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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

Secretary-1 receives Indian Ambassador

YANGON, 28 Sept—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, who had completed his tour of duty, at the hall at 9th Mile, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office.

After the call, the Secretary-1 accepted 70 pictures depicting the life of the Buddha donated by the Indian Ambassador for Uppatasanti Pagoda being built in Nay Pyi Taw, and spoke words of thanks.

Next, the Secretary-1 viewed the pictures.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo accepts pictures on the life of Buddha donated by Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra.

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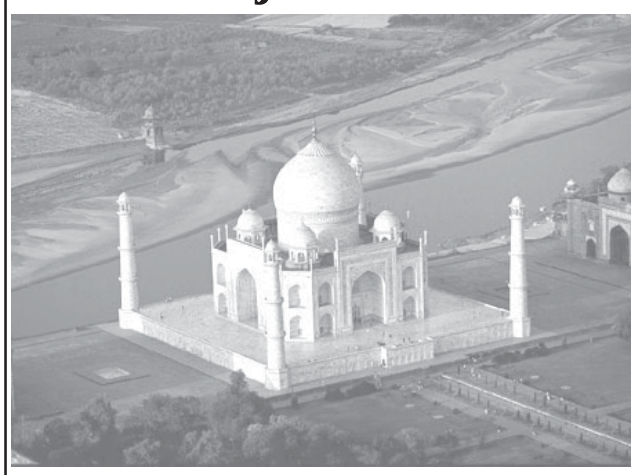
Rising Yamuna good for Taj Mahal



AGRA, 28 Sept—Heritage conservationists here disagree with the district administration's concern over the rising waters of the Yamuna river posing a threat to the Taj Mahal and other Mughal era monuments. In fact, they say, the rising waters could be good for the monuments.

Surendra Sharma, Braj Mandal Heritage Conservation Society president, said the historical buildings along the river bank in Agra had seen many floods in the past over 400 years.

"This time too the water level is not likely to rise alarmingly. In fact, the rising water level is good for the monuments.

"The original design and landscaping of the Taj Mahal shows that the river Yamuna was in full flow, touching the rear wall of the Taj built on the foundation of deep wells which should be in close contact with water.

"In the past years, so many historians and conservationists have demanded that the river be filled with water for the security of the Taj Mahal," Sharma said. R. Nath, a Mughal historian, has been maintaining that the river should always be full of water as per the original design of the Taj which included the Yamuna as its integral part.

The rising water level could pose a threat to the Taj Mahal and other Mughal monuments, Agra's District Magistrate Anil Kumar had told mediapersons Wednesday. —*Internet*

It's about business

YANGON, 28 Sept — Business seminar (10/07-09) organized by the work committee for promotion of information technology under the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will take place on 4 October at the UMFCCI office tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township. At the seminar, lecturer Daw Wah Wah Maung of Applied Economic Department of Yangon Institute of Economics will give a talk on cooperation between the State sector and private sector in nation-building task. All interested persons may attend the seminar.—*MNA*

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Extend rubber cultivation

Rubber, a perennial plant that should be grown on commercial scale, is one of the most useful and important raw materials as it is in high demand in international market. With the increase in the number of personal goods made of rubber its market is expanding in the world.

China, Japan, Korea and India are the countries in Asia region that use rubber most. The price of rubber is on the increase now as the climate affects the rubber plantations in Southeast Asia.

Cultivation of rubber has been practised in Mon State for years. It is the largest rubber growing region in the country due to the favourable conditions of land and a lot of rain in Mon State. Moreover, rubber is being grown on commercial scale in Taninthayi, Kachin, Kayin and Shan States which have suitable soil for cultivation of rubber. In Lashio, Shan State (North) rubber cultivation special zone is being established and cultivation acreage of rubber is being extended annually.

Over 900,000 acres of rubber were grown in the respective states and regions in 2007-2008 and output was over 80,000 tons of rubber and over 60,000 tons were exported. This year efforts are being made for cultivation of 200,000 more acres of rubber.

Extended cultivation of rubber in cultivable regions prevents deforestation and climate change. Nowadays neighbouring countries purchase Myanma rubber offering good price. Annual extended cultivation of rubber, an industrial raw material, by the farmers and national entrepreneurs contributes towards both the increased income for the growers and higher earning in foreign exchange for the country.

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**

Bago Div USDA reviews work at AGM

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Min speaking at annual general meeting of Bago Division USDA.

RAILWAY

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the annual meeting of Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association at the City Hall in Bago this morning.

Secretary U Saw Maw Tun of Division USDA reported on work done throughout the year.

The commander and the minister presented prizes to distinction winners in the matriculation examination and other outstanding students.

Later, they went to Bago General Hospital, met the patients who had undergone eye surgery and donated medicines and glasses to them. Chairperson of Division Maternal Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Naing Naing Maw also provided cash for them.

Moreover, cash donations were made for performing eye surgery.

USDA CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presented gifts to Professor Dr Tin Win on behalf of eye specialist team.— *MNA*

Sagaing District USDA holds annual general meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the Annual General Meeting 2008 of Sagaing District USDA on 26 September.

The CEC member accepted K 430,000 donated for the district USDA by six wellwishers and awarded outstanding students in the matriculation examination for 2008. Next, he presented prizes to other outstanding students in the matriculation examination for 2008, outstanding Red Cross member and the Zeyathiri marionette troupe that secured gold medal in the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

At BEPS in Chaungpauk Village in Sagaing Township, the CEC member accepted USDA membership applications from the village and presented 50 bags of cement, sports gear and exercise books to them. Next, he inspected post primary school in Htantaw Village.

In Sintawe (East) Village in Wetlet Township, the CEC member attended the ceremony to hand over the school building and present exercise books and sports equipment to officials. The school building is a one-storey building measuring 120 feet by 30 feet and it cost K 16.7 million in the construction.—*MNA*

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with employees of Internal Revenue Department of Mandalay Division.

F & R

Instructions for officials in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun yesterday morning met with departmental officials of banks and departments under the ministry at the hall of Mandalay Division Internal Revenue Department and gave instructions on work.

At Myanma Economic Bank in Mandalay, the minister looked into preparations for conducting the banking diploma course.—*MNA*

Russia blasts US role in world affairs

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept — Russia called Saturday for a revival of the global anti-terrorism coalition that formed after 11 Sept, 2001 but started to unravel with what it called the subsequent domination by a single power — a veiled reference to the United States.

"The solidarity of the international community fostered on the wave of struggle against terrorism turned out to be somehow 'privatized'," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told the UN General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting.

Lavrov cited the US invasion of Iraq "under the false pretext of fight on terror and nuclear arms proliferation" and questions of excessive use of force against civilians in counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan. And he said the recent crisis over Georgia's breakaway provinces of Abkhazia and South Ossetia proved again that "it is impossible or even disastrous to try to resolve the existing problems in the blindfolds of the unipolar world."

"Today, it is necessary to analyze the crisis in the Caucuses from the viewpoint of its impact on the region and the international community on the whole," Lavrov said.

"It has become crystal clear that the solidarity expressed by all of us after 9/11 should be revived (without double standards) when we fight against any infringements upon the international law," he said.

Lavrov called for a new "solidarity" of the international community and a strengthened United Nations, saying only in the post-Cold War world can the organization "fully realize its potential" as a global centre "for open and frank debate and coordination of the world policies on a just and equitable basis free from double standards."—*Internet*

China astronauts return to Earth triumphant

BEIJING, 28 Sept — Three Chinese astronauts returned to Earth Sunday, completing a three-day mission that included China's first-ever spacewalk.

The Shenzhou-7 re-entry capsule parachuted to a landing on the Inner Mongolia steppe at about 5:40 pm on Sunday.

China's official news agency, *Xinhua*, quoted Chinese space officials saying the three astronauts were all in good health.

Premier Wen Jiabao applauded at mission control in Beijing.

The three-man crew launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northern China's Inner Mongolia Thursday for a three-day mission, the highlight of which was Saturday's spacewalk.

The spacewalk paves the way for assembling a space station from two Shenzhou orbital modules, the next major goal of China's manned spaceflight programme.

China became the third country to send people into space in 2003, when military pilot Yang Liwei circled the earth for 21 hours.

Its second mission — in 2005 — had two crew members and lasted five days.—*Internet*

China's Shenzhou-7 spacecraft's re-entry module lands safely in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on Sunday. XINHUA

Israeli officials say US sends radar to Israel

JERUSALEM, 28 Sept — Israeli officials say the US has provided Israel with an advanced radar system that will give early warning in case of an Iranian missile attack. The officials say the new radar was flown into Israel last week along with some 120 American crewmen and has been set up at the Nevatim air base in the Negev desert.

The system can pick up a ballistic missile shortly after launch. That will cut the response time of Israel's Arrow system, designed to intercept incoming missiles.

***A file picture shows a military radar system in Israel. The United States has recently deployed an anti-missile radar in Israel that is mainly to warn of incoming Iranian ballistic missiles, Israeli state radio reported on Sunday.*—INTERNET**

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the radar's arrival has not been officially made public. It was first reported in Defence News.

The Israeli military said Sunday it has "various forms" of cooperation with the US military but that "as a rule we do not detail the content" of the ties.

Internet

Top Afghan policewoman shot dead

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 28 Sept— Gunmen in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar have killed the country's most prominent policewoman, officials say.

Malalai Kakar.

Lt-Col Malalai Kakar, head of Kandahar's department of crimes against women, was shot in her car as she was about to leave for work.

Her son was also wounded in the attack, and is said to be seriously injured.

Taleban rebels, who banned women from joining the police when they were in power, said they had carried out the shooting.

"We killed Malalai Kakar," a Taleban spokesman said. "She was our target, and we successfully eliminated our target." he said.

Internet

Pakistan troops kill 16 militants in Bajaur

KHAR (Pakistan), 28 Sept — Pakistani troops killed at least 16 Taliban militants after coming under attack in a tribal region near the Afghan border, a security official said Sunday.

Militants attacked three military posts near Khar, the main town in the restive Bajaur tribal district, late Saturday, but soldiers repulsed them with artillery and mortar fire, the official told *AFP*.

Early Sunday, helicopter gunships and fighter jets bombed militant positions in three villages in the district, he said.

Pakistan's forces have launched a number of major military offensives in recent weeks against militants in Bajaur, which is thought to be an Al-Qaeda stronghold.The Pakistani military says more than 1,000 extremists have been killed in the six-week operation, including Al-Qaeda's operational commander in Bajaur, Egyptian Abu Saeed Al-Masri. At least 27 troops have also died.

Internet

Militants attack Pakistan forces near Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, 28 Sept — A Pakistani official says militants mounted multiple overnight strikes on security forces near the Afghan border.

Iqbal Khattak, a government official in Bajur, said Sunday that troops repulsed three overnight attacks on their positions.

He claimed that 11 militants were killed but wouldn't give any details of casualties among the troops.

Bajur is a tribal region where troops have been battling Islamic militants for the past two months.

Internet

Afghan police: three civilians die in coalition strike

KABUL, 28 Sept—An Afghan police official said Sunday that a US-led coalition operation apparently targeting a suicide bomb cell in eastern Afghanistan killed three civilians.

Gen Abdul Jalal Jalal, the provincial police chief in the eastern province of Kunar, said airstrikes hit a compound in the province's Asmar district, killing three civilians.

Civilian deaths is a highly sensitive topic in Afghanistan. President Hamid Karzai has long pleaded with international troops to avoid civilian deaths in its operations.

The Afghan government and United Nations say an 22 Aug US operation killed some 90 civilians in the western province of Herat, a strike that strained US-Afghan relations.—*Internet*

China posts nearly 24% growth in telecom business in 1st 8 months

BEIJING, 28 Sept — China's telecommunications sector realized a business volume of 1.468 trillion yuan (215.87 billion US dollars) in the first eight months of this year, a growth of 23.9 percent on the same period of last year.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said on Sunday that the sector garnered 538.45 billion yuan in sales income in the eight-month period, up 8.5 percent.

Of the total revenue, mobile telecom business accounted for 54.38 percent, up 3.48 percentage points over a year earlier, and fixed-line phone services made up 35.98 percent, 5.76 percentage points lower than the year-earlier level.

Between January and August, the number of cell phone users increased by 68.71 million to 616.02 million nationwide, while that of fixline phone users decreased by 11.57 million to 354.07 million.

Xinhua

Mystery surrounds more than 100 caves on the sheer cliff face of a peaceful gorge in Yanqing district.—XINHUA

CAAC, Airbus sign MoU on safety cooperation

BEIJING, 28 Sept — The Europe-based aircraft mogul Airbus signed a Memorandum of Understanding (Mo U) on safety cooperation with the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC)on Sunday.

The MoU covers a five-year cooperation programme in the areas of rules and regulations training for Chinese aviation authorities, aviation research institutes and colleges and maintenance support for airlines.

The programme also includes a "train the trainer" scheme for Chinese teachers on aviation technology and industry.

This MoU follows an earlier Safety Cooperation Agreement that was signed in 2002.

The MoU was signed by Airbus President and CEO Tom Enders and Li Jiaxiang, head of CAAC.

Xinhua

Chefs put mustard on a hot dog during an attempt to set the Guinness World Record for the largest hot dog, in Monterrey, northern Mexico on 27 Sept, 2008. The event was organized by local businesses with the support of the Monterrey city hall. The hot dog measured 76.23 metres (250 feet) and broke the previous record of 61 metres (200 feet) set in Japan.—INTERNET

Ten dead, over 60 hospitalized by poisoned liquor in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 28 Sept — At least 10 people died while 67 others received treatment after consuming an illicit local brew of alcohol in the Western Province, the Sri Lankan police said on Saturday.

The people who had consumed this contaminated local brew of alcohol have been admitted to the hospital at Gampaha, 39 km north of the capital Colombo since Wednesday, police at the Weliweriya town said.

Janaka Mayadunne, the medical superintendent of the hospital said 10 deaths had occurred while a few of those undergoing treatment are also not in stable condition.

A 60-year-old woman was among those who died.

Police believed that the local brew of alcohol may have been stored in containers carrying a poisonous substance.

The woman brew owner was arrested, the police said.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

One killed, 9 injured in explosion in N Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 28 Sept— One person was killed and nine others were injured in a suicide attack launched by a Tamil Tiger rebel in northern Sri Lanka, the military said on Sunday.

Military spokesman Udaya Nanayakkara said that the suicide bomber on a push cycle rammed into a three-wheeler carrying police in the Vavuniya town at around 03:15 p.m. local time (0945 GMT).

The driver of the three-wheeler was killed and nine others including four police, three soldiers and two civilians were injured in the blast.

The suicide bomber was also killed in the explosion.

Vavuniya is the gateway to the north where government troops are currently engaged in a battle to evict Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels from their last strongholds.

Xinhua

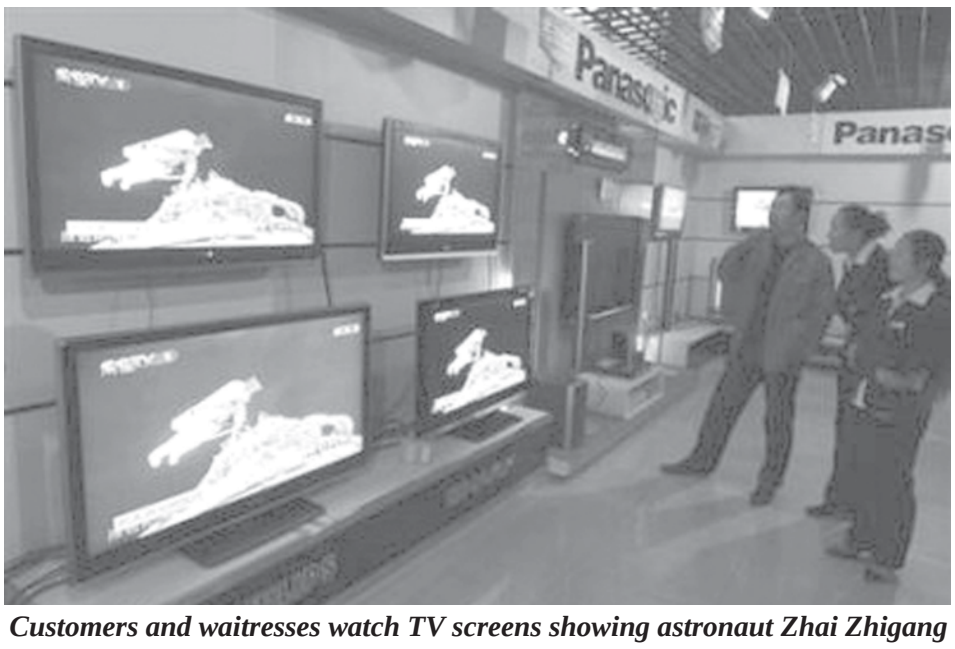
Kenya says won't negotiate with ransom demanding pirates

NAIROBI, 28 Sept — The Kenyan government said Saturday it would not negotiate with ransom demanding Somali pirates that hijacked Ukrainian ship off the coast of the war-torn nation late Thursday carrying military equipment destined for the East African nation.

A statement from the Government Spokesman, Alfred Mutua said that the government "does not and will not negotiate with international criminals, pirates and terrorists and will endeavour to recover the hijacked ship and military cargo."

The Belize-flagged Faina vessel was carrying an authorized Ukrainian government arms shipment for the Kenyan government including T-72 tanks, an extra number of armoured personnel carriers to be used by the military in the country.

Xinhua



Customers and waitresses watch TV screens showing astronaut Zhai Zhigang of China holding the national flag after exiting the Shenzhou VII spacecraft at a shop in Changzhi, Shanxi Province on 27 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Spokesman: China to build space station in 2020

BEIJING, 28 Sept — China aims to set up a space station in 2020 and before that it will launch a "simple" space lab in 2011, said a spokesman of the country's manned space programme Sunday evening.

The station will be attended to by human beings, said Wang Zhaoyao at a Press conference following the successful landing of the country's third manned mission Shenzhou-7.

The orbiter docking technology will be tested after the Shenzhou-7 mission, he said. —*Xinhua*

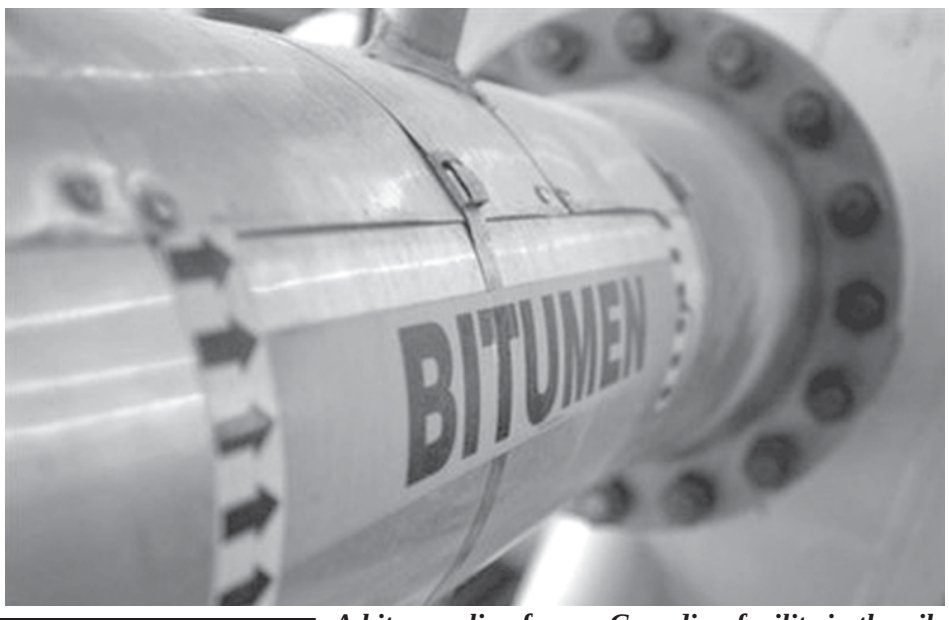
Three samples of biscuit found melamine in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 28 Sept — The Centre for Food Safety of Hong Kong (CFS) released on Saturday the latest batch of results of melamine tests on dairy products and baby food. Three samples of biscuit and a sample of milk biscuit were found unsatisfactory.

Among 145 samples tested, including cakes, bread, milk and milk beverages produced locally; Chinese mainland frozen confections, raw milk, milk and milk beverages; coffee creamer produced on the mainland and overseas; and milk powder and baby food from overseas,141 were satisfactory.

But Lotte Koala Strawberry Biscuit, Lotte Koala's March Chocolate Biscuit and Lotte Koala Biscuit were found with a melamine level of 3ppm detected.

In addition, a sample of milk biscuit was found unsatisfactory with a melamine level of 3ppm. The sample was collected by the CFS following up with public's food complaint. —*Internet*



***A bitumen line from a Canadian facility in the oil sands fields is pictured in Alberta, Canada. Canada will ban the export of tar-like bitumen from the Alberta oil sands to countries that don't match Canadian targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, according to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.*—INTERNET**

Kidnapped tourists back in Sudan

KHARTOUM, 28 Sept — Bandits who kidnapped 19 tourists and Egyptians in the desert have taken their hostages back to Sudan but are now heading towards Egypt, Sudanese officials said on Sunday.

"Security organs on Saturday detected the return of the kidnappers... with their hostages into the Sudanese borders," said Ali Yousuf, director of protocol at the foreign ministry, the official news agency *SUNA* reported.

However, he added that the group now appears to be moving from Sudan towards "the Egyptian borders."

"It seems that all the hostages are well," he added.

The group, seized by gunmen in southern Egypt nine days ago, was moved across the border to Sudan to the remote mountain region of Jebel Uweinat, a 1,900-metre-high (6,200-foot-high) plateau roughly 30 kilometres (20 miles) in diameter that straddles the borders of Egypt, Libya and Sudan.—*Internet*

80 people killed in tourism accidents this year

BEIJING, 28 Sept — China National Tourism Administration (CNTA) said on Saturday that although the tourism safety situation had remained stable nationwide up to date, 80 people had died in tourism accidents since the beginning of this year.

Altogether 391 people got hurt and 4 were missing in 33 tourism accidents, of which 27 were tourism transportation accidents, according to CNTA's latest statistics.

The tourism watchdog called on relevant local authorities to be alert to the safety work, formulate emergency management plans and prevent tourism accidents during the coming one-week National Day holiday which starts from 29 Sept.—*Internet*

Gunmen kidnap Polish engineer in northern Pakistan

ATTOCK, (Pakistan),28 Sept — Gunmen on Sunday kidnapped a Polish engineer in northern Pakistan, and shot dead his two drivers and a security guard during the abduction, police said.

The kidnapping took place near the village of Pind Sultani in Attock district, police said.

"Three Pakistanis, a security guard and two drivers, were shot dead by unknown gunmen as they kidnapped Peter Stanczak, a Polish engineer working with an oil company in the area," police official Kazim Ali told *AFP*.—*Internet*

Four restored pieces of the Berlin Wall, pictured here, go up for auction on Friday, 19 Sept. One of the cement chunks contains a door that could only be opened from the former East German side of the Wall. In 1990, shortly after the fall of the Wall, 900 pieces like these were bought up by an agricultural collective to be used to build silos. These pieces, however, were rejected because they'd been too badly damaged by so-called "wall woodpeckers" — people who'd chiseled out souvenir bits.

Toilet-paper researchers create 3-ply tissue

If two-ply toilet paper is good, then three-ply tissue must be better. At least that's what toilet-paper researchers in northeastern Wisconsin hope.

Yes, there is such a thing as a toilet-paper researcher. And a team of them at Georgia Pacific's Innovation Institute in Neenah has come up with a three-ply version of its Quilted Northern product.

The new product will be launched Monday. The company touts the toilet tissue as "ultra-soft" and says it plans to market the product to women 45 and older who view their bathroom as a "sanctuary for quality time."

Industry analyst Bill Schmitz is skeptical. He said extra layers make toilet paper stronger, not softer, although he said Georgia Pacific may have added extra fibres for softness.

Man acquitted in Aug accused of robbing same bank

A man acquitted a month ago of robbing a bank has been arrested in another robbery at the same bank.

The man, 35, was accused of robbing Liberty Bank on Tuesday, police say.

The man was acquitted Aug 21 of robbing the bank last October after employees could not positively identify him during his trial.

In another case, the man faces charges of aggravated assault and aggravated robbery in the beating of an elderly woman inside the downtown post office last fall. Police said he stole the woman's purse and her car.

SC auction to have paintings by penguin, sea lions

This art is created not by hands, but by paws and claws. Paintings featuring the brush strokes and paw prints of animals such as snow leopards and sea lions from zoos around the nation will be sold Tuesday.

The sale is part of an online auction at auctionnetwork.com to raise money for zoo conservation efforts.

It is sponsored by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Association spokesman Steve Feldman says zoo keepers have long used painting as a way to mentally stimulate animals. Animal artwork also has been sold for some time and for surprising amounts of money, but Feldman says Tuesday marks the first collaborative effort by zoos.

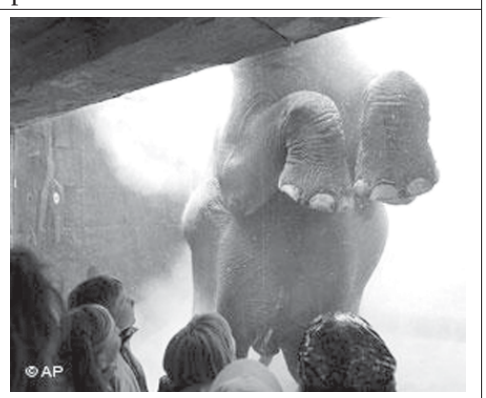
Case of the $5K designer umbrella ruled frivolity

It's a rainy day for the Manhattan restaurateur who sued a supermodel claiming she intentionally damaged his designer umbrella, said to be worth $5,000.

State Supreme Court Justice Joan A Madden threw out Nello Balan's lawsuit Friday. She also fined Balan's attorney $500 for filing a frivolous claim and said motions the attorney filed were a "waste of judicial resources."

Balan claimed he lent supermodel Le Call his limited-edition leather umbrella designed by Jean-Paul (ZHON'-Pawl) Gaultier (GOL'-tee-yay) and she belatedly returned it to him in two pieces.

Balan, owner of the celeb magnet Nello's, sought $1 million in the lawsuit and claimed emotional distress over the damaged umbrella. Attorneys for both sides have declined to comment.



Visitors to the zoo in the eastern German city of Leipzig were treated to a special show of elephants having a bath in an indoor pool. The mammals, which weigh thousands of kilogrammes, are among the zoo's largest attractions.

NEWSALBUM

Chavez stops in Cuba, meets with Fidel Castro

HAVANA, 28 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez made his second whirlwind visit to Cuba in less than a week and met behind closed doors for two and a half hours with ailing former leader Fidel Castro, state media reported Sunday.

Chavez's stopover had not been previously announced, but the Communist Youth newspaper *Juventud Rebelde* said he landed in Havana Saturday evening and left hours later. He was greeted at the airport by 77-year-old Raul Castro, who succeeded his brother as president in February.

The newspaper published a photo of Chavez shaking hands with a serious-faced Raul Castro. There were no images of the ailing, 82-year-old Fidel, who has not been seen in public since undergoing emergency intestinal surgery in July 2006.—*Internet*

Apple selling unlocked iPhone 3G in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 28 Sept — Apple has made an unlocked version of the iPhone 3G available in Hong Kong, letting consumers pick whichever carrier they so choose.

This is in sharp contrast to Apple's policy for the almost everywhere else on the planet. Unlocked iPhones are rampant worldwide, but that isn't something that Apple has sanctioned.

Internet

Bulgarian border police officers observe the Black sea coast near the village of Emona, as they search for survivors from the Ukrainian ship Tolstoy, on 28 Sept, 2008.
INTERNET

***Korean ginseng roots are washed and cleaned at a factory in Buyeo. Hard training and dedication brought South Korean athletes a record 13 gold medals in this summer's Beijing Olympics, but some may have had a secret weapon — Korean ginseng.*— INTERNET**

Hamas frees 30 Fatah members from Gaza jail

GAZA, 28 Sept — The security forces of Gaza-ruler Hamas on Sunday released around 30 rival Fatah movement members behind the bars in the Gaza Strip, including former Gaza governor and the Fatah Gaza spokesman.

Spokesman for Hamas Ministry of Interior Ihab al-Ghusein told reporters that the release of senior Fatah leaders was "a goodwill gesture to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr," which falls on Wednesday marking the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Their release was also in response to calls made by Deputy Speaker of the parliament Ahmad Bahar "to strengthen the Egyptian efforts of reconciliation," he added.—*Internet*

Texas homeowner acquitted of killing teen intruder

LAREDO (Texas) , 28 Sept — A Texas jury acquitted a man accused of killing a boy who broke into his home looking for a snack — a case that sparked outrage in this border city, where many thought the man should not have even been charged.

It took the jury of eight men and four women three hours Friday to find Jose Luis Gonzalez, 63, not guilty of murdering Francisco Anguiano, who was 13 when he and three friends broke into Gonzalez's trailer to rummage for snacks and soda one night in July 2007.

"I thank God and my attorney, the jury and the judge," Gonzalez said in Spanish after the verdict. "It was a case where it was my life or theirs, and it's a very good thing that they (the jurors) decided in my favour."

Gonzalez said he was sorry for Anguiano's death, but "it was a situation in which I feared for my life."

Internet

UCLA group discovers humongous prime number

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept — Mathematicians at UCLA have discovered a 13 million-digit prime number, a long-sought milestone that makes them eligible for a $100,000 prize.

The group found the 46th known Mersenne prime last month on a network of 75 computers running Windows XP. The number was verified by a different computer system running a different algorithm.

It's the eighth Mersenne prime discovered at UCLA.

Primes are numbers like three, seven and 11 that are divisible by only two whole positive numbers: themselves and one.

Mersenne primes — named for their discoverer, 17th century French mathematician Marin Mersenne — are expressed as 2P-1, or two to the power of "P" minus one. P is itself a prime number. For the new prime, P is 43,112,609.

Thousands of people around the world have been participating in the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search, or GIMPS, a cooperative system in which underused computing power is harnessed to perform the calculations needed to find and v erify Mersenne primes.

Internet

Finland mourns 10 victims of school shooting

HELSINKI (Finland),28 Sept —Finns nationwide are mourning the victims of a school massacre in which a lone gunman killed 9 fellow students and a teacher before shooting himself.

President Tarja Halonen and other government members are attending a special memorial service broadcast live on radio and television from the western town of Kauhajoki, where the 22-year-old gunman shot and set fire to his victims at a vocational college.

The Sunday church services follow Finland's second school shooting in less than a year. In November, an 18-year-old student fatally shot eight people and himself at a high school in southern Finland.

Politicians and other leaders have called for tighter gun laws in response to the massacres.

Internet

Candles are laid outside the Kauhajoki vocational high school in Kauhajoki, Finland, on 25 Sept, 2008. A masked gunman whose violent YouTube postings prompted police to bring him in for questioning opened fire Tuesday at his trade school in western Finland, killing ten people before shooting himself in the head.—INTERNET

Woman wakes up, should have smelled the coffee

CEDAR RAPIDS (Iowa), 28 Sept — It wasn't just the caffeine that gave an Iowa woman an extra jolt after she had her morning coffee. It was also the bat she found in the filter.

The Iowa Department of Public Health says the woman reported a bat in her house but wasn't too worried about it. She turned on her automatic coffee maker before bedtime and drank her coffee the next morning.

She discovered the bat in the filter when she went to clean it that night. The woman has undergone treatment for possible rabies.—*Internet*

Rice and provisions donation ceremony held

YANGON, 28 Sept — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, cash and provisions to six monasteries of Botahtaung and Pazundaung townships in Yangon East District today.

The donation ceremony was held at Mingalayama Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Botahtaung Township with attendance by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Today's donations for the six monasteries totalled 191 bags of rice, 42 viss of edible oil, 500 packages of iodized salt, 76 viss of gram, 320 boxes of mosquito coil, 432 tubes of toothpaste, 721 bottles of various kinds of traditional medicine, 50 bottles of paracetamol, 500 packages of rehydration salt, 500 packages of chilli powder and K 2,9945,095.

Similarly, families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers also donated rice and provisions to Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor in Minagala Taungnyunt Township.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

Today's donation for Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor totalled 51 bags of rice, 19 viss of edible oil, 38 viss of gram, 193 viss of iodized salt, 432 tubes of toothpaste, 256 bottles of traditional medicine, 320 boxes of mosquito coil, 500 packages of chilli powder and K 5,459,311.

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With noble mind

– In serving public interest
– Do not deviate from own way
– Because of slanders
– Just carry it on

(Venerable Shwe Hintha Sayadaw)

Measures taken for ensuring secure and smooth transport

YANGON, 28 Sept — Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held a meeting on 26 September at the office of All Bus Lines Control Committee (Head Office) in Tamway Township. Chairman of the committee Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an opening speech.

Next, the participants discussed matters related to university ferries, traffic rules and regulations and measures being taken for road safety. Then the commander gave a concluding remark.

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Yangon-Pathein Road under repair

YANGON, 28 Sept— The Assistant Engineer (Civil), the Junior Engineer-1 (Sewage) and the Junior Engineer-2 (Sewage) courses, conducted by Public Works, concluded at the central training school (Thuwunna) yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

The courses lasted five weeks each attended by 53 traniees.

The minister left for Hlinethaya Road Camp and gave instructions to officials on maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road.

Next, he inspected maintenance and repaving of road sections on Yangon-Pathein Road and gave instructions to engineers.

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road.

CONSTRUCTION

Weather Report

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—According to the observation at 9.30 hrs MST today, a low pressured area formed at the North Bay of Bengal has been at a low ebb, said the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

Machines and spare parts for Htamanthi Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept — Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint inspected loading of related accessories of Baucer Trench Cutter (BC-32) to be used in construction tasks for Thahtay Hydropower Project in Thandwe Township, Rakhine State onto the vessel at Htamanthi Hydropower Project near Tazone village, 30-miles north of Homalin on 23 September.

The deputy minister also looked into remaining machines and spare parts and cranes. —*MNA*

Ayeyawady, Yangon Divisions win 14th ISD Sepak Takraw Tournament

YANGON, 28 Sept — The 14th Inter State and Division Sepak Takraw Tournament 2008 concluded at Aung San Gymnasium, here yesterday morning.

In the final matches, Ayeyawady Division-A was the champion in Women's Doubles Regu final, Shan State (South) and Ayeyawady Division-B finished runners-up.

In Women's Double Regu final, Yangon Division-A clinched titles, Ayeyawady Division-A and Mon State-A stood second and third.

Ayeyawady Division-A won the Men's Doubles Regu final, Kachin State-A and Ayeyawady Division-B secured the second and third places.

Ayeyawady Division-A fetched the gold medal in the Men's Regu final, Sagaing Division-A, the silver medal and Yangon Division-A, the bronze medal.

The officials awarded prizes to the winning teams.—*MNA*

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at the hall of 9th Mile **(News on Page-1).—MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—The Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held its meeting (35/2008) at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters yesterday.

Patron of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made an opening speech.

Next, Chairman of the Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Deputy Commander Col Min Zaw reported on traffic accidents in the past and at present, action taken by the respective sub-committees and others.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the commander.—*MNA*

Health care services provided in Kungyangon Tsp

YANGON, 28 Sept—CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In-charge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin met with townselders and peasants from West Tawku village and adjacent Villages in Kungyangon Township yesterday.

Next, the CEC Member inspected participation of Yangon Division USDA and a medical team comprising female doctors of Myanmar Medical Association in providing free health care services to the people from villages of Kongyangon village.—*MNA*

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin views giving free medical treatment to residents in Kungyangon Township.— **YCDC**

837,975 acres under monsoon paddy in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected inflow of water into Myakan dam and thriving monsoon paddy plantations around Nos 6 and 7 Lawkananda water pumping projects in Bagan-NyaungU Township on 22 September.

Next, the minister looked into progress in supplying water from No 5 water pumping station, cultivation of monsoon paddy, thriving monsoon paddy plantations in Nos 1 and 4 water pumping stations and reclaimed lands. At the briefing hall, the minister gave instructions on cultivation of summer paddy on 5000 acres in the project area with the use of water from the project, regional rice security, efforts to be made for growing high-yield marketable paddy strains, preservation of soil and assistance to be provided for cultivation of new strains of cottons and then looked into the power plant and progress in pumping water from Ayeyawady river.

Next, the minister inspected progress in pumping water from Ayeyawady river Umin Koepauk water pumping project of Sale region in Chauk township, ploughing for monsoon paddy and thriving monsoon paddy plantations along the motor road.

Together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, the minister met with members of district and township agriculture coordination committee and gave instructions on use of organic fertilizer, cultivation of high yield strains and growing of long staple cotton.

Magway Division sets a target to grow monsoon paddy on 932,096 acres of land and has already cultivated 837,975 acres of monsoon paddy so far.

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Inter-Ministry Table Tennis Tournament concludes

YANGON, 28 Sept—Organized by Myanmar Table-Tennis Federation, the prize presentation for the Inter-Ministry Table Tennis Tournament 2008 took place at the hall of the federation near the National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road, here, this evening.

After the final matches, officials presented prizes to the winners.

President of MTTF U Kyaw Kyaw gave away prizes to Best Woman Player Aye Myat Thu (F&R) and Best Man Player Aung Htut (Defence).

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented championship trophies to Finance and Revenue women's team and Defence men's team.

Finance and Revenue women's team secured the championship trophy for the second time.—*MNA*

Mon State marks Nutrition Week

YANGON, 28 Sept— Mon State marked the Nutrition Week (2008) at Mon State General Hospital on 24 September, with an address by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win.

Head of Mon State Health Department Dr Htay Aung reported on schedules to be carried out in the week, and Manager of the Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise U Win Thein, on production and distribution of iodized salt in the state.

The commander presented first prizes for the commemorative essay contests at the high, middle and primary education school levels; Chairperson of Mon State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Myint Myint Soe, second prizes, and Secretary of Mon State PDC U Khin Maung Tun, third prizes to the winners.

The chairperson of the supervisory committee and party presented medicines to pregnant women and fed Vitamin pills to children, and visited the commemorative booth.—*MNA*

High quality bicycles to be produced

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected production of bicycles at the bicycle factory (Yangon) of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries on Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

The minister gave instructions on production of high quality bicycles.

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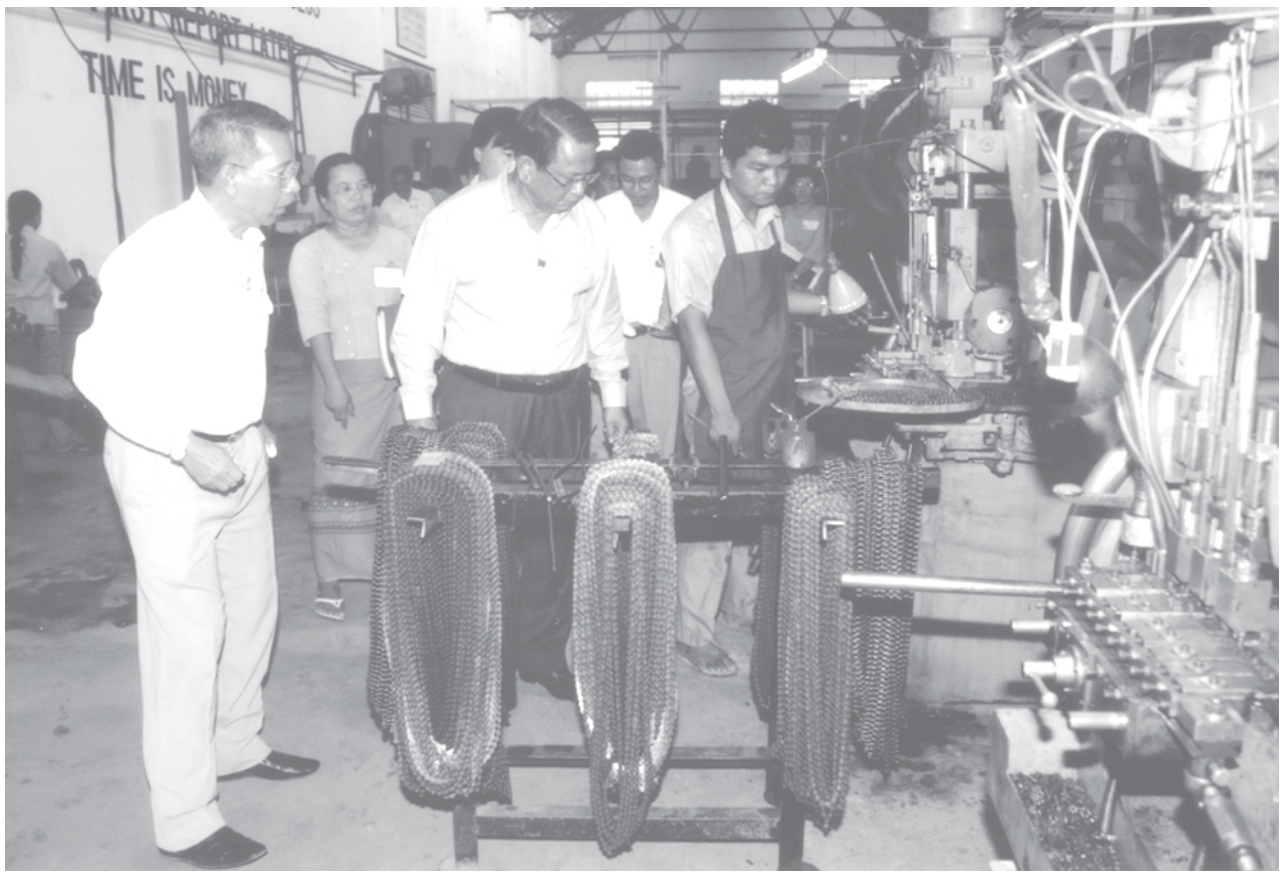

***Minister U Aung Thaung inspects bicycle factory (Yangon) of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries.*— INDUSTRY-1**

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**

First round of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) U-21 Football tournament continues

YANGON, 28 Sept— The group matches of the first round of the 24th Commander-in-Chief's Shield of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) U-21 Football tournament continued at the designated zones this evening.

Navy won over Nay Pyi Taw Command (A) with 2-0 in the group-A in Yatakha zone (Mawlamyine), Southern Command beat No 77 LID with 2-1 in the group-B in Natakha zone (Pathein), No 33 LID trounced Triangle Region Command (B) with 4-0 in the group-C in Namakha zone (Monywa), No 55 LID crashed No 66 LID with 5-2 in the group-D in Lapakha zone (Mandalay) and No 11 LID and Coastal Region Command were held to a 1-1 draw in the group-E in Tapakha zone (Toungoo).

MNA

Expert talks on forestry 4 Oct

YANGON, 28 Sept— Paper reading session on establishment of teak plantations, timber certification and wood-based industry of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association will be held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here on 4 October. Officials of the Ministry of Forestry and Central Executives of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association will read out their papers.—*MNA*

All this needs to be known

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

Acidifying oceans are brewing up an underwater din

CALIFORNIA, 28 Sept—The big blue ocean is getting noisier. Sound can now travel further than it did a century ago, thanks to carbon emissions that have made the oceans more acidic.

Researchers have known for some time that acidity can influence how far sound travels in seawater. In the 1970s, acoustic measurements showed that the reach of low-frequency sounds varies between oceans. A whale's call, for example, travels further in the north Pacific than in the north Atlantic, due to differences in pH.

Exactly how the process works is unclear, especially at frequencies below 1 kilohertz, which include whale calls, crashing waves and whirring ship engines.

"At these frequencies the exact molecular mechanism is still a bit fuzzy," says Peter Brewer of the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in California.

Internet

Oceans are becoming more acidic because of rising levels of CO_2 in the atmosphere, which dissolves in seawater to form carbonic acid.

INTERNET

Manufacturing import-substitute quality transformers

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA)

Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Part-1 in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District is the first industrial zone in Myanmar. The Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Part-1 Management Committee has been undertaking the functions of the industrial zone on the basis of self-reliance for 17 years since 1990.

Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Part-1 was set up in 1990, the part-2 and the part-3 in 1998 and the part-4 in the year 2000. There are 115 operating factories in the part-1 and 105 factories in parts 2, 3 and 4.

These factories are manufacturing various kinds of textiles, foodstuffs, personal goods, construction and iron casting materials, electronic equipment, forest products, chemicals, paper and stationery, machines and machinery and aquatic products.

U Aung Thein is taking responsibility of Chairman of the Management Committee for the Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Part-1 and U Sai Myo Win is discharging duty as Chairmen of the Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Parts 2, 3 and 4. Together with the members of the management committees, they are striving for development of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

Out of 105 factories in the industrial zone part-1, visited the worksite of Yangon Transformer & Electrical Co Ltd that is manufacturing import-substitute items as well as export quality products.

Yangon Transformer Factory of Yangon Transformer & Electrical Co Ltd is located at No. 70 on Sethmu 2 Street in the industrial zone part-1. The Myanmar national-owned transformer factory was established in 1999 and it started manufacturing of transformers in year 2000.

With the aim of decreasing the imported goods and increasing the production for the local consumers in the industrial sector, the factory is manufacturing and selling the transformers and its parts at fare prices.

Some parts were imported for manufacturing the transformers. Nowadays, the factory has the capability to totally produce all parts for the transformers.

The factory is manufacturing products with the capacities from 50 KVAs to 30,000 KVAs to be used at factories and power stations. Moreover, the factory is producing other electrical parts.

Yangon Transformer Factory secured the ISO 9001-2000 certificates in 2004 and it commenced the exporting of products in 2005. At present, the factory exports its transformers to Australia, Ivory Coast and Africa.

The factory is producing necessary transformers for the projects of the State in addition to the factory-used transformers. Yangon Transformer & Electrical Co Ltd is building the power stations of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and equipment for the power stations.

Furthermore, the company is manufacturing transformers for the river water pumping projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, isolation transformers for signal lights to be used on the runways of the airports and equipment for the control rooms of the runways under the Ministry of Transport. Moreover, appropriate transformers for the private entrepreneurs and industrial zones are being manufactured there.

The factories and workshops in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Part-1 are producing products for the local people as well as export items. As such, Yangon Transformer Factory is contributing to development of the industrial zone of the country by manufacturing quality products meeting set standards in accord with the trade policies: substitution of import goods, efficiency of products in the country and earning and saving of foreign exchange.

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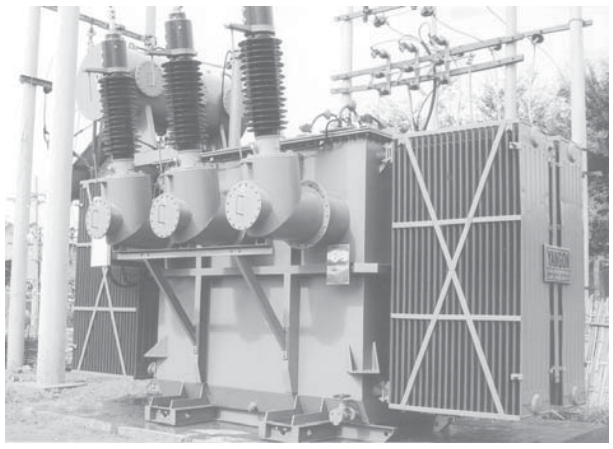
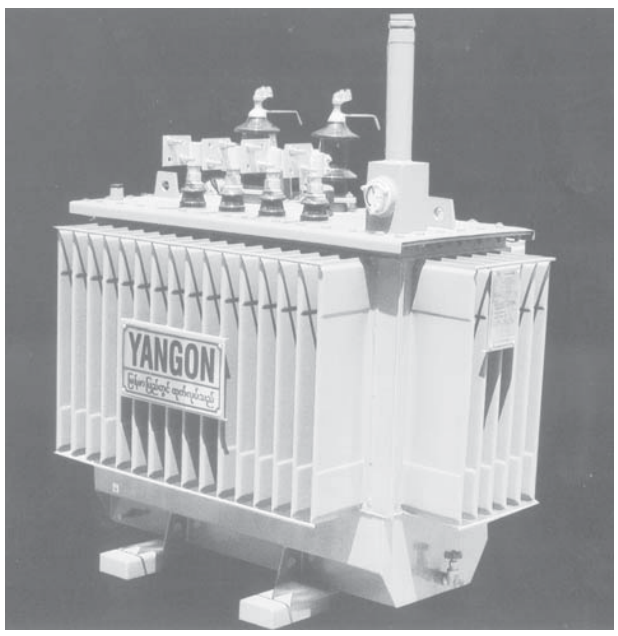


66/11 KV 10000 KVA Yangon Transformer installed at Lawkananda River Water Pumping Project.



Factory-used Yangon Transformer.

Heavy machinery being operated in the worksite of Yangon Transformer Factory.

Factories seen at Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

Chinese students encouraged to run in winter

BEIJING,28 Sept — China's Ministry of Education is launching a campaign to promote student health in the coming winter.

The campaign, dubbed "sunny sports" involves nearly all students across the country, including those from primary schools (the fifth and sixth grades only), middle schools and colleges.

As outlined by the ministry and the General Administration of Sport, students would be required to run every work day from 26 Oct of this year until the end of next April.

The notice provided distance guidelines for students to follow. Kids at primary schools have to run one km per day. It's 1.5 km for students at junior high schools and 2 km for senior high school and college/university students.

Chen Zhiyong, an official from the ministry, said schools will arrange when and where students can run, although, busy roads are not allowed.

Sport administrations at various levels were asked to supervise the implementation of the campaign.

Internet

The new cruiser Celebrity Solstice leaves the shipyard Meyer in Papenburg, Germany, on 28 Sept, 2008. It is 315 metres long and 36.8 metres wide. It has 1,426 cabins for 2,852 passengers.

INTERNET

Three dead, 15 injured in Ethiopia blast

ADDIS ABABA, 28 Sept — At least three people were killed and 15 injured Sunday in an explosion in eastern Ethiopia, as investigators scrambled to determine if it was an act of terrorism or an accident, police said.

The blast occurred near a hotel in Jijiga, the capital of Ethiopia's eastern Somali region, federal police spokesman Demsash Hailu said.

"An explosion this morning downtown Jijiga, near a hotel, has killed three people and there are above 15 wounded," he said.

"I suspect it is a terrorist action because we have some problems in this area. But there is an investigation opened. We'll look into the matter to confirm if it is a terrorist action or an accidental explosion," Hailu said.

Internet

Iraqis search for recyclable materials at a dump near Najaf, Iraq, on 28 Sept, 2008. About 150 people, mainly displaced from other part of Iraq, live on this dump and make a living by selling recyclable materials.—INTERNET

Teen survives, 4 killed in medevac crash

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept— Police on Sunday said three Maryland State Police personnel and a teenage girl were killed when a medical evacuation helicopter crashed in suburban Maryland.

The Maryland State Police helicopter crashed late Saturday night, leaving four of the five people on board dead, said Col Terrence Sheridan, superintendent of the Maryland State Police.

Federal and state authorities were trying to determine what caused the crash, Sheridan said.

The helicopter was on its way to Prince George's Hospital with two patients who had been critically injured in a Charles County, Maryland, car crash. The helicopter went down in a wooded area on a park trail in the Capitol Heights/Ritchie communities, Sheridan said.

A state police pilot, a paramedic, an emergency medical services technician and one of the patients were killed, he said.

The other patient — an 18-year-old girl — survived the crash and was being treated at a hospital, he said. She was in critical condition, Sheridan said.

Sheridan characterized the crash as the worst in the history of the police department.

"This is a devastating tragedy," said Sheridan. "We have had crashes before but never with four dead. This is the worst."

The pilot radioed that he was going back to Andrews Air Force Base to avoid bad weather just before midnight, Brady said. Two ambulances were sent to Andrews to meet the helicopter and carry the patients to the trauma centre.

Internet

A resident pushes a boat along flooded road in Vietnam's northern Bac Giang Province, about 100 km (62 miles) north of Hanoi, on 28 Sept, 2008. The death toll from a powerful typhoon that hit the Philippines and China earlier in the week has jumped to 32 in Vietnam as flash floods swept through villages, the government said on Sunday.—INTERNET

At least six injured in Egyptian National Theatre fire

CAIRO, 28 Sept — At least six people have been injured in the fire that broke out Saturday evening in the Egyptian National Theatre in downtown Cairo, the state *MENA* news agency reported.

Four of the injured, including two policeman, a firefighter and a theatre worker, were rushed to nearby hospitals for medical treatment and the other two firemen were receiving treatment at the scene, head of the emergency services at the Health Ministry Mohamed Sultan said.

The huge fire, which was under control, occurred at about 5:45 pm local time (1545 GMT) in the main hall of the theatre, reported the Egyptian Nile TV news channel.

Egyptian Culture Minister Farouq Hosni arrived at the scene after hearing about the incident, said the report, adding the fire was probably caused by a short circuit.

The stage curtain caught fire first just ten minutes before the Iftar (fasting breaking meal in the holy fasting month of Ramadan), Deputy Interior Minister Major General Sherif Gomaa told *MENA*.

On 19 August, a fire broke out in the building of the Egyptian Shura Council (upper house of the parliament), also in downtown Cairo.

Internet

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Sudan's Army kills 6 blamed in desert abduction

KHARTOUM, Sudan 28 Sept — The Sudanese Army says that it killed six alleged kidnappers in a high speed chase across the northern Sudanese desert, but the missing Europeans are still being held.

A desert safari tour of 11 Europeans and eight Egyptians were kidnapped by gunmen deep in the southern Egyptian deserts on 22 Sept.

Sudanese military spokesman, Sawarmy Khaled, has told The *Associated Press* that the Army came upon a vehicle filled with eight armed men near the Egyptian border and gave chase when they refused to stop.

In the ensuing gunbattle, he said, six were killed. The remaining two said the kidnapped Europeans were being held in Chad.

Khaled described the leader of the group as being Chadian.—*Internet*

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 1st October (Wednesday) 2008, being Bank holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Air crash in Peru kills two

LIMA, 28 Sept — A private jet crashed Saturday in Lima, capital city of Peru, killing the two people on board.

The jet crashed in a school in the Barranco district of Lima around Saturday noon. A coach and an 18-year-old student aboard were killed instantly, said one official in Barranco.

MNA/Xinhua

Lebanese Army should be equipped without foreign permission

BEIRUT, 28 Sept — Hizbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said the Lebanese Army's strength can not be built by waiting for permission from Israel and the United States, local *Daily Star* reported Saturday.

"We should not wait for permission from Israel and the United States to upgrade the capabilities of the Lebanese Army," Nasrallah told a crowd of supporters on the occasion of "Jerusalem day" in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Friday.

"We should form a team of ministers to secure the necessary funds to build the military capabilities of the Army, and search even in the black market to buy weapons," Nasrallah said.

His remarks were in response to reports saying that Israel is blocking any US military assistance, including night goggles, to the Lebanese Army.

On the reconciliation efforts with Sunni majority leader MP Saad Hariri, Nasrallah said "reconciliation aims at reducing tension and facilitates next parliamentary elections," noting that it does not necessarily mean the formation of a new political alliance. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Chinese FM attends "developing-five" gathering

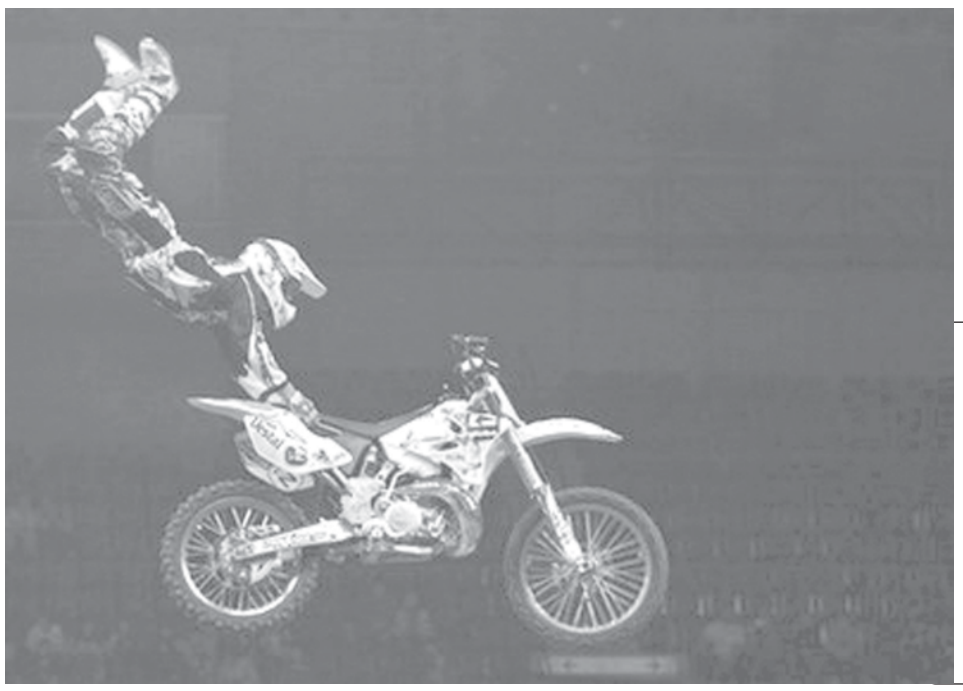
NEW YORK, 28 Sept — Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Saturday attended a foreign ministers' meeting of China, India, Brazil, South Africa, and Mexico, and held separate talks with his Russian and British counterparts.

At the foreign ministers meeting of the five developing nations, Yang said strengthening cooperation and coordination among China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico in international affairs is conducive to maintaining the common interests of the five countries and those of other developing countries, and to advancing South-South cooperation and South-North dialogues.

At the meeting, held on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, the five foreign ministers had in-depth exchange of ideas on such issues as food security, climate change, and financial stability, and discussed furthering cooperation among the five nations.

During his meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Yang said China and Russia have had frequent high-level exchanges this year, with substantial progress in their pragmatic cooperation in various fields, further enriching the content and consolidating the foundation of the Sino-Russian strategic partnership of cooperation, bringing in to play the potentials of bilateral cooperation. Yang said the two sides should have further closer exchanges and strengthen coordination to constantly advance bilateral cooperation for new achievements.

MNA/Xinhua



***Remi Bizouard of France performs a jump during the qualification round of the competition 'Night of the Jumps' FIM FMX World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia, on 27 Sept, 2008.*—INTERNET**

Hamas says not to soften demands in prisoner swap

GAZA, 28 Sept — Hamas on Saturday vowed it will not soften its demands to free a captive Israeli soldier for a number of Palestinian prisoners.

"Hamas has demanded the release of at least 1,000 prisoners who serve long sentences," said Osama al-Muzini, a Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip. Last week, an Israeli ministerial committee agreed to release 450 prisoners in the first phase of the swap once the captive corporal Gilad Shalit is handed over to Egyptian mediators.

Responding to the new Israeli offer, less than half of Hamas demands, Al-Muzini said the new list "represents an Israeli flexible stance and a recognition of Hamas demands' fairness, a humanitarian demand that can not be given away".

However, al-Muzini said the new Israeli offer was "inadequate because what Hamas demands is the minimum thing that can not undergo concessions".

MNA/Xinhua

81 rebels killed as fighter jets target LTTE stronghold

COLOMBO, 28 Sept — At least 81 LTTE. cadres were killed as Sri Lankan armed forces using fighters and artilleries pounded Tigers' stronghold, with troops reported to be on the outskirts of the key Kilinochchi town.

The fighter jets targeted female 'Black Tigers' training facility at Rathnapuram, Kilinochchi, as well as LTTE logistic centres and vehicles storage areas in a major escalation of the country's ongoing civil strife.

The Defence Ministry said that at least 81 Tamil Tigers were killed as jets pounded 'Black Tiger' training facility in the embattled northern Lanka.

The rise in the heat of the battle comes amidst reports that Sri Lankan forces are within sights of the town, considered to be administrative and military headquarters of the LTTE. "Sri Lankan Air Force fighter jets have launched a precision air strike at the LTTE's main female 'Black Tiger' training facility located at Rathnapuram, Kilinochchi this afternoon," an official said.

"The target was located 1.5 kilometres East of the A-9 trunk road and North of the Iranamadu Tank," Air Force spokesperson Wing Commander Janaka Nanayakkara said, adding the target was acquired on real-time ground information. — *MNA/PTI*

Hurricane Kyle bolts Carolina, races toward Maine

MIAMI, 28 Sept — Hurricane Kyle is continuing its northward trek, staying well off the coast of North Carolina as it races toward Maine.

At 2 am EDT Sunday, Kyle was centred about 275 miles south of Nantucket, according to the National Hurricane Centre in Miami.

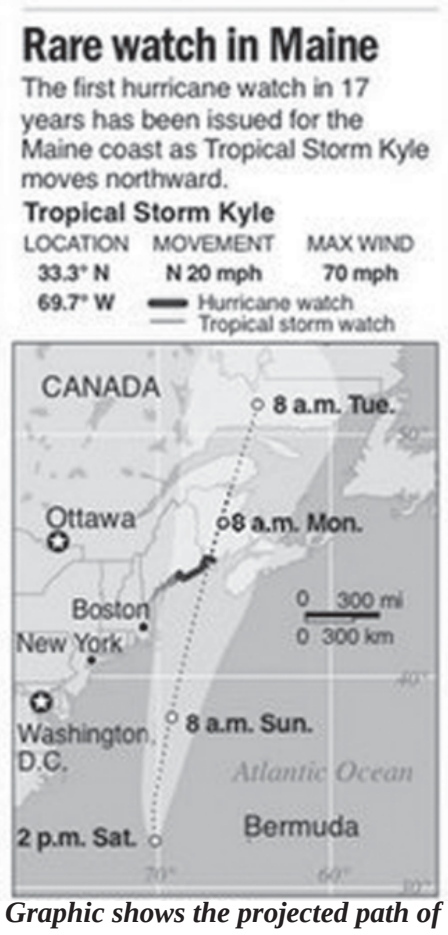
Kyle had top sustained winds near 75 mph. The Category 1 hurricane was moving north over the open Atlantic at 23 mph. The storm is expected to strengthen slightly before weakening closer to Maine.

Kyle's centre is forecast to be near eastern New England or the Canadian Maritime provinces late Sunday or early Monday, the Hurricane Centre said.—*Internet*

Iraq signs billion-dollar power deals with GE, Siemens

DUBAI, 28 Sept — Iraq has signed preliminary deals worth billions of dollars with General Electric Co and Siemens for equipment to almost double electricity generation capacity, an energy official said on Saturday.

The deals with GE, Siemens and a third company would be worth a total of $7 billion to $8 billion, Iraq's Electricity Minister Karim Waheed told *Reuters*. Years of war, sanctions and neglect have battered Iraq's power grid and the country suffers chronic power shortages. The capital Baghdad receives only a few hours of electricity a day. The deals would mark a big step in the country's reconstruction, Waheed said.—*Internet*



Graphic shows the projected path of Tropical Storm Kyle.

INTERNET

Africa awash in sunlight, but not solar energy

PARIS 28 Sept — From household solar panels to thermal generators big enough to power a town, sun power has enjoyed explosive growth around the world.

Everywhere, that is, except on the sun-drenched continent of Africa.

With an average daily dose of five-to-seven kilowatts per hour (kWh) for every square metre (10 square feet), Africa has more potential for producing energy from the sun than almost anywhere on Earth, with the possible exception of northern Australia or the Arabian peninsula.

Yet the continent accounts for only a miniscule percentage of the world's solar energy output.

Internet

***A water tower that is filled using energy from solar panels near Maradi in Niger. With an average daily dose of five-to-seven kilowatts per hour (kWh) for every square metre (10 square feet), Africa has more potential for producing energy from the sun than almost anywhere on Earth.*—INTERNET**

DPRK accuses US of breaking six-party N-agreement

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept— The DPRK Vice Foreign Minister Pak Kil Yon, in a speech to the UN General Assembly's general debate on Saturday, accused the United States of breaking a six-party nuclear agreement and vowed to take counter-measures.

"The US has laid an artificial obstacle to implementing the 3 October agreement by refusing to implement her obligations and put forward such an unjust demand as verification of the 'international standard' never agreed on among the six parties or between the DPRK and the US," the DPRK high official said, referring to the nuclear agreement reached by the six parties in Beijing on 3 October,2007.

"The 'international standard' asserted by the US is nothing but 'special inspection' which the IAEA called for in the 1990s to infringe upon the sovereignty of the DPRK and caused it to pull out of the NPT (Nonproliferation Treaty) in the end," he said.

"Now that the US has broken the agreement, the DPRK is inevitably taking relevant counter-measures on the basis of the principle of 'action for action,'" the DPRK official said.

MNA/Xinhua

Official says Indian tourism soaring high

LONDON, 28 Sept — Despite adverse world economic conditions, India has registered a robust growth in Foreign Travel Arrivals, a top Indian Government official said here.

"Despite prevalent adverse world economic conditions and record high oil prices, Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India recorded a robust growth of 10.4 per cent during January to August this year," Secretary, Tourism, Government of India SBanerjee said in his address at the 57th Indian Travel Congress/ Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) Convention here last night.

"There was a 26 per cent growth from Eastern Europe, 22 per cent growth from Australia, 24 per cent from East Asia and 37 per cent from the Scandinavian countries," he said.

Bannerjee informed the convention that in 2007, India was the second largest investor in London with FDI of 52 billion pounds. — *MNA/PTI*

China continues health check on kids fed

SHIJIAZHUANG,28 Sept — Health authority of Shijiazhuang City in Hebei Province said it would continue health checkup on babies fed with baby milk powder to ensure that sick kids could be treated timely.

The city had checked 232,988 children who were born during or after 2006 and were fed baby formula from 15 September to 26 September. Out of those checked, 113,767 kids were fed baby formula made by Sanlu dairy group, the company at the heart of the contamination scandal.

A total of 3,650 children were diagnosed as being sicken after drinking baby formula tainted with the chemical melamine, said Wen Honghai, chief of the health department of Shijiazhuang, capital of Hebei Province. Daily checkups decreased from the peak of more than 42,000 babies to 8,750 babies, said Wen.

"We will not loosen checkup so that every sick kid can be treated timely and effectively," Wen said.

The government offered free health checkup to babies.

The State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) announced last Tuesday it had found the chemical melamine in 69 batches of baby milk powder produced by 22 companies nationwide.

The agency issued a watch-list of the 22 companies and their tainted products on the same day.

MNA/Xnihua

Steel Snake boat enters "Guinness Book of World Records"

KOCHI, 28 Sept — A Steel snake boat from Kerala has made its way to the *Guinness Book of World Records* for carrying 141 people on board.

The 'Aries Punnamada Urukku Chundan' has broken the existing record of carrying 118 persons on board by taking 141 people, including 136 rowers and 5 helmsmen. 'Chundan' has been certified as the largest canoe crew by the *Guinness World Records* authority, S K Sohan Roy, CEO of Aries Marine, the largest ship design and consultancy firm in the Middle East, claimed. It also holds the record of being the longest steel snake boat certified by the Limca Book of Records.

The innovative steel snake boat is based on the scientific design using the famous 'Autoship' software.

MNA/PTI

Workers carry baskets of acai berries from barges to trucks waiting to take them to market where they are sold to the food processing industry and to the growing export market, in Abaetetuba, near the mouth of the Amazon River, on 26 Sept, 2008. —INTERNET

Egypt denounces bombing attack in Damascus

CAIRO, 28 Sept — Egyptian authorities condemned a car bomb explosion in the Syrian capital of Damascus that killed 17 people on Saturday, the official *MENA* news agency reported.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit, who is in New York to take part in the UN General Assembly session, expressed sympathy for the victims of the blast, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hossam Zaki was quoted as saying.

Earlier in the day, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak sent a cable of condolences to his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad over the victims of the car bomb blast, said *MENA*.

MNA/Xinhua

Nintendo to launch camera, music-capable DS

TOKYO, 28 Sept — Japanese video game maker Nintendo Co Ltd plans to launch a new model of its DS handheld machine that can take pictures and play music by the end of the year, the *Nikkei* business daily said on Sunday.

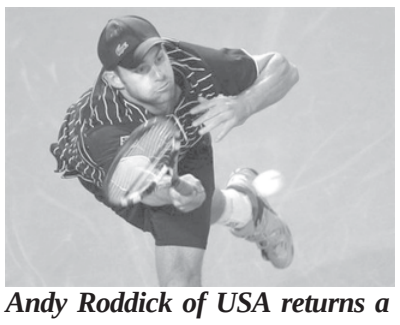
The move would pit the top-selling portable game gear with Apple Inc iPod and camera-embedded cellphones in general.The price for the new machine, which will also be equipped with advanced wireless communications functions, is expected to be below 20,000 yen ($189) in Japan, compared with 16,800 yen for the current model, the *Nikkei* said.

The Wii game console and DS have been Nintendo's twin growth engines, helping its share price to grow more than three-fold over the past three years.—*Internet*

***Two three-month-old male baby lesser pandas play at Chiba Zoological Park near Tokyo on 28 Sept, 2008. The lesser pandas, also known as red pandas, debuted in the public Saturday. Their names will be chosen from eight names by park visitors.*—INTERNET**

SPORTS

Roddick into China Open final, Zheng bows out



Andy Roddick of USA returns a shot against Bjorn Phau of Germany in the semi-final of the China Open in Beijing. Roddick won 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 28 Sept — Andy Roddick was forced to dig deep to beat his unfancied opponent in the China Open semi-finals Saturday as home favourite Zheng Jie bowed out after a brave run to the last four.

The big-serving American battled to a 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1 win against 137-ranked Bjorn Phau while Zheng fell to Svetlana Kuznetsova in straight sets.

Internet

Henry's number could be up at Barca

MADRID, 28 Sept — French international Thierry Henry may have scored in Barcelona's 2-1 derby win over Espanyol on Saturday but his exit looks increasingly likely with new manager Pep Guardiola seemingly favouring Samuel Eto'o in the central striking position.

Cameroon forward Eto'o seemed certain to leave in the summer but stayed on with suitors baulking at his transfer fee and he has become first choice up front with Henry on the substitutes bench or out on the left wing. Henry still insists his future lies at Barcelona but admits his family ties in London make it difficult.

Internet

French international Thierry Henry, seen here, may have scored in Barcelona's 2-1 derby win over Espanyol but his exit looks increasingly likely with new manager Pep Guardiola seemingly favouring Samuel Eto'o in the central striking position.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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PREMIER LEAGUE

(28-9-2008)

Portsmouth	**2 – 0**	**Tottenham**
Wigan Athletic	**2 – 1**	**Manchester City**

Portsmouth pair condemn rock-bottom Tottenham to another defeat

Defoe is congratulated after scoring Portsmouth's opening goal against Tottenham.
INTERNET

The Portsmouth strikers Jermain Defoe and Peter Crouch added to the growing despair at Tottenham by condemning their former club to a fourth league defeat of the season and ensuring the Londoners remain rooted to the foot of the Premier League table with just two points from six matches.

Initially a loanee when he first moved to the south-coast club, Defoe had been unable to play against Tottenham in Pompey's 2-0 defeat in March but the former Spurs striker made up for lost time with an assured first-half penalty right in front of the visiting supporters. Defoe refused to celebrate his 12th goal in 18 matches since leaving White Hart Lane but that will do little to ease the pressure mounting on the manager, Juande Ramos. Crouch, meanwhile, never had the opportunity to make an impact at the club where he began his career as a trainee, but his close-range header, scored just as Spurs were threatening an equaliser, will have certainly made its mark on Tottenham fans.

Portsmouth made a confident start to the match, full-back Nadir Belhadj showing both strong running and an excellent touch on the left flank and the livewire Defoe eager to prove a point against the side that sold him in January despite a return of 64 goals in 110 starts for the London club. Defoe had the ball in the net as early as the third minute when he raced on to Crouch's flick-on but the offside flag muted his celebrations, while Richard Hughes did well to unleash a shot from the edge of the area at full stretch, which required a diving save from Heurelho Gomes.

Internet

Wenger laments complacency after Hull loss

LONDON, 28 Sept — Arsene Wenger angrily accused Arsenal of complacency after they slid to an embarrassing 2-1 home defeat to Hull City on Saturday.

The Frenchman could barely contain his fury at his team, whose proud unbeaten run at the Emirates - which had stretched back to April 2007 - was smashed by second-half goals from Geovanni and Daniel Cousin.

Defeat also ensured Arsenal were denied returning to the top of the English Premier League table, which is now occupied by Chelsea, but Wenger's main concern was his team's approach to a game they had been expected to win at a canter.

"We weren't completely switched on to the level you need to be to win the game," Wenger said. "Human beings are not machines and perhaps subconsciously we thought we would just win it.—*Internet*

Lyon extend league lead as Marseille and PSG stumble

PARIS, 28 Sept — Karim Benzema hailed Lyon's great start to the season following their 2-1 win over Nancy on Saturday to shoot them six points ahead in the French league while Paris Saint Germain and Marseille stumbled. France international Benzema orchestrating a strong, first-half surge, scoring the opener and involved in the second goal, though he had to go off in the 59th minute with an ankle injury that did not prove serious.

Benzema heralded the wonderful start to the season of the seven-time reigning French league champions. "We are happy to have won the game and we have had a great start to the season. We aren't conceding many goals and we are scoring a lot," Benzema said.

"We are also still unbeaten and we must hope that that continues for as long as possible." Second-placed Marseille could only draw 1-1 at the season's surprise-package Le Mans while PSG fell 1-0 at home to promoted Grenoble in the late match.—*Internet*

Lyon's forward Anthony Mounier (L) jumps over Nancy's goalkeeper Gennaro Bracigliano during the French L1 football match at the Gerland stadium in Lyon. Lyon won 2-1.—INTERNET

Garcia turns tables on Kim at Tour Championship

ATLANTA, 28 Sept — The cheers weren't as loud, but Sergio Garcia had heard them before.

Six days ago at the Ryder Cup, he was helpless as Anthony Kim fired at flags and birdied nearly half his holes in a 5-and-4 romp that revived up the gallery during an American victory.

It looked like more of the same early Saturday at the Tour Championship, especially when Kim made everything in sight to build a three-shot lead on the front nine at East Lake. This time, fortunes turned in the Spaniard's favour.

Garcia kept hitting good putts until enough of them went in that he turned a three-shot deficit into a three-shot lead with a 3-under 67, leaving him poised to become only the third player to capture The Players Championship and the Tour Championship in the same year.—*Internet*

Former Ryder Cup adversaries and current leaders Anthony Kim, left, and Sergio Garcia joke around on the first tee before starting the third round of The Tour Championship PGA golf tournament Son 27 Sept, 2008, in Atlanta.
INTERNET

UN Security Council condemns bombing in Syria

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept — The UN Security Council strongly condemned the car bombing in Syria's capital Damascus on Saturday and called for bringing those responsible to justice.

"The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attack that occurred in Damascus," the UN Security Council said in a statement. "The members of the Security Council expressed their condolences to the families of the victims and to the people and government of Syria," the statement said.

The statement "underlined the need to bring perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism to justice" and urged all states to cooperate actively with Syria in this regard. Earlier Saturday, a car bombing exploded in Damascus and caused at least 17 people killed and 14 others wounded.

MNA/Xinhua

David and Victoria Beckham attend a 'Beckham Signature' fragrance (named "dvd" for David and Victoria) launch event at Macy's department store on Friday, 26 Sept, 2008 in New York.

INTERNET

Japan's newly appointed transport minister resigns

TOKYO,28 Sept— Japan's newly-appointed Transport Minister Nariaki Nakayama handed in his resignation Sunday due to verbal blunders.

At a Press conference following Nakayama's resignation, Chief Cabinet Secretary Takeo Kawanura said that he will act as transport minister pro tem.

Nakayama's resignation came only four days after he was appointed as land, infrastructure, transport and tourism minister in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Taro Aso, who assumed the premiership and announced the lineup Wednesday.

During media interviews following his appointment, Nakayama made a series of controversial remarks, calling Japan an " ethnically homogenous" nation, which drew bitter criticism from both ruling and opposition parties as well as the indigenous Ainu people.—*MNA/Xinhua*

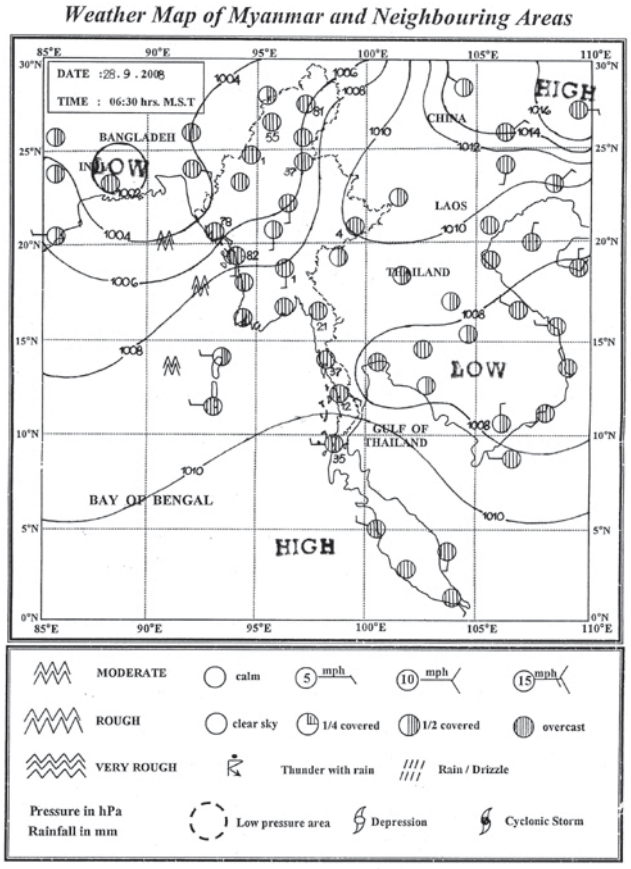
US destroyer watching hijacked ship off Somalia

MOGADISHU, 28 Sept — A US destroyer off the coast of Somalia closed in Saturday on a hijacked Ukrainian ship loaded with tanks and ammunition, watching it to ensure the pirates who seized it do not try to remove any cargo or crew. As Russian and American ships pursued the hijackers of the Ukrainian-operated vessel, pirates seized another ship off Somalia's coast, an international anti-piracy group said.

The Greek tanker with a crew of 19 is carrying refined petroleum from Europe to the Middle East. It was ambushed Friday in the Gulf of Aden, said Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting centre based in Malaysia. He said pirates chased and fired at the ship before boarding it.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 28 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw(Thapyaykone) (0.39) inch, Maungtaw (5.20) inches, Putao (3.38) inches, Kyaukpyu (3.35) inches, Sittway (3.07) inches, Machanbaw(2.68) inches, Kyauktaw (2.40) inches and Hkamti (2.16) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-9-2008 was 90˚F. Minimum temperature on 28-9-2008 was 70ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-9-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 27-9-2008 was (3.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-9-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (96.38) inches at Mingaladon, (108.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (125.98) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 27-9-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (09:30) hrs MST today, low pressure area over North Bay of Bengal has become unimportant. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay, monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division, scattered in Chin, Kayin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of rain in Rakhine State.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29 -9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

TV Myanmar

Monday, 29 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:25 am
2.To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4.ထူးမြတ်တင့်ဆန်းကြာသင်္ကန်း
8:00 am
5. Nice and sweet song
8:10 am
6. Dance variety
8:20 am
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဇော်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
8:30 am
8. International news
8:40 am
9. Islands of Dhamma
8:45 am
10. ဒေါက်တာဘဒ္ဒန္တဉာဏိသရ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓဇ၊ မဟာဓမ္မကထိက ဗဟုဇနေ ဟိတရ) သဒ္ဓမ္မ သီတဂူချောင်၊ စစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး၊ စစ်ကိုင်းမြို့၊ စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းထိမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလခံယူ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Musical programme
4:20 pm
3. Song of National races
4:35 pm
4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ်မမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက (၁) (သံလျင်) (အမျိုးသား ဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
5:05 pm
5. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:10 pm
6. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
5:25 pm
7. "ပြည်သူ့အတွက် ၂၄ နာရီ" (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ထွန်းထွန်းလွင်)
5:35 pm
8. "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်" (မေကဗျာ၊ ဖူးဖူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ကော်)(ကုမုဒြာ)
5:45 pm
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ပထမတန်း)အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
6:00 pm
10. Evening news
6:30 pm
11. Weather report
6:35 pm
12. အလှရှာမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
6:55 pm
13. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
7:00 pm
14. "သူရွေးသီရာတေးကဗျာ"
7:20 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပန်းပျိုးလက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
8:00 pm
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်

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Development tasks inspected in Monghsat

***Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visits Vocational Training School for Women of Monghsat Education and Training Department.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and departmental heads inspected the condition of Tachilek-Monghsat road section and thriving paddy plantations along it on 27 September.

At Bayintnaung Yeiktha of Monghsat, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with national race leader U Aik Lauk and party, frankly discussed regional development tasks and presented gifts to them.

At Thiri Yadana Hall of Monghsat, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders and presented sports gear to them.

Next, he viewed trainees who were learning tailoring lessons at Vocational Training School for Women of Monghsat Education and Training Department and presented refreshments for the school.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party oversaw thriving 25-acre honey orange plantation, 7-acre paddy plantation and 35-acre rubber plantation and honey bee plantation of U Khattiya.

MNA

Portsmouth pair condemn rock-bottom Tottenham to another defeat

Portsmouth's Richard Hughes, right, tackles Tottenham Hotspur's Jermaine Jenas during their English Premier League soccer match at the Fratton Park stadium, Portsmouth, on 28 Sept, 2008.

(See page 14)—INTERNET

Wigan beat Manchester City 2-1

Wigan's Wilson Palacios, left, fights for the ball with Manchester City's Vincent Kompany during their English Premier League soccer match at The JJB Stadium, Wigan, on 28 Sept, 2008.

(See page 14)—INTERNET

Rare knife uncovered from ancient Swedish tomb

FALBYGDEN, 28 Sept—Archaeologists have been captivated by a *Bronze Age* knife which was uncovered along with other artifacts from an excavation site near Falbygden in central Sweden.

The knife was discovered at the Firse Sten tomb in *Falköping* and is in remarkably good condition, despite having been buried for thousands of years.

"It's a knife blade which ends in a handle that looks like the throat and head of a horse," said antiques expert Peter Jankavs from Falbygdens museum to Sveriges Radio.

The knife was found near the entrance to a 5,000-year-old tomb, although the knife itself is thought to be about 3,000-years-old, since the *Stone Age* burial site was later re-used by people from the Bronze Age.

Internet

Manufacturing import-substitute quality transformers

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