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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

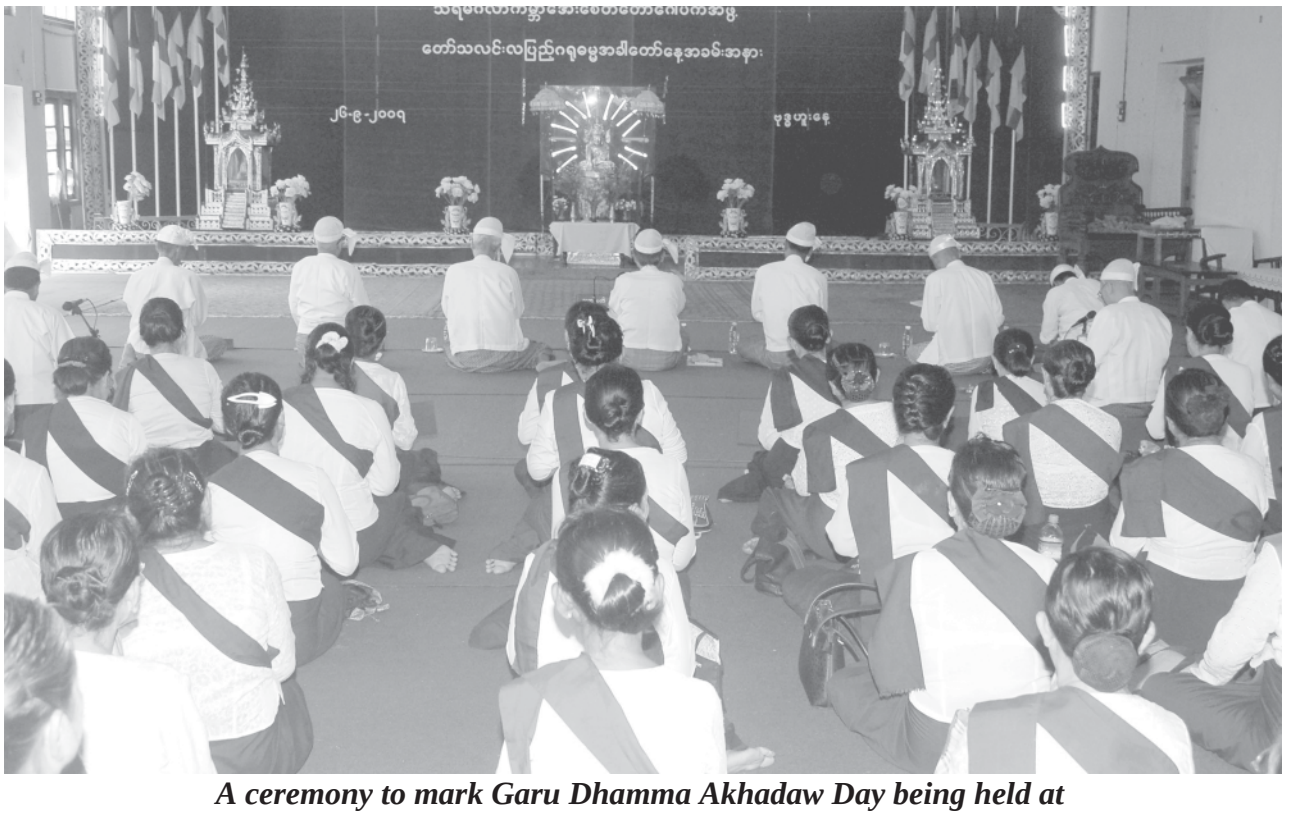
Full Moon Day of Tawthalin observed

YANGON, 26 Sept—The Board of Trustees of Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda organized Dhamma Puja Mingala ceremony to mark Full Moon Day of Tawthalin (Garu Dhamma Akhadaw Day) at the Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda on Kaba Aye Hill here this afternoon.

Members of the pagoda board of trustees, and members of 21 Wut associations attended the ceremony.

The congregation recited *Namo Tassa* three times to launch the ceremony. Members of the Wut associations invited celestial beings, higher celestial beings, the Lord Buddha, and the two Chief Monk Disciples to the religious rites, and paid respects to the Pagoda, and observed Garu Dhamma (Five Precepts). Alternate chairman of the pagoda board of trustees U Saw Kyaing gave talks on Mingala (auscipiousness). The congregation recited religious verses on introduction of Garu Dhamma Jataka, Garu Dhamma, and Maha Dhamma Pala Jataka. They also recited the religious verse on the Five Precepts and shared the merits gained. Next, they recited verses on prayers.

The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu.—*MNA*



***A ceremony to mark Garu Dhamma Akhadaw Day being held at Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda.* — MNA**

INSIDE

Tsunami, Mattel and skyful of lies

Are we going to trust that only the media which can feature strange news at the earliest date regardless of their authenticity or baseless news that will generate disputes and doubts, exaggerated news reports and rumours have the freedom and contribute to the flourishing of democracy? It is so heart-rending to see immeasurable losses some peoples of certain world nations are facing due to groundless and unabashed news reports released in the names of the people.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Computers as effective teaching aids

Youths are essential human resources of future nation. By conducting courses on information technology, computer and language for the youths human resources will develop in the nation.

Today is knowledge age. The government has opened universities of computer studies and upgraded 49 technological colleges to university level with the aim of turning out brilliant youths. Moreover, computers and language labs have been installed at the basic education schools. The teachers will have to teach the respective subjects with the use of computers. With the application of the computer technology the qualification of the youths will improve.

In the basic education sector, there were 33,747 schools in 1988 and now the number stands at 41,816 schools, up 8,069 schools. Arrangements are being made for the students to learn modern computer technology at those schools in the country.

It is believed that teaching methods with the use of computer must be applied effectively at schools to turn out brilliant youths.

All this needs to be known

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

People's Desire

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

Commander, Minister attend meeting on all-round development tasks and community peace and tranquillity

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended a meeting on all-round development tasks and community peace and tranquillity held at the meeting hall of Dawei District PDC Office and made speeches on the occasion on 23 September.

Next, the commander and the minister inspected renovation of Dawei airport and gave instructions on renovation of the airport to meet the set standards and emphasis to be placed on maintenance for its durability.

While in Youngmaw village of Dawei District, the commander and the minister paid homage to Jaw Pagoda (Hlekyaungtaw) and donated cash for all-round renovation tasks.

Afterwards, they viewed construction tasks of the lake and hydropower station in Thayetchaung Township. The power station can produce 90 kilowatts. Next, they paid homage to Shinmoathti Pagoda in Dawei and donated cash for all-round renovation tasks.

After that they looked into the poultry farm belongs to Dr Maung Ni in Dawei and gave instructions on focusing on bio security and production of disease-free foodstuff.

After paying homage to Shinpin Khayu Pagoda and made cash donations.

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World Maritime Day-2007 marked

YANGON, 25 Sept — World Maritime Day-2007 celebration was held at Asia World Port Terminal here today with an address by Director-General U Maung Maung Oo of Department of Marine Administration.

Resident Representative of United Nations Development Programme, Mr Charles Petrie reads out the message sent by Secretary-General of International Maritime Federation Mr Mitopolos.

Also present were the departmental officials of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Transport, the managing directors of the private port terminals and the president of Myanamr Oversea Seafarer Association and others.

On the occasion, those present enjoyed "Invaders from the sea" video and browsed the documentary photos on activities of environmental conservation.

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19th Golf Tournament for disabled on 29 Sept

YANGON, 26 Sept — Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Disabled Sports Federation will open 19th Golf Tournament for Disabled at Tatmadaw Golf Course here on 29 September.

The athletes of States, Divisions and the ministries may contact U Thein Swe Myint (Tel: 542941), U Sein Whet (Tel: 535167) and Tatmadaw Golf Course (Tel:635449).

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran starts talks with IAEA on nuclear programme

TEHERAN, 25 Sept—Iranian nuclear officials and a visiting team from the UN nuclear watchdog held talks on Monday to clarify outstanding questions about Iran's atomic work, which the West fears is a cover to build a nuclear bomb.

The talks with International Atomic Energy Agency officials "will continue in the next two or three days", Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini told the state broadcaster IRIB.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, speaking at New York's Columbia University during a visit to the United States, said on Monday that Iran's nuclear programme was for electricity generation. "We don't believe in nuclear weapons, period."

Iran agreed with the IAEA on 21 August that it would explain the scope of its nuclear programme.

The pact allows Iran to settle questions one by one over a period the IAEA says will run to December — even as Iran adds centrifuges to its Natanz enrichment plant, nearing the 3,000 needed to start producing usable quantities of nuclear fuel.

Western powers have cast doubt on the deal, saying it allows Teheran to string out answers to questions about past, hidden nuclear work while leaving intact its uranium enrichment programme, a possible path to the building of atom bombs.

IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei has said Iran's pledge of transparency to remove Western suspicions has raised hope of resolving its nuclear issue.

Hosseini said Iran had already removed some concerns and "the focus of the talks will be P1 and P2 centrifuges".

MNA/Reuters

Air China counters at Chek Lap Kok airport in Hong Kong. Trading in Air China shares was suspended on 24 Sept, amid speculation it will team up with Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific to block Singapore's bid to gain a foothold in the Chinese aviation market.—INTERNET

Three shot dead in Thai south

BANGKOK, 25 Sept—Three persons, including a female teacher and a couple, were killed inside their own houses by militants Sunday night in Thailand's far southern province Pattani, media here reported Monday.

News network *The Nation* quoted police as saying that a temporary female teacher of Ban Pathung School, 24-year-old Yamairya Mali, was killed when an unknown number of gunmen bombarded her house in Pattani's Saiburi District with *M16* rifles and an 11-mm pistol at 7 pm (1200 GMT).

Also in Saiburi, Sagariya Malae, 39, and his wife, Saripah, 28, were killed in their house at 7:30 pm (1230 GMT).

They were shot by *M16* rifles and 9-mm pistols by an unknown number of militants.

All the three victims were Muslims, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

A much reduced resevoir west of Sydney. Australia pledged extra aid on 25 Sept for struggling farmers as the worst drought in a century slashes crop production and threatens to devastate rural communities.—INTERNET

Suicide car bombing kills six in northern Iraq

MOSUL (Iraq), 25 Sept—A suicide car bomb struck a joint Iraqi Army and police checkpoint in an area west of Mosul City on Monday, killing six people and wounding 17 others, a local police source said.

"A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a joint checkpoint in the village of Abi Maria, 80 kilometres west of Mosul, and blew it up in the afternoon," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The attack resulted in the killing of two policemen, a soldier and three civilians, long with injuring 17 other people, including undetermined number of security members, he said.

The blast also damaged several nearby buildings and civilian cars, the source said, adding that the toll could rise as ambulances and civilian vehicles continue evacuating the casualties, he said.

Insurgents frequently attack Iraqi security forces, accusing them of collaborating with the US occupation.

Mosul, some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, has long been a hot bed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion in 2003.—*MNA/Xinhua*

A woman walks past the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Basra, 550 km (342 miles) south of Baghdad, on 25 Sept, 2007. A suicide car bomb killed three people in an attack targeting a police station in the southern Shi'ite city of Basra, police and a health official said.
INTERNET

Four wounded in railway blast in Turkey

ANKARA, 25 Sept—Four people were wounded early Monday as an explosion occurred on railway tracks in eastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The explosives planted by the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) exploded while a freight train was passing near Elazig province, said the report, adding the wounded were taken to local hospital of Firat University for treatment.

The PKK has increased attacks on Turkish troops in southeastern Turkey in recent months, which led to rising Turkish demands for an incursion into northern Iraq to crush the rebels based there.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Repaired US space shuttle moved from hangar

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 25 Sept—Space shuttle *Discovery* was rolled out from its processing hangar on Sunday, as NASA moved to keep to a tight schedule for *Discovery's* launch on a milestone *International Space Station* construction mission next month.

The transfer to Kennedy Space Centre's massive assembly building had been delayed several days for last-minute repairs to the spaceship's landing gear. Technicians discovered a leaky seal, which had to be replaced.

This week, *Discovery* will be hoisted vertically and bolted to an external fuel tank and a pair of solid rocket boosters.

MNA/Reuters

Ultra Orthodox Jewish children walk through an ancient limestone quarry exposed during routine excavations two months ago in the northern part of Jerusalem. —INTERNET

UN chief calls for global action on climate change

BEIJING, 25 Sept—The head of the UN says the time for doubt has passed, and a breakthrough is needed in global talks to emissions from global-warming gases. Ban Ki-moon's expresses the comments at an unprecedented summit on climate change.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says national action alone is insufficient in tackling climate change. He has urged world leaders to act together.

Ban Ki-moon said, "No region can insulate itself from this climate change. That is why we need to confront climate change within a global framework; one that guarantees the highest level of international cooperation that is necessary."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (R) opened the largest-ever gathering of world leaders on climate change on 24 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Ban points out the UN climate process is the appropriate forum for negotiating global action. He has stressed the goal in Bali, where the UN climate change conference will be held in three months time, must be nothing short of a real breakthrough.

He has scrutinized current challenges caused by climate change, saying most industrialized country emissions are still rising, and their per capita emissions remains unacceptably high.

And support for adaptation by poor countries has fallen short of what is required.

Internet

Indonesian student wins UN stamp contest

JAKARTA, 25 Sept— Bryan Jevoncia, a seven-year-old school boy in West Kalimantan Province, Indonesia, won a United Nations (UN) sponsored stamp competition, after defeating thousands of participants across the world.

Bryan took part in the stamp making contest entitled "International Children Art Competition" with other competitors ranging from 6 to 15 years old earlier this year.

He drew a picture with the title of "We Can End Poverty", depicting the condition of his family, especially his 43-year old mother, Rosina, who was previously worked as a tailor. His achievement in the contest made him invited by the United Nations headquarters in New York, to attend the com-memoration activity, which will take place on 17 October, 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

An aerial view of the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River in Yichang, in central China's Hubei province. INTERNET

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International Astronautical Congress opens in India

HYDERABAD (India), 25 Sept— The 58th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2007) kicked off on Monday in the major IT city of Hyderabad in India, attracting around 2,000 space scientists, heads of leading space agencies and astronauts.

With the theme of "Touching humanity: Space for improving quality of life", this Congress will focus on different topics including space science, space technology, infrastructure, space applications and Interaction with society.

"Today, the space exploration and space-based systems have become globally important for solving the problems and enriching quality of lift of human kind," said Madhavan Nair, Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) at the opening ceremony.

Being organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) in association with the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) and the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), the event is hosted by the ISRO and the Astronautical Society of India (ASI).

Delegates from 45 countries and regions including heads of space agencies, space scientists, policy makers, regulators, global industry professionals from aerospace and allied industries will participate.

China also sent a strong delegation to participate in this event, including representatives from China National Space Administration, Chinese Society of Astronautics, several universities and relevant space industries.

MNA/Xinhua

File photo shows Chinese models at a hair and cosmetics fashion show in Beijing. Chinese women, who are having cosmetic surgery in ever larger numbers, are especially keen to get faces shaped like "goose eggs," state media said on 25 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Second case of bluetongue disease found in UK

LONDON, 26 Sept — British Government vets have found bluetongue disease in a second cow on a Suffolk farm, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said Monday.

The midge-borne bluetongue virus was found in a Highland cow at the Baylham House Rare Breeds Farm near Ipswich in Suffolk, some 100 kilometres northeast of London, after the first case of bluetongue disease was found there later Saturday.

The strain of the disease is the same as one that has devastated cattle and sheep herds across northern Europe.

The infected cow's carcass has been removed and further tests are being carried out to see if it has spread to other livestock on the farm.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Chinese, French FMs discuss relations

NEW YORK, 25 Sept—Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and his French counterpart, Bernard Kouchner, met here Sunday on the sidelines of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly and discussed how to better bilateral cooperation.

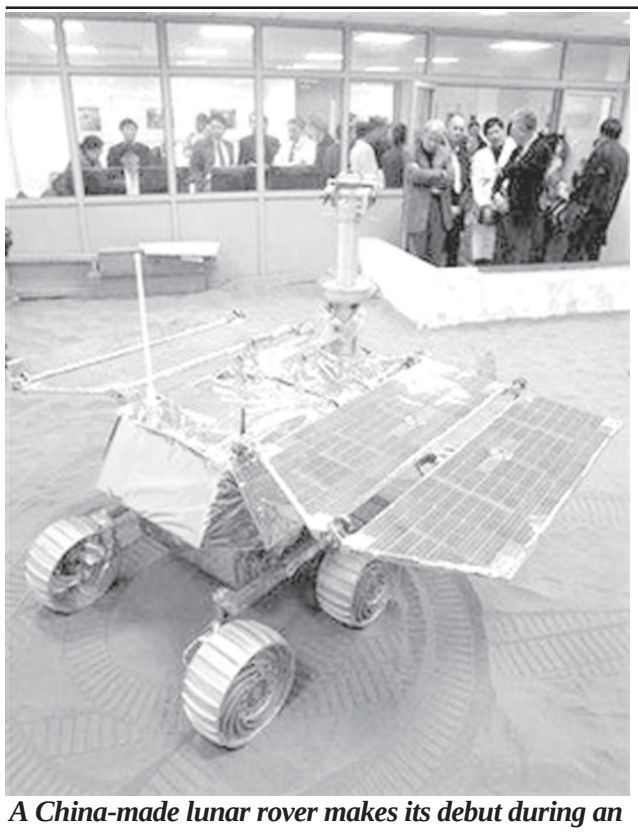
Sino-French cooperation has witnessed sound and steady development in various fields, Yang said, noting that the two sides have made important contribution to helping solve relevant questions by maintaining good communication and coordination in major international and regional issues. He hoped both sides would make good political preparation and related arrangements for high-level exchanges, actively advance pragmatic cooperation in economics and trade, science and technology, culture and other fields.

Yang also called for stronger bilateral cooperation in regional issues as well as global issues like the environment, climate change, energy, and African development.

Kouchner said French leaders are looking forward to visiting China to promote bilateral ties.

MNA/Xinhua

Apple CEO Steve Jobs is silhouetted as he introduces the new Apple iPod Nano media player in San Francisco. A California judge plans to order Apple to turn over company board-meeting minutes and records relating to stock options accounting to an investor, according to a newspaper report on 25 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET



A China-made lunar rover makes its debut during an exchange on space technology between China and the United Kingdom in Shanghai. China, the third country to put a man in space, is to build a fourth rocket launchpad on its southern tropical resort island of Hainan, state media said on Monday, an idea first suggested in 1999.—INTERNET

Nike designs shoe for American Indians

BEAVERTON, 25 Sept — Nike on Tuesday unveiled what it said is the first shoe designed specifically for American Indians, an effort aiming at promoting physical fitness in a population with high obesity rates.

The Beaverton-based company says the Air Native N7 is designed with a larger fit for the distinct foot shape of American Indians, and has a culturally specific look.

It will be distributed solely to American Indians; tribal wellness programs and tribal schools nationwide will be able to purchase the shoe at wholesale price and then pass it along to individuals, often at no cost.

"Nike is aware of the growing health issues facing Native Americans," said Sam McCracken, manager of Nike's Native American Business programme.

Sam McCracken, manager of Nike's Native American business programme, shows the new Nike Air Native N7 shoe at Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Ore, on 25 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

"We are stepping up our commitment ... to elevate the issue of Native American health and wellness."

Nike said it is the first time it has designed a shoe for a specific race or ethnicity.

It said all profits from the sale of the shoe will be reinvested in health programs for tribal lands, where problems with obesity, diabetes and related conditions are near epidemic levels in some tribes.

Nike designers and researchers looked at the feet of more than 200 people from more than 70 tribes nationwide and found that in general, American Indians have a much wider and taller foot than the average shoe accommodates.

The average shoe width of men and women measured was three width sizes larger than the standard Nike shoe.

As a result, the Air Native is wider with a larger toe box.

The shoe has fewer seams for irritation and a thicker sock liner for comfort.

Internet

Mauritania welcomes Chinese enterprises

NEW YORK, 25 Sept— Mauritania's President Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi said here Monday that his country welcomes more Chinese enterprises to conduct cooperation projects.

Cooperation between Mauritania and China has yielded remarkable results and brought important interests to the people of both countries over the more than four decades since the establishment of diplomatic relations, Abdallahi said during a meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi at the sidelines of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Yang, for his part, said China wishes to push for the constant development of bilateral friendly cooperation of mutual benefit and continue providing assistance to Mauritania and contribute to the African country's economic and social development.

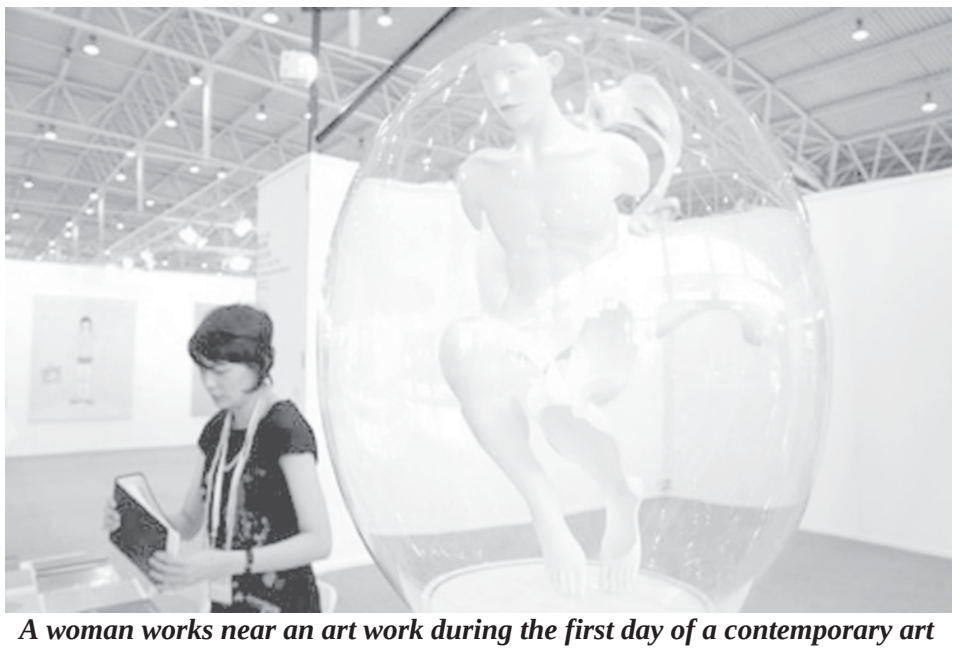
MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam learns China's WTO experiences

HANOI, 25 Sept — Vietnam is learning China's WTO-related experiences in specific spheres, including macro economic policies, social security and environmental protection, said Do Hoai Nam, chairman of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, on Monday.

Chinese policy makers and scholars are to share the experiences with Vietnam in such areas as growth model change, law adjustment, farming, social security, opening up in service, finance and banking sectors, anti-dumping, and combination of economic development and environmental protection, said the chairman at an international workshop entitled "China in 5 Years after WTO Accession: Sharing Experiences with Vietnam" which opened here Monday.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Protestors dressed as polar bears demonstrate on the beach against CO2 emissions during the annual Labour Party conference in Bournemouth, southern England, on 24 Sept, 2007. –XINHUA



A woman works near an art work during the first day of a contemporary art fair in Beijing. The art exhibition till 23 Sept. displayed many art works from Chinese and overseas art galleries in a huge exhibition area of more than 20,000 square metres.—INTERNET

Six killed, 47 injured in road accidents in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 25 Sept — Six people were killed and 47 others injured in two separate road accidents in Bangladesh's eastern Comilla and northern Gaibandha districts Sunday, private news agency *UNB* reported.

In Comilla, 90 kilometres southeast of capital Dhaka, four people were killed and 35 others injured in a collision between two buses on the highway connecting Dhaka with southeastern port city Chittagong Sunday afternoon.

Police said the buses collided head-on about 2 pm local time, killing four people on the spot.

Of the injured, 10 were admitted to different hospitals in critical condition.

In Gaibandha, 210 kilometres northwest of capital Dhaka, two people were killed and 12 others injured when a night coach dashed with a roadside tree on the highway connecting Dhaka and northwestern Rangpur early hours Sunday.

Police said the accident took place at about 12:30 am as the coach driver suddenly feel sick and lost his control over the steering, killing the driver and his helper on the spot.

MNA/Xinhua

Two Ukrainian students wear Han-style costumes in Beijing, on 24 Sept, 2007. An activity was held in a park in Beijing to celebrate China's Mid-Autumn Festival, which will be celebrated on 25 Sept. More than 20 foreigners who work or study in Beijing participated in the event, wearing ancient China's Han-style costumes and learning traditional etiquette. —INTERNET

Massive bridge to connect Java and Sumatra

JAKARTA, 25 Sept — The Indonesian authorities have agreed to build a massive bridge connecting the main islands of Java and Sumatra in a mega project starting in 2009.

The agreement was reached between the provincial governments of Banten in western Java and Lampung in eastern Sumatra, reported English daily *The Jakarta Post* Monday.

Local firm PT Artha Graha Network, owned by tycoon Tommy Winata, has reportedly shown interest in investing in the 94 trillion rupiah (10.2 billion US dollars) project.

The bridge will cross over the Sunda Strait separating both islands by about 30 kilometres.

"I have proposed to the National Planning Body (Bappenas) to include the Sunda Strait bridge plan into the national spatial layout plan and we thank all legislative councils in Sumatra and Java for their support for the plan," Banten governor Atut Chosiah was quoted as saying.

Atut said the construction of the bridge would be beneficial to all provinces in Java and Sumatra.

The construction of the longest bridge in the country would need at least 10 billion dollars, said Wiratman, a consultant in the bridge project.

"The materials used for construction must be flexible so that the bridge won't be shaken by earthquakes," Wiratman said.

"The bridge will have six lanes for vehicles and a lane for pedestrians," he said, adding that construction would take at least five years.

MNA/Xinhua

Two Spanish soldiers killed in Afghan attack

MADRID, 25 Sept — Two Spanish soldiers may have died and at least another two were injured when their vehicle was hit by an explosion in Afghanistan on Monday, the Spanish Defence Ministry said.

In a statement, the ministry said the Spanish patrol was attacked at about 0700 GMT near Shewan, northwest of Farah.

"In principle, two Spanish soldiers may have died and there are at least another two who are seriously injured," the ministry said.

Defence Minister Jose Antonio Alonso is due to give a news conference later on Monday.

About 700 Spanish troops are based in Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

Hot dogs and half smokes are seen on the grill at Ben's Chili Bowl restaurant in Washington, on 16 September, 2006. Tough choices tempt kids at every turn — whether it is soda in school, junk food ads on TV or the fast-food chain around the corner — and school policies limiting physical activity only make matters worse, US researchers said on 25 Sept. —INTERNET

Vietnam reports more dengue fever cases

HANOI, 25 Sept — Vietnam has detected 68,000 dengue fever patients, including 60 fatalities since the beginning of this year, posting a rise in both cases and deaths over the same period last year, *Vietnam News Agency* reported Monday.

Most of the cases have been found in the southern provinces of Dong Thap, Tien Giang, An Giang and Ben Tre, whose weather conditions and local people's habit of storing water in containers at their houses favour the breeding of mosquitoes, the disease's transmitter, the agency quoted Nguyen Huy Nga, head of the Preventive Medicine Department under the Vietnamese Health Ministry as saying.

Local healthcare agencies are asking residents to frequently clean up environment around their accommodations, mainly by keeping water containers close and clean and killing mosquitoes and their larvae.

In 2006, Vietnam reported over 77,800 cases of dengue fever infections, including 68 fatalities. Up to 84 per cent of the infections and 91 per cent of the deaths were found in the southern region.

MNA/Xinhua

Some monks and people enter…

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The people who wish to earn their living in peace do not accept or take part in the protests. Thus, some saboteurs of the protest walks forcibly urged families of the homes all along their route, whether they know them or not, to provide alms and other requisites for monks.

Those saboteurs told the families that if they failed to yield to their demand, the protesters would not take care of their personal and property safety. Moreover, they threatened the families demanding them to join the protest or provide financial assistance, adding, the protesters would not guarantee the security of the lives and property of the families. The saboteurs were acting like extortionists in a threatening way. Moreover, some protester monks entered homes and demanded families to offer soft drinks, urging families who could not join the strike to make donations for the convenience of administrative affairs. According to those families, they had never seen or known those so-called monks in the past and they were not their mentor monks.

Some families filed complaints about the threats to the authorities, saying that they had to pay the protesters from forty or fifty thousand kyats to one lakh as extortion money.

The authorities have informed the people to file complaints in person or on line to the respective Ward Peace and Development Councils, Township PDCs or local authorities against intimidations, extortions or acts to force them to join the protest against their wish. The authorities have also urged families to make complaints against extortionists by name if they know them well and to live with security awareness.

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Agreement on implementing radial tyre manufacturing factory project signed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 and China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China signed an agreement on implementing radial tyre manufacturing factory project at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday.

Present at the signing ceremony were Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Ministers, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, heads of departments, Chinese Economic & Commercial Counsellor to Myanmar Mr Tang Hai, President Ms Luo Yan and officials of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd and guests.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin made a speech on the occasion. Next, Director-General U Khin Maung of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning and President Ms Luo Yan explained matters related to the project.

Afterwards, Managing Director U Oo Zun of MTRI and President Ms Luo Yan signed the agreement and then exchanged documents. Under the agreement signed, MTRI and China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd will establish the radial tyre manufacturing factory with China's investment of US$ 33 million in Bilin Township of Mon State.

Upon completion, the factory will produce 300,000 tyres in a year and forty per cent of which will be exported.

MNA

Drilling launched in joint-venture block in Gangaw

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi yesterday attended a ceremony to launch drilling of an inland oil well in a joint-venture project in Gangaw Township.

The Pahtolon test well is situated in Block-D, a joint venture project between Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) and Sinopec International Petroleum (Myanmar) Co Ltd of China.

The minister started the drilling and inspected drilling tasks.

Also present on the occasion were Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, responsible officials of Sinopec International Petroleum (Myanmar) Co Ltd and MOGE.

Before the drilling, Vice-President of Sinopec International Petroleum (Myanmar) Co Ltd Mr Lu Baoping and officials reported to the minister on geological conditions and future tasks related to exploration of oil in the block.

The oil well will be drilled down to a depth of 15,749 ft.

MNA

Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament continues

YANGON, 25 Sept — The 23rd Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Commander-in-Chief's Cup U-21 Football Tournament continued in the designated zones this evening.

In the group-A, South-East Command hammered Northern Command with 7-0 in Mawlamyine Zone. No 77 LID routed No 99 LID with 7-1 in the group-B in Pathein Zone. No 11 LID thumbed No 101 LID with 7-0 in the group-C in Monywa Zone. The Central Command whitewashed No 88 LID with 17-0 in the group-D in Mandalay Zone. Camp Commandant Office won over No 33 LID with 5-0 in the group-E in Toungoo Zone. —*MNA*

Thephyu sub-power station, factories in Thagara Industrial Zone supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Thephyu sub-power station in Minhla Township of Bago Division on 24 September.

At the sub-power station, Director U Khin Win of Myanma Industrial Construction Services briefed the minister on progress in building the sub-power station and General Manager U Aye Thaung of Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory on completion of erecting towers to connect power lines from the sub-power station to Thagara industrial zone while Managing Director U Hla Myint Thein of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the minister urged officials concerned to complete the sub-power station as soon as possible, coordinate with departments concerned for the installation of machines systematically, strive for timely completion of connecting powerlines and store machine parts safely before installation, and then looked into installation of control panel and transformers and erecting of galvanized steel towers.

At Thagara Industrial Zone in Yedashay Township of Bago Division, General Manager U Aye Thaung of Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory briefed the minister on installation of steel structures.

Next, the minister oversaw construction tasks for mechanical tipper and digger factory project and Managing Director U Hla Myint Thein of MADEI and officials presented reports to the minister.

In connection with the reports, the minister urged the officials concerned to carry out construction tasks as scheduled, systematically install and maintain steel structures for the factory project, accomplish the tasks for the installation of machine parts at the factory project in time, make records on chosen places to install machine parts, conduct feasibility study for the installation of machine parts, undertake occupational safety, minimize wastage and loss and be thrifty fuel. — *MNA*

Tsunami, Mattel and skyful of lies

U Swe (Bahan)

All human beings acknowledge the 21st century as the information age or media age. The word media covers periodicals, dailies, radio, television, Internet, website etc. The present era has been praised as the media age as the media can reach every part of the world in a matter of seconds thanks to rapid technological development. In the Western countries there are calls to rely on and give freedom to media for progress of democracy. Those countries also say that media freedom provides extra support and encouragement to democratic practises; that in this 21st century, the media should be given cent per cent freedom if democracy and its practices are to be implemented. But do media that fail to observe rules and regulations and ethics wholly support democracy development work programmes actually? **Are we going to trust that only the media which can feature strange news at the earliest date regardless of their authenticity or baseless news that will generate disputes and doubts, exaggerated news reports and rumours have the freedom and contribute to the flourishing of democracy? It is so heart-rending to see immeasurable losses some peoples of certain world nations are facing due to groundless and unabashed news reports released in the names of the people.** I will present some of the events as evidence.

The 2004 Tsunami

Although nearly three years have already passed, we still remember the flood that originated from a massive earthquake whose epicentre was near the Sumatra peninsula in Indonesia. Tsunami triggered by the giant earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale destroyed coastal towns and villages and public property of certain countries facing the Indian Ocean. The earthquake and tsunami occurred on 26 December 2004 killed over 200,000 people in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia and left 600,000 homeless. The government of Myanmar officially announced that thanks to mangrove forests, inhabited islands and coral reefs that stood as a buffer only 61 died, 42 were injured and 2,592 were left homeless. The problem started there.

I am now going to present a true event of a citizen of Myanmar. Everyone of Ward 46 in Dagon (North) Township, Yangon, loved Grandma Thi and her family. Grandma Thi raised her only son after her husband died. As her business was good, she never hesitated to render a helping hand in the ward social affairs. The son after being graduated from a university found work as an in-charge of a fishery enterprise. Later, he was assigned to the duty to transport fishery products at Kawthoung. Grandma Thi allowed her son to work in a faraway place as she wished her son to gain valuable experience. She lived with a 13-year old, an offspring of her neighbours. The son wrote letters to her every week and visited his mother in Yangon almost once a month. On 26 December 2004, the government announced a precise report and list of tsunami toll all along the Myanmar coastal areas. Grandma Thi was relieved from anxiety thanks to the announcement. But three or four days later, the news reports aired by the Western radio stations such as BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB worried Grandma Thi with anxiety over her son. Those radio stations broadcast that the number of persons who perished in the tsunami in three countries facing the Indian Ocean was over 200,000; that it was sure that Myanmar with a long coastline would have been hit hard by tsunami; that the report issued by the government was just a lie; that the Myanmar government hid the truth as it was not able to carry out natural disaster prevention and relief works efficiently; and that the number of deaths would be much higher. Grandma Thi could not sleep and eat well because of the bad news. Besides she had cardiac disorder. With the help of ward people she was admitted to Bahosi private hospital. Worse, she did not get contact with her son for about two weeks during the time. Fortunately, her friends got contact with her son though the fishery enterprise he was working at and came to know that he was fine and happy. The son arrived back Yangon after about 20 days. **In the end, Grandma Thi recovered from her illness, and the mother and the son led a happy life. But there is one question. Who is responsible for the sufferings of the mother and son resulting from groundless rumours and their health and social costs?**

There are many people who like Grandma Thi are suffering from rumours and big lies aired by Western radio stations just to cause public panic in Myanmar.

Mattel, 2007

Mattel is a big US toy manufacturing company. The company is distributing millions of toys from factories in China. China has over 10,000 toy factories that are producing 80 per cent of toys all over the world. In August 2007, Chinese toy factories faced a terrible misfortune. The problem was to recall one million of 20 million toys imported to US. Mattel announced that it had made the recall because of the excessive levels of lead paint in toys manufactured in China. The Chinese company that produced the said one million toys was Lee Der Toy Co Ltd. Western media highlighted the news about the lead paint without having reliable sources. At the time the media were reporting the possible danger of some Chinese foodstuff and toothpaste as front-page news. Hence, the news about toys spread the world within seconds. Co-owner of Lee Der company Zhang Shu Heng committed suicide. At the same time, 5,000 workers of the company lost their jobs. Liao Binling, a worker from the company, said that he had no idea what agents were included in the paint when he was manufacturing toys; that he was amazed and shaken when he saw the news in the dailies; that anyhow, they would be still at the factory till before the completion of the funeral of their boss. Workers of the factor were migrated from the poorest provinces of China. But the truth came out two weeks later. The news report on the formal apology made by Mattel to

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the Chinese people and all customers who received the toys appeared in the dailies. Mattel in the news said, "The vast majority of those products that we recalled were the result of a design flaw in Mattel's design, not through a manufacturing flaw in Chinese manufacturers." It is hoped that Mattel will take lesson from the incident.

The incident showed that some media gave priority to scoops and failed to confirm whether or not the scoops were correct or reliable. And some western media hatched schemes to stop China's trade surplus with the US and harm the global popularity of Chinese products. In consequence, a person sacrificed his life, and his family members faced tragic consequences, and many workers lost their jobs resulting from the activities of these media. I would like to ask if that is freedom of press.

Skyful of lies

In the 21st Century, the world is wary of media that take advantage of freedom of press and concentrate on scoops, and sophisticated media equipment, through which users can see pictures, sound and printed words only seconds after the incidents concerned. The people of the third world continue to enjoy little benefit but suffer lots of evil consequences of the western countries' freedom of press and concept that they can help others improve democratic processes. Therefore, the developing countries should seriously take into consideration possible future consequences of human rights, freedom of press, fluorishing of democracy, and westernization. Press and media ethics have become abhorrent to world people owing to the misbehaviours of the global media that exaggerate small internal affairs of small countries with the intention of sowing hatred and discord among the people and make these countries worldwide notorious. Therefore, the future media is now in a serious situation. In this regard, I would like to present some evidences that are happening in Myanmar. Now, the nation is seeing some protests resulting from high fuel prices that came into effect on 15 August 2007. Today, world countries have to make changes regarding fuel prices. If the government no longer controls the import of fuel and hands it over to the private companies in Myanmar that is practising the market-oriented economic system, local fuel prices will be higher than present rates. However, the government has a sense of duty to make sacrifices in the interests of the people. So, it raised the fuel prices just fairly, not as high as they should be. It is common knowledge. The government is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. In the process, it has adopted the basic principles, and accomplished the first stage of convening the National Convention. Plans are under way to implement the remaining six stages one after another. **At such a time, it is very regrettable for the nation and younger generations to see demonstrations that are politically associated with the high prices of fuel. The protest or the so-called boycott based on measures to restore peace due to the Pakokku incident harmed the Sasana. Certain western media and anti-government media are broadcasting leading news stories and distorted news stories to stir up the mass protests.** For instance, they distorted the news about Pakokku incident in order to mislead members of the Sangha and the people into misunderstanding the authorities. They exaggerated news about protest walk of just two-digit monks that thousands of monk protesters took part in the protest; that service personnel from the ministries joined the protest; and that the movie world and the literary world released announcements. In addition, they encouraged the people to strike iron buckets, say prayers and gather at a certain place at a certain time. And they are entertaining a variety of rumours about emotional feelings of other public members, and manufacturing fabricated news that international community took great interest in the latest developments in Myanmar and would take action against the nation. **They said that Buddhist monks were mounting protests, walking in rows peacefully and saying prayers. However, later their demands include political matters. The protesters come to hold placards featuring political demands and chant the slogan of "our cause". I am sure all persons who witnessed the 1988 unrest, do not engage in such small protests again, and such demonstrations are absolutely unacceptable to them. Now, the majority of the people who want to lead a peaceful life and are in favour of transition to democracy in a smooth way are gradually suffering from the evil consequences of the protests.** And the students who want to attend classes peacefully and pass examinations yearly become afraid of attending classes due to the exaggerated stories of western media, anti-government media and protesters. In addition, daily wage earners, venders and taxi drivers are under worries and anxieties. So are company proprietors and entrepreneurs. On the whole, they are said to be peaceful protest walks, but the people now have to live in state of alarm stemming from the misconduct of western media and anti-government media. Now, each family is under a variety of worries that they should send their children to schools, they can go to work, they can open their shops, and they wonder if consumer prices will go up again. Freight handlers who can earn money only when cargo trucks and ships arrive are waiting for cargo trucks and ships. Fruit sellers have to throw away the fruits that are not sold out. Who is to blame and to be responsible for provoking perplexities and fear of the people, for disrupting the development tasks of the nation from 15 August to date? I wonder whether the western media and anti-government media will take responsibilities for the development of the nation? Demonstrations, inciting protests, and releasing made-up stories are totally against national development tasks. Therefore, I would like to urge the entire people to be vigilant against the words of such media and destructive elements stirring up problems.

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Indonesia rents choppers to fight forest fires

JAKARTA, 26 Sept — The Indonesian Forestry Ministry has rented two Russian-made helicopters in anticipation of forest fires during the dry season, local Press said Tuesday.

The *Kamov Ka-32* helicopters belong to South Korean company LG International Corporation and have been hired through an Indonesian air charter company, PT National Utility Helicopter.

The helicopters were rented at a cost of 26 billion rupiah (2.84 million US dollars) for 320 hours of operation, the English daily *The Jakarta Post* quote a government official as saying.

"We will station one helicopter in Pontianak, West Kalimantan, to fight forest fires on Kalimantan Island and another in Pekanbaru, Riau, for Sumatra Island," said Forestry Minister Malam Sambat Kaban.

One of the helicopters can carry up to 3,000 litres of water in its belly tank, while the other can tote 5,000 litres in a bucket tank slung beneath its body.

The minister said his office would monitor forest fires in all of Kalimantan's provinces, while of Sumatra's 10 provinces, Jambi, Riau, North and South Sumatra would also be watched.

Kaban said the ministry would hire more helicopters should the situation become worse than expected.

"Hopefully this will prove that Indonesia is serious in fighting forest fires," Kaban said.

MNA/Xinhua

Warming shrinks Kashmir's rivers, streams

SRINAGAR (India), 26 Sept — Water levels in Indian Kashmir's rivers and streams have decreased by two-thirds as a result of global warming which is melting most of the Himalayan region's glaciers, a voluntary group said on Monday.

According to an ActionAid report on the impact climate change is having in Kashmir, many small glaciers in the disputed state have completely disappeared over the last four decades.

"The study shows that the water level in almost all the streams and rivers in Kashmir has decreased by approximately two-thirds during the last 40 years," said the report titled "On the Brink?"

The report said the average temperature in the mountainous parts of the restive state had increased by 1.45 degrees Celsius (2.6 Fahrenheit) over the last two decades, while in the southern plains the temperature rise was 2.32 degrees Celsius (4.2 Fahrenheit).

Scientists warn that receding Himalayan glaciers could jeopardize water supplies for hundreds of millions of people and rising sea levels threaten Indian cities like Mumbai and Kolkata.

Floods and droughts could become more common, diseases more rampant and crop yields lower as temperatures rise, they add. — *MNA/Reuters*

Sally Field accepts the award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series for her role in 'Brothers and Sisters' during the 59th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, on 16 Sept, 2007. Field is attached to play Mary Todd Lincoln in Steven Spielberg's long-gestating biopic 'Lincoln.' The troubled Mrs Lincoln bore the president four sons, only two of whom survived into adulthood. —INTERNET

Uganda declared a state of emergency across several northern and eastern regions worst-hit by rains and floods. Aid agencies appealed for funds on Friday to tackle floods that have swept across at least 18 African countries, killing close to 300 already and heightening the risks of disease outbreaks.—INTERNET

Chinese V-PM calls for "making good use of" Internet

BEIJING, 26 Sept — Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan on Monday called for a larger role of the Internet in the building of a well-off society.

"During recent years, the Internet has developed rapidly in China, penetrated deeply into our life and played an significant role in enhancing life quality," Zeng said at the opening ceremony of the China Internet Conference.

Zeng called for a "good construction, use and regulation" of the Internet under the guidance of the scientific concept of development proposed by President Hu Jintao, improving the infrastructure of information technology and strengthening technological innovation.

China has 162 million Internet users, making up about 12.3 per cent of the total population, up 39 million or 31.7 per cent over 2000.

MNA/Xinhua

Indrajatra festival begins in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 26 Sept — The Indrajatra festival began Tuesday in Nepali capital Kathmandu Valley.

The festival, which falls in between August and September, is celebrated by both the Buddhists and Hindus.

As part of the ongoing government drive to clip royal wings, Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, instead of the King, is going to attend the ceremony in his capacity as the head of the state-breaking away from centuries-old.

The person who is in power is the one to receive the Royal Kumari's blessings.

Koirala has already attended three important religious festivals this year which the King used to attend until last year.

The festival lasts for eight days with singing, mask dancing and rejoicing. People from all over Nepal, mostly those who live within the Kathmandu Valley, gather at the Hanuman Dhoka in Kathmandu.

The chariot of Kumari, the Living Goddess, is taken through the main streets of Kathmandu with much elaboration.

The crowd of excited people from performers to spectators engulfs the streets of Kathmandu during this festival. People get to enjoy various classical dances like elephant dance, lakhe, a very popular dance of a man with a mask.

MNA/Xinhua

Teacher shot dead in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 26 Sept — A primary school teacher was shot dead allegedly by insurgents Tuesday morning in Thailand's violence-torn far southern province of Yala, media here reported.

Police said the shooting took place at 7:40 am (0040 GMT) Tuesday when Somchoke Tipkonglart, 59, a third-grade teacher at the Ban Khaotum School in Yarang District of neighbouring province Pattani, was waiting in front of his house in Yala's Muang District (provincial seat) for a security unit to escort him to his school in a vehicle, according to news network *The Nation.*

Somchoke was shot dead by three young men suspected as insurgents.

Educators often fall victim to the ongoing insurgent violence that has troubled Thailand's far southern region for nearly four years and killed over 2,400 people. Security forces has been tasked with escorting teachers to work, and teachers were trained on gun use for self-protection. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Russia plans man-made Black Sea island for Olympics

Moscow, 26 Sept — Russia plans to build a six-billion-US-dollar artificial island off the coast of the Black Sea resort of Sochi ahead of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games there, a Russian property developer said on Monday.

The 250-hectare island will bear the name of Federation Island and will be shaped in the form of a map of Russia. Developer M-Industry Group said the island would be linked to the mainland by three bridges.

M-Industry said Dutch architect Erick van Egeraat would design the project. The design was shown to President Vladimir Putin last week during an investment conference in Sochi.

The idea echoes a similar project in Dubai, which is building 200 artificial islands in the shape of a map of the globe.

The island is not so far one of the sites earmarked for Olympic venues. The developers have not revealed what they intend to build on the island.

Russia, the world's second largest oil exporter, has reaped the benefits of high prices for its oil and gas in recent years and is now home to 43-dollar billionaires, according to Forbes magazine.

Real estate prices in Sochi soared 30 per cent within a week of the International Olympic Committee announcing in July that Sochi had won its bid to host the winter games. — *MNA/Reuters*

Climatologist Stephen Schneider of Stanford University talks about the water level before Oracle Corp headquarters in Redwood City, Calif, in 6 Sept, 2007 file photo. Rising ocean waters brought on by global warming may bring the Pacific Coast to the foot of the Oracle towers in a hundred years or so, scientists say. — INTERNET

Ang Lee (L), Tang Wei (C) and Leehom Wang attend the premiere of "Lust, Caution" in China (Taipei) on 24 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Street falls into hole in Zagreb, dozens homeless

ZAGREB, 26 Sept — A small street in a residential district of the Croatian capital collapsed into an underground building site, turning dozens of shocked citizens into homeless refugees, Zagreb police said on Monday.

The cave-in happened after construction workers digging a 27-metre deep hole beneath the street to lay foundations for an office block disturbed a strong underground stream, the *Jutarnji List* daily reported.

Some houses collapsed into the crater, others were left teetering on the edge. Residents of some 20 houses and flats were evacuated to a hotel on Sunday, and police emptied part of a nearby office block and a bank on Monday, *Hina* said.

"Part of Kupska Street collapsed because of construction works on Sunday... During our on-site investigation, a concrete wall supporting the underground site structure crumbled and the pavement fell through," said a police statement quoted by the state news agency *Hina*. No one was injured.

"Ten days ago I noticed cracks in the walls," evacuated pensioner Jovan Drezgan told *Jutarnji List*. "Since then I've been going to bed every night thinking the house will cave in." "This is becoming something of an attraction, with people coming to take a peek at the crater," said one of two policewomen guarding a makeshift checkpoint at the site. — *MNA/Reuters*

Britain outlines strategy to deal with animal diseases

LONDON, 26 Sept — The British authorities outlined Monday the integrated, risk based strategy to deal with the current disease situation with both Bluetongue disease and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs published the latest FMD Epidemiology report produced by the National Epidemiology Emergency Group.

The report concludes that the fifth infected premises (IP5) confirmed on 17 September provides a link between the August and September cases with IP5 probably being infected by mechanical transmission, either from the Pirbright site or one of the first two Infected Premises in the Elstead area.

The report states there have been limited animal movements out of the Surrey area, in part due to the restrictions in place in August, which has reduced the risk of wider spread.

The report concludes that the future course of the outbreak is dependent on the surveillance for infection and disease by both animal keepers and Animal Health patrols. Cattle owners should check their animals twice daily and report any suspicions of disease immediately.

Intensive surveillance is already underway on a precautionary basis in the wider Egham and Surrey areas. Further surveillance by cattle blood testing will take place.

MNA/Xinhua

UN chief hails agreement to speed up eliminating HCFCs

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Sept — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed on Monday the agreement reached by the signatories of the Montreal Protocol to sign up to an accelerated freeze and phase-out of hydrochlorflurocarbons (HCFCs), the chemical compound which damages the ozone layer and also contributes to climate change.

In a statement released by his spokesperson, Ban said he is especially pleased that this historic agreement was reached on the eve of the High-Level Event on Climate Change convened by him on the margins of the UN General Assembly.

He noted that international efforts to protect the ozone layer and to combat climate change are mutually supportive, adding that the agreement reached in Montreal includes a commitment to make sufficient funding available to implement the strategy of phasing out HCFCs.

The Secretary-General hoped member states will demonstrate the same urgency and boldness as they turn to the sources of greenhouse gases.

Representatives from about 200 countries have agreed during a meeting in Montreal, Canada to freeze production and consumption of HCFCs in 2013 and phase them out by 2030 — 10 years sooner than an earlier agreement.

MNA/Xinhua

FBI probes alleged homeland security data breaches

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — The FBI is investigating allegations that foreign hackers repeatedly attacked dozens of computers at the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), two Democratic lawmakers and an aide said on Monday.

Mississippi Representative Bennie Thompson has asked for an inquiry into the data breaches and questioned work done by information systems provider Unisys Corp to protect DHS from hackers.

A Thompson aide said the FBI investigation is based on a committee probe that has been going on for several months.

Thompson, who chairs the House of Representatives committee that oversees DHS, was joined by committee colleague Rhode Island Representative James Langevin in seeking the inquiry.

"The results of our investigation suggest that the department is the victim not only of cyber attacks initiated by foreign entities, but of incompetent and possibly illegal activity by the contractor charged with maintaining security on its networks," the two lawmakers said in a statement.—*MNA/Reuters*

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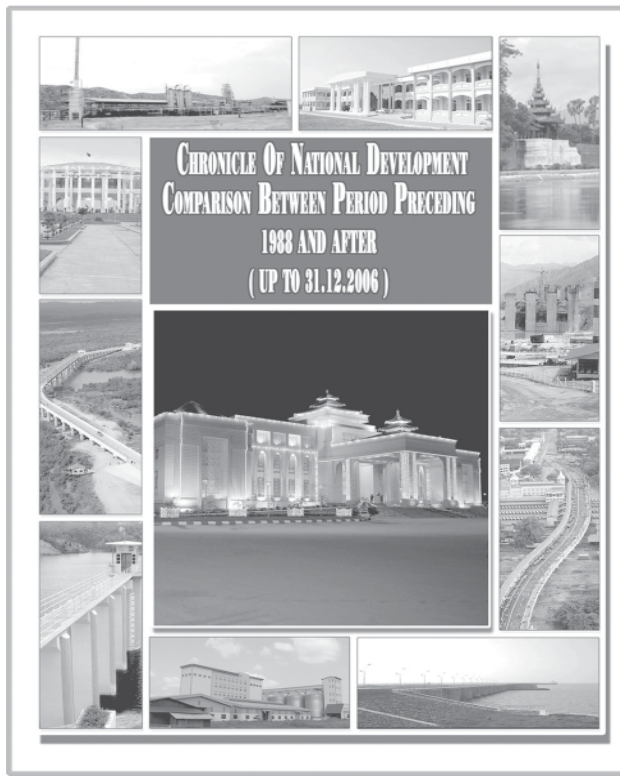

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CAS strategic plan for China's energy development

BEIJING, 25 Sept — The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) has set out a strategic plan for the development of China's energy industry until 2050.

The plan proposes three steps. The first is to develop energy-saving technology and master techniques in the collection, storage and utilization of carbon dioxide by 2020. From 2021 to 2030, the focus will be on promoting nuclear energy and other renewable energies so they become main resources and maximizing the efficiency of solar energy.

Over the following 20 years, the academy advocates the reduction of fossil energies (coal, petroleum, natural gas) to less than 60 per cent of total energy consumption.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Chinese, Indian FMs discuss deepening ties

NEW YORK, 25 Sept — Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi and his Indian counterpart, Pranab Mukherjee, met here Sunday to discuss deepening relations between the two Asian neighbours.

The development of China and India has brought important interests to both nations, and has had positive impact on peace and development in the region and the world at large, Yang said.

MNA/Xinhua

China takes measures to support dairy industry

BEIJING, 25 Sept— China announced measures on Sunday to support dairy industry as 30 per cent milk cow raisers suffered losses in 2006.

The cost of milk cow raising has increased sharply since 2006. The cost of feed has increased by 30 per cent; cost of human labour has doubled; and expenses in quarantine, transport and water and power have also increased to different extents.

However, the price of milk has remained the same as in the previous years. As a result, the profit from raising a milk cow decreased by an average 1,200 yuan.

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Jet Li and Princess Ubol exchange gifts at the ceremony to cement their sincerity for the collaboration.—INTERNET

NASA to embark on asteroid-belt mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, 26 Sept—NASA is about to embark on an unprecedented asteroid-belt mission with a spacecraft aptly named *Dawn*. The 3 billion-mile, eight-year journey to probe the earliest stages of the solar system will begin with liftoff, planned for just after sunrise Thursday. Rain is forecast, however, and could force a delay.

Scientists have been waiting for *Dawn* to rise since July, when the mission was put off because of the more pressing need to launch NASA's latest Mars lander, the Phoenix. Once Phoenix rocketed away in August, that cleared the way for *Dawn*.

"For the people in the Bahamas, on the 27th will be one day where they can say that *Dawn* will rise in the west," said a smiling Keyur Patel, project manager from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Dawn will travel to the two biggest bodies in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter — rocky Vesta and icy Ceres from the planet-forming period of the solar system.

Ceres is so big — as wide as Texas — that it's been reclassified a dwarf planet. The spacecraft will spend a year orbiting Vesta, about the length of Arizona, from 2011 to 2012, then fly to Ceres and circle there in 2015.

Dawn's three science instruments — a camera, infrared spectrometer, and gamma ray and neutron detector — will explore Vesta and Ceres from varying altitudes.

"In my view, we're going to be visiting some of the last unexplored worlds in the inner solar system," chief engineer Marc Rayman said.

No one has ever attempted before to send a spacecraft to two celestial bodies and orbit both of them. It's possible now because of the revolutionary ion engines that will propel *Dawn* through the cosmos.

Internet

Study: Firms should help unhappy workers

CHICAGO, 25 Sept—Investing in depressed employees — quickly getting them treatment and even offering telephone psychotherapy — can cut absenteeism while improving workers' health, a study suggests.

Many employers view mental health coverage as a financial black hole, but the study shows that spending money on depression is a smart business move, said researcher Dr Philip Wang. Wang works for the National Institute of Mental Health, which funded the study.

Employees who got the aggressive intervention worked on average about two weeks more during the yearlong study than those who got the usual care — advice to see their doctor or seek a mental health specialist.

Also, more workers in the intervention group were still employed by year's end — 93 percent vs. 88 percent — savings that helped employers avoid hiring and training costs, the researchers said.

In addition, intervention employees were almost 40 percent more likely to recover from depression during the yearlong study, which is reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The researchers haven't finished a formal cost-benefits analysis but early results suggest savings from more hours worked averaged to about $1,800 per employee. That far exceeds the programmes initial $100 to $400 per worker cost. The benefits also likely exceed other costs, including drugs and therapy too, the researchers said.—*Internet*

The Space Shuttle Atlantis lifts off from launch pad 39A on its way to the International Space Station, June 2007 from Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral Florida. Microbes that cause salmonella came back from spaceflight even more virulent and dangerous in an experiment aboard the US space shuttle Atlantis, according to a study published on Monday.—INTERNET

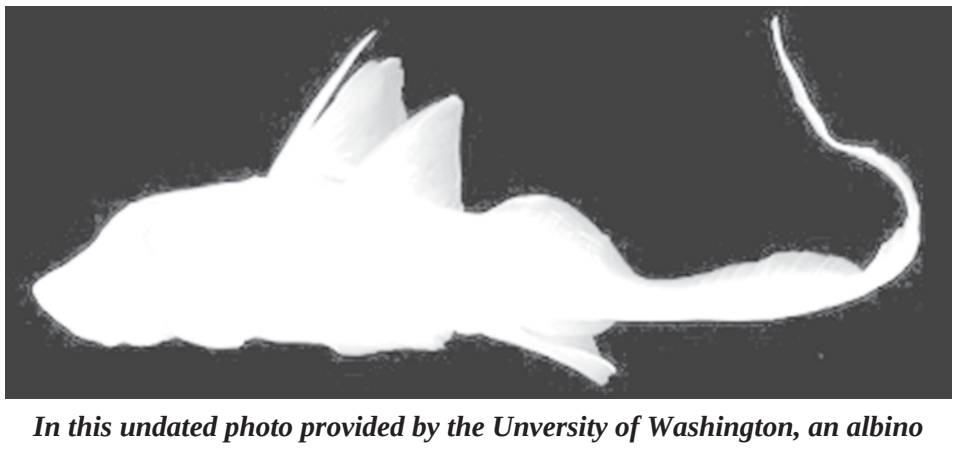
Amazon launches digital music store

SEATTLE, 25 Sept—Amazon com Inc launched its much-anticipated digital music store Tuesday, a move analysts say represents the first hint of real competition for Apple Inc's market-leading iTunes. Amazon MP3, as the new section of the Web retailer's site is called, currently stocks nearly 2.3 million songs, all without copy-protection technology. Shoppers can buy and download individual songs or entire albums. The tracks can be copied to multiple computers, burned onto CDs and played on most types of PCs and portable devices, including the iPod and Microsoft Corp's Zune.

The company said several labels are selling their artists' music without copy protection for the first time on the Amazon store, including Alison Krauss on Rounder Records and Ani Difranco on Righteous Babe Records.

Amazon's store competes with Apple's market-leading iTunes, which is also offering some songs without so-called digital rights management technology, which prevents unauthorized copies from playing.

Although DRM helps stem illegal copying, it can frustrate consumers by limiting the type of device or number of computers on which they can listen to music. Copy-protected songs sold through iTunes generally won't play on devices other than the iPod, and iPods won't play DRM-enabled songs bought at rival music stores.—*Internet*



In this undated photo provided by the Unversity of Washington, an albino ratfish that was found last summer near Whidbey Island, Wash, is shown. The extremely rare fish has now been added to the University's fish collection. —INTERNET

Researcher says cancer deaths to hit 17 mln in 2030

BARCELONA, 25 Sept—Cancer deaths will more than double to 17 million people each year in 2030 with poor countries shouldering the heaviest burden from the disease, the head of the United Nation's cancer agency said on Monday. An ageing population will bump up cancer rates worldwide in the coming years, especially in developing countries where the number of people who smoke and drink is on the rise, said Peter Boyle, director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

And the disease will hit poorer countries harder because of limited health budgets and a lack of treatments such as radiotherapy that can extend people's lives, he told the European Cancer Conference.

"If we put population growth and ageing to one side the exportation of cancer risk factors, primarily tobacco smoking, from developed countries will continue to be a major determinant of cancer risk and cancer burden in less developed countries," he said.

For many years, many thought cancer was mainly a problem in rich nations in part because health officials assumed people in poorer countries did not live long enough to develop cancer.—*MNA/Reuters*

SPORTS

Gerets takes over from Emon as Marseille coach

PARIS, 26 Sept — Olympique Marseille have sacked coach Albert Emon and replaced him with Belgian Eric Gerets, the French Ligue 1 club announced on Tuesday.

"Eric Gerets becomes the new Marseille coach," Marseille said on their Web site (www.om.net).

Former Belgium World Cup defender Gerets, 53, guided PSV Eindhoven to the Dutch league title in 2000 and 2001.

He also coached German clubs Kaiserslautern and VfL Wolfsburg and led Galatasaray to the Turkish championship crown in 2006 before leaving the club at the end of last season.

Marseille have made a bad start to the season and lie 16th in the 20-strong Ligue 1 with seven points from nine matches.— *MNA/Reuters*

Torres hat trick leads Liverpool to League Cup win

LONDON, 26 Sept — Fernando Torres scored a hat-trick to inspire Liverpool to a 4-2 victory at Reading in the League Cup third round on Tuesday.

The Spain striker was on target three times in the second half after Israeli Yossi Benayoun had put Liverpool in front before the break with his first goal for the club.

Arsenal, last season's runners-up, rested virtually their entire first team against Newcastle United but still ran out 2-0 winners with late goals from Nicklas Bendtner and Brazilian Denilson.

Two other Premier League sides got through. Manchester City beat Norwich City 1-0 with a Georgios Samaras goal one minute from time while Portsmouth triumphed 1-0 at Burnley thanks to David Nugent.

Fourth division Morecambe's run came to an abrupt end as they went down 5-0 at second division Sheffield United.

Torres, surprisingly left out of Liverpool's 0-0 draw with Birmingham City in the Premier League at the weekend, was unstoppable at Reading.

Benayoun's 23rd-minute effort was cancelled out by Bobby Convey's volley before Torres pounced five minutes after the break with a precise low finish after being played in by Sebastian Leto.

Reading levelled again after 64 minutes through John Halls but Torres proved the difference.

MNA/Reuters

Colo Colo's Gonzalo Fierro (R), of Chile, and Jhonatan Estrada of Millonarios fight for the ball during their Copa Sudamericana soccer match in El Campin stadium in Bogota on 25 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET

Nancy cruise into League Cup fourth round

PARIS 26 Sept— Nancy breezed into the fourth round of the League Cup with a comfortable 3-0 win over Ligue 2 Boulogne-sur-Mer on Tuesday.

The Ligue 1 leaders went ahead on the stroke of halftime through Gaston Curbelo before Sebastien Puygrenier doubled their tally on 68 minutes.

Boulogne striker Benjamin Psaume then put through his own net two minutes from time.

Elsewhere, a Sammy Traore goal gave AJ Auxerre a 1-0 extra-time win over Ligue 1 rivals St Etienne. Montpellier and Niort also advanced with respective extra-time victories over Ligue 2 rivals Brest and Le Havre.

MNA/Reuters

Awad Deeb (R) of Jordan's al Wehdat fights for the ball with Cristiano Cordeiro of Hong Kong's Sun Hei FC during their 4th Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Cup quarter-final matches in Amman on 25 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Kuranyi on target again as Schalke beat Duisburg

BERLIN, 26 Sept— Kevin Kuranyi scored his fourth goal of the season to guide Schalke 04 to a 2-0 win at MSV Duisburg which put his team second in the Bundesliga on Tuesday.

Hamburg SV also won away, humbling Borussia Dortmund 3-0 to go third, level with Schalke on 13 points and one behind leaders Bayern Munich who host bottom club Energie Cottbus on Wednesday.

Hertha Berlin missed a chance to go top as Hansa Rostock came from behind to win 3-1 at the Olympic Stadium while Brazilian midfielder Diego netted in Werder Bremen's 1-1 draw at VfL Wolfsburg.

Tom Starke was at fault for Schalke's third-minute opener. The Duisburg keeper failed to collect on the edge of the area and striker Halil Altintop spun on the loose ball to fire into the empty net.

Peter Lovenkrands then broke down the left in the 75th minute and Kuranyi collected his pass before powering a right-foot shot beyond Starke from the edge of the box.

Champions VfB Stuttgart, struggling in 13th place with seven points from six matches, entertain VfL Bochum on Wednesday while fifth-placed Bayer Leverkusen travel to Nuremberg.

MNA/Reuters

Russian breaks record, Cao retains world weightlifting title

CHIANG MAI (Thailand), 26 Sept— Russia's Natalia Zabolotnaya broke the world record in the snatch in the women's 75kg category but China's Cao Lei took the upper hand in the jerk to defend her title for the total at the weightlifting championships here on Tuesday.

Zabolotnaya sailed through three good snatches, and hoisted 131kg on her last atempt, 1 kilo over her own world record. "I came here for the gold medal of course. Breaking world records was also in my plan," Zabolotnaya said.

"I didn't perform well in the jerk, otherwise I could win the gold medal of the total," she added.

Cao combined lifts of 128kg in the snatch with 158kg in the clean and jerk to finish with 286kg, equivalent to the total that she had at last year's world championships.

MNA/Xinhua

Edmonton Oilers goalie Mathieu Garon (L) makes the stick save against the Phoenix Coyotes in the third period during an NHL pre season game in Glendale, Arizona, on 25 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET

Laporta says Ronaldinho will be back for Stuttgart game

MADRID, 26 Sept — Ronaldinho is working to recover from his calf injury and expects to be back in time for Barcelona's next Champions League match, club president Joan Laporta said on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old Brazilian pulled out of the squad to face Sevilla in the Primera Liga on Saturday, and has been the subject of intense speculation and criticism over his form, having been substituted in the previous three games. "He is suffering because he is injured. He's completing a recovery plan and he probably won't make the Zaragoza or Levante games, but he has told me he will play against Stuttgart," Laporta told radio station Cadena Ser.— *MNA/Reuters*

Venus Williams of the United States reacts after beating her compatriot Abigail Spears during their first round match of the Hansol Korea Open tennis tournament at Olympics Park in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday, 25 Sept, 2007. Venus won the match 6-2, 6-3.

INTERNET

ASLEEP IN JESUS
Mr. JP Maneckshaw @
U Hla Htoon
(85) Years

Son of (Mr. P. Maneckshaw-Daw Khin), beloved husband of (Daw Saw Yin Myat), devoted father of Saw Robert- Naw Ah Khu, Saw Hla Thein-(Naw Khu Paw), Saw Romie-Naw Dalia, and (Naw Rhoda Maneckshaw), grandfather of eleven, fell asleep in Jesus on 25-9-2007 at his residence No. 371, Mahabandoola Garden (Barr) Street. The Funeral service will be held on 27-9-2007 at (10:00) am at Judson Church, and thence to Yeway Christian Cemetery for entombment.

Breaved family

Actor George Clooney (R) arrives with his girlfriend, Sarah Larson, to the premiere of his new film "Michael Clayton" in New York on 24 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Iranian leader urges US to give up hostility

NEW YORK, 26 Sept —Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said here on Monday that Iranians will be the "best friends" of the United States if the latter gives up its hostility toward the Islamic republic.

Addressing a Columbia University forum, Ahmadinejad said: "If the US Government recognizes the rights of the Iranian people, respects all nations and extends a hand of friendship to all Iranians, they will see that Iranians will be among their best friends."

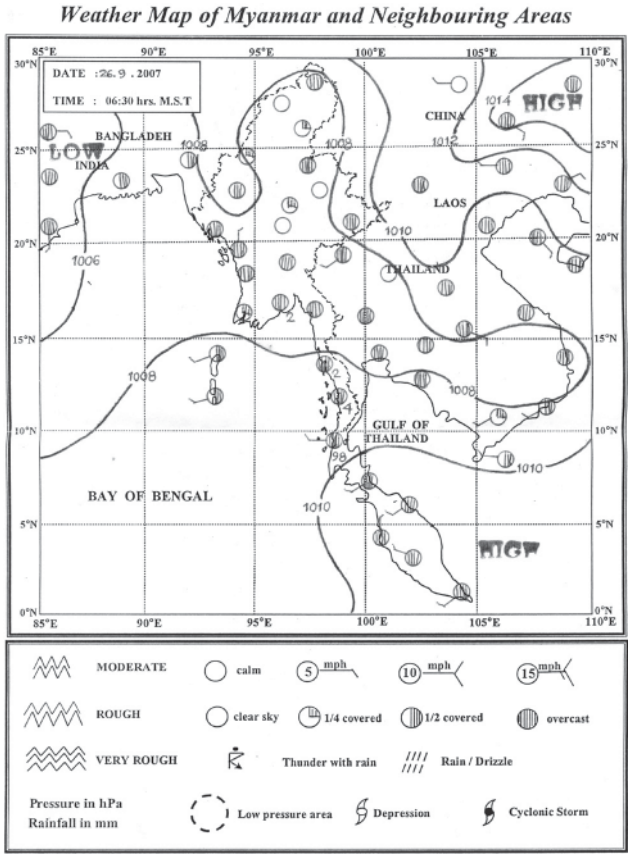
Ahmadinejad, who is here to address the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, stepped aside a question from the audience —What would take for Iran to engage in talks with the United States or the West?

The United States and Iran, which have no diplomatic ties since 1979, have had two rounds of ambassador-level talks on Iraq issues this year. But they failed to reach any agreement due to sharp differences.

Washington has been accusing Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons under the cover of its nuclear programme. There were reports that the Pentagon has made a plan to destroy Iran's military within three days if a war between the two countries breaks out.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 26 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Yangon Division, isolated in Mon State, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and weatheer has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (3.86) inches, Pinlaung (1.10) inches, Kayan (0.59) inch, Pyapon (0.55) inch and Haka (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-9-2007 was 88ºF. Minimun temperature on 26-9-2007 was 74ºF. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-9-2007 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 25-9-2007 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-9-2007 was (0.19) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (123.03) inches at Mingaladon, (127.95) inches at Kaba-Aye and (133.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (13:15) hours MST on 25-9-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Mon State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States and Yangon Division, isolated in Rakhine, Kayah and Chin States, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the seas: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon in the Andaman Sea and the South Bay.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-9-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-9-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

TV Myanmar

Thursday, 27 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့. အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသဏ္ဌိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning news

7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am
6. Dance of national races

8:00 am
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am
8. Dance variety

8:20 am
9. စလင်းချောင်းတံတား

8:30 am
10. International news

8:45 am
11. Let's Go

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ –ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:15 pm
6. Cute little dancers

5:25 pm
7. Musical programme

5:35 pm
8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်)(အမျိုးသမီး)

5:45 pm
9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. သီရိဂေဟာ

7:00 pm
13. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ(ရုပ်သေးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆွေးနွေးခန်း)

7:15 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း–၅)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တဝဲလည်လည်"(အပိုင်း–၁၉)
19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 27 September
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-Me and you
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-When I am 64
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music:
-Angel
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-First love
1:30 pm News /Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-When you say nothing at all
-You are everything
9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
(Shan State)
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Topics potpourri
1. Environmentalists warn of disasters caused by global warming
2. Study shows Nicoga Peninsula sinks 25 min annually
9:30 pm Songs of your choice
-There you'll be
-If we hold on together
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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People's Desire

☆ We favour stability.
☆ We favour peace.
☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

Protesters throw stones at members of security forces and use catapults
Two senior police, six others wounded
One protester killed, three wounded

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — At about 12.30 pm today, a group of demonstrators numbering about 10,000 including monks and people came to the traffic point at the corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Anawrahta Street. The group included so-called monks, so-called "88" new generation students, ABSDF member terrorists and NLD members. They shouted demands in a crescendo.

The security forces near the Sule Pagoda using loudspeakers persuaded the crowd not to move forward and to disperse peacefully. However, the crowd mobbed the security forces in crescendo throwing stones and sticks at them and using catapults. The members of the security forces moved back to the second line from the first. They again persuaded the crowd not to use violence against them and to disperse peacefully. But the protesters refused to obey their orders and raided the security forces at the second line for the second time throwing stones at them and using catapults. At the same time the mob took two motorcycles of the security forces and burnt down them. They tried to grab the arms of security forces. On account of the unavoidable circumstances, the members of the security forces fired some shots employing the least force to disperse the mob. The protesters dispersed due to the shots. Two motorbikes were destroyed and eight members of the police force including two senior officials were injured.

Among the protesters, an unidentified man, 30, was killed. Han Lin Tun, son of U Hla Tun of No 359, Anawma Street, Ward 93, Dagon Seikkan Township, was wounded in the right thigh. Win Htut, 27, son of U Tun Myint of No 201, Room 301, Pagoda Road, Kamayut, in the right hip and Phyu Phyu Win, 47, No 19, Kyaunglan Street, Shwepyitha in the left breast and in the left arm. They are being treated at Yangon General Hospital.

MNA

Some monks and people enter homes
Saboteurs threaten families demanding them to join protest if not provide cash, kind
Authorities urge people to make complaints in person or on line to Ward PDCs, Township PDCs or local authorities against intimidations, extortions, coercion

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — The government has been striving day and night together with the people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

As the government has been endeavouring to ensure stability of State, community peace, the rule of law and national development that are the main requirements, the national races in all regions are practically enjoying the fruits of national peace and development.

However, saboteurs from inside and outside the nation and some foreign radio stations, who are jealous of national peace and development, have been making instigative acts through lies to cause internal instability and civil commotion. Hence, some members of the Sangha, anti-government groups and saboteurs were staging protest walks.

Some foreign broadcasting stations and destructionists have been issuing announcements, requests and leaflets as if the entire people were taking part in the protests participated by only some monks and people just to intensify the rowdy demonstrations.

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