True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

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

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

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

Four social objectives

Four political objectives

Entrepreneurs carrying out cultivation, production of rubber plantations in Nyaunggaing Village, Mohnyin Township on commercial scale

Lt-Gen Ye Myint Inspects rubber plantations, transport facilities, teak plantations in Kachin State, Sagaing Division

YANGON, 16 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint discussed regional development tasks, on his inspection tour, cultivation of 100,000 acres of rubber and 600,000 acres of monsoon paddy and upgrading of Shwebo-Myitkyina Road with officials at the meeting hall of the local battalion in Mohnyin on 14 September morning.

Also present were Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Myint Hein of Moguang Station and departmental officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the requirements of the officials.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected rubber plantations of private entrepreneurs in Nyaunggaing Village-tract in Mohnyin Township.

Private entrepreneurs are carrying out cultivation and production of rubber plantations in Nyaunggaing Village of Mohnyin Township on a commercial scale along Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects rubber plantations of the Katha District General Administration Department. — MNA

In the past, Katha-Htigyaing Road was 58 miles long — 18 miles long Katha-Indaw section, 18 miles long Indaw-Kyaunggon section and 22 miles long Kyaunggon-Htigyaing section. Now, Katha-Htigyaing new road is 36 miles and three furlongs long. Therefore, the new one is 21 miles and five furlongs shorter than the old one. The new road contributes towards better transport for 7,500 local people.

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

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Strive for success of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Myanmar has been standing tall among the international community with its own culture and fine arts for years countable by the thousand. Myanmar people have been valuing and safeguarding cultural heritage up to date. With the aim of preserving and safeguarding Myanmar cultural heritage, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are held yearly.

The objectives of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions to be held this year are to vitalize patriotism and nationalism; to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage; to perpetuate genuine Myanmar performing arts and traditional fine arts; to preserve Myanmar national character; to nurture spiritual development of the youth; to prevent influence of alien culture; and to strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Li-Gen Thein Sein on 15 September attended the second coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, Yangon and spoke on the occasion.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are to be held for successfully realizing three of the four social objectives: Uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation; Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character; and Uplift of dynamic of patriotic spirit. Hence, all the responsible personnel are to strive for the successful holding of the competitions as a national duty on a grand scale.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been organized since 1993. The number of participants has increased year after year and so has the number of prize-winners. This reflects safeguarding of cultural heritage by Myanmar citizens, patriotism and national prestige and integrity of Myanmars.

The Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions, the Work Committee and Sub-committees have been formed and work is well underway for successful holding of the competitions.

The maestros are to supervise the systematic participation of contestants, and all the committees are to collaborate their tasks among them. This being so, all the entire national people are to strive together with the government for successful holding of the competitions on a grand scale in line with the seven objectives.

Domestic tour programmes for travellers

YANGON, 16 Sept — Myanmar Tourism Service of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is making tour programmes for the public at a reasonable price.

Tour programmes cover Inlay (Phaungdaw-U Pagoda Festival), Ngwe Huang beach resort, Sittway-Mrauk-U, Kyakhto (Festival of 9,000 oil lights), Taunggyi (Hot Air-balloon Festival), Bagan (Shwezigon Pagoda Festival) and Myitkyina Festival (X-mas). The programmes are organized for both individual and package tours. Package tours can be made in all seasons. For detailed information, contact Myanmar Tourism Service, No 77-91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon (Ph: 252859, 387002). — 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

MIDC Chairman Industry-1 Minister receives Thai Ambassador and guests

YANGON, 16 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug received Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakalu together with Vice-Governor Mr Supak Vatanasuti and party of Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT) at his office at this noon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, directors-general and deputy directors-general of departments and officials. — MNA

Sites for Vocational Training Schools in Magway, Sagaing Divisions inspected

YANGON, 16 Sept — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun, accompanied by Director-General U Than Win of the Education and Training Department, gave instructions on opening of the Women’s Vocational Training School to officials of local authorities, departmental officials and members of Township Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the office of Township Peace and Development Council in Seikpyu on 12 September.

Next, the deputy minister inspected the site for construction of Vocational Training School in Pale, Yinnabin and Salinngyi Townships. — MNA

NDC delegation of Bangladesh visits Yangon City

YANGON, 16 Sept — Commodore Khondker Moyeenuddin Ahmed (G), ndc, psc, BN, and party of National Defence College of Bangladesh, accompanied by officials, arrived at National Races Village near Yangon-Thanlwin Bridge, here, this morning.

Director-General U Than Swe of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department explained facts about the village.

Next, officials conducted the guests round the village.

At Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda, curator U Kyaw Win and officials of the mart explained matters related to the mart to the guests. — MNA

All this needs to be known

* Do not be softened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased
Hu Jintao says UNSC’s role “irreplaceable”

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Wednesday that the past decades have shown that the UN Security Council has indeed had an irreplaceable role to play in resolving major global and regional issues bearing on world peace and security.

Hu, who arrived here Tuesday to attend the summit on the 60th anniversary of the United Nations, made the remarks in his statement titled “Uphold the Authority of the Security Council and Strengthen Collective Security Mechanism” that was delivered at the UN Security Council.

He said the world is far from a tranquil place as border disputes, territorial conflict, regional strife and other traditional security concerns continue unabated and non-traditional ones, such as poverty, transnational crimes and deadly communicable diseases, keep cropping up.

In order to maintain peace, “we should make sure that the Security Council is able to discharge its responsibility under the Charter,” said Hu. He proposed his four-point opinion in this regard. The first is to uphold the Council’s authority by adhering to multilateralism and when it comes to major issues bearing on world peace and security, the Council should be left to judge on the merits of the actual situation and act collectively in accordance with the UN Charter.

The second is to improve the Council’s efficiency so as to respond to threats more effectively.

China supports an enhanced role of the Security Council based on a broad consensus, and increased representation of developing countries, African countries in particular, thus giving more countries, especially the small- and medium-sized countries greater access to its decision-making.

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ICT communities hold Public Policy Conference in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Sept — The 2005 Global Public Policy Conference opened on Wednesday in Kuala Lumpur, bringing together about 400 delegates from the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) from local and international communities.

A flagship event of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA), the conference serves a platform for government, business and communities to discuss the role of ICT in the public policy as well as the challenges and opportunities related to the ICT in the global economy.

While addressing the keynote speech at the meeting, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said his government firmly recognized that the ICT is fundamental in addressing the challenges of globalization.

Citing Malaysia’s campaign to bridge the digital divide, or in a more positive term, to create digital dividends, Najib said the Malaysian Government had been intensifying efforts to provide ICT facilities and infrastructure to various communities.

Apart from accessibility, Malaysia’s public policies on creating digital dividends also focus on affordability, education and public policy, Najib said.

Tropical low pressure kills five in Vietnam

HANOI, 15 Sept — Flooding caused by a tropical low pressure have killed five local people in Vietnam’s central region and Tay Nguyen (central highlands) region, local newspaper Youth reported on Wednesday.

The people, mostly grade students, were from the two central provinces of Thua Thien Hue and Quang Nam and the central highlands province of Da Lat. The flooding caused by the low pressure on Tuesday drowned the students when they were on their way to school.

Heavy rain and strong winds caused by the pressure injured seven children, damaged hundreds of houses, and submerged thousands of hectares of crops. The children from central Quang Binh Province were injured when tiles from the roof of a kindergarten, in which they were sleeping on Tuesday afternoon, fell due to a strong wind.

US troop cutback in Afghanistan mulled

NEW YORK, 15 Sept — US troop levels in Afghanistan could be cut by up to a fifth, or about 4,000 troops, next spring under a proposal being reviewed by the Pentagon, The New York Times reported on Wednesday.

If adopted, it would be the biggest withdrawal since US-led forces overthrew the Taliban in late 2001, the Times said, citing unnamed Pentagon and military officials.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, in Berlin for a NATO meeting, declined to comment on the article but said the United States would continue to have “a strong role” in the country. A Pentagon spokesman said Rumsfeld had seen no such proposal.

NATO, which has some 10,000 peacekeepers in the capital Kabul and the northern and western parts of Afghanistan, would replace the American troops, the paper said.

Seven killed, two injured in fatal traffic accident in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 Sept — Seven people, including five children, were killed and two were critically injured when a car speeding down the downtown Monivong Boulevard crashed into roadside booth and the crowd, police said on Wednesday.

“It is the fatal traffic accident in the capital with so many people died at one single accident,” said Mao Sony, deputy chief of Phnom Penh municipal traffic police.

The accident occurred late Monday night, Mao Sony said. Police found the two men in the car were in drink and lost control of their Toyota Camry.

The dead were three siblings and two cousins from a family aged from 11 to 17. The sixth identified as 31-year-old Chithorn Kunthy who is military police officer from Takeo Province, was arrested.

Iraqi policemen inspect the site of a suicide attack in Shula, northwestern Baghdad on 14 Sept, 2005. — Internet

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

A trial train of Qinghai-Tibet (Golmud-Lhasa) railway runs on 15 September, 2005 near Golmud City, Qinghai Province, western China.

MNA/Xinhua

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Egypt promotes e-government to provide better services

CAIRO, 15 Sept — Egypt is putting big efforts in implementing the so-called e-government programme in a bid to provide better services, the official MENA news agency reported on Tuesday.

"Strenuous efforts are currently underway in a bid to introduce unified e-government applications to all Egyptian ministries and governmental bodies," said MENA.

Utilizing information and communications technologies (ICTs) to offer more efficient and low-cost services is one of the major objectives of the e-government programme, said MENA.

Singapore forms experts panel to fight against dengue

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Singapore Health Ministry announced on Wednesday that a seven-member experts panel has been formed to help the government fight against the dengue disease.

The panel will review the current dengue situation in Singapore to identify possible causes for the resurgence as well as gaps in dengue surveillance and control.

It is also required to recommend "operational research to address the gaps identified" and "short-term and long-term cost effective strategies in the prevention and control of dengue".

The panel comprises professionals from local government organizations and research institutions, as well as experts from the United States, Brazil and France.

A record number of 9,540 dengue cases were reported in Singapore from the beginning of this year to 12 September, surpassing the total number of 9,459 cases registered for the whole of last year, according to the ministry.

Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim said on Wednesday that the government has allocated 30 million Singapore dollars (about 18 million US dollars) for the fight against the disease.

He is now chairing an inter-ministerial committee formed on 9 September to deal with the country's worrying dengue situation. The committee had its first meeting on Wednesday.

Car bomb blast hits US convoy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept — A car bomb struck a US military convoy in southern Baghdad on Wednesday, causing casualties, police said.

The blast took place at around 11:00 am (0700 GMT) on the highway in al-Jadida District, and US troops cordoned off the area, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The source said there were no civilian casualties and it was hard to know casualties of the US soldiers.

The US military did not confirm the attack.

In a separate incident, a suicide bomber failed to blow up his car near a US military convoy and US soldiers captured a Syrian national, the source quoted a US military officer as saying.

"A suicide car bomber drove his explosive-packed BMW car to a US military convoy but failed to blow up the charges. One tank in the convoy ran over his car but the charges did not blow up," the source said.

The failed attack took place on a highway in eastern Baghdad, the source said.

The latest two car bombs brought the number of car bombings on Wednesday to six. — MNA/Xinhua

British celebs urge Blair to withdraw troops from Iraq by year’s end

LONDON, 15 Sept — The actress Julie Christie has sent an open letter signed by 100 other celebrities to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, demanding he pull troops out of Iraq by the end of the year.

The letter to Blair — currently in New York at the United Nations’ biggest-ever summit — said the war had been an "unmitigated disaster".

Christie’s letter told Blair that British soldiers who did not want to serve in Iraq had been killed, wounded or maimed since the March 2003 US-led invasion.

The letter read: "The United Nations mandate for the occupation of Iraq expires this December. We call on you to initiate the first steps to end this carnage by announcing that British troops will be brought home by the end of this year." Film director Ken Loach, guitarist John Williams, actor-director Mark Rylance and singer Billy Bragg are among the signatories.

Meanwhile the Stop The War coalition said it was expecting a large turnout at its national demonstration for peace and liberty, set for 24 September in London. — Internet

China, France pledge to promote parliamentary exchange

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Chinese top legislature and the French Parliament agreed here on Wednesday to improve the regular exchange mechanism for upgrading bilateral cooperation in all fields and relations between the two countries.

Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo and visiting French Senate President Christian Poncelet reached agreement during a meeting.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People’s Congress (NPC), said parliamentary exchange constitutes an important component of the state-to-state relations, and that the NPC would like to enhance its existing friendly relations with the French Parliament.

Sino-French relations have developed smoothly, there is a frequent exchange of visits at the high level, bilateral cooperation has become close in all spheres and the strategic dialogues deepened, he said, adding that the two countries enjoy sound cooperation on energy resources, communication, and aviation, and maintained consultations on the international affairs.

China expressed its appreciation for France’s opposition to “Taiwan Independence”, and its support to the policy of “one country, two systems”, Wu acknowledged.

Moreover, he said, China and France are influential nations in the world, and developing Sino-French relations conforms to the interest of the people of both countries, and is conducive to world peace and development.

Poncelet said France hopes to promote friendly exchanges between the parliaments and local governments of the two countries.

Viewing Taiwan issue as China’s internal affairs, Poncelet said the French Government and Parliament adhere to one-China principle and is opposed to “Taiwan’s Independence”, and this stance of France will remain unchanged.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran condemns terrorist chain bombs in Baghdad

TEHRAN, 16 Sept — Iran on Wednesday strongly condemned the fatal chain bombing attacks in Baghdad earlier in the day, terming them as “inhuman crimes”, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Such measures run counter to human and Islamic principles and values," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi was quoted as saying in a statement.

"The suspicious hands at work to target the innocent people and labourers mainly involved in earning their living aim to disrupt establishment of security, stability and economic prosperity in Iraq," Asefi said.

The spokesman stressed that the Iraqi people needed to be vigilant over such crimes.

Suicide bombers on Wednesday waged a series of deadly attacks against the US and Iraqi forces along with civilians in Baghdad, killing more than at least 138 people and wounding more than 200 others. — MNA/Xinhua

China is expected to promote cooperation in fields like science, technology, trade and culture.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqis gather at the explosion site in central Baghdad on 15 Sept. 2005. — Internet

Bollywood actress Bipasha Basu looks on during the unveiling of greeting cards designed by SOS children’s villages of India for Diwali, Christmas and New Year, in Mumbai, India, on 14 September, 2005. — Internet
**Iranian President set to deliver N-initiative at UN summit**

**THEHARAN, 15 Sept—**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad left here on Tuesday to attend the United Nations summit and present his long-awaited nuclear initiative.

Ahmadinejad is scheduled to stay in New York for five days and deliver a 15-minute speech at the UN General Assembly, according to the official IRNA news agency.

Among the accompanying the President are Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani.

Before his departure, Ahmadinejad held a meeting with Iran’s Supreme Leader Seyed Ali Khamenei, IRNA reported without giving details.

Ahmadinejad, who promised to come up with new nuclear initiatives shortly after he was sworn in on 6 August, will attempt to break the deadlock over Iran’s resumption of uranium conversion work on 8 August after rejection of a EU nuclear proposal which offered economic and technical incentives in exchange for Iran’s abandonment of uranium enrichment activities.

IAEA board of governors is due to meet in Vienna on 19 September to consider IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei’s report earlier this month which confirmed Iran defied IAEA demand to resume suspension of all enrichment-related work.— MNA/IRNA

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**Delta Air Lines files for bankruptcy**

**NEW YORK, 15 Sept—**Delta Air Lines filed for bankruptcy, making it one of two major carriers to seek protection from creditors on Wednesday.

Delta (Research), the nation’s third-biggest airline, has been hit by the recent spike in jet fuel prices and growing competition from lower-cost, low-fare carriers. Less than a half an hour after Delta’s filing, Northwest Airlines also filed for protection from creditors.

Delta and Northwest followed United Airlines (Research) and US Airways (Research) into bankruptcy. United, the No 2 airline, has been in bankruptcy court for almost three years. US Airways has been in bankr uptcy court twice since the 11 September terrorist attacks that shook the airline industry.

With those four major airlines and some smaller ones already in bankruptcy, nearly half of the industry’s capacity is on carriers operating under bankruptcy court oversight. Delta said it expects to keep flying while it seeks to cut costs and reorganize. The immediate impact on flyers should be minimal. It is also expected to keep its frequent flyer programme intact. But some smaller carriers now served exclusively or primarily by Delta could be hurt as the airline trims its operations going forward.

The Atlanta-based airline, which has not had a profitable quarter since 2000, filed under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy laws. In Chapter 11, a company is protected from creditors while it tries to reorganize.

Analysts said this year’s spike in jet fuel prices forced Delta’s bankruptcy filing.

“Hurricane Katrina was probably the last straw,” Ray Neidl, analyst with Calyon Securities, said shortly before the widely expected bankruptcy filing. “Nobody could have predicted $60-$70-a-barrel oil. Things just developed that were uncontrollable factors.”

But Delta’s problems predate not only the hurricane, but the 11 September, terrorist attacks. The company has lost some $6.1 billion since the start of 2001 from its airline operations, according to First Call, which tracks corporate earnings. — Internet

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**Malaria kills hundreds every year in Cambodia**

**PHNOM PENH, 15 Sept—**Malaria still infects thousands and kills hundreds of Cambodians every year, declared a senior official of the National Centre for Entomology, Parasitology and Malaria Control.

The Cambodian Press Review on Wednesday quoted Nong Sao Kry, deputy director of the centre, as saying that between 120,000 and 150,000 Cambodians contract malaria every year, and of those 300 to 400 die.

Nong Sao Kry said that the disease was one of the main causes of illness and death among Cambodians, despite a decreased death toll over the last few years.

According to Sul Bun Kea, head of the Office for Epidemic Diseases, the centre reported a reduced number of malaria patients during the first three months of the year. Almost 30,000 contracted malaria in the first quarter, a decrease from 45,000 patients in the same period last year. But the death toll remains unchanged at about 120 people.— MNA/Xinhua

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**China to show latest scientific achievements in past five years**

**BEIJING, 15 Sept—**China’s Ministry of Science and Technology announced here Tuesday it will organize a show of scientific achievements made in the past five years, including human genome project research, maglev technologies, hybrid cars and clean energy technologies.

Altogether, 416 major achievements are scheduled to be shown from 18 to 27 September in Haidian Exhibition Hall in Beijing.

Shen Maxiangu, a senior official with the ministry, said the past five years witnessed China’s greatest leap forward in scientific advancement. The state launched a total of 12 major national projects for incu bating strategic high technologies, including large-scale integrated circuits and related software and electronic and hybrid vehicles.

Other exhibits will be fossil research on remote creatures found in Southwest Guizhou Province, nanotechnological products, quantum information technology, high-performance server, a high-speed broadband net, computer-aided design tools and high-quality agricultural products.

An analysis released by the ministry said that in the past five years, China trained a good number of research teams, and volume of published research papers ranked fifth highest in the world.— MNA/Xinhua

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**Four dead, 24 injured in Algerian train derailment**

**ALGIERS, 15 Sept—**At least four passengers were killed and 24 others injured on Wednesday when an Algerian commuter train derailed due to excessive speed, the authorities said.

Some 300 passengers were travelling on the Algiers-bound SNFT train when five of the 15 wagons left the track near Aomar, some 100 kilometres (63 miles) east of the capital Algiers.

“We don’t know yet the reason for the derailment...but at the moment I think it’s due to high speed,” Transport Minister Mohamed Maghlaoui told state radio. An inquiry has been set up to determine the cause of the accident, which comes as the government pumps fresh money into ageing state-run rail services.— MNA/Reuters

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**Nine coalminers die in Iranian pit blast**

**THEHARAN, 15 Sept—**Nine coal miners died on Wednesday when a blast ripped through a mine in southeastern Iran, an official said.

Methane gas had built up in the Babnizou mine near the town of Zarand, 720 kilometres (450 miles) southeast of Tehran, and was ignited by a spark on an underground railway. “Nine workers were killed in the explosion early on Wednesday,” the local government official, who declined to be named, told Reuters by telephone from Zarand. “The death toll is not expected to rise.”

Twelve coalminers were killed in two separate mineshaft explosions last year in a northern mine, and both blasts were also blamed on a build-up of gas.— MNA/Reuters
**Educative talks of MWAF held**

**Yangon, 16 Sept** — Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation held educative talks at the ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement this morning.

First, Leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration of MWAF Daw Khin Aye, wife of Minister for SWRR extended greetings.

Next, Additional Division Judge Daw Thein Nyunt gave a lecture on the title “Myanma Nemyay Doh-anwe”.

Next, Daw Khin Aye handed over the membership applications to Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo.

**MNA**

**Nutrition week activities carried out**

**Yangon, 16 Sept** — Shan State (South) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized nutrition week activities at Mongnaung People’s Hospital on 7 September morning. Present on the occasion were Brig-Gen Thaung Aye of Mongnaung Station, departmental officials, members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association, families of the station and local people.

Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and wife donated K 100,000 to the funds to the MCWA (Branch) and provided cash assistance to 40 elderly persons.

As nutrition week activities, ways of cooking for nutritious foods were explained, children were provided medical checks and fed with vitamin-A tablets. Then officials gave away iodized salt to those present.

**MNA**

**Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills concludes**

**Yangon, 16 Sept** — The Graduation Ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS 13/2005) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at the ministry today.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint delivered an address and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Altogether 160 trainees attended the 12-week course.

**MNA**

**Signboard of rural...**

(from page 16) — clarified measures on public health care services of Thahtaykwin Model village and Kayin Seik Model village. The group including gynecological and obstetric specialists, paediatrician, general practitioners and dentists provided medicines and medical treatment to 180 patients free of charge. The leader and members of Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAF donated cash to the triplets mothers and their children. Later, cash and kind worth K 0.4 million provided by Yangon Division WAO were donated to the expectant mothers.

Townsenders accepted sewing machines, books and cash at the rural education centre opened in Aungmingala Sutaung Pyi Monastery in Kayin Seik Mokel village. Officials of MWAF and Townsenders cordially discussed matters related to development tasks of the village.

Members of MWAF then offered provisions to the Sayadaw of Aungmingala Sutaung Pyi Monastery. — **MNA**

**Specialists provide health care services to local people of Kayinseik Model Village in Thanlyin Township.** — **MNA**
**Vacant and virgin lands...**

As the State economy is based on agriculture sector, local people are to export agricultural products through regular trade system.

In the afternoon, they viewed development of Mongtung and cultivation of monsoon paddy in Mongtka.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Mongtung-Pungpekkhym Road, cultivation of monsoon paddy and natural forests along the road.

They also oversaw Nakaungmu region of Mongtung Township and Pungpakhym-Monghsat Road.

Next, they inspected Mongtung-Monghsat Road, cultivation of monsoon paddy and other crops in high land area of Mongtung and Monghsat regions and natural forests.

In Monghsat Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with Tatmadawmen and family members of Monghsat Station. He explained progress of the nation in the time of the Government of the State Peace and Development Council, cooperation of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people in regional development tasks and carrying out for agriculture and livestock breeding for staff welfare.

At Thiri Yadana Hall in Monghsat, he called on departmental personnel, social organization members and local people. He explained progress of the nation. Next, he delivered an address, saying that the Government is building infrastructures for development of economic, education, health and social transport and communication sectors in the Union.

Roads, bridges, airports and railroads have been built as a network for better transportation in the nation breadth and width in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Therefore, national people enjoy fruitful results of the transport sector, and social economic development of the local people can be seen in all regions.

Upholding Our Three Main National Causes and 12 Objectives, local people are to harmoniously strive not only for development of their regions but also for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Monghsat District in Shan State (East) grew 15,637 acres of monsoon paddy in 2004-05 and 20,203 acres in 2005-06. Local food sufficiency of the township is 171.38 per cent.

Vacant and virgin lands are to be reclaimed for growing rubber, and departmental officials are to organize and provide quality strains of rubber and agricultural technologies to private entrepreneurs to be able to extend their rubber plantations.

**Entrepreneurs carrying out cultivation...**

At Nantsi-aung Timber Extraction Camp in Katha District, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on preservation of reserved forests in Sagaing Division, thriving forest plantations established in 2004-05 and seizure of forest products presented by Deputy Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department.

Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave supplementary reports.

Kachin State Superintendent Engineer U Khin Maung Kyaw and Sagaing Division Superintendent Engineer U Kyi Tun reported on construction of the bridges and upgrading and maintenance of road sections on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

At Phethsot Reserve Forest of Forest Department in Indaw Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on forest preservation tasks and instructed officials to grow teak plants along both sides of the road and guard against depletion of the forests.

In Katha, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw 250 rubber trees of Katha District General Administration Department and five rubber acres of Katha District USDA.

Next, they inspected maintenance of Katha-Myitkyina road section by car.

In the past, Katha-Myitkyina Road was 58 miles long — 18 miles long Katha-Indaw section, 18 miles long Indaw-Kyaunggon section and 22 miles long Kyaunggon-Myitkyina section. Now, Katha-Myitkyina new road is 36 miles and three furlongs long. Therefore, the new one is 21 miles and five furlongs shorter than the old one. The new road contributes towards better transport for 7,500 local people.

Afterwards, they looked into maintenance of the road section between Kyaukmau and Nat-in villages in Htiygyaw Township.

**Department personnel are to organize local people for performing regional development tasks.**

Prevailing peace and stability and national unity reflects development tasks of the State.

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**Accompanied by the commanders and party, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected maintenance tasks being carried out along Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.**

**Next, they inspected maintenance of Katha-Myitkyina road section by car.**

In the past, Katha-Myitkyina Road was 58 miles long — 18 miles long Katha-Indaw section, 18 miles long Indaw-Kyaunggon section and 22 miles long Kyaunggon-Myitkyina section. Now, Katha-Myitkyina new road is 36 miles and three furlongs long. Therefore, the new one is 21 miles and five furlongs shorter than the old one. The new road contributes towards better transport for 7,500 local people.

Afterwards, they looked into maintenance of the road section between Kyaukmau and Nat-in villages in Htiygyaw Township.

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It will be 17 years on 18 September this year since the Tatmadaw assumed State duties by safeguarding Myanmar in order not to cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and fall under alien subjugation.

Just as the Tatmadaw took over State duties unavoidably, it announced the formation of State Law and Order Restoration Council with Order No 1/88 dated 18-9-1988. The announcement said that the Tatmadaw has taken over State duties as of that day to serve the following duties for the prevention of deteriorated situations of the country and for the good of the people. The duties included ensuring the prevalence of law and human rights. They are trying to secede from the country under the pretext of fighting for their own independence and for the betterment of national races.

The government charged with law enforcement had to do away with anarchy and take action against those who broke the laws. Taking of action against law breakers has been very beneficial to the entire people of the country. At the same time, the Tatmadaw in cooperation with the people took measures for secure and smooth transport in the nation although it was very poor in the past. The State provided all necessary assistance for better living conditions of the people. Assistance was also provided all necessary assistance for better living conditions of the people.

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With the length of 22,587 feet, Thuphanseik dam in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division, supplies water to 500,000 acres of form land.

Tekkatho Myat Thu

The national brethren are witnessing that the entire Union has been enjoying cumulative economic development annually. Hand in hand with the entire national people, the Government has been building infrastructures one after another in various sectors.

National race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold are lending themselves with might and main to regional and national development tasks.

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During the period from 1885 in which the nation lost her sovereignty until 1948 when the nation regained her independence, the colonialists resorted to all possible wicked ways and means to drive a wedge among the national races with the intention of prolonging the colonial rule over the nation and exploiting her natural resources. However, national people continued to stick together and were able to throw off the yoke of slavery.

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The nation must be under the control of Myanmar nationals. Those who have rights to exploit the national resources must be Myanmars. The nation must always be a sovereign one and the national people, the independent ones.

Any drive to be implemented in the interests of the nation and the people must be in harmony with topography of the nation and traditions, way of life, culture and the desire of the entire national people. And that is the freedom, democracy and human rights of the Myanmar nationals.

As these conceptions, outlooks on the nation’s historic events, and desires represent the population of the Union of Myanmar, over 54 million people, the Government is firmly standing by the people, taking a leading role in implementing these conceptions and outlooks, and wiping out all the dangers that harm the people’s desire.

In consequence, now, the entire nation has witnessed peace and tranquillity. And there have emerged infrastructures that can raise national economy across the nation — dams, reservoirs, sluice gates, roads, bridges, hospitals, educational institutions, electric power plants, industrial zones and industrial farms. Now, the nation has been on the path to development with necessary political, economic and social infrastructures.

With the prospects for peace and economic improvement, plans are well under way to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accord with the desire of the national people. The implementation of the State’s seven-point Road Map is gaining momentum.

These have attested to peace and stability, and all-round development of the nation. Such achievements gained in the period of 17 years are due to the fruitful results of the concerted efforts made harmoniously by the State, the Tatmadaw and the people.

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Government placing emphasis on providing health care services not only for people in major cities but also for those in rural areas in line with five rural development tasks

Yangon, 16 Sept
— The Government of the State Peace and Development Council is carrying out sector-wise construction tasks with momentum to enable the nation to keep abreast of other nations.

In doing so, emphasis is being placed on narrowing the gap among the regions of the country for equitable development of all States and Divisions.

Now, significant progress has been made not only in major towns but also in rural areas of the nation.

Mon State is undertaking five rural development tasks in harmony for narrowing the gap between urban and rural regions in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Therefore, the rural regions of Mon State are seen with improved facilities in health, education, transport, economic and social sectors.

Yesterday, USDA CEC member in-charge of Mon State Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint arrived in Kadoe Village of Mawlamyine Township to inspect accomplishments of rural development tasks and to attend the opening ceremony of the wind power generator.

A ceremony to launch the wind-powered generator was held in Kadoe/Kawhnat Village on 15 September. Village Peace and Development Council Chairman U Maung Shwe and Village USDA Organizer Daw Aye Aye Myint formally opened the generator.

He expressed gratitude of the Government for upgrading education facilities of the village, building a station hospital worth K 60 million, constructing an earth road, supplying drinking water and launching the wind-powered generator.

Next, the CEC member and party viewed the generator and explained matters related to the generator.

At the talks, they said that internal and external destructive elements made false accusations and made participation of USDA in power supply activities for launching the wind-powered generator.

The local people recognize participation of USDA in power supply tasks of the village for uplift of living standard of the people.

Education for disabled children and health care services for older persons. Officials answered the queries.

In reviewing these tasks of the village for ensuring local food sufficiency. Emphasis should be placed not only on cultivation of paddy and crops but also on livestock breeding tasks for ensuring local food sufficiency.

At the women’s affairs discussions, Township and Village WAO members reported on development tasks carried out in Kadoe/Kawhnat Village. Local women asked about teaching of activities, it is obvious that the Government is placing emphasis on providing health care services not only to the people in major cities but also to those in rural areas in line with the five rural development tasks.

Similarly, Mon State USDA donated books and sports gear at the library in Kawhnat Village. Mon State USDA Executive U Thant Zin presented books for the village library to librarian Daw Aye Aye Myint and sports equipment for Kadoe Village BEHS and Kawhnat Village Post Primary School to Headmstress of the BEHS U Hla Hn.

Social organizations are actively participating in the TB control and HIV/AIDS educative programme.

(See page 11)
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At the time of the Government of the State Peace and Development Council, the Government is performing sector-wise development tasks. Similarly, rural people are undertaking regional development tasks and uplifting of living standard. Therefore, Kadoe/ Kawkhat Village has improved in all sectors.

Due to construction of the station hospital worth K 65 million, local people are provided with health care services. Thanks to building Attaran, Gyaing and Thabeikgyi bridges, local people can enjoy fruitful results of better transportation.

In the region, thriving horticultural and developing livestock breeding farms as well as monsoon and summer paddy plantations contribute towards the uplifting of living standard of the local people. Likewise, transport facilities reflect economic growth of the village. Hence, economic, religious, and social progress have been made in the rural region.

Due to launching of wind power generator, the village has been supplied with electricity and telecommunications. Furthermore, the local people can enjoy TV programmes through satellite dishes.

In addition, rural people have the opportunities to observe various kinds of books at the village libraries. In the education sector, BEHS turns out outstanding students with the use of modern teaching aids at multimedia teaching centre set up for development of human resources.

That is why remarkable progress of Kadoe/ Kawkhat Village in Mawlamyine Township shows evidence that internal and external destructive elements and western media made false accusations of ignoring rural regions, malnutrition of expectant mothers and falling health standard against the Government.—MNA

Third batch of intensive courses, examination centres of YUDE announced

YANGON, 16 Sept — The third batch intensive courses of Yangon University of Distance Education for 2005 academic year will be conducted from 7 to 17 November, 2005, while final exam will be held from 21 to 29 November, 2005 at Dagon University, East Yangon University, Mawlamyine University, Pathein University, Sittway University, Pyay University, Toungoo University, Dawei University, Hinthada University, Hpa-an University, Myikyina University, West Yangon University, Maubin University and Bago Degree College.

First, second and third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law in Dagon Branch under YUDE are to attend the courses at Dagon University. First year students majoring in Economics, History and Law are to sit for the exam at No 1 BEHS and No 2 BEHS in Insein Township, and first year students majoring in Business Administration at North Okkalapa BEHS No 5; first year students majoring in History at North Okkalapa BEHS No 1 and Insein BEHS No 5; first year students majoring in Law at No 3 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Insein Township; second year students majoring in Law at North Okkalapa BEHS Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; second year students majoring in History at No 1 BEHS, No 3 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Dagon Myothit (North) Township; third year students majoring in Business Management at No 1 BEHS, No 2 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in South Okkalapa Township; third year students majoring in Law at No 1 BEHS, No 3 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, and No 2 BEHS in North Okkalapa Township; and other first, second and third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law at Dagon University.

The remaining first, second, third, and fourth year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law of East Yangon University under YUDE are to attend intensive courses at East Yangon University. First year students majoring in Law are to appear for their exam at No 1 BEHS in Thanlyin Township; and other first, second, and third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law at East Yangon University.

First, second, third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law of West Yangon University under YUDE are to attend intensive courses and sit for the exam at West Yangon University.

The maps are available free of charge at Myanmar Tourism Service on 35th Street in Kyaukada Township and Design Printing Services Co Ltd in business hours with the copy of special powers and company’s registration.—MNA

Tourist Maps of Myanmar appear

YANGON, 16 Sept — Under the directives of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Design Printing Services Co Ltd is publishing Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-15) which are in circulation free of charge to provide smooth transport for the development of local tours.

In the tourist map, the details of Myanmar, Yangon City, Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Bagan, MraukU, Taunggyi, Inlay and Kyakhtihyo Pagoda are stated including the locations of airways, transport companies, hotels and restaurants. The maps are

Water level of Sittoung River at above danger level

YANGON, 16 Sept — According to the (18:30) hrs MST observation on 15 September, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (84) cm above the danger level (600) cm due to torrential rains.

As the water level of Sittoung River is touching off the inundation of six wards in Toungoo and some villages, altogether 1,901 people of 466 households are being evacuated from their homes to the relief camps. The emergency evacuation is being carried out by local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations, the Tatmadawmen and local people.—MNA
Alstom builds its largest global hydro power base in China

BEIJING, 15 Sept—Tianjin Alstom Hydro Co, Ltd (TAH), a leading supplier of hydropower generation equipment and systems in China contributed nearly 30-per cent share of the domestic hydro market. Alstom now owns 90-per cent share of TAH, which was jointly founded with a company under Tianjin Municipality in 1995.

With the heavy investment and the full technologies transferred from Alstom, TAH has been turned into the world’s first class hydropower equipment manufacturing enterprise that is capable of making and supplying the largest hydro turbine, up to 900 megawatt in the world. The factory covers an area of 60,000 square metres, an annual order volume of more than 170 million euros.

The development of TAH in the past decade reflects the tremendous growth of Alstom’s hydropower business in China. As the largest power generation equipment and technology provider to the Three Gorges project, and the winner of the 16 sets of 300 megawatt units Pumped Storage Project, Alstom is by far the largest in China’s hydropower market.

In addition to manufacturing technologies, Alstom has also transferred engineering know-how to facilitate businesses’ rapid growth in China. —MNA/Xinhua

Polish Partly Lower House speaker quits election, citing foul play

WARSAW, 15 Sept—Polish Parliament Lower House Speaker Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz declared Wednesday he would quit the race for presidency, citing foul play by some of his rivals and media reporters.

“Black propaganda against me has brought results... In protest, I quit the presidential election,” Cimoszewicz, who has denied any wrongdoing, told a news conference.

His opponents and the media even despica-

bly defamed his family, including his children, he said. Cimoszewicz said he sees no suitable per-
son for the top job among the existing candidates. —MNA/Reuters

Lithuanian PM urges protection of Baltic environmental safety

On September 8, Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder signed a deal to build a Baltic-to-Swiss pipeline linking Russia and Germany.

The plan has enraged Poland and Baltic countries since they stand to lose lucrative fees because the pipeline’s route bypasses their territory.

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RIGA, 15 Sept—Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Brazauskas said on Wednesday that he would make efforts to provide environmental safety of the Baltic Sea after Russia and Germany declared they would build an underwater gas pipe line there.

According to reports from Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, the Prime Min-
ister said that after Russia

and Germany’s announce-
ment of the gas project, he would try to prevent the Baltic Sea’s safety from becoming a problem.

He said that the Bal-
tic Sea is a national prop-
erty. As a member of an international treaty on the protection of the sea, Lithuania would work with all the nations to handle all activities in the region as the requirements outlined in the treaty.

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Helicopter crash-landed in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 15 Sept—A helicopter crashed-landed in Bracken downs south of Johannesburg on Tuesday, Ekurhuleni emer-
gency services said.

“A two-seater chopper crash-landed in a residential open area. One man sus-
tained minor back inju-
turies, the other guy had
nothing serious. They’re both walking around,” the services’ spokesman Sagan Moodley said. —MNA/Xinhua

CHOLERAs kills 252 in
Guinea-Bissau

Dakar, 15 Sept—A total of 14,333 people have contracted cholera and 252 have died in Guinea-Bissau since the disease broke out in the country on May 30, June, said reports reaching here Tuesday from its capital Bissau.

The disease contami-
nated nearly 90 per cent of the popula-
tion every month since its out-
break and the country can-
to not provide sufficient medical care for all pa-
tients because of its un-
der-developed healthcare system, said Guinea-
Bissau’s health ministry in a statement.

The ministry asked the international community to continue efforts to provide medicine and donations to relieve the pressure that the outbreak is causing.

According to a recent statement of the World Health Organization, the outbreak of cholera in some western African countries has affected at least 31,000 people and over 500 have died of the disease. —MNA/Xinhua

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MV YANGON STAR VOYNO (387)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YAN-
GON STAR VOY NO (387) are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive on 18.9.05 and cargo will be discharged from the vessel. Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be ad-
mitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENT DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS EAGLE SHIPPING
Phone No: 256908738316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ZHE HAI 315 VOYNO (027)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZHE HAI 315 VOY NO (027) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.9.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.W.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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What is the main focus of the text related to cholera in Guinea-Bissau? The main focus is on the severity of the cholera outbreak in Guinea-Bissau, with a total of 14,333 people contracting the disease and 252 fatalities reported as of May 30, 2005. The statement from the health ministry highlights the inadequacy of medical facilities in the country due to under-developed healthcare systems. The ministry requested international community support to address the outbreak effectively. The disease is spreading rapidly, affecting nearly 90% of the population every month, and the country is struggling to provide sufficient medical care for all patients. The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a statement on the ongoing epidemic in some western African countries. The statement notes that at least 31,000 people have been affected, and over 500 have died of the disease. The need for urgent assistance is emphasized to mitigate the crisis. The situation is critical, and the health ministry has appealed to the international community to provide medicine and donations to relieve the pressure. The Claims Day, set as the third day after final discharge of cargo, is now declared, and no claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
British jobless up again, earnings pick up

LONDON, 15 Sept — The number of Britons out of work and claiming benefits rose for the seventh month running in August, extending the longest period of growing unemployment in 12 years, but increased less quickly than expected.

The Office for National Statistics said on Wednesday claimant count unemployment rose by 1,600 last month, less than the 4,800 predicted by analysts. July’s increase was revised down by half to 1,400.

Headline average earnings rose faster than expected in July thanks to higher bonuses in both the manufacturing and service sectors.

Short sterling interest rate cuts less likely.

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One dead in bomb blast at Italian barracks

ROSE, 15 Sept — A small bomb exploded at a barracks near Rome on Wednesday, killing one officer of the Carabinieri paramilitary police and wound-

ning another, an officer said.

“It was an explosive device,” the officer said, declining to give his name. “It was not clear how the device was taken into the barracks, but Italian police are often the target of small parcel bombs sent by local militants, usually anarchists.

The device exploded in a room used for sorting mail at the Carabinieri barracks in Latina, south of the capital, a police source said. The Carabinieri ordered all other barracks in the region to be searched for bombs.

Italy, which has troops in Iraq, is on a high state of alert in case of a terrorist attack similar to bombings that have struck Madrid and London over the last two years.

Beijing citizens’ disposable income up in first eight months

BEIJING, 15 Sept — The per capita disposable income of the Beijing citizens reached 11,698.9 yuan (1,442.5 US dollars) in the first eight months of this year, indicating a yearly rise of 12.6 per cent, the latest statistics from the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics show.

During the period, the per capita cash income of the rural residents increased by 13 per cent year-on-year to reach 6,065 yuan (747.8 US dollars), the bureau said.

Yu Xuqin, spokesperson for the bureau, attributed the rise mainly to an increase in salaries of urban residents and an increase of household business earnings for rural residents.

From January to August, the salary of urban residents increased by 17.8 per cent year-on-year, while the rise of house-

hold business earnings contributed 83.8 per cent to the increase of cash in-

come for the rural residents, Yu said.

Meanwhile, prices dropped slightly, Yu said. From January to August, the consumer price index was 101.7 per cent, basi-

ically the same with that of the first seven months, but 0.1 percentage points lower than that of the first quarter, statistics show.

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**SPORTS**

**Borgetti hits Bolton injury time winner in 2-1 victory**

**London, 16 Sept—** Mexico striker Jared Borgetti scored two minutes into injury time to give European debutants Bolton Wanderers a 2-1 home win over Bulgaria’s Lokomotiv Plovdiv in the first leg of their UEFA Cup first round tie on Thursday.

Borgetti, a second half substitute, scored his first Bolton goal from a tight angle at close range after Japan’s Hidetoshi Nakata had flicked on a cross by French substitute Fabrice Fernandes. Bolton had fallen behind just before the half hour when Boban Jancevski scored from Vladimir Ivanov’s right cross.

The English Premier League side, with Nakata making his first start for the club, equalized with 18 minutes remaining through El Hadji Diouf’s diving header from a cross by Nicky Hunt.

**Nadal gets morale booster at China Open**

**Beijing, 16 Sept—** Top seed Rafael Nadal gave himself a confidence-booster with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Taiwan’s Wang Yeu-tzu in the first round of the China Open on Wednesday.

Fellow Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero beat Russia’s Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 7-6 in a second round clash to become the first man to reach the quarter-finals.

Sixth seed Ferrero will meet Argentina’s David Nalbandian in the next round after the third seed overpowered Israel’s Amir Hadad 6-4, 6-0.

World number two Nadal looked sharp in his first match since his third round exit at the US Open, the 19-year-old triumphing in a shade under 90 minutes on his first appearance in Asia.

Nadal, bidding for his 10th title of the year, will play American Justine Gimelstob next. Nadal has already qualified for the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai.

Former world number one Ferrero had too much guile for Tursunov, the man who ended Briton Tim Henman’s Wimbledon dream this year.

Tursunov squandered two set points at 5-5 in the second set and then a 4-1 lead in the tiebreak evaporated as Ferrero rattled off six straight points to clinch victory.

Nalbandian advanced to his second straight qualifying round after reaching the last eight of the US Open with a crushing victory over Hadad.

The world number nine put the Israeli qualifier out of his misery following a one-sided second set with a thumping backhand down the line after just 50 minutes.

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**Bizarre red card marks Fluminense’s Sudamericana victory**

**Rio de Janeiro, 16 Sept—** Fluminense, playing their first competitive match against foreign opposition for 20 years, came from behind to beat Banfield 3-1 in the Copa Sudamericana despite a bizarre first-half sending-off.

Flu played more than one hour of Wednesday night’s second round, first leg tie with 10 men after midfielder Leandro was twice booked, for climbing onto the fence to celebrate the first goal and then for diving in the penalty area.

The world number nine put the Israeli qualifier out of his misery following a one-sided second set with a thumping backhand down the line after just 50 minutes.

Nadal broke to win the second set and then had to fight off three break points at 3-1 and then another as she served for the set.

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**Davenport eases through in Bali**

**Ball, 16 Sept—** World number two and top seed Lindsay Davenport lacked focus at times but still came through 6-3, 6-2 against Japan’s Rika Fujiiwara to reach the third round of the Bali International tournament on Wednesday.

The American took advantage of early breaks in each set to overcome an inexperienced but plucky opponent who rallied well and struck some fine volleys.

Davenport broke to lead 2-0 in the first set, but then had to fight off three break points at 3-1 and then another as she served for the set.

Davenport then broke for 1-0 in the second set and comfortably maintained her lead.

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**Winning start for holders CSKA**

**London, 16 Sept—** UEFA Cup holders CSKA Moscow needed two late goals from Brazilian playmaker Daniel Carvalho to make a winning start to their defence on Thursday.

Carvalho scored twice in three minutes as CSKA defeated Denmark’s FC Midjylland 3-1 in their first round, first leg clash in front of a handful of fans.

Forced to play behind closed doors as punishment for their fans’ behaviour in the home leg of the semifinal against Parma last season, Russia’s midfielder Rolan Gusev gave CSKA a 21st-half minute lead but it was quickly cancelled out with a deflected goal by Ghanaian Razak Pimpang.

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**Porto striker Sokota faces long absence with knee injury**

**Lisbon, 15 Sept—** Porto striker Tomislav Sokota tore a right knee ligament during his team’s Champion League loss to Rangers and faces a long absence, the Portuguese club said on Wednesday.

The 28-year-old Croatian, who joined Porto from Benfica in June, will be operated on in the next 10 days, making his first start for the club, equalized with 18 minutes remaining through El Hadji Diouf’s diving header from a cross by Nicky Hunt.

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**Sevilla’s Frederic Kanoute (C) fights for the ball with Mathias Abel (R) and Peter Ruman of Mairne; during their Cup first round leg one soccer match at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium in Seville, Spain, on 15 September, 2005.**

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**Leading FIFA world soccer rankings**

**London, 15 Sept—** Leading FIFA world soccer rankings issued on Wednesday (August position in brackets):

1. (1) Brazil 839
2. (3) Netherlands 785
3. (2) Argentina 778
4. (4) Czech Republic 777
5. (5) Mexico 771
6. (9=) France 770
7. (6) United States 768
8. (8) Spain 750
9. (9=) Portugal 743
10. (15=) Sweden 740
11. (7) England 738
12. (12) Turkey 731
13. (13) Italy 725
14. (18=) Denmark 721
15. (11) Germany 718
16. (17) Japan 716
17. (22) Poland 705
18. (15=) Iran 702
19. (21) Costa Rica 700
20. (18) Greece 699

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**Blast derails goods train in Russia’s Caucasus**

Moscow, 16 Sept—A blast on a railway line in Russia’s turbulent Caucasus region derailed three wagons of a goods train on Friday in what the interior ministry said may have been a botched attempt to attack a busy passenger train.

The explosion, thought by officials to have been caused by a delayed-action mine, was in a disputed part of North Ossetia, the region where the deadly Beslan school siege took place just over a year ago.

“Several versions are being considered, including the possibility the terrorist attack was directed at a passenger train between Moscow and Nazran or a local train, which were supposed to pass by several hours later,” a local interior ministry spokeswoman said by telephone.

The blast was in the Prigorody region, which North Ossetia and Ingushetia fought over after communist rule collapsed in 1991. North Ossetia took it in 1994 after fighting which forced thousands of Ingush to flee but tensions still bubble.

In separate incidents, two blasts hit different parts of Ingushetia on Friday. One explosive device exploded in the region’s capital Nazran near an apartment block, while the other hit a village near the border with Chechnya. No one was injured.

Explosions and gun battles are common in the region, where Chechnya’s 10-year separatist war has increasingly spilled over into neighbouring provinces such as North Ossetia and Ingushetia.—MNA/Reuters

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**WEATHER**

Friday, 16 September 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and lower Sagain Divisi.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (5.83) inches, Hkamti (3.03) inches, Pathin (2.99) inches, Dawei (2.91) inches, Mindat (2.84) inches, Pyay (2.80) inches, Hinthada (2.76) inches, Bago (2.56) inches, Kanbula (1.73) inches, Monywa (0.94) inch and NyaungU (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 16-9-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 15-9-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 16-9-2005 were (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (1.10) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.02) inches at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (79.60) inches at Mingaladon, (81.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (87.24) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South at (03:35) hours MST on 16-9-2005.

Bay influence: Yesterday’s low pressure area over Deltaic area has moved westwards. According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, it is centred over the East Central Bay. It is forecast to intensify further into a depression within the next (24) hours. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in North Bay and Monsoon is strong to vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17-9-2005: Rain will be scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Ayeayawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Frequent squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-9-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-9-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Weather outlook for third weekend of September 2005: During the coming weekend, rain will be widespread in Yangon Division and scattered in Mandalay Division.
**Vacant and virgin lands to be reclaimed in Mongtung region for growing rubber**

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection tour of development in Mongtung, Monghsat Townships

YANGON, 16 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by senior military officers of Kengtung, Monghsat and Mongtung Stations, inspected development of Monghsat and Mongtung regions on 14 September.

Accompanied by Deputy Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Wai Lin and Brig-Gen Tin Yu of Monghsat Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win went to Mongtung via Monghsat by helicopter.

At Pyi Nyein Aye Hall in Mongtung Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on carrying out of regional development tasks and livestock breeding and agriculture tasks on manageable scale to Tatmadawmen and family members of Mongtung Station.

Next, he presented clothes for Tatmadawmen and family members to Col Win Maung of Mongtung Station.

They proceeded to Mongtung Township PDC Office. In meeting with local authorities and departmental personnel, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on regional development, agriculture, livestock breeding.

**Signboard of rural education centre erected in Thanlyin Township**

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They erected the signboard. Sewing machines and cash were donated to the education centre. Townswelders accepted one cabinet and books, donated by Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization for the education centre.

Officials of MWAF then met with the townswelders at Dhammayon of Maha Thakya Atula Pagoda in the village. Director U Saw Aung explained where it is the centre where everyone irrespective of sex and age can easily seek wide knowledge. The aim of setting up the centres is that townswelders are to have chance of getting information and learning education, and cooperating with the departments rendering assistance to the rural areas. Throughout the nation, there are 887 rural education centres being undertaken by MERB and 8 centres have been opened in Yangon Division, he added.

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**Members of MWAF meeting with villagers of Thahtaykwin Model Village in Thanlyin Township.**

**Members of MWAF donate sewing machines to officials of Thahtaykwin Model Village in Thanlyin Township.**