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Industrial zones in Yangon running smoothly



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe observes trainees
in practical works at the course run by
overseas employment agency in Yangon
Industrial Zone for human resource
development.*

YANGON, 2 Oct — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence visited industrial zones in Yangon Division today and inspected production process of the factories in the zones. (See page 8)

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

PERSPECTIVES

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Use irrigation water expeditiously for boosting agricultural production

The government is now constructing dams, large, medium and small, across the nation, especially in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions that have low rainfall. In the past, farmers in those regions had to rely on rainwater for their agricultural farming, but now they have got a lot of good returns from growing a variety of crops with irrigation water.

Having a large number of acres of farmlands, Magway Division, with sufficient irrigation water supply, can grow summer paddy and launch multiple cropping patterns on a wider scale. Now, more than 70 dams, lakes and small dams are under construction for boosting agricultural production and regional greening in the division.

Dagun Dam in Seikphyu Township, Pakokku District, inaugurated on 30 September, is the 41st irrigation facility of Magway Division and 215th irrigation facility of the nation.

Thanks to the dam, the villages in Thabye Village-tract, Seikphyu Township, will be able to cultivate monsoon paddy, green gram, summer paddy and multiple crops extensively.

Previously, Pakokku District could put only over 90,000 acres under monsoon paddy and only over 10,000 acres under summer paddy. Now, Yesagyo, Pwintbyu, Myaing and Seikphyu townships in the district are in a position to cultivate monsoon groundnut, green gram and cold season green gram in addition to monsoon paddy, chilli, cotton, beans and pulses and corn due to the river water pumping stations and newly-exploited water resources.

The number of irrigation facilities throughout the nation is on the increase year by year. Local organizations and farmers therefore have to work hard for boosting production of monsoon and summer paddy, and multiple crops through efficient use of irrigation water.

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspects rubber products.—MNA



People's Desire

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

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2008, His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Yu Myung-hwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

FM felicitates German counterpart

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Sweden lauds Myanmar's efforts in taking 3D preventive measures

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Minister, Coordinator of Development Assistance to the Union of Myanmar, Mr Bengt Ekman from Swedish Embassy in Bangkok called on Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at the ministry, here on 30 September.

At their meeting, Mr Bengt Ekman said Sweden is providing aid on 3D preventive measures in Myanmar. He said he went on field trip to the central Myanmar where the 3D preventive measures were being taken and that the active participation of the Ministry of Health in co-operation with INGOs and the locals in the tasks were very impressive.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint expressed thanks to Sweden for providing aid for 3D preventive



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives Minister, Coordinator of Development Assistance to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bengt Ekman from Sweden Embassy in Bangkok.—MNA

measures and rehabilitation tasks in storm-battered regions.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, the directors-general, deputy directors-generals and officials of the ministry.

MNA

Nyaunggon BEPS get-together on Oct 14

YANGON, 2 Oct — The old students of the Primary school in Nyaunggon, ward, Thegon Town, Pyay District, West Bago, will organize the fifth respecting ceremony for the

teachers on 14 October.

Old students wishing to give any contributions to the ceremony can contact U Hasan (U San Shar), ph: 053- 38222, Ext 83 and U Myo Thwin of Yon Street. — MNA

Development of rubber technology and rubber products stressed

YANGON, 30 Sept — A work coordination meeting of the subcommittee for development of rubber technology and rubber products of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee took place at EFR Rubber Factory in Shwelinban Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

At the meeting, officials concerned reported to Chairman of the subcommittee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin on production process, rubber products, combined use of technology, machinery and labs for development of rubber industry, efforts for penetra-

tion of Myanmar's rubber into the global market and the papers on ensuring per-acre high yield of rubber and selecting of quality rubber strains and export of rubber. Then, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions and viewed the factory and rubber products.

MNA

Suicide bombers kill at least 20 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct — Suicide bombers killed at least 20 people in attacks in different areas of Baghdad early Thursday, the Interior Ministry said. In the middle class Zafaraniya district, an area of southeast Baghdad with a mixed population of different faiths, a car bomber rammed a taxi into an armoured vehicle guarding the entrance to a compound, killing eight people, including two Iraqi soldiers, the Interior Ministry said.

The attack took place in neighbourhood whose population is heavily Shiite. In the second attack, a bomber wearing an explosive vest tried to enter a prayer hall in the predominantly Shiite New Baghdad area nearby, killing 12 people and

A resident carries his brother who was wounded in a bomb attack in Baghdad's Zafaraniya district on 2 Oct, 2008.
INTERNET



injuring at least 25. Last Sunday, five bomb attacks struck Baghdad, three of them aimed at civilians who were out holiday shopping and strolling. Security sources said at

least 27 people were killed and 84 wounded.

The bombings reinforced fears that the security situation in the city was deteriorating.

Internet

UN raises Pakistan security level after hotel bomb

ISLAMABAD, 2 Oct — The United Nations raised its security level for the Pakistani capital after the 20 Sept truck bombing of Islamabad's Marriott Hotel, UN officials said Thursday.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon approved the move after the world body's agencies in Islamabad recommended it earlier this week, three officials told *The Associated Press*.

They said it also applied to the neighbouring city of Rawalpindi and areas near the Afghan border.

The decision means that UN international staff will no longer be allowed to live with their children in the capital. Some can

relocate to areas deemed safer, such as Lahore or Karachi.

Others are expected to leave Pakistan, which is expected to cause some disruption to UN

programmes as the country faces severe economic difficulties and a crumbling of basic public services in militancy-torn areas.

Internet



A Pakistani security personnel in front of the devastated Marriott Hotel in Islamabad on 23 Sept, 2008. The United Nations will withdraw the children of its foreign staff based in the Pakistani capital Islamabad after last month's bombing at the Marriott Hotel, a senior UN official said on Thursday.—INTERNET

Suicide blast at Pakistan politician's house kills four

PESHWAR, 2 Oct — A suicide bomber blew himself up as he tried to enter a house owned by a member of Pakistan's ruling coalition Thursday, killing four people but missing the politician, officials said.

The bombing happened in the northwestern town of Charsadda, outside a separate guest room of the house belonging to Asfandiyar Wali Khan, head of the Awami National Party (ANP), they said.

The politician was not hurt in the attack, which occurred as he was visiting a guest in the building as part of celebrations for the Muslim festival of Eid-al-Fitr, police and party officials said.

"Four people were killed in the suicide blasts. The target was Asfandiyar Wali but he is safe," Mian Ifthikhar, the information minister for North West Frontier Province, told local television.

Provincial police chief Malik Naveed told *AFP* that guards shot the bomber before he blew himself up.

Internet



A man walks past a homeless man on the streets of Madrid on 2 Oct, 2008. The number of people out of work in Spain rose to an 11-year high, rising for the sixth consecutive month as a collapse in the construction sector and global credit woes pushed Spain towards recession. —INTERNET

Iraqi police say bombs kill 16 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct — Bombs targeted Shiite worshippers as they left morning prayers on Thursday at two Baghdad mosques, killing 16 people and injuring more than 30 others, police said.

In a separate attack, gunmen fatally shot four people — two women and two children aged 8 to 10 — as they travelled in a minibus in a town north of Baghdad. Another woman and the driver were also injured in the shooting in Wajehiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad, police in Diyala Province said.

The bombings in Baghdad happened as Shiite worshippers were celebrating the holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan.

Internet

Czech Govt to send more troops to Afghanistan in 2009

PRAGUE, 2 Oct — The Czech government approved the deployment of more troops in foreign missions next year, under which the Czech military will send more troops to Afghanistan, the Czech news agency *CTK* said on Wednesday. While some 900 Czech soldiers are deployed abroad this year, it is to be at least 1,386 in 2009 under the new plan, according to *CTK*.

In total, up to 745 Czech troops are to be deployed in Afghanistan in 2009, while it is up to 415 this year, *CTK* said. Late next year, the Czech Republic wants to send three *Mi-171S* helicopters, accompanied by up to 120 troops, it added.

More soldiers are to be sent especially to the Czech Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in the Logar province of southern Afghanistan, *CTK* said, adding that the now 200-strong PRT is to add up to 330 members next year.

Internet

Seven Czech soldiers wounded in Afghanistan

PRAGUE, 2 Oct — Seven soldiers of the Czech Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) were wounded near the Shank base in the Afghan province Logar, Czech chief-of-staff Vlastimil Picek said in Prague on Wednesday.

Unknown attackers used anti-tank grenades and firearms against the Czech troops and the Czechs fired back, Picek said. The Czech troops drove armoured Humvee vehicles equipped with heavy machine guns, he added.

None of the soldiers is in a critical state. One of them was flown to a US field hospital in Bagram and two to the Czech field hospital in Kabul. The remaining four wounded were treated at the Shank base.

Two Czech soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan this year. One soldier was killed in 2007.

Internet

British Conservatives calls for inquiry in war in Iraq

BIRMINGHAM (Britain), 2 Oct — Britain's Conservative Party on Wednesday called for a full privy council inquiry into the origins and conduct of the war in Iraq.

William Hague, Shadow Foreign Secretary, made the remarks in his speech on the last day of the party's annual conference.

"We supported the decision to remove Saddam Hussein, but we all know that an occupation of Iraq that was better conceived and implemented could have spared so many the agony and bloodshed of the last five years," he said, adding the country should learn from mistakes made in Iraq.

Hague cited progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as the single most urgent focus in foreign affairs once the party goes into power.

Internet



Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev (R) shakes hands with Spain's Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero at the Konstantin Palace near St Petersburg on 1 October, 2008.— XINHUA

South Korea finds melamine in New Zealand product

WELLINGTON, 2 Oct— The South Korean authorities have found trace amounts of melamine in milk products imported from New Zealand that were used in baby formula and banned their import, its food safety agency said on Thursday. The Korea Food and Drug Administration said the product, lactoferrin, was produced by Tatua Cooperative Dairy Company of New Zealand,

Radio New Zealand reported. South Korea was banning all other products made by the company pending further tests, it said. No trace of the chemical has been found in 19 baby formula products tested, presumably because the additive makes up less than 0.1 percent of the final product, the agency said.

Xinhua



People display a silk map of China, which has been to the outer space by the Shenzhou-7 spacecraft at the China Academy of Space Technology in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

S Korea's foreign exchange reserves fall in September

SEOUL, 2 Oct— South Korea's foreign exchange reserves fell by 3.53 billion US dollars in September mainly due to the US dollar supply by the foreign exchange authorities in their effort to ease financial jitters, the nation's central bank said Thursday. According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), as of the end of September the nation's foreign reserves amounted 239.7 billion US dollars, down from 243.2 billion US dollar in August.

From this April, the foreign exchange reserves fell for the sixth straight month until September. "Despite higher investment profits, foreign reserves fell in September as foreign exchange authorities injected more dollars into the swap market in a bid to ease financial market jitters sparked by the global credit crunch," the central bank said. "A stronger US dollar also brought down the dollar conversion value of assets in other currencies like the euro."

However, despite the massive dollar sales by the financial authorities to prop up the won, the local currency has declined more than 21 percent against the dollar so far this year.

Meanwhile, South Korea posted the world's sixth-largest holder of foreign exchange reserves as of the end of August, according to the nation's Yonhap news agency.

Xinhua

Moderate quake rocks southern, central Chile

SANTIAGO, 2 Oct — A 5.1-magnitude earthquake hit southern and central Chile on Wednesday, but no casualties or damage have been reported so far, the National Emergency Office said.

The quake struck at 13:04 local time (1704 GMT) and shook five regions from Valparaiso in the north to Bio Bio in the south.

It also affected the metropolitan regions of O'Higgins and Maule.

The epicentre of the tremor was at a depth of 110 km underground in the Maule region, south of the capital Santiago, said the Seismological Service of the University of Chile.

Xinhua

Russian President vows to pull out troops from Georgia on time

Moscow, 2 Oct— Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on Wednesday that Russian troops will withdraw from Georgian territory next week as set in ceasefire agreements. "As was agreed Russian peacekeepers will be fully withdrawn from the territory of Georgia by 10 Oct," Interfax news agency quoted him as saying following talks with visiting Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis

Rodriguez Zapatero in St Petersburg. According to French-brokered ceasefire agreements between Russia and Georgia, Moscow is to withdraw its troops from Georgian territories bordering on the Abkhazian and South Ossetian conflict zones by 10 Oct as the first step. The observer mission of the European Union has officially started work and entered a Russian-controlled buffer zone on

Wednesday to monitor the withdrawal. The Russian head of state also ruled out a new cold war amid the soured relations between Moscow and the West. "Today we don't have any ideological differences which could spark off a cold or any other war ... The cooperation is no less important for them than for us. Ultimately everything will be restored in full," he said.

Xinhua

53 sickened by suspected poisoned lunch in Philippines

MANILA, 2 Oct — At least 53 people fell ill, 28 of whom were hospitalized, after eating suspected poisoned lunch at a gathering in a small central Philippine city, local media reported Thursday. The victims, mostly government officials in charge of senior citizens affairs in Roxas city of Capiz province, started to complain about stomach pains and loose bowel movement after eating lunch served at a gathering on Wednesday, local TV news network GMA News said. The report said at least 28 people have been hospitalized but it did not mention whether any one was in serious conditions. Local health officials are probing whether the food they ate was spoiled or contaminated, the report said.

Xinhua

Foreign company announces oil discovery in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Oct — US oil company Anadarko has announced an oil discovery in the Campos Basin in southeastern Brazil, local daily O Globo reported on Wednesday. The field, nicknamed Wahoo, was discovered by a consortium of four companies, of which Anadarko is the main operator. The other three are US company Devon, India's EnCana and South Korea's SK Energy. It is the first time a foreign company other than Brazil's state-owned oil and gas giant Petrobras announced an oil discovery in the country's pre-salt layer fields.

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A boy views the statues of Chinese champions of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in a street of Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 Sept, 2008.

XINHUA

Beijing to remove 300,000 heavily polluting vehicles in one year

BEIJING, 2 Oct —Beijing will replace or remove some 300,000 heavily polluting vehicles within one year in an attempt to further improve its air quality, authorities said on Wednesday.

All heavily polluting vehicles will be banned within the sixth ring road

by 1 Oct next year.

Currently, the number of heavily polluting vehicles accounts for about 10 percent of the total in the capital, but the pollutants they emit cover about half of the total from vehicles.

The air quality at night often showed a pollution

peak, which was mainly due to the large number of such vehicles running into the downtown, according to Feng Yuqiao, a Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau official.

In the past decade, vehicle exhaust treatment has been an important part of the capital's efforts to improve air quality.

Internet

Factories mired at recession levels, jobs weak

NEW YORK, 2 Oct— US factory activity shrank in September to its lowest since the 2001 recession, and private employers shed jobs for the third time in four months as the financial crisis tightened its grip on the world's largest economy.

US private-sector employers cut 8,000 jobs in September, according to a report by ADP Employer Services and Macroeconomic Advisers that did not include the impact of the financial chaos of the past few weeks.

Worse yet, the US unemployment rate may increase to 7 percent by the middle of 2009, as poor jobs conditions are expected to persist for another 9 to 10 months, Macroeconomic Advisers Chairman Joel Prakken said.

Separately, the Institute for Supply Management said its index of national factory activity fell to 43.5 in September from 49.9 in August, under the level of 50 that separates contraction from expansion.

Internet

Four dead in burned-out Mich house slain before fire

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP (Mich), 2 Oct—Authorities say autopsies performed on four bodies found inside a burned-out home near Grand Rapids, Mich, show that all were slain before fire destroyed the structure.

Ottawa County sheriff's Lt Mark Bennett told The Grand Rapids Press for a story Wednesday that the four were found dead early Monday in a house in Wright Township.

Killed were 53-year-old Sharmaine Zimmer, her 20-year-old son Jeremy, her 17-year-old son Tyler and Jeremy's 18-year-old girlfriend, Katherine Brown of Conklin.

Authorities haven't said how the victims died. Bennett says detectives haven't ruled whether the fire was intentionally set. The county sheriff's office, state police and the state fire marshal's office are investigating.—Internet

Solar powered cars race in South Africa

CAPE TOWN, 2 Oct—Africa's first-ever solar-powered car race is underway in South Africa to raise awareness about alternative energy and promote science and technology, organizers said Wednesday.

Local teams are competing against racers from India and Japan in the two-week South African Solar Challenge,

which aims to encourage students to study engineering, a field in which the country faces huge skills shortage.

"Promoting science and technology, that is the main focus. If we can convince another 10 people in our country to become engineers, it could be a radical improvement to our economy," said organizer Winstone Jordan.

The group also hopes to promote alternative energy and green technology.

"Not a lot of people understand a six-square-metre (65-square-foot) solar array can make a car go 160 kilometres (100 miles) per hour. That's the crux of it, to get a generation of people growing up understanding the power of solar, how do we apply it."

Other solar car races are held in Europe, the United States and Australia, helping to develop technology for both alternative energy power sources and electric cars.

Internet



One of the cars taking part in the 'South African Solar Challenge' on display in Cape Town. Africa's first-ever solar-powered car race is underway in South Africa to raise awareness about alternative energy and promote science and technology.—INTERNET

'Iceman' row ends after 17 years

A legal battle sparked by the discovery of the world-famous 5,300-year-old "Iceman" known as Oetzi in northern Italy in 1991 has finally been settled.

German hikers Erika and Helmut Simon found the remains, but officials in the north Italian province of Bolzano had refused an adequate finders' fee.

A court ruled



Oetzi was one of the greatest archaeological finds of recent years.

against the province in 2006, and it has finally agreed to pay 150,000 euros (£120,000;

\$216,000).

But the award has come too late for Mr Simon, who died four years ago.

The money will go to his 71-year-old widow.

Health tip: does your child need a nap?

Children need plenty of sleep to keep them healthy and happy.

Take note of these warning signs that your child may need a daily nap, courtesy of the Nemours Foundation:

Acting sleepy during the day. Acting cranky or fussy late in the afternoon. Difficulty getting out of bed in the morning. Difficulty concentrating, hyperactivity, impatience or aggression. Problems concentrating on school work or other tasks.

Feature: A tale of two restaurants

Located barely 10 kilometres from each other, the two restaurants stand in a sharp contrast, in terms of appearance and ambience.

The single-storey Yuebin (Pleasing Guests) is hidden in a shabby hutong named Cuihua, while the imposing Qiaojiangnan (SouthBeauty) is embraced by the thriving Central Business District (CBD), steps away from Rem Koolhaas's controversial Central China Television (CCTV) Tower.

But Yuebin and Qiaojiangnan have one thing in common: both are pioneers of China's catering business — one has been China's first private restaurant opened after China started the reform and opening up 30 years ago; the other the first Chinese restaurant to open branches in foreign lands and to make a brandname out of the Chinese foods everywhere in the world.

NEWSALBUM



A foreign tourist takes photos of a sculpture displayed at 798 Art Zone in Beijing, capital of China. The 2008 Beijing 798 Art Festival is held here from 28 Sept to 18 Oct.



A worker cleans the 908 HY diesel hybrid Le Mans race car by French carmaker Peugeot, on 1 October, three days ahead of the opening of the Paris motor show, which takes place from 4 to 19 October.

Priest on trial for 101 crimes

A Catholic priest in Germany went on trial on Monday for a total of 101 crimes including blackmail, fraud, breach of trust, coercion and assault.

Forty-six of the charges facing the 39-year-old, who has not been named, relate to a relationship with a woman whom he met through his priestly duties in 2003. These charges include causing bodily harm and extortion.

Prosecutors also accuse him of giving false information to obtain two loans of €120 000 from the diocese of Freiburg in southern Germany as well as a further €9 000 from a local parish in the same area. The trial was due to run until 17 October.

Train engineer texted 22 seconds before LA crash

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct — A commuter train engineer sent a cell phone text message 22 seconds before his commuter train crashed head-on into freight train in Southern California last month, killing 25 people, federal investigators said Wednesday.

Cell phone records of Robert Sanchez, who was among the dead, show he received a text message a minute and 20 seconds before the crash and sent

one about a minute later, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a news release.

The finding led Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph H Boardman to announce an emergency order prohibiting use of personal electronic devices by rail workers operating trains and in other key jobs. The order must be published in the Federal Register to take effect. Spokesman Rob Kulat said that would hap-

pen “soon.” California regulators have already enacted a ban.

Investigators are looking into why Sanchez ran through a red signal before the Metrolink train collided with a Union Pacific train on 12 Sept on a curve in the San Fernando Valley community of Chatsworth. The time of the final text suggests it is unlikely he had become incapacitated for some reason.

Internet



Rescue crews, seen in September 2008, search for survivors at the site of a train crash in Chatsworth, California. A train engineer suspected of being at fault in the crash that left 25 people dead last month sent a text message just 22 seconds before the accident, officials said on 1 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

India bans smoking in public places

NEW DELHI, 2 Oct — India imposed a new ban on smoking in public places Thursday, four years after a largely ignored earlier prohibition saw people continue to puff away in restaurants, clubs and bars.

One in three Indians smokes some form of tobacco, officials say, and a study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in February this year said one in every 10 deaths in India from 2010 would be smoking-related.

The government has made smoking a top issue, with Bollywood stars urged by the health minister to stub out their cigarettes, on-screen smoking forbidden and health workers telephoning residents in the capital offering help to quit.—Internet



Students look at the pumpkins at a park in Nantong, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 Sept, 2008. Students of Hetao primary school visited a farm park in the city to experience the farmers' life by learning some simple agricultural works. —XINHUA

Eleven killed in rebel attack in southern Philippines

MANILA, 2 Oct—Eight rebels and three soldiers were killed in the latest outbreak of fighting in the troubled southern Philippines, a military official said on Thursday.

Guerrillas of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) fired on an Army patrol in Datu Piang town in the island of

Mindanao on Wednesday, killing the three soldiers and wounding 12, said local Army commander Colonel Marlou Salazar.

Military reinforcements backed by armoured vehicles arrived later, prompting the rebels to flee using civilians as cover, he added.

The bodies of eight

rebels were recovered from the scene, the colonel added. The government has been holding peace talks with the 12,000-member MILF but the violence flared after the Supreme Court on 4 August struck down a draft agreement which would have given the MILF control of large swathes of land in the Mindanao region.

Internet

US soldier faces court-martial in Iraq killings

VILSECK (Germany), 2 Oct — US Army Spc Steven Ribordy was part of a patrol accused of killing four Iraqi prisoners in spring 2007 who were bound, blindfolded and shot before being dumped in a canal.

Ribordy, who is not believed to have taken part in the actual shooting of the prisoners, is scheduled to be court-martialed Thursday, charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Last month another soldier, Spc. Belmor Ramos, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven months in prison and a dishonorable discharge. Ramos, 23, testified that he stood guard as the killings were carried out.

Ramos, of Clearfield, Utah, was given the relatively lenient sentence as part of a deal in which he is to testify against others alleged to have been involved in the killings.

All seven soldiers allegedly involved in the case were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division in Iraq. They are now part of the Germany based 172nd Infantry Brigade.

In those hearings this year, soldiers who were on the patrol said that the four unidentified Iraqis — likely Sunni Muslims — were taken into custody after a shootout with insurgents and taken to the unit's operating base near Baghdad. Later that night, members of the patrol took the four men out to a remote location and killed them, witnesses said.—Internet



Men work among the debris of a partially collapsed school in Belyayevka, near Orenburg in the southeastern Ural mountains, on 1 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Russian children die in school collapse

BELYAYEVKA, 2 Oct — Part of a school building in a provincial Russian town collapsed on Wednesday, killing five children and injuring four, the latest casualties of Russia's crumbling infrastructure.

An entire section of the two-storey building housing the school in Belyayevka, 120 km (75 miles) from the regional capital Orenburg in the south-

eastern Urals, came crashing down, spreading debris over a wide area.

Local people rushed to help firemen and police trying to rescue children from the rubble, and emergency workers sent from Orenburg brought in a crane to help remove the piles of debris.

“Eleven children have been taken out of the rubble, five of them are dead,

four are injured and 800 people were evacuated,” an Emergencies Ministry spokeswoman in Orenburg said. The death toll was not expected to rise, she added.

The collapse exposed a children's map of the region and a poster in memory of local war heroes on the inner walls of what had been the stairwell.—Internet

Commander, Minister inspect Mansan sub-power station

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected 230/66/11KV 60 MVA Mansan sub-power station and control office of power grid on 28 September in Mansan.

At the sub-power station, the officials reported to the commander and the minister on construction of sub-power stations, power supply and control of Maha power grid.

After hearing the reports, the commander and the minister fulfilled the needs and visited control room and switch yard of the sub-power station.

In the evening, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected 66/33/11KV Hsipaw sub-power station and 33/11 KV Kyaukme sub-power station.— *MNA*



Get ready for open season: Firemen in Mandalay learn the use of modern firefighting equipment on 25 September. —NLM

Butts, faces help chimps identify friends



ATLANTA, 2 Oct—In a recent experiment, captive primates were able to identify photos of their acquaintances' rears and match them with the right faces.

The ability suggests that the animals possess mental "whole body" representations of other chimps they know. Each participating chimp was flashed a picture of another's bum, with visible genitals, then shown the face of the derriere's owner and another face of the same gender.

Both males and females were successful in this anatomical match game, pairing faces and posteriors with much greater frequency than chance alone—but only if the photos showed chimps they already knew.

"Many animals look at parts of the body, the voice, the hands, as separate entities and don't wholly integrate them," said study co-author Frans de Waal of the Yerkes National Primate Research Center at Atlanta's Emory University. "This study shows that they have whole body integration [because], at least if they know the individuals, they can match the faces and the behinds." —*Internet*

Pyapon Township gets new school buildings

YANGON, 2 Oct—Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with donor Mr Lee Che Sin of Korea Hope Network Social Organization of the Republic of Korea and members, attended the opening ceremony of new school building of Basic Education Primary School at Kyauk Ye village of Joewar Kyauk Ye village-tract in Pyapon Township on 30 September.

The minister, the donors and township education officer Daw Kyin Hmway cut the ribbon to open the building.

It was followed by the ceremony to hand over new school buildings of Joewar Kyauk Ye BEPS and Joewar Kyangin BEMS (branch) and to donate school uniforms at new school building. Mr Lee Che Sin explained the purpose of the donation and Mr Park Sun Yan handed over the documents relating to new school building to the Township Education Officer.

Shark fishers try to reel in cash, turn to conservation

MEXICO CITY, 2 Oct—Israel Ritchie, known as Tolon, is a 37-year-old shark fisher from López Mateos, Mexico. His family has hunted sharks off the Pacific side of the Baja California peninsula for generations, selling the meat these days for around US 70 cents a kilogram (2.2 pounds) and the shark fins for 50 to 100 U.S. dollars a kilogram.

But relying on shark for an income puts Tolon in a precarious place

"Our situation is drastic," Tolon said. "The shark population has fallen sharply in the last ten years. Now I must travel farther offshore to find them."

Tolon has been forced to think of ways to make his craft—and career—more sustainable, increasingly relying on organizations such as Iemanya Oceanica, a U.S.-Mexican nonprofit that is working with 12 Mexican fishing communities to help them find long-term economic security.

Iemanya Oceanica is advising Tolon and other fishers to partially transform their fish-based economies and to start thinking of shark-based ecotourism as a way to make money and preserve stocks for limited fishing. —*Internet*



Solar paint on steel could generate renewable energy soon

LONDON, 2 Oct—In three years, buildings covered in steel sheets could be generating large amounts of solar electricity, thanks to a new photovoltaic paint that is being developed in a commercial partnership between UK university researchers and the steel industry. These new solar cells also have the advantage of being able to absorb across the visible spectrum. That makes them more efficient at capturing low radiation light than conventional solar cells, and so well suited to the British climate with its many cloudy days.—*Internet*

The minister presented certificates of honour to the donors. Responsible persons accepted school uniforms and stationery donated by members of Korea Hope Network and a local resident spoke words of thanks.

The minister and party looked into the suspension bridge under construction with the donation by well-wishers, and attended the opening ceremony of Joe war Kyankin village BEMS (branch) in the Township.

The minister, donors and the township education officer formally opened the new school building. The headmistress accepted school uniforms for students donated by well-wishers. Afterwards, the minister presented a certificate of honour to the well-wisher and inspected the new school building.

Donors contributed US\$ 60,000 and K 28 million for new school buildings and a bridge.

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EU ministers fishing in the dark



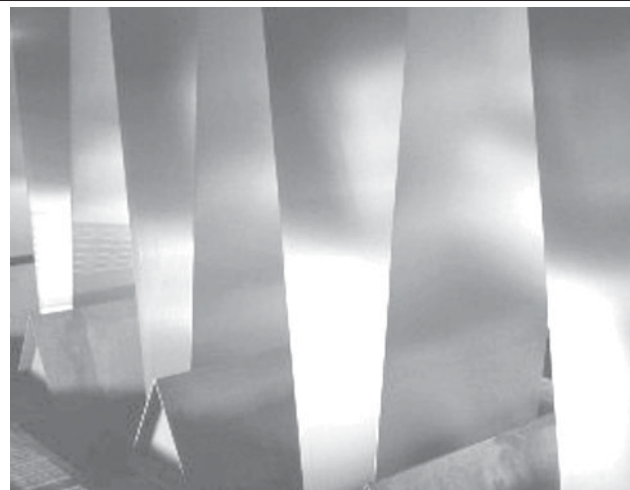
PARIS, 2 Oct—A plan to reform the EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) by fiddling with catch quotas are not enough in the face of failing fisheries, WWF-France said.

Michel Barnier, French minister for agriculture and fishery, brought his European counterparts together for an informal meeting, during which they discussed individual quotas, transferable or otherwise, before reaffirming their attachment to the Total Allowable Catches (TAC) and quotas system. However, according to Charles Braine, head of sustainable fishery for WWF-France, this was missing the point.

"The question is not to know if quotas should be individual or not, but to bring the expertise of the scientists into the heart of the decision-making process for fisheries management," said Braine.

"The French EU presidency has missed its target. Instead of re-thinking the CFP, France has suggested 'adjustments' such as multi-annual quotas and individual and administered quotas. That won't change the situation.

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Strip steel going through Corus' Continuous Annealing Process Line.—INTERNET

Industrial zones in Yangon running smoothly ...

(from page 1)

During his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Myint Swe met with responsible personnel and discussed matters related to development of the industrial zones and boosting production of export products and import-substitute products at the zones.

First, Lt-Gen Myint Swe went to Yangon Industrial Zone in Mingaladon Garden City where Chairman of Mingaladon Industrial Zone U Khant Thu and Chairman of the management committee of Yangon Industrial Zone U Tin Win reported to him on the factories, work force, production of the factories and requirements. Chairman of Zaykabar Company Dr Khin Shwe reported on construction works and future plans for the zone.

After hearing the re-

ports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs and visited the training of an employment agency where trainees are receiving on-job training.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited ADK Garment Factory which produces pants for export. He also went to the factory of Myanma Awba Co Ltd.

Mingaladon Industrial Zone was set up with the foreign investment and inaugurated in 1998. Five factories in the zone have produced lens and accessories and clothes. Yangon Industrial Zone in Mingaladon Garden City was established in 2000 and 28 factories of the zone have produced clothes, wood-based products, consumer products, electronics, machines and machinery parts.

On his tour of Shwepaukkan Industrial

Zone in North Okkalapa Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited UPT Electronic Factory which produces eight kinds of electronics and SSI Pharmaceutical Factory and gave instructions on boosting production of the factories.

At the briefing hall of the zone, Chairman of Management Committee of Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone U Than Win reported on condition of the factories and employment, production and requirements of the factories.

Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone was established in 1991 and there are 254 factories and 6391 employees in the zone. The factories in the zone produce clothes, consumer goods, electronics, wood-based products, papers and stationery and medicines.

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Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Staff posted to Cocogyun Tsp get assistance

YANGON, 2 Oct—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint met the staff who are posted to Cocogyun

Township in Yangon South District and passengers at Thakayta Jetty of the Myanma Five Star Line in Thakayta Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

The commander pre-

sented K 2000 each to 26 staff, and K 1000 each to 18 passengers, and K 549,000 to 183 staff who are serving in the township.

The commander cordially greeted the staff and passengers on board Vessel “Taunggyi”. Yangon Division Peace and Development Council sent a variety of foodstuff, six barrels of palm oil, and 4500 gallons of diesel by the ship.—MNA

Commander
Brig-Gen Win Myint
meeting with
departmental
personnel.
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Digital platform scales donated

YANGON, 2 Oct—The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry organized a ceremony to donate digital platform scales for development of wholesales centre at the as-

sociation on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street here this afternoon. Donor Managing Director U Zaw Min Thant of Setra Digital Platform Scales Co explained the purpose of the donation. Sales Manager U Tin Oo

briefed the attendees on the programme to distribute digital platform scales to wholesales centres.

Next, digital platform scales were handed over to a responsible personnel.—MNA

Myeik BEMS (1) to mark Golden Jubilee

YANGON, 2 Oct—Alumni of Myeik Basic Education Middle School will mark the Golden Jubilee of the school along with a ceremony to pay respect to former teachers on a grand scale on 18 October. A commemorative statue will be opened

the same day.

Former students and teachers are invited to the ceremony. Cash may be donated through U Myo Kyi (Ph: 01-224340), U Than Swe (01-724791/01-700395), U Win Swe (01-201074), U Ye Kyaw Aung-Daw Yin Yin Cho

(09 9927654/01-518430), U Maung Maung Win (09 8762654), U In-swi (09 8760658), U Ye Htut (09 8760217), Daw Me Me Lwin (059 41188), and Daw Mya Thandar Lwin (059-41442).

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Ancient tsunami carried giant boulders to Tonga



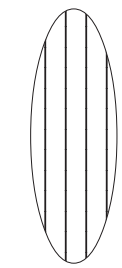
Huge coral boulders on Tonga’s main island of Tongatapu were possibly tossed hundreds of feet inland by one of the largest tsunamis ever triggered by a volcano.

Researchers believe the ancient wave may have hit the island’s shore sometime within the past 7,000 years, after the melting of the most recent ice age brought sea levels to roughly where they

are today.

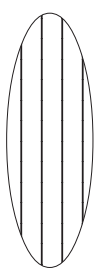
The largest of the seven boulders is 50 feet (15 meters) wide and estimated to weigh 1,600 tons. It currently sits more than 300 feet (100 meters) from the sea and 30 feet (10 meters) above sea level, an anomaly on the South Pacific island’s flat landscape.

“We suspect that this may be the largest [object] moved uphill by a tsunami,” said Cliff Frohlich, a senior scientist at the Institute for Geophysics at the University of Texas at Austin.—Internet



Postcard
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the
World
Teachers'
Day which
falls on 5
October.

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Cash donated to raise public awareness of traffic rules

YANGON, 2 Oct—The second ceremony to make cash donations for the fourth exhibition on traffic rules and prize-presenting ceremony took place at the Wireless and Traffic Police Force on 51st Street here this afternoon.

Twenty-eight well-wishers presented cash donations of K 7,105,000 through Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport Deputy

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

The 129th meeting of the committee was held at the same venue. The deputy commander delivered a speech. Officials concerned reported on progress in implementing the resolutions passed at the previous meeting.

Joint-Secretary of the committee Police Lt-Col Aung Naing dealt with work done in August and



September 2008. Committee members made suggestions. The deputy commander gave concluding remarks.

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Director-General Daw Myo Nwe gives educative talks on ASEAN Economic Community.—UMFCCI

Help for the aged

YANGON, 2 Oct—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing this afternoon attended the ceremony to provide health care and to donate aid and medical equipment to the aged by Yangon Command held at the assembly hall of Yangon Command.

The commander gave a speech on the occasion. The commander's wife Daw Kyin Myaing and responsible persons accepted cash and medical equipment worth K 6,659,750 donated by 18 well-wishers.

Afterwards, the commander and wife and responsible persons presented gifts to the aged and viewed the providing of health care to the aged.—MNA

International Day of Older Persons 2008 marked

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — International Day of Older Persons 2008 was observed at the city hall in Monywa yesterday.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe made a speech on the occasion.

At prize presentation, the commander, wife and

officials concerned gave prizes to the winning contestants who took part in the contests of essay, poem and poster.

Next, the commander handed over cash assistance to Homes for the Aged in Monywa and Ywahtaung and the eldest persons donated by the Organizing Committee for International Day of Older Persons, and cash for

Homes for the Aged in the Division presented by Division PDC through officials concerned.

The official of the Division Social Welfare Department donated cash to the Homes for the Aged through officials.

They presented gifts to the older persons and browsed the prize-winning works displayed at the hall.—MNA

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun delivers a speech at the 129th meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport.—MNA

Tatmadaw U-21 football tournament continues

YANGON, 2 Oct—The group matches of the first round of the 24th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) U-21 football tournament continued at the designated zones this afternoon.

Nay Pyi Taw

Command (A) beat Western Command (B) 1-0 in the group-A in Yata Kha zone (Mawlamyine), North-West Command thrashed No-77 LID 4-1 in the group-B in Natakha zone (Patheingyi), Northern Command routed Triangle Region Command (B) 13-

nil in the group-C in Namakha zone in Monywa, No-55 LID trounced Triangle Region Command 8-0 in the group-D in Lapakha zone in Mandalay and No-11 LID hammered No-22 LID 16-nil in the group-E in Tapakha zone in Tounghoo.—MNA

Talks on ASEAN Economic...

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Present at the call were President U Win Myint, Adviser Dr Kyaw Htin, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Thaung Tin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung, Director-Gen-

eral Daw Myo Nwe and Director Daw Tin Tin Htwe of FERD, CEC members, executives and representatives from Industrial Zones and Brother Associations.

Vice-President U Zaw Min Win made an inaugural speech. Director-General Daw Myo Nwe explained the declarations of

ASEAN Summit to establish ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), features of AEC and others. Next, those present discussed enquiries and more educative matters.

Afterwards, Director-General Daw Myo Nwe and Director Daw Tin Tin Htwe replied to the queries and the vice-president gave concluding remarks.

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Veterinary care for health of draught cattle in storm-ravaged villages

Article & Photos: Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)

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Out of these losses and damages, some draught cattle died during the storm. Therefore survival of the remaining cattle was important. It was necessary to resume farming work with the use of healthy cattle.

Those who will discharge duty to enable the survivor cattle to enter the farming works with health and fitness were staff of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department. Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and supervision of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, staff in groups of the department from the entire nation were sent to the storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the authorities and departmental personnel, ailing cattle could be treated. In a short period, the cattle were in good health and returned to the farming work in time.

The storm survivor



Leader of Special Group Dr Maung Kyan

farmers did not want to lose their draught cattle. They vowed to undertake farming works with their own cattle plus more cows and buffaloes provided by the authorities. The farmers thanked livestock breeding and veterinary personnel for their efforts in providing health care of survivor draught cattle with free charge of nutritious feeds and vaccines.

On 16 July, I had the opportunity to visit the storm-hit regions for the first trip along with leader of the special group Assistant Director Dr Maung Kyan and Staff Officer U Win Kyi who were assigned duty in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

We left for storm-affected Kyunchaung Village by *Malikha* boat. All

those on board were refreshed and happy. They enjoyed scenes along the waterway. We witnessed progress in cultivation of paddy. About an hour later, we arrived at Kyunchaung Ywama.

At the jetty, we



U Win Kyi, Staff Officer of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

were welcomed by farmers with their cattle in need of care. Without wasting time, the veterinary team vaccinated 45 cows and buffaloes.

A village-elder U Thein Maung said, “We thank you for giving vaccinations to the cattle at the important time.”

We proceeded to Thakhanauk Village on foot. On arrival at the village at 1 pm, we vaccinated 38 draught cattle. Next, we went to Okponkyunbo village.

Staff Officer U Win Kyi urged all the staff, “Don’t think about tiredness. Let’s take a break after our work.” Two veterinary teams participated in the vaccination of 43 draught and it was long after the sunset.

At 7 am on 18 July, we continued our trip to Ngwezinyaw Village of Shaukchaung Village-tract by boat *Malikha*. Indeed, Ngwezinyaw Village was severely hit by the storm. We saw progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction at the village. After vaccinating 50 cattle, we proceeded to Myitto Village.

While in Myitto Village, the veterinarians vaccinated 42 draught cattle and held educative talks on health of draught cattle to the local farmers. Some of them noted down in their books.

At 3 pm, we arrived at Mabay Village. With the concerted efforts of the people, the village recovered from the damage caused by the storm. In Mabay, a total of 26 cows and buffaloes were vaccinated.

On 25 July, we made more trips to storm-hit Techaung, Thebyuchaung and Yegyawgyi villages of Techaung Village-tract. The village-tract is sharing border with the urban area of Mawlamyinegyun. Therefore, we continued our trip by bicycle. At the designated centre, the local farmers together with their cattle waited for us. The veterinarians performed medical treatment on 34 cattle and vaccinated 190 cattle.

At the opportune

Kyi explained the fact about the feedstuff of the animals and tasks for the farmers.

“I would like to explain nutritious feedstuff for the storm survivor cattle. It is very easy. Cattle are to be fed with the nutritious feedstuff with grass and hay. Two (condensed milk) tins of feedstuff can be fed to the cattle daily. The feedstuff consists of 14 per cent of meat, 2 per cent of fat, 25 per cent of fibre and 13 per cent of moisture.



Veterinarians providing treatment to an ox at Techaung Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township.

time, I had an interview with leader of the special group Assistant Director Dr Maung Kyan on the street in Techaung Village.

He explained, “We have delivered feedstuff for the cattle to the farmers free of charge and vaccinated the cattle. The medicines are sure to recover the cattle from disease in a few days. These are very potent vaccines.”

In the next interview, Staff Officer U Win

The nutritious feedstuffs were donated by WSPA,” explained U Win Kyi.

I think the trip of veterinary team will benefit not only the storm survivor cattle to a certain degree but also greater development in the agriculture sector.

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Township Staff Officer U Win Kyi giving lectures on health of cattle to local farmers at Thebyuchaung Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township.

HIV dates back to around 1900, study shows

TUCSON, 2 Oct—A genetic analysis of a biopsy sample recently discovered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has led researchers to conclude that the virus that causes AIDS has existed in human populations for more than a century, according to a study released Wednesday.

The study, led by evolutionary biologist Michael Worobey of the University of Arizona in Tucson, puts the date of origin at around 1900, which is 30 years earlier than previous analyses.

HIV-1, the most common form of the virus, is known to have originated in chimpanzees because of close genetic similarities to a simian virus. It now infects an estimated 33 million people worldwide.

But figuring out when the virus jumped species and became established in humans has been difficult. The first cases in the U.S. were recognized in 1981, and the oldest evidence of the virus is a 1959 blood sample taken from a man who lived in what was then the Belgian Congo.

To find the point of origin, the scientists relied on a well-recognized genetic technique to determine the mutation rates of different sub-types of the virus. With a known rate of mutation, researchers could then, in essence, run the clock backward to find the point where the different sub-types were the same. That common ancestor would represent the first appearance of the virus in humans before it mutated.—*Internet*



Police officers watch French climber Alain Robert, also known as 'Spiderman', who hangs a ecological protest banner as he scales one of the towers of the "Bibliothèque Nationale de France BNF" (French National Library) in Paris on 2 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Nepal, India to bring flooded river to original course

KATHMANDU, 2 Oct—Nepal and India said Wednesday they have decided to repair the breached river embankment and bring the river back to its original course by next March.

The Nepal-India Joint Committee on Water Resource (JCWR) wrapped up its three-day long meeting in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Wednesday and claimed that they will complete the repair of Saptakosi embankment and bring the river to its original course by March next year.

"We have agreed to complete the repair of embankments by March. And we have also agreed to conduct further studies on Saptakosi high dam and Sunkoshi Kamala diversion. The Nepali Government will ensure security during the study to be completed in one year," Nepali Water Resource Secretary Shankar Koirala told reporters on Wednesday afternoon. Indian Water Resource Secretary Umesh Narayan Panjiyar said that the two sides have reached positive outcomes. "All issues related with inundation in Nepal side have been resolved," he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*



In this handout provided by the Association of Surfing Professionals, Adriano de Souza, of Brazil, competes in the Billabong pro surfing event in Mundaka, Spain, on 1 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET

Dire environmental pollution plagues Mekong Delta

HANOI, 2 Oct—Vietnam's Mekong Delta provinces are facing serious environmental degradation with more than 220,000 tons of industrial waste being dumped every year into the surroundings, *The Youth* reported on Thursday.

The figure was announced at a recent seminar entitled "Protecting the Mekong Delta Environment amid Industrialization and Modernization", with participation of about 200 staff members working on this field.

According to Pham Dinh Don, head of Vietnam's Southwestern Re-

gion Environment Protection Branch, the worst environment polluters are concentrated in industrial parks as many companies dump untreated waste into rivers and canals.

Apart from industrial waste, livestock farming activities, including fish raising, contribute significantly to the environmental pollution in the region.

Attendees said the government should reinforce monitoring on trade and production companies in industrial parks and punish violators harshly.

MNA/Xinhua

Chavez calls for changing world's financial system

CARACAS, 2 Oct—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Wednesday called for changing the world's financial system.

Chavez made the appeal during the inauguration ceremony of the third summit of judicial heads from the Union of South American Nations held in Venezuela's Margarita Island. Noting the current world financial crisis could be more serious than the one in 1929, Chavez said changing the world's financial system would be the only way out.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman paints a drum in front of a music instrument store in the Old Quarter neighbourhood in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 2 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

French troops wound four civilians in Kabul

KABUL, 2 Oct—An Afghan police chief says French NATO troops have wounded four Afghan civilians on a road outside capital.

Kabul's police chief Ayub Salangi said the civilians were inside a minibus which got in between a French military convoy as it was travelling outside the capital on Thursday.

Salangi says French troops opened fire on the minibus, wounding the four civilians. He says the four are lightly wounded, and French troops took them to a military hospital in the capital for treatment.

NATO says it is aware of an incident, but did not have details.—*Internet*



A diesel truck is lifted by a crane to be destroyed during a news conference held at a recycling yard on Terminal Island shared by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach on 1 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET

South Korea's national debt to rise 4.2%

SEOUL, 2 Oct—South Korea's national debt this year is expected to expand 4.2 per cent mainly because of overall increase in the issuance of government bonds, the nation's Ministry of Strategy and Finance said Wednesday.

According to the ministry, state liabilities will gain 12.7 trillion won (10.5 billion US dollars) this year from a year ago to 311.6 trillion won (259 billion US dollars). The ministry said it expects the government debt for 2008 to account for 32.4 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product, compared with 33.2 per cent at the end of last year.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Vancouver OKs low-speed electric cars

OTTAWA, 2 Oct—Electric cars will be allowed to travel on the streets of Vancouver, according to a by-law passed by city councils recently, reports reaching here said Wednesday.

The cars will be able to travel on the streets of Canada's third largest city, but restricted only to those that have a posted speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour or less, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reported. In July, the electric cars were also made legal to travel on the streets in some parts of Quebec Province in eastern Canada. But there are concerns about the safety of the vehicles since they do not meet the crash standards for regular vehicles. Most low-speed electric cars do not have impact absorbing bumpers or airbags.—*MNA/Xinhua*

INVITATION TO TENDER
MYANMA RAILWAYS

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transporation, Union of Myanmar from reputed manufacturers or their bona fide agents from the Republic of India for the supply and delivery of the following:-

Sr. No	Tender No.	Description	Tender Issuing Date	Tender Closing Date & Tender Opening Date	Tender Document Fee (per set)
1	2/MR/INDIA(ML) 2008-2009	Spare Parts for YDM-4 India Locomotives	1.10.2008	4.11.2008	US\$ 50

Tender Documents are available at the Office of the Deputy General Manager /Supply, Myanma Railways, 357/361, Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Union of Myanmar during office hours on payment of non refundable fee as stated above. Tender Documents can be also available at the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar, New Delhi, India. Further enquiries about tender can be made to Managing Director, Myanma Railways (Fax No. 95-67-77016) by Fax or, by phone to 95-67-77001, 95-67-77005, 95-1-291994 during office hours.

Bids are to reach the Office of the Deputy General Manager /Supply, Myanma Railways, 357/361, Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar on or before the Closing Date and Time. The Bids will be opened publicly at 14:00 hour on the Closing Date at the above address.

All Bids not accompanied by earnest money (Bid Bond) will not (not) be considered. No Telegraphic/Telex/Fax/e-mail proposal will be considered or accepted.

Myanma Railways reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders without furnishing reasons. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who has purchased Tender Documents officially. (Those tender documents purchased through Embassy must declare for whom they are purchased.)

The above Goods are to be purchased by the proceeds of the loan from the Government of the Republic of India.

Managing Director, Myanma Railways,
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A view of a dying mangrove swamp in Puerto Morelos, near the Yucatan resort of Cancun, affected by a local construction boom in both housing and resort hotels, in 25 June, 2008 handout photo. —INTERNET

Cameron impresses but Brown not finished yet

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Oct — The Conservatives started their party conference believing they were odds-on to form the next government but ended it with their lead in the polls shrinking.

Many Tories will have gone home fearing that the economic crisis which dominated the four-day annual gathering may have given fresh impetus to Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour government.

At times, the centre-right Conservatives looked as if they were running to keep up with events.

Leader David Cameron was forced to rip up the agenda in response to the fast-changing financial picture, making two unscheduled speeches on the economy and dedicating a

chunk of his keynote speech to it as well.

Difficult times lay ahead, he admitted, and he was "a man with a plan, not a miracle cure".

Internet

Three genes may raise risks for painful gout

NEW YORK, 2 Oct — Three genes may raise risks for painful gout by up to 40 times, researchers report.

The finding could help identify people at risk for the arthritic illness, long

before symptoms start. One of the genes studied had already been associated with gout, but identifying all three genes could help develop new treatments.

Gout is a very painful form of arthritis caused by a buildup of uric acid. This causes uric acid crystals to be deposited on the cartilage of joints, tendons and other surrounding tissue, especially in the feet, causing an inflammatory reaction.

The report was published in the 30 Sept online edition of *The Lancet*.

For the study, Fox's team looked at the genetic makeup of almost 7,700 people who participated in the Framingham Heart Study and more than 4,100 people from the Rotterdam Study. —Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GATI PRESTIGE VOY NO (31109)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRESTIGE VOY NO (31109) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.10.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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New Nintendo DS portable will come with camera

TOKYO, 2 Oct — Nintendo's hit DS portable machine will come with a digital camera that will allow players to mix images, scribble on photos and create new faces, the Japanese game maker said Thursday.

The Nintendo DSi will go on sale in Japan on 1 Nov for 18,900 yen (\$180), and will be available overseas next year.

Dates and other details for overseas plans will be announced later by the company's regional units later, President Satoru Iwata said.

Iwata said the revamped DS is meant to be the first toy camera for children and a tool for network-building and party fun for older people in the company's ongoing quest to make gaming popular with everyone — not just a niche crowd.

One in six Japanese already owns a DS, according to Kyoto-based Nintendo, which also makes Pokemon and Super Mario games.

But the goal is to make the DS a must-have for every Japanese, Iwata said.

"We want to change the DS into something that's in every household to something that's for every person," he told reporters at a Tokyo gymnasium.

The improved DSi is thinner than the current DS model, and will have a bigger screen, he said.

Internet



A promoter for Nintendo Co Ltd teaches a visitor how to take pictures using the new DS handheld game console after a news conference in Tokyo on 2 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET

Poll shows men happiest online, women prefer family time

SYDNEY, 2 Oct — For men, bliss is often just a mouse-click away while quality time with family is guaranteed to put a smile on women's faces, according to an Australian study of what makes people happy.

The "Happiness Index" study, which polled more than 8,500 Australians aged 18-64 years, showed rest and relaxation were the most enjoyable activities while physical exercise was least likely to make people happy.

Both men and women — or 63 percent of overall respondents — picked relaxation as the activity that made them happiest, but that is where the similarity between the sexes ends.

Just over half of men said happiness meant surfing the Internet, playing online games or accessing social network sites such as Facebook, compared with only 39 percent of women. —Internet

Donate blood

Gene could link obesity, colon cancer

NEW YORK, 2 Oct — Researchers have uncovered a genetic link between obesity and the risk for colon cancer. The discovery could lead to greater accuracy in predicting who is at risk for the disease, experts say.

Research has suggested that colon cancer risk rises with increasing weight, but this finding points to a genetic reason for the link.

“We have discovered that a genetic variant of the adiponectin gene, called ADIPOQ, is associated with colon cancer risk,” said lead researcher Dr

Boris Pasche, director of the division of hematology and oncology at the Comprehensive Cancer Centre of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. “This genetic variant may identify individuals who have a higher risk to develop colorectal cancer,” he said.

The report was published in the 1 Oct issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

For the study, Pasche’s team focused on ADIPOQ. This gene promotes the formation of a fat hormone

called adiponectin. People who inherit a common variant of the gene have up to a 30 percent lower risk of colon cancer compared with people without this gene variant, the study found.

On the other hand, the researchers believe that people who do not have this gene variant, or those who have high levels of adiponectin in their blood, may be at a slightly increased risk for colon cancer and could benefit from early screening for the disease.

Internet



File photo shows a red kangaroo and her offspring. An offbeat suggestion that Australians should eat the creatures indigenous to the country instead of cattle and sheep has been given a scientific stamp of approval by the government’s top climate change adviser.—INTERNET

Computers help docs spot breast cancer on X-rays

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—A computer is as good as a second pair of eyes for helping a radiologist spot breast cancer on a mammogram, one of the largest and most rigorous tests of computer-aided detection found.

Like spell-checkers looking for mistakes, the computers flag suspicious areas on X-rays for a closer look by a radiologist. Mammograms are used to screen women for early signs of breast cancer but the tests aren’t perfect. In the US, the X-rays are read by a single radiologist and cancers are sometimes missed.

Computer-aided detection, or CAD, was developed to help radiologists pick up more cancers. Approved a decade ago, these

computer programs are now used for about a third of the nation’s mammograms. But the value and accuracy of the technology has continued to be debated.

Now, British researchers are reporting results from a randomized study of 31,000 women. Mammograms in Britain are routinely checked by two radiologists or technicians, which is thought to be better than a single review.

Researchers wanted to know if a single expert aided by a computer could do as well as two pairs of eyes.

They found that computer-aided detection spotted nearly the same number of cancers, 198 out of 227, compared to 199 for the two readers.

Internet



A man moves native trees during a reforestation project for the Panama Canal Zone, in Panama City, on 25 Sept, 2008. The Panama Canal Authority ended the first phase of its reforestation project after planting 126,500 native trees so far, according to officials. The stated goal is to plant a total of one million trees in the Panama Canal watershed by 2011.—INTERNET

Vitamin C megadoses hamper cancer treatments in mice

NEW YORK, 2 Oct — Large doses of vitamin C could reduce the effectiveness of anticancer drugs, according to a new study that focused on laboratory cancer cells and mice.

The finding raises questions about whether

human patients might suffer the same effects, the study authors said.

“There’s a possibility that taking supplemental vitamin C could have a detrimental effect on cancer treatment,” said study author Dr Mark L Heaney, associate attending physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York City.

However, there’s no indication that smaller doses of vitamin C, such as those found in food and ordinary multivitamins, might be a problem, he said. Vitamin C has not traditionally been considered a hindrance to cancer treatment.

In fact, some scientists — including the late Linus Pauling — have long viewed vitamin C as a potential cancer fighter.

Internet

Experts warn species in peril from climate change

ORLANDO, 2 Oct — Climate change threatens to kill off up to a third of the planet’s species by the end of the century if urgent action isn’t taken to restore fragile ecosystems, protect endangered animals and manage growth, scientists warned Wednesday as a wildlife summit opened.

“Much of the predictions are gloom and doom. The ray of hope, however, is that we have not lost our opportunity. We still have time if we act now,” said Jean Brennan, a senior scientist with Defenders of Wildlife and co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for her work on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The three-day summit, sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, assembled several world-renowned climate change researchers with dozens of wildlife experts to trade ideas on how to save species on a warming planet.

Internet

FDA urged to recall cold medicines for youngsters

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct — With a new cold season coming, the government is trying once more to decide what to do about over-the-counter medicines for kids’ coughs and sniffles. Doctors question the drugs’ benefits and worry about their risks.

Pediatricians are urging the Food and Drug Administration, which scheduled a public hearing Thursday on the issue, to demand a recall of the medicines for children younger than 6.

The FDA this year warned against giving OTC cold medicines to children younger than 2. At that time, officials said they expected to decide by spring on

recommendations for youngsters up to 11.

Now the agency is seeking more advice from doctors, industry and consumers. The industry says OTC medicines have been used for decades in treating kids’ colds and are safe for those older than 2. Nonetheless, manufacturers are carrying out new studies involving the most common ingredients in the medications.

The companies voluntarily stopped selling cough and cold medicines for babies and toddlers last fall. FDA advisers said that was not enough and recommended that the drugs not be used for children younger than 6.—Internet



A bulldozer crushes some 600 illegal gambling machines confiscated by the police at the port of Callao, Peru, on 30 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Drogba Champions' League agony leaves Scolari facing an injury crisis

CLUJ-NAPOCA (Romania) , 2 Oct — Chelsea manager Luiz Felipe Scolari faces an injury crisis that could wreck his unbeaten start after Didier Drogba suffered knee ligament damage in the goalless Champions League draw against CFR Cluj.

Drogba could be out of action for up to three months as a result of the injury he sustained early in the second half at the Dr Constantin Radulescu stadium on Wednesday.

The Ivory Coast striker, who was stretchered off in agony and taken to hospital for scans, had only just returned from a knee problem that kept him out at the start of the season.

With Michael Essien, Deco, Joe Cole and Ricardo Carvalho already sidelined, the last thing Scolari needed was to see his talismanic targetman leave the stadium on crutches and with his right leg in a brace.

As if that was not bad enough, Blues captain John Terry has a back problem, his defensive partner Alex is nursing an injury and Ashley Cole was missing in Cluj with lower back pain.— *Internet*



Chelsea's Ivorian Didier Drogba (left) is fouled by CFR Cluj's De Sousa during their UEFA Champions League football match in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

Williams world supremacy threatened after Chinese star defeats her

STUTTGART, 2 Oct — China's Li Na claimed a famous scalp on Wednesday when she defeated world number one Serena Williams 0-6, 6-1, 6-4 here at the WTA tournament

and pretty much cost the powerfully-built American her top world ranking.

In a dramatic match which see-sawed several times, Li rallied having been totally overwhelmed in the first set to put Williams under immense pressure.

"I was very nervous in the first set and I just didn't have a chance," said Li, who lost to Russia's Dinara Safina in the Olympic Games semi-finals having beaten Serena's sister Venus in the quarter-finals.

"I told myself: 'Come on, it's only been 20 minutes - you could still win this after an hour'.

— *Internet*

EPL braces for fallout from market mayhem

LONDON, 2 Oct — Fears are mounting that an English Premier League (EPL) football club could be the next high-profile victim of the financial crisis that has brought banks to their knees across the world.

The global credit crunch is set to make it a grim winter for British business and a football industry that has long displayed a hedge fund manager's appetite for excess risk will be no exception, according to some within the game.

Paul Duffen, the chairman of EPL newcomers Hull, warned this week that his club's highly-gearred rivals could easily go the way of Northern Rock, HBOS or Bradford and Bingley, the British banks that have been submerged by the crisis.

Hull are rare among England's top flight clubs in being debt-free, a status their chairman savours in the current climate.— *Internet*

Sorenstam makes final hurrah in Samsung

HALF MOON BAY, 2 Oct — Annika Sorenstam is headed into the stretch run of her final LPGA Tour season still exuding the same competitive drive that has carried her this far.

"I'm not a social golfer," she said matter-of-factly Wednesday when asked about what she'll do once through on tour.

Getting married, motherhood and some down time without clubs in hand will be more her style soon. Maybe a trip back here to relax and use the spa in the luxe Ritz-Carlton resort. Enjoy a little high-class food and wine.

But not just yet.

"I try not to think about it," she said. "I am still so competitive. This is what I have done for over 20 years. I've done this for a very long time. It's just something that's in me."

Sorenstam, who turns 38 next Thursday, has won a record five Samsung World Championships — and the Swede would like nothing more than to go out on top this week in her last one.— *Internet*

Keane will flourish after first goal says Benitez

LIVERPOOL, 2 Oct — Rafael Benitez believes that Robbie Keane will go from strength to strength after finally scoring his first goal in Liverpool colours.

The 28-year-old Keane has impressed with his work-rate and creativity since joining in a 20.3 million-pound deal from Tottenham in the summer.

But the Republic of Ireland international failed to score in his first 10 games for the Reds before scoring his first goal in the 3-1 Champions League victory over PSV Eindhoven.

Now that he has managed that Benitez has targeted a first Premier League goal for his second biggest signing. Benitez said: "Everyone was talking about this so it was important for him and for us that he scored.

"Maybe now people will talk about his first goal in the Premier League but at least he has now got his first in all competitions.— *Internet*



Liverpool's Spanish defender Albert Riera(R) tackles PSV Eindhoven's Belgian midfielder Stijn Wuytens during their UEFA Champions League football match in Liverpool. Liverpool won 3-0.—INTERNET

Messi saves Barcelona blushes at Shakhtar



Barcelona's Argentinian Lionel Messi reacts after scoring his second goal against Shakhtar during their UEFA Champions League football match in Donetsk. Barcelona won 2-1.—INTERNET

DONETSK (Ukraine) , 2 Oct — Two late goals by Lionel Messi saved Barcelona's blushes in the Champions League here Wednesday as the 2006 winners stole a 2-1 away victory at Shakhtar Donetsk.

The little Argentinian scored in the 87th and 94th minutes to keep the Catalonians at the top of Group C after Sporting Lisbon beat Basel 2-0 at home. But the outcome of the match could have been so different.

Thierry Henry was the first to threaten in the seventh minute when he got on the end of a Samuel Eto'o lay-off but the Frenchman blasted the ball straight at a thankful Andriy Pyatov.

A couple of probing, yet ineffectual, efforts from Shakhtar's Brazilian star Fernandinho were all the home side could muster by the 20th minute.— *Internet*

Disappointing Inter held by dogged Bremen

MILAN, 2 Oct — Inter Milan suffered a Champions League setback as they were held to a 1-1 home draw in Group B on Wednesday by Werder Bremen.

It was a hugely positive result for the Germans who had failed to beat Cypriot minnows Anorthosis Famagusta at home in their opening match two weeks ago.

But Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho will not have been happy after watching his side fail to win for the second match in a row, following Sunday's derby loss to AC Milan.

Inter are still joint top of the group on four points with Anorthosis - who walloped Greek side Panathinaikos 3-1 - while Bremen are third with two points.

Despite the dropped points, Mourinho claimed he was satisfied. "If you consider the only goal we scored against all the chances we created, it's disappointing," he told *Sky Sport*.

"But the players handled themselves well and Werder are a good team, very dynamic. A draw home pleases no-one, not me, not the players, not the supporters.

"But if you look at it in cold blood, we're top of the group on four points. I'm 100 percent certain that Inter will have qualified for the second round before our final match against Werder. We're in a good position."— *Internet*



Werder Bremen's Peruvian forward Claudio Pizarro (R) fights for the ball with Inter Milan's Colombian defender Ivan Ramiro Cordoba during their Champions League group B football match at San Siro stadium in Milan. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

S Korean actress Choi Jin Sil found dead in apparent suicide



South Korean actress Choi Jin Sil, shown in April 2006, has apparently taken her own life, police said.
INTERNET

SEOUL, 2 Oct— A movie star whose enduring popularity earned her the nickname “The Nation’s Actress” was found dead today—apparently taking her own life a month after the suicide of a fellow actor she was rumored to have pressured about a loan, police said. Choi Jin-sil, 39, had been depressed following her divorce in 2004 and worried about how to care for her two children, friends told the police. Recent rumors linking her to the actor’s death—allegations she strenuously denied -- also left her distraught, family members said.

She is believed to have hanged herself in the bathroom of her Seoul home, said Yang Jae-ho, chief investigator at Seocho Police Station.

“Given the results of an examination showing no trace of physical trauma on her body, we concluded that it was a suicide,” Yang told reporters. He said a formal autopsy and an investigation were under way.

Internet

DON'T SMOKE

Finnish site pulls kindergarten shooting game

HELSINKI, 2 Oct — An Internet game in which players roam a school and kill kindergarten students with a shotgun has been pulled from a Finnish children’s gaming site one week after the country’s worst school shooting.

“We have removed pages from our site that are not necessarily appropriate for younger family members,” lastenpelit.fi said in a statement on its Web site.

The game, “Kinder-garten Killer,” can be found widely on the Web.

Matti Saari, 22, last week killed 10 people at a vocational school in Kauhajoki, Finland, in the country’s second school shooting in less than a year. Saari prefaced his rampage with boastful video clips on Web sites such as YouTube.

Finnish student Pekka-Eric Auvinen did the same before shooting six fellow students, the school nurse and the principal to death at Jokela high school last November.—Internet

Kenyan police arrest piracy watchdog official

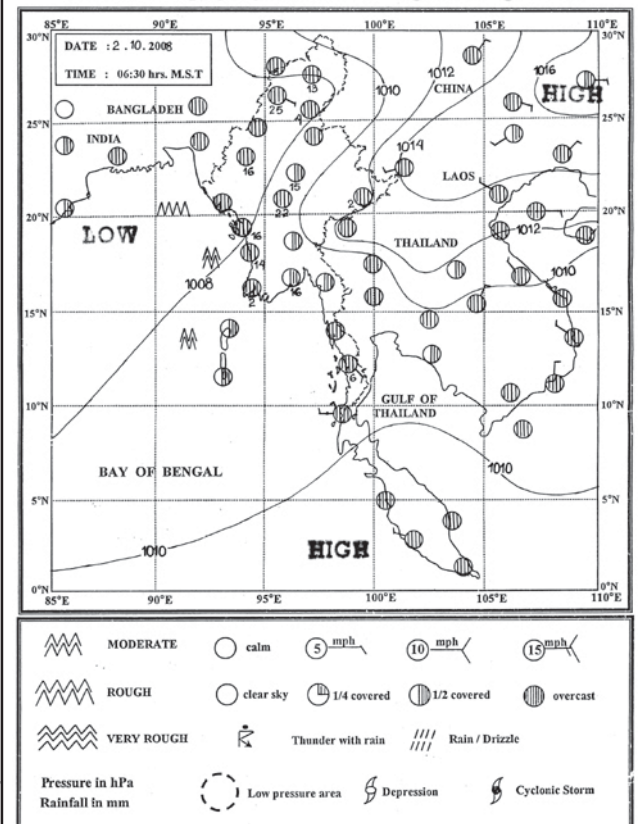
MOMBASA, (Kenya), 2 Oct — Kenyan police have arrested a maritime watchdog official on suspicion of criminal activity just days after the official gave reporters sensitive information about a hijacked arms freighter off Somalia’s coast.

Coastal province police chief Kingori Mwangi says police detained seafaring expert Andrew Mwangura on Wednesday night. Mwangi did not specify what laws Mwangura may have broken.

Mwangura heads the Mombasa-based East Africa Seafarers Assistance Programme and is a key source of information for journalists on pirate attacks off East Africa’s coast.

Mwangura was the first to say publicly that the tanks and weapons aboard the recently hijacked ship were headed for Sudan. Kenyan officials insist the armaments are theirs.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 2 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the whole country. Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine, and Mon States, fairly widespread in Kachin and Kayin States, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.79) inch, Magway (2.63) inches, Maungtaw (2.32) inches, Kyauktaw (2.24) inches, An (2.17) inches, Minkin (1.69) inches, Thaton and Mawlaik (1.46) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 1-10-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 2-10-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-10-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 1-10-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 2-10-2008 was (0.27) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.63) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (97.12) inches at Mingaladon, (109.05) inches at Kaba-Aye and (126.73) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 1-10-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-10-2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 3 October
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/ အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. “အန္တရုယ်ကင်းစေဘေးရှင်းစေ” (လူမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

4:20 pm

3. Song of national races

4:30 pm

4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ပင်လောင်းလက်ဖက်နုတံသစ်ရွက်)

4:45 pm

5. Musical programme

5:00 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

7. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:25 pm

9. Song of yesteryears

5:35 pm

10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:40 pm

11. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊

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5:50 pm

12. “ဒေါ်မေရှင်အမှတ်တရ”

6:00 pm

13. Evening news

6:30 pm

14. Weather report

6:35 pm

15. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညက်ရှင်

7:10 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ကုန်သွယ်မှုနိတိ”

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား”

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

Mandalay District marks conclusion of monsoon paddy ploughing

YANGON, 2 Oct—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe attended a ceremony to mark the conclusion of the ploughing of monsoon paddy for 2008-2009 of Mandalay District in Htansihlataung field in Natyekan Village, Amarapura Township on 23 September.

At the ceremony, the commander presented urea fertilizers to the farmers of the villages in Amarapura Township. Next, he presented cash awards to women transplanters of Pyilonekyaw, Natyekan and Hsawktawwa villages for their brilliant performance in paddy transplant-

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Mandalay District was able to grow 44399 acres of monsoon paddy

exceeding the target of 44350 acres for 2008-2009 accounting for 100.11 per cent. More than 13900

acres of Hsinthwelat, Hsinnweyin, MR-9 and Yehsinlonethwe paddy strains were grown.—MNA

Veterinary care for health of draught cattle in storm-ravaged villages

Article & Photos: Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)



Myanmar is an agro-based country. Paddy is the most important crop in agricul-

ture sector. Ayeyawady Division is the granary of the nation. Draught cattle play a key role in

paddy cultivation up to now.

On 2 May, the storm hit the townships

of Ayeyawady Division. The storm caused damage to not only paddy plantations in the delta region but also human lives and property, religious buildings, hospitals, schools, watercraft, animals, crops plantations and forests.

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**Thriving paddy
plantations seen in
Natmingyi Village
of
Mawlamyinegyun
Township.**

Talks on ASEAN Economic Community held

YANGON, 2 Oct — The Union of Myanmar Federation Chambers of Commerce and Industry under the instructions of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and Foreign Economic Relations Department jointly held educative talks on ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) at Mingalar Hall of the UMFCCI on 29 September.

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Archaeological find puts back settlement of Istanbul 6,000 years

ANKARA, 2 Oct—Turkish archaeologists have found artifacts showing that Istanbul, earlier believed to be founded 2,700 years ago by the Greeks as Byzantium, is 8,500 years old, local media said.

The Al-Watan newspaper said the excavations in Istanbul, which have gone on for four years, have uncovered four skeletons, as well as wooden and ceramic pieces, shedding new light on the history of the Turkish city.

The discovery was made two months ago at a depth of six meters below sea level at the site of an ancient settlement. Ismail Karamut, who directs Istanbul's Archaeological Museum, said the finding would force historians to rewrite the country's history.

Internet



Fergie happy with Ronaldo progress

MANCHESTER, 2 Oct—Sir Alex Ferguson has revealed his satisfaction with Cristiano Ronaldo's form since his return from injury, insisting the Manchester United superstar will only

improve over the coming weeks.

Ronaldo sat out the first six weeks of the season after undergoing surgery during the summer to cure a long-standing ankle problem.—Internet

