momentum, analysts have said.—INTERNET



British involvement in Iraq reaches turning point

MANCHESTER (Britain), 24 Sept—British Defence Secretary Des Brown said on Monday that British involvement in Iraq has reached a turning point.

“British troops have made a substantial contribution to the fact that next year there can be a fundamental change of mission in Iraq,” he said

at the five-day on-going Labour Party Conference.

The Iraqi Armed Forces supported by British and US forces have taken on and defeated the militia in Basra, bringing about a transformation in the quality of life for ordinary Iraqis, he said without mentioning the fact that tens of thousands of

innocent Iraqis have lost their lives in the course of allied invasion since 2003.

He cited the start of the economic reconstruction as “legacy” of British armed involvement in Iraq.

Despite mounting pressure from people calling troops to come back home after about 180 soldiers were killed in Iraq alone, the Defence Secretary reiterated that “a 21st Century progressive foreign policy requires Britain to have Armed Forces who can intervene if necessary far from home”.

Britain now has 12,000 troops operating in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive with care



A plan of Singapore’s Marina Bay Street circuit. The inaugural Singapore Grand Prix this week, the world’s first-ever Formula One night race, is shaping up as the highlight of the season for many teams, BMW Sauber boss Mario Theissen says.—INTERNET

Merkel urges int’l framework to regulate financial market

BERLIN, 24 Sept—German Chancellor Angela Merkel Monday renewed her calls for an “international framework” to regulate financial market and promote transparency.

“These measures aren’t new, they have been elaborated at the G-8 summit at Heiligendamm” during Germany’s presidency last year of the Group of Eight leading

industrial nations,” Merkel said at a meeting of her Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party.

“We must follow them. Germany has always emphasized how important they are,” she said.

Merkel had called on the leading industrial nations to adopt a common position on hedge fund transparency in 2007 when Germany held the rotating

G-8 presidency. The G-8 includes the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Canada and Russia. If the G-8 member states had adopted the international framework and raised the transparency of the financial market, some of the worst financial market failures might have been avoided, Merkel said at the CDU meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

Chocolate helps heart stay healthy



A prototype package and finished dark chocolate is shown atop cacao beans at the new TCHO chocolate factory in San Francisco, Calif. on 25, Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Sept—A small square of dark chocolate daily protects the heart from inflammation and subsequent heart disease, a new study of Italians

suggests. Milk chocolate might not do the job. However, this guilty pleasure has a limit.

Specifically, only 6.7 grams of chocolate per day (or 0.23 ounces) represents the ideal amount, according to results from the Moli-sani Project, one of the largest health studies ever conducted in Europe. For comparison, a standard-sized Hershey's kiss is about 4.5 grams (though they are not made of dark chocolate) and one Hershey's dark chocolate bar is about 41 grams (so a recommendation might be one of those weekly).

Chronic inflammation of tissues in the circulatory system is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, such as myocardial infarction or stroke. So doctors strive to keep patients' inflammation under control. One marker for inflammation in the blood is called C-reactive protein. The researchers found a relationship between dark chocolate intake and levels of this protein in the blood of 4,849 subjects in good health and free of risk factors (such as high cholesterol or blood pressure, and other parameters).—Internet



Italy's President Giorgio Napolitano looks at an ancient carved marble artefact during his visit to National Archaeological Museum in Athens on 23 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET



Smoke bellows from the Syncrude facility in the northern Alberta oil sand fields. Canada's inflation has climbed to a five-year high of 3.5 percent in August from a year earlier, largely due to higher gasoline prices, Statistics Canada said.—INTERNET

US scientists find evidence of first planetary collision

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept — A group of U.S. scientists reported on Tuesday that two planets orbiting a sun-like star about 300 light years from Earth recently collided.

It is believed to be the first evidence of such a catastrophic event in a planetary system, said astronomers from University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and the Tennessee State University (TSU).

"It's as if Earth and Venus collided with each other," said Benjamin Zuckerman, UCLA professor of physics and astronomy. "Astronomers have never seen anything like this before. Apparently, major catastrophic collisions can take place in a fully mature planetary system."

The collision was an "ultimate extinction event" that would have wiped out any life on either planet in minutes, the researchers said in a report to be published in the December issue of *Astrophysical Journal*.

The planets were in orbit around a star — BD+20 307 — in the constellation Aries, and astronomers discovered evidence of the collision while trying to measure the star's age.

Researchers discovered an unusually large amount of dust orbiting the star at about the same distance of Venus and Earth from the sun.

TSU astronomer Gregory Henry said scientists in the United States and France have long been studying the stability of planetary orbits.

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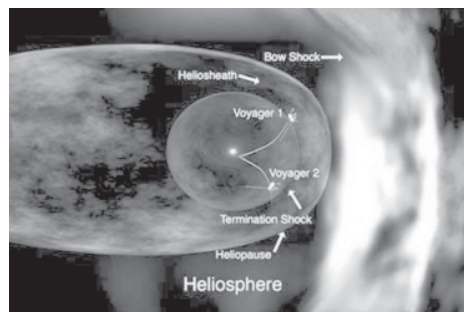
JPL scientists: sun produces less solar wind

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept— The sun has reduced its output of solar wind to the lowest level since readings became available, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) scientists announced Tuesday.

"With the solar wind at an all-time low, there is an excellent chance the heliosphere will diminish in size and strength," said JPL researcher Dave McComas, citing data from the Ulysses spacecraft, a joint NASA-European space agency mission.

"If that occurs, more galactic cosmic rays will make it into the inner part of our solar system," said McComas, principal investigator of Ulysses solar wind instrument.

"The sun's million mile-per-hour solar wind inflates a protective bubble



In this graphic illustration released by NASA to Reuters on 23 Sept, 2008, the heliosphere that is created by solar winds is depicted as a bubble surrounding the solar system.—INTERNET

around the solar system. It influences how things work here on earth and even out at the boundary of our solar system," McComas said. —Internet

LA health officials blame turtles for spreading salmonella



Los Angeles health officials warned on Tuesday that a salmonella outbreak affecting several states might be linked with turtles.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept — Los Angeles health officials warned on Tuesday that a salmonella outbreak affecting several states might be linked with turtles.

Evidence showed that people handling turtles were among those being infected with salmonella, the Los Angeles Department of Public Health (DPH) said in a statement.

The statement warned parents to be

wary of buying turtles for their children.

"Turtles are natural carriers of salmonella bacteria," said DPH spokeswoman Sarah Kissell. "So we strongly urge parents not to buy those small turtles you might find in a dime store as pets for their children." Kissell said if people do have pet turtles, they should take extra precautions to practice good hygiene.

"We found that children were getting sick because they were kissing their pet turtles. So we want parents to guard against such facial contact," she said. "Also, it's very important to wash your hands after handling turtles and other reptiles. So parents need to educate their children on how to safely handle these animals."

The salmonella outbreak, which was reported earlier this year, affected more than 100 people, included eight cases in the Los Angeles area. Symptoms of salmonella infection include bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramps, fever and vomiting. —Internet

Typhoon hits China coast, 100,000 evacuated

HONG KONG, 24 Sept — A powerful typhoon plowed into a densely populated area of southern China on Wednesday, prompting the state Meteorological Administration to issue an "urgent red alert," its highest-level warning.

Authorities evacuated more than 100,000 people before typhoon Hagupit made landfall around dawn. The storm killed at least eight people in the Philippines earlier in the week. Tropical Storm Risk downgraded the storm from category 4 to 3 on a scale of 5 once it made land-fall. Streets were deserted and shops and businesses shuttered as the storm uprooted trees and brought down billboards in cities across the booming southern Chinese province of Guangdong, including Maoming where the center of the storm made landfall.

The state news agency *Xinhua* said a fishing boat sank but no casualties were reported.

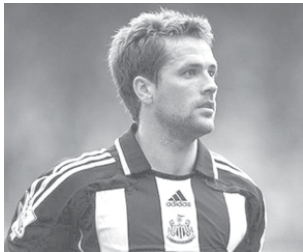
It described typhoon Hagupit as "the worst to hit Guangdong in more than a decade," but it was not clear by what gauge it was measuring the storm when typhoons in the past have triggered heavy death tolls.—Internet

SPORTS

Owen 'sad' to see Keegan quit

NEWCASTLE, 24 Sept — Newcastle captain Michael Owen has said he and his team-mates were "saddened" to see manager Kevin Keegan quit but warned the Magpies they had to "snap out of the doom". The Premier League side, put up for sale by owner Mike Ashley, have lost their last three matches and on Wednesday take on basement side Tottenham, the only team below them in the top flight, in the League Cup.

England striker Owen, whose goal couldn't prevent Newcastle being beaten by West Ham last weekend, said: "We all liked Kevin Keegan and we were sad to see him go. "We are all feeling it at



Newcastle captain Michael Owen, seen here in May 2008, has said he and his teammates were "saddened" to see manager Kevin Keegan quit but warned the Magpies they had to "snap out of the doom".—INTERNET

the moment - but we have got to snap out of the doom and gloom and try and get some confidence and results, and at the minute, not picking up the results is hurting the players.

Internet

Fergie fumes over Pogatzetz horror tackle

MANCHESTER, 24 Sept — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson branded Emanuel Pogatzetz's challenge on Rodrigo Possebon "horrendous" after the young Brazilian was left with a suspected broken leg on his debut for the English and European champions.

Possebon was stretchered off after 65 minutes of United's 3-1 victory against Middlesbrough in the third round of the League Cup at Old Trafford following a studs-up challenge which earned the visiting captain a straight red card.

The challenge drew a furious response from Ferguson who remonstrated on the touchline with Middlesbrough coach Colin Cooper and had a heated debate with manager Gareth Southgate. —Internet



Middlesbrough's Austrian defender Emanuel Pogatzetz (centre) is sent off by referee Andre Marriner during the Carling Cup third round football match against Manchester United at Old Trafford, Manchester, on 23 September. Manchester United won 3-1.—INTERNET

Lyon slap 100m euro price tag on Benzema

LYON, 24 Sept — Lyon have slapped a 100 million euro price tag on France international starlet Karim Benzema, according to club president Jean-Michel Aulas on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old, voted last year's player of the year, has got off to a flyer

again this season, netting five times to top the French first division's goalscoring chart.

His cool and intelligent 85th minute goal against Fiorentina last week earned Lyon a vital Champions League point, and saved French blushes in the tournament after both Bordeaux and Marseille were defeated.

Internet



Lyon have slapped a 100 million euro price tag on France international starlet Karim Benzema, seen here on 1 Sept, 2008, according to club president Jean-Michel Aulas on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Hughes key to new City owners' 10-year-plan



Mark Hughes, the manager of Manchester City

MANCHESTER, 24 Sept — Mark Hughes, the manager of Manchester City, has been told by the Premier League club's new owners he has a central role in their plans for a decade of success at Eastlands.

The takeover of City by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed al Nahyan and his Abu Dhabi United Group (ABDUG) from former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra is due to be completed later Tuesday.

However, City's new owners have already sent financial shockwaves through the rest of the Premier League by authorising the 32.5 million pounds (60.1 million dollars) British record signing of Robinho from Real Madrid.

Some, including Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, have questioned the new owners' commitment, warning they could back out from a club to which they have no longstanding attachment if the credit-crunch and its associated problems continue to damage the world economy.—Internet



A Ferrari team member checks the time as others practise pit stops on the car of Formula One driver Felipe Massa of Brazil, in Singapore on 24 Sept, 2008. The world's first night-time F1 Grand Prix will be held this weekend in Singapore.—INTERNET

Rain washes out morning action at China Open

BEIJING, 24 Sept — Steady rain prevented any play by early afternoon Wednesday at the China Open, with fans desperate to see a win for local favourite Zheng Jie and world number two Jelena Jankovic due on court.

Wimbledon semi-finalist Zheng was 3-0 up in the first set of her first round match when rain brought an early end to play on Tuesday, offering hope for a Chinese winner after four players from the host nation crashed out.

Serbia's Jankovic, the top seed in Beijing, was due to play Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak in the second round after receiving a first round bye.

Internet



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Zola resigned to cash-strapped future for Hammers

LONDON, 24 Sept — New West Ham boss Gianfranco Zola has admitted he may not be allowed to strengthen his squad in January as the club faces up to a potential 30-million-pound bill for the Carlos Tevez affair.



New West Ham boss Gianfranco Zola, seen here, has admitted he may not be allowed to strengthen his squad in January as the club faces up to a potential 30-million-pound bill for the Carlos Tevez affair.—INTERNET

According to media reports on Wednesday, the London club are contemplating an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport over an FA-appointed independent tribunal's ruling that Tevez had been instrumental in keeping West Ham in the Premier League two seasons ago when he was not eligible to play for them. But for Tevez's illegal contribution to the Hammers cause, Sheffield United would have survived in the top flight and the Yorkshire club are now seeking 30 million pounds in damages to cover lost television income, reduced player values and other losses incurred as a result of relegation.

Zola refused to blame the turmoil created by the tribunal's ruling for Tuesday night's shock League Cup exit at the hands of Championship side Watford.

Internet



Canadian Navy sailors on board Golina, a World Food Programme (WFP) ship, (seen in a reflection), on 17 September, providing an anti-pirate escort for the ship taking food aid to Somalia. The UN Security Council in June adopted a resolution authorising foreign warships to enter Somalia's territorial waters with the government's consent to combat pirates, though it has yet to be implemented.

INTERNET

ROK president to reduce private education expense

SEOUL, 24 Sept— South Korean President Lee Myung-bak on Tuesday ordered his Cabinet to come up with fundamental measures to reduce the nation's soaring private tutoring expenses, which has become a huge financial burden on households.

"I've heard domestic households are increasingly burdened by rising private tutoring expenses. Private educational institutions

are accused of excessively raising their fees, though their business is irrelevant to global oil prices," said Lee.

He added that new policy measures are now needed to immediately help ordinary households lessen their private tutoring expenses and instructed Cabinet ministers to investigate current situation in the private education market.

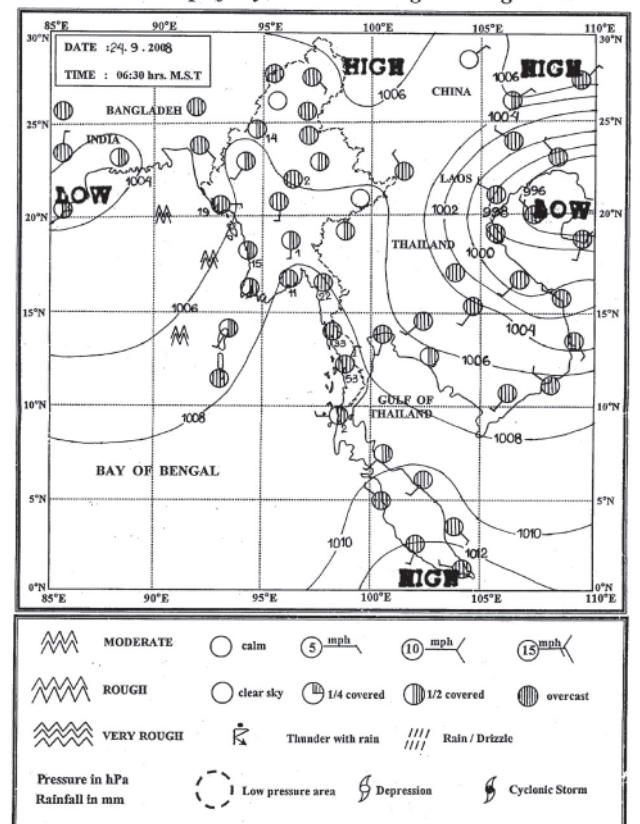
Despite government's repeated efforts to cut private education, the majority of South Korea's elementary and secondary school students are known for flocking to expensive private tutoring institutions.

The survey by the National Statistics Office showed that 77 per cent of primary and secondary students were attending various out-of-school classes.

According to the estimation by Hyundai Research Institution, South Korea's extra curricular education market reached 33.5 trillion won (29.1 billion US dollars) as of 2006, accounting for 3.75 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 24 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Ayeyawady Division, scattered in Shan State, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (0.08) inch, Myeik (2.83) inches, Dawei (1.42) inches and Mindat (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-9-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-9-2008 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 23-9-2008 was (6.6) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 24-9-2008 was (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.23) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (95.75) inches at Mingaladon, (107.36) inches at Kaba-Aye and (124.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northwest at (17:15) hours MST on 23-9-2008.

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

Special feature: According to the observation at (09:30) hrs M.S.T today, the Typhoon "HAGUPIT" over South China Sea, it centered at about (140) miles, Southeast of Nanning (China) and is crossing the South China Coast. It is forecast to move West wards.

Forecast valid until evening of 25-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Bago Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

HK reports two more kidney stone cases of tainted milk

HONGKONG, 24 Sept— Health authorities in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) on Tuesday reported two more confirmed cases of kidney stones involving children who had consumed melamine-tainted milk products.

It brought the total number of kidney stone cases affecting children born in Hong Kong to four, said the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.

The HKSAR Government said in a Press release that one of the newly confirmed cases involved a 29-month-old boy who was born in Hong Kong but lives in the Mainland. He used to consume milk products contaminated with melamine. The boy was taken to a Hong Kong hospital for examination on Monday and was diagnosed of renal stone. He was now under treatment and in stable

condition.

The fourth case involved a nine-year-old boy who was born in Hong Kong but has been living in the Mainland since he was two. He consumed melamine tainted milk products in the past four years and has no symptoms of renal problems. He was taken to a private hospital in Hong Kong for examination on Saturday and was found to have a kidney stone. He was admitted for treatment thereafter and, having been discharged, was stable now.

Hong Kong reported the first confirmed case of child kidney stone on Saturday, followed by a second case on Monday. Chief Executive Donald Tsang announced on Tuesday that a task force involving different departments will be established to tackle the long-term issues.

MNA/Xinhua



Thursday, 25 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. Nice and Sweet Song

7:50 am

5. Dance Variety

8:00 am

6. Musical programme

8:15 am

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(အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Musical programme

4:20 pm

3. Cute little Dancers

4:30 pm

4. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:50 pm

5. Dance of National
Races

5:05 pm

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

7. Song For Uphold
National Spirit

5:25 pm

8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

5:45 pm

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(အမျိုးသမီး)

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:40 pm

12. လပွတ္တာမြို့နယ်၊ ဝိုးလောင်း
ကျေးရွာမိုးစပါးစိုက်ပျိုးရေး

6:50 pm

13. "စီးဆင်းပါစေ မေတ္တာရည်"
(မေတ္တာဗျာ၊ ဖူးဖူး)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်ဇော်
(ကုမ္ပဏီ)

7:00 pm

14. Musical programme

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း"
(အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား"

(အပိုင်း-၃၁)

Kengtung sees extension of airport

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials yesterday arrived at Kengtung in Shan State (East) by air.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace

and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and party.

At Kengtung airport, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into installation of signal lights, extension of the runway, construction of 500 feet long landing strip with use of heavy machine.

The newly constructed runway is 8,000 feet long, 150 feet wide feet and 4 inches thick. Afterwards, they met with officers and other ranks and families of the command headquarters, departmental officials and social organization members at Pyinyeinaye Hall of the command headquarters.—MNA

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into runway extension project of Kengtung airport.—MNA



Never lose sight of our goal

- * Seven-step Road Map
Laid down and being implemented
- * In the interest of
Our people and country
- * The Constitution
A true public mandate
Invitation extended to all
For no one to deviate from it
With wrong thoughts
- * Whatever disturbances
Miscreant opponents plot
To jeopardize Road Map
We never lose sight of our goal
Let's march forward
All in togetherness

Ko Toe (Trs)



Post-Nargis Seminar 27 Sept

YANGON, 24 Sept—The Post-Nargis Seminar will be organized at Myanmar Medical Association at No. 249 on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 1 pm on 27 September.

Relief works of MMA (Central) will be discussed from various angles. Doctors and wellwishers who contributed to the relief works are invited to attend the seminar.

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DR AYE AYE THAW



Photo shows New Myeik Specialist General Hospital (200-bed) built in the time of the Tatmadaw government for providing health care services to local people in Myeik.

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Moe Myint Hlaing

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City set sights on Agüero

MANCHESTER, 24 Sept—Manchester City have become the latest club to enter the race to sign football's hottest young property at present, Sergio Agüero.

The 20 year old Argentine has made blistering start to the new campaign, staring for both club and country in all competitions from the Olympics to the Champions League and La Liga.

It comes as no surprise then that he is drawing

plaudits from all quarters including coaches, club presidents, his peers and teammates. Last week, Serie A giants Inter Milan declared their interest in the Atlético Madrid starlet and they are supposedly trying to lure him to the San Siro by appointing his father-in-law, Diego Maradona to an advisory role at the club. And this week, Premiership side Manchester City are the latest club to join in the praise for the Olympic gold medallist.

Spanish sports journal, *Marc*a has confirmed that a number of representatives from the Eastlands outfit will be present at the Coliseum Alfonso Pérez to hopefully catch a glimpse of El Kun in action against Getafe in La Liga's midweek game.—Internet

