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In the drive for the improvement of a nation and its people, it is necessary for this nation to have rights to be on the most suitable track towards sustainable development in conformity with its background history, prevailing situations and national character.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the attorney-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, officials, departmental heads, the rector, deans, faculty members, and trainees.

In his address, the MEC chairman with pleasure expressed his belief that every time after completion of a special refresher course for basic education teachers, on the rise is the number of reliable human resources in the education field who will take a more active role in the national education promotion tasks with regenerated vigour, ideas and strength.

At a time when possible steps are being taken to modernize the nation through the art of education, it is very beneficial to both the trainees and the State as the institute, through the special

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Strive for emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation

The active participation of the people plays an important role in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

A peaceful modern and developed nation can be built only through integrated and well-coordinated efforts of the national forces made up of the entire national people.

The nation of today is on the right path of development as political, economic and social infrastructures have emerged. In the meantime, the seven-point Road Map has been laid down and is being implemented in the process of transition to democracy.

In doing so, systematic steps are to be taken in accord with the national policies which call for realization of Our Three Main National Causes and the 12 political, economic and social objectives, taking lessons from the past.

The concerted effort of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw is a must in implementing the national policies. In the process, relentless efforts are to be made to march on the right path of development, accepting that the strength of the nation lies within.

The national forces that are to build the nation need to be imbued with political, economic and defence outlooks as well as international outlook. Only then, will they be able to fully serve the interest of the State and the people.

To uplift national prestige and integrity and preserve national character, the national forces also need to be endowed with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit. Only then, will they be able to safeguard and uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

The national forces together with the entire national people are to actively take part in building a modern and developed nation by doing their bit. This being the case, they are to try harder to be well-versed in all aspects.

Therefore, the national forces that are representing the people are to lend themselves to the drive for building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with Union Spirit, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

Chinese Ambassador calls on Information Minister

YANGON, 30 Sept -— Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, who had completed his tour of duty, called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at his office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises and the head of office of the Ministry of Information.

Mr Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Georges Iacovou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2005.

Trainees of Journalism Course visit Myanmar Alin Daily

YANGON, 30 Sept — Trainees of Journalism Course No 1/2005 visited Myanmar Alin Daily at No 1 Natmauk Lane in Bahan Township this morning.

Manager of the daily U Zaw Win extended greetings to the trainees and explained matters related to the daily.

The trainees studied functions of the daily. Officials conducted them round the sections. On behalf of the trainees, Leader of the Trainee Group No 1 U Kyaw Thet Lin expressed gratitude, and they left the daily at 11.30 am.

Trainee Group No 1 U Than Tun Aung scored an ace from 150 yards at the 12th hole at City Golf Resort (Ngwethawda) of YCDC on 18 September morning while playing with golf ball EV 02 using club No 6 Callaway Iron. His player partners were Brig-Gen Aung Tun, U Myint Win and U Than Huy.— MNA

Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Hline, Shwepyitha Townships

YANGON, 30 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung made an inspection tour of factories in Hline and Shwepyitha Townships today.

At ECU & Battery Charger Factory Branch on Yawgykaueng street in Hline Township, the minister inspected production of motor parts to be installed at Electric Bicycle and installation of ECU/Charger.

At Chemical Industry, the minister oversaw production process of E-Bike Battery Process Flow Diagram, and gave necessary instructions. The industry produces 100 batteries for electric bicycle per day.

At Fair Sun Mould & Die Industry on U Tun Nyo Road in Shwepyitha Industrial City, the minister inspected functions of the industry and left necessary instructions.

Later, the minister and party proceeded to the Foundry shop of Yangon Crown Wiring Electronic Cable Factory and looked into iron ware for construction tasks.

Foreign Minister felicitates Chinese counterpart

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People’s Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China.

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Doh Kyeywa Journal comes out

YANGON, 30 Sept — Doh Kyeywa Journal, Volume 2, Number 19, is in circulation today.

Features in the journal include matters related to Nangyi (fish paste), milk and dairy products, small volume business, Myanmar traditional weather forecast and weaving.

Manuscripts and advertisements may be sent to the journal at 30-32, 10th Street, Lanmadaw Township in brief.

MNA
ASEAN needs to secure its place in world

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept — Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) need to deepen their integration to secure the group’s place in the world, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Wednesday night.

“As one integrated region, ASEAN will be an attractive investment destination, an important economy which multinational companies cannot ignore, both as a market and as a production base to complement investments in China or India,” Lee noted.

He warned that if the integration is delayed, the region will “fall off the radar screen of international companies and investors” and become marginalized and irrelevant.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Admitting that the integration will pose challenges to ASEAN members who are in different levels of economic development, Lee suggested four ways “to unlock the potential of ASEAN”.

He expected the association to pursue a strategy of open regionalization, proceed faster with its integration, promote a greater sense of community and common good, as well as connect to the ordinary people to give them a deeper sense of belonging.

Lee added that an Eminent Persons’ Group will be set up during the coming ASEAN Summit to be held in Kuala Lumpur in December this year to guide the development of an ASEAN Charter, which is important for realizing an ASEAN Community by 2020.

Boeing to deliver two “F-15K” fighter jets to S Korea

SEOUL, 29 Sept — US aircraft maker Boeing Co will deliver two F-15K fighter jets to South Korea next week under a multi-billion-dollar contract, the South Korean Air Force said Wednesday.

The aircraft are the first two of 40 F-15K fighter jets Boeing is to deliver to South Korea in stages by August 2008 under the 5.5-billion-US-dollar procurement project, the Air Force said in a statement.

The two jets are to arrive at a military air base near Seoul on October 7, it added.

The F-15K fighter plane is the most advanced multi-functional fighter jet in the world, which can carry on air-to-ground, air-to-air and air-to-sea missions during the day or at night, in any weather.

It can carry more than 23,000 pounds of payload, reach Mach 2.5, and incorporates the latest military technologies, including the APG-63(V)1 radar, a third-generation forward-looking infrared system, a helmet-mounted cueing system, and weapons-control systems that support advanced weapons.

The procurement project is part of reform plan of South Korean military.

China, Cuba exchange messages over 45th anniversary of ties

BEIJING, 29 Sept — Top Chinese leaders exchanged congratulatory messages with Cuban leader Fidel Castro on Wednesday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-Cuban diplomatic ties.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao in their messages described the Sino-Cuban friendship as long standing, noting that Cuba is the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with China.

Over the past 45 years, relations between China and Cuba have been continuously consolidated and developed, they said. In recent years, with efforts from both sides, bilateral exchanges and cooperation in various areas have made new progress and the Sino-Cuban relations have entered a new phase of vigorous development, the Chinese leaders said.

China and Cuba are friends, comrades and partners, they said, adding that the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government and people will cherish the traditional Sino-Cuban friendship and work tirelessly with their Cuban counterparts for an even better future for bilateral and friendly cooperation.

Over the past 45 years, Cuba and China have forged a relationship of unity and friendship, said Castro in his message to the Chinese leaders.

Cuban leaders are happy to see the tremendous achievements made by China in various fields, and are satisfied with the increasingly strengthened relations between the two countries, said Castro.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing also exchanged congratulatory messages on the occasion with his Cuban counterpart Felipe Perez Roque.

Five US soldiers killed in bomb explosion in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept — Five US soldiers were killed when a homemade bomb exploded while they conducted combat operations in western Iraq, the US military said. Three suicide car bombs killed at least 60 and wounded 70 in a city north of Baghdad, the Associated Press reported, citing a doctor.

The nearly simultaneous car bomb attacks about 6:45 pm local time in Balad, a mostly Shiite Muslim city north of the capital, hit a bank, a vegetable market and another location, AP said, citing unidentified witnesses. Many were wounded seriously, with burns and mutilated limbs, Doctor Khaled al-Azawi at Balad Hospital told the news service. Among the wounded were the town’s police chief and four other policemen, he said.

The soldiers, assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), were killed yesterday in Ramadi, in Iraq’s Anbar province in the west of Baghdad, the military said today in an e-mailed statement. No further details were provided.

“US-led coalition and Iraqi forces are battling guerrillas from al-Qaeda in the north to Tal Afar in the north, and have conducted several operations in recent months to crack down on guerrillas in cities and towns, including Haditha, Hit, Karabalah and al-Quim.”
Pakistan PM says China’s rise peaceful

ISLAMABAD, 29 Sept—Unlike the rise of other powers in history, China’s rise has been peaceful and its political and economic strength augurs well for Asia and world, Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said here on Tuesday.

Addressing an international conference titled “China and The Emerging Asian Century,” Aziz quoted Napoleon’s remarks that “China is a sleeping giant. Let her lie and sleep, for when she awakens she will astonish the world” and said the giant is now fully awake and holds the world in awe and wonder.

Elaborating on the way how to see China’s rise, Aziz stressed that people should see it in the civilizational context and that China’s sense of history has imbued in its values of peace, harmony and good neighbourliness nurtured over centuries of collective wisdom.

China has an important role in regional and global context, its economic strength has helped and continues to help in promoting regional economic stability and its political strength is an assurance of stability in Asia, Aziz told the seminar, which was organized by Pakistan’s well-known think tank, the Institute of Strategic Studies, in collaboration with Hanns Seidelf Foundation.

Talking about China’s view on security in Asia and beyond in the 21st Century, Aziz quoted Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing as saying in an article published last month that “China’s development cannot materialize without the world. And a stable and a prosperous world also need China. So long as we hold high the banner of peace, development and cooperation and hold on to the path of peaceful development, we will surely make new contributions to world peace and development”.

“This truly encapsulates China’s world view in this century,” Aziz affirmed. Referring to the Pakistan-China relations, Aziz said Pakistan and China enjoy all weather friendship based on “complete trust and confidence” and that this friendship is rooted in the psyche and ethos of the two people.

Aziz said his country takes pride in the economic development and prosperity of China. “Chinese development model is unique and world of development for the developing countries. China’s great economic transformation and its peaceful rise is as much a source of satisfaction as it is of strength for the people of Pakistan,” Aziz added.

He expressed his view that the 21st Century belongs to Asia and that the great transformation of Asia led by the spectacular economic changes in China, Southeast Asia and South Asia augurs well for the Asian continent and the world.— MNA/Xinhua

India wants good ties with Iran, despite IAEA vote

NEW DELHI, 29 Sept—India said on Wednesday it wanted to continue having close ties with Iran, a day after Teheran threatened to use trade to punish nations that opposed it at a UN nuclear watchdog vote.

India joined the United States on Saturday in voting to refer old friend Iran’s nuclear programme to the United Nations Security Council for possible sanctions. The move stunned and angered Teheran, a major source of oil and gas for energy-hungry India.

Indian officials, however, said Teheran would not take any hasty action against India and did not want to lose a friend because of one incident. Indian Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran met Iran’s envoy to India on Tuesday and explained New Delhi’s position on the vote, an Indian Foreign Ministry statement said.— MNA/Reuters

Iraq bomber kills 7 Army recruits in Tal Afar

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept—A female suicide bomber blew herself up outside an Army recruitment centre in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar on Wednesday, killing at least seven and wounding 37, police said.

There were many people waiting at the scene to sign up to join the Army, police said.

The attack mirrored a suicide bombing of a recruitment centre in Baquba, 65 kilometers (40 miles) north of Baghdad, on Tuesday. At least 10 died in that blast, with around 30 wounded.

Iraqi and US troops have just ended a joint military operation in Tal Afar, which they say has long been a stronghold of guerrillas. The US military says it has killed or captured over 500 people whom it calls “terrorists or foreign fighters.” They hailed the full-scale assault on the town as a success and said they had brought Tal Afar back under their control. — MNA/Reuters

China donates aid and relief materials to Indonesia

JAKARTA, 29 Sept—China on Wednesday donated 500,000 US dollars worth of aid and relief materials to the local government of Banyuwangi, East Java Province, on the earthquake-ravaged island, an official of the Chinese Embassy to Indonesia told Xinhua by telephone.

The aid materials include 500 gasoline power generators, four large-scale diesel power generators, 100 walkie-talkies, 3,000 pieces of sheets, 3,000 pieces of carpets and other goods. This was part of the aid of two million US dollars promised by China.

The rest 1.5 million US dollars were donated to the Aceh and Nias Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency (BRR) in Jakarta on 17 September, he said.

First Secretary in the Chinese Embassy Xu Lining and officials from the local government and BRR attended Wednesday’s donation ceremony.— MNA/Xinhua

Most Russians support developing nuclear energy

MOSCOW, 29 Sept—Over half of Russians surveyed in a poll stand for developing the nuclear energy sector, while 25 per cent think it should be phased out, the Interfax news agency reported on Wednesday.

The poll of 1,600 Russians conducted by the VTsIOM public opinion service in 153 communities in 46 Russian regions showed 59 per cent people support nuclear energy development.

Nearly half of the Russians polled, or 49 per cent, believe the country should develop innovative and environmentally safe technologies to utilize other alternatives such as wind power and solar energy.

The poll also showed that most Russians think a nuclear attack is possible in the future.

India and Iran have a thousand-year-old trade and cultural relationship and have no grounds for conflict, Interfax also quoted a statement by an embassy official.

The nuclear issue is a question of opinion and of national interests, the official said.— MNA/Reuters

133 US troops killed in Iraq since beginning of the war

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept—As of Thursday, 1,933 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,499 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,794 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,385 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.— Internet
CASTRO HAILS 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CHINA

HAVANA, 29 Sept— Cuban President Fidel Castro Ruz sent a congratulatory message to Chinese leaders on Wednesday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of Cuba-China diplomatic relations, state-run daily Granma said on Wednesday.

In his message addressed to Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao, Castro highlighted the links of solidarity and mutual support between the two countries.

On behalf of the Cuban people, the Communist Party and the Cuban Government, Castro said that “we deeply appreciate with satisfaction that along these four and a half decades our relations have been marked by solidarity, respect for ideals and principles of socialism and mutual support, whenever circumstances have demanded it,” said Castro.

“Once more we express our satisfaction over the huge advances attained in China in every aspect, as well as our satisfaction over the consolidation of our relations in various areas,” the Cuban leader said.

Castro also wished prosperity, health, progress and welfare to the Chinese people and leaders. On 28 September, 1960, Cuba became the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with China.

The daily said Cuba recognizes the People’s Republic of China as the sole and legitimate representative of the Chinese people, and recognizes China’s peaceful foreign policy and its “one country, two systems” reunification policy.

According to the daily, in 2004 the two countries signed 16 agreements on cooperation on sanitary controls, biotechnology, education, health, agriculture, meteorology, telecommunications and electronics.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque also sent a congratulatory message on the occasion to his Chinese counterpart Li Zhaoxing.

In the message, Perez Roque expressed satisfaction over the fraternal links between the two nations and vowed to further strengthen them.

LAOES LAUNCH REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

VIENNAN, 29 Sept — Laos has attached great importance to full ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) integration since its entry into the bloc in 1997, and called for support from older member countries, Lao Prime Minister Bouphanh Vorachith said here on Wednesday.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the 37th ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting (AEM), he appealed for continued support and cooperation from regional and international organizations, including regional and international financial institutions, so that Laos can rapidly overcome challenges it faces during the process of integrating its national economy into the regional and global trading and economic system.

“The key areas that urgently need support and cooperation are poverty eradication and bridging the development gap,” the Prime Minister said.

The effective implementation of the Initiatives for ASEAN Integration (IAI) and the Roadmap for ASEAN Integration (RIA) along with the development of infrastructure, human resources, development of information technology and ASEAN regional economic integration, will contribute significantly to narrowing the development gap among ASEAN members, he stressed.—MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN BECOMES MAJOR SOURCES OF COAL TO GUANGDONG

GUANGZHOU, 29 Sept— South China’s Guangdong Province, which is economically developed but short of resources, reported continuous, rapid growth in coal arrivals with import prices rising by big margins.

The local Customs House said in August alone, Guangdong imported 604,000 tons of coal, representing a year-on-year increase of 21.6 per cent.

Between January and August, Guangdong imported 3.7 million tons of anthracite, 408,000 tons of cooking coal and 2.1 million tons of soft coal which were priced at 39.5 US dollars/ton, 121.8 US dollars/ton and 46.3 US dollars/ton, respectively. Their values were 37.2 per cent, 52 per cent and 22.3 per cent, respectively, higher than the year earlier levels, the local Customs House said.

According to the Customs sources, Guangdong’s coal imports from ASEAN countries have kept growing rapidly since the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Between China and ASEAN, began to be carried out.

THAI PM TO MAKE MULTIFACETED VISIT TO EU, RUSSIA

BANGKOK, 29 Sept — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will visit four member countries of the European Union (EU), as well as Russia next month, reported the Thai News Agency on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister announced on Monday that he would visit the EU on 9-16 October to strengthen ties and cooperation in all areas, including trade, investment, industry, education, arts and culture, and tourism, as well as in regard to anti-terrorism and combating transnational crime.

The Premier will attend the 33th General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris to deliver a keynote speech on “Education for All”.

Thaksin will become the first Thai Prime Minister, invited to honourably deliver a keynote message at a UNESCO general conference.—MNA/Xinhua

FIVE DIE, EIGHT MISSING IN FLOODS IN FAR-WESTERN NEPAL

KATHMANDU, 29 Sept — At least five people have died and eight others have been missing in floods in a district in far-western Nepal, the local government office confirmed here on Wednesday.

“A total of 13 people were swept away by the Sirsa rivulet in spate of which five were found dead, following incessant rains within this week at Sirsa Village of Dadeldhura District, some 800 kilometres west of Kathmandu,” the District Administrative Office said in a Press statement.

At least eight people are still missing in the flood, the statement noted, adding, “It is assumed that those missing could have been killed in the disaster.”

The team of the International Red Cross Committee has reached the flood affected area on Tuesday and started rescue operations, the statement said.

The drinking water facility has been totally disrupted in Baitadi District, the neighbouring district of Dadeldhura, owing to torrential downpours and landslides, the statement noted.

Meanwhile, more than 173 families were displaced and many of them are missing from six villages in Kanchanpur District in far-western Nepal following inundation caused by burst of a dam in the local Mahakali River on Sunday. — MNA/Xinhua

SEMINAR FOR SMES ON MANAGING IPR HELD IN HK

HONG KONG, 29 Sept— A seminar on intellectual property rights (IPR) protection was held here Wednesday to discuss the importance of intellectual property rights (IPR) in business development.

Speaking at the ceremony, director of Intellectual Property Department of Hong Kong Stephen Selby said the Intellectual Property Department had been making consistent efforts to promote IPR protection to local SMEs.

“Seminars are an effective means to help raise the awareness of local SMEs about IPR protection. The active participation and strong support of SMEs at the event shows that our strategy and the topics concerned satisfied their needs,” he said.—MNA/Xinhua
Bangladesh plans to develop three new gas fields

DHAKA, 29 Sept — The Government of Bangladesh plans to develop three gas fields — Semutang, Shabazpur and Kamta — for production and to meet increasing demand.

Gas demand in the country in the next two years may increase by 30 percent, from the current 1,500 million cubic feet to around 2,000 million cubic feet per day, the New Age reported on Wednesday.

The gas demand increased by around 41 percent in the last three years. Petrobangla, the state-run oil, gas and mineral corporation, supplied 1,050 million cubic feet per day in 2001, which grew to 1,500 million cubic feet in 2005.

The government was seriously considering developing Semutang gas field, which would add gas supply to the southern Chittagong soon. The field has a recoverable reserve of 122 billion cubic feet.

Petrobangla was also asked to conduct a study for bringing Shabazpur gas field into the national grid.

Although the field is nearing completion of development, its gas could not be brought into the national grid from island district Bhola, as transmission line would have to cross three big rivers, including the Meghna. Shabazpur has a reserve of 465 billion cubic feet.

Russia eases Indonesia way to more guns

JAKARTA, 29 Sept — Russia has offered Indonesia more facilities to buy arms and opportunities to master defence technology against the backdrop of an arms embargo imposed by Indonesia’s traditional weapons supplier, the United States, the Jakarta Post reported here on Wednesday.

The Indonesian House of Representatives approved a budget allocation of 21 trillion rupiah (around 2.1 billion US dollars) for defence in fiscal 2005, accounting for 6 percent of the overall budget. For next year, the government has proposed an increase of two trillion rupiah (Some 0.1 billion US dollars).

Ex-singer sentenced to 50-year jail for drug-trafficking

BANGKOK, 29 Sept — A former Thai singer was sentenced to 50 years in jail and a one-million-bhat (25,000-US-dollar) fine for his involvement in drug-trafficking, The Nation reported on Wednesday.

Thailand’s Criminal Court ruled on a drug-trafficking case against a Hong Kong man, Ching King Fu, 38; singer Worayos Boonthongnum, 24; and Worayos’ girlfriend Jaruwan Chotehalemsak, 35. The three were charged with possessing 2,989 ecstasy pills with intent to sell.

Worayos was also charged with possessing four bottles of ketamine and five grams of marijuana for consumption, while Ching was also charged with illegal entry into the Kingdom, the Thai newspaper said.

On the night of 5 May, 2004, Worayos and Ching were arrested in Bangkok during a sting operation in which an undercover policeman had arranged to buy 1,000 ecstasy pills from them.

Afrika grows in world energy market

JOHANNESBURG, 29 Sept — Afrika was taking its rightful place on the world’s energy market, the president of the International Gas Union said here on Wednesday.

Addressing the on-going World Petroleum Conference in Johannesburg, George Verberg said: “More and more Afrika is taking its rightful position to serve its own and the world’s energy demands.”

The continent’s importance in the industry was growing, proof of which was the money G-8 nations had promised to spend on the continent at the recent Gleneagles summit.

The US now imported 17 percent of its oil from Africa, compared to 12 percent from Saudi Arabia, said President of Chevron, Global Gas. John Gass. “The world’s thirst for energy is opening the taps on a huge flow of investment into Afrika,” he added.

While it was clear that oil would remain the dominant source of energy for some time to come, Gass said the role of natural gas globally was forecast to grow very strongly. “Natural gas has very much come of age. In the past 20 years, demand for natural gas has increased 70 percent.”

Singapore opens first public cord blood bank

SINGAPORE, 29 Sept — Singapore Health Minister Khaw Boon Wan opened the country’s first public cord blood bank of international standards on Wednesday, according to Channel NewsAsia report.

Also the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, the Singapore Cord Blood Bank is expected to save some 80 Singaporeans with blood disorders and cancers every year, as well as patients from the region.

Having collected about 500 umbilical cord blood units in public hospitals, the bank hopes to extend its collection to private hospitals in the next five years.

It aims to increase its store to 10,000 units in three to five years, which will provide patients with an 80 percent chance of finding a good match, according to doctors. The newly-opened bank will also join the US National Bone Marrow Donor Programme to increase the chance for a good match.

Out of the 200 to 400 Singaporeans who are diagnosed with fatal blood diseases every year, some 80 to 90 need to do the cord blood match, the report said.

People surf the Internet at a cybercafe in Chengdu city, in China’s southwestern province of Sichuan recently. —INTERNET

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MNA/Xinhua
Care of older persons

Ko Sit (Social Welfare)

Every year, the International Day of Older Persons falls on 1 October. As a UN member nation, Myanmar has been observing the Day annually since 1999, and this year will see the holding of the seventh anniversary of the Day in the nation.

Today’s global people live longer than ever thanks to the developments in biotechnology. On the other hand, the rise in the population of older persons has become a social problem to be reckoned with all over the world. And in most of the global nations, the work volume of the aged grows larger together with the increase in their population, especially, the problem has been noticeable in Japan, the Republic of Korea and Singapore, three East Asia nations, witnessing a significant rise in the number of people enjoying longevity, and facing difficulties in redressing the burden, despite the assistance the respective governments are providing for the senior citizens from their social security funds. The UN on its part has laid down five fundamental principles for the older persons to enjoy a better and pleasant life, and the principles are:

(a) Independence — enabling the aged to stand on their own feet, while having all the basic requirements;
(b) Participation — offering them opportunity to take part in social and charity organizations;
(c) Care — reciprocal care between the old and the young;
(d) Self-fulfilment — enabling the elderly to enhance their own efficiency and open their own opportunities;
(e) Dignity — to enjoy a secure life with dignity.

The East Asian nations including the ASEAN members, are offering the following six services to address the old-age problem, with above-mentioned principles as the base:

— home care service,
— home-based care service,
— community-based care service,
— group home care service,
— day care centre
— voluntary elderly home.

It has been over 90 years since Myanmar has set up homes for the aged and carried out the task of looking after the older persons. At present, 52 homes for the aged in the entire nation are providing shelter, care and protection for 2,196 elderly persons. The remaining aged persons are living with their sons or daughters or grandchildren or relatives enjoying life through thick and thin. However poor they are, some of the grandpas and grandmas of Myanmar have no wish to live in any of the homes for the aged for reasons ranging from home sickness to unwillingness to leave their native areas or social environment.

For example, Myitkyina, the local government seat of Kachin State, and Hpa-an, the capital of Kayin State, have homes for the aged, but the number of persons wishing to live in the homes is low, although most of them are million. As the population of the persons from ages 15 to 59 is 32.1 million, on average terms, about seven persons of the age bracket are caring an elderly person.

In 2020, the number of persons of ages 60 and above will increase to 7.8 million or 10.5 per cent of the nation’s population. At the same time, the number of persons between ages 15 and 59 will be only 31.6 million, meaning that the strength of the working force will be less than that of 2004. At that time there will be only four persons to look after one elderly person. We will be somewhat like Japan where only about 3.6 persons of the working force is looking after an aged person.

For us, old-age care, on which the whole planet is concentrating, is not a big issue. Of the six methods, Myanmar has been implementing the system of setting up homes for the aged on a wider scale. In addition, the methods — home care service, home-based care service and day care centre — are specially suitable to Myanmar as they are cost effective in ensuring health and happiness for the senior citizens. We will have to make preparations from now on for addressing the problem that may arise from the growing number of elderly persons in the future.

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World Teachers’ Day

In memory of the late Daw Aye Thein, U Hla Shwe and family of No 2/501, Thadu Housing Estate, Laydaungtun Road, Thingangyun Township, donate K 110,000 for construction of Hospital for the Aged to Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board recently. — H

Care for the Old

* High tech and advanced sciences
  Slow down the aging process
  And yet we all have to tread
  The final walks of old age thread
* General weakness in all senses
  Slow motions and gradual loss in strength
  Once upon a time days of vigor and health
* Old age can be a big nuisance and threat
  Fine Myanmar tradition and culture
  Full respect for the elders
  Caring the older and the wiser
  Families treat them as true pillars
* From rosy paths and thorny steps
  Good judgment and wisdom they did get
  Resourceful and experienced
  To community, services still added
* Those not-so-lucky few
  Stricken and beaten by ill fate through
  Let’s give love, care and protection to woo
  And to boost their morale up from the blue
* Time, labour, cash or kind
  Just to foster a caring mind
  With sesamum seeds all combined
  We sure can make oil
To ignite the fuel
For “a better society for all ages”

Aye Phyu
Teachers are to constantly nurture students as well as themselves as they are required to pursue a life-long learning

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents best trainee award to JAT Daw Mya San Kyi of Paepinchaung BEPS in Bago Township. — MNA

(from page 1) refresher courses, is effectively enhancing the morale, qualifications and ability of basic education teachers who serve as the most fundamental resource of the education sector.

It is natural that each and every citizen wants to witness prospects and progress of his motherland and people. Similarly, every government is constructing infrastructures and creating opportunities with genuine goodwill to enable the people to lead a peaceful life within the framework of law with higher standard of living.

In the drive for the improvement of a nation and its people, it is necessary for this nation to have rights to be on the most suitable track towards sustainable development in conformity with its background history, prevailing situations and national character.

In this regard, it is required to be aware of the point that a developing nation like the Union of Myanmar, that wants to be able to stand tall as an independent and sovereign nation with own prestige and integrity, has not only to make extraordinary efforts with nationalistic fervour but also to ward off difficulties sparked by certain foreign nations.

He highlighted the need for the entire national people to enhance own national strength in order to help put the mother country on the most appropriate path with a brighter future, while modernizing the nation with self-reliant endeavours.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with trainees of Special Refresher Course No 57 for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi). — MNA

The guided that the Head of State, the projects in all sectors are being implemented systematically to be interrelated each other for transforming the nation into a peaceful and modern one.

At the same time, the border areas development project, the 24-region development project, and the five rural development projects are well under way to ensure equitable progress of all parts of the nation with economic and social infrastructures.

As the 30-year long-term projects are being implemented in economic, education and health sectors harmoniously, officials concerned are to make efforts in concert sector-wise in order to successfully complete all the projects.

All are to be convinced that the speedy implementation of respective projects, and harmony with other sectors plays a pivotal role in the drive for national development.

He again stressed the importance of the participation of all the citizens with decisive determination in a bid to modernize the nation.

In particular, teachers in the education sector are to strive for creation of greater opportunities and production of more human resources for the future nation, while discharging the duties included in the national education promotion plan.

Only when all-round developed national education foundation is built and today’s youth are nurtured to become skilled ones in line with the goals, will it be possible to fulfil the requirements for national progress, and the nation will enjoy sustainable development.

Constant progress of study, technology and knowledge leads to development of branches, integrated subjects and segregated subjects of the technological field. Likewise, modern learning methods are improving constantly.

In such a constant change in technological development, teachers are to constantly nurture the students as well as themselves as they are required to pursue a life-long learning.

Now, the government has established a lot of new basic education schools so that the students have got an easy access to pursuit of education.

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Citizens urged to participate in a bid to modernize the nation

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There are now 40,525 schools — 1,962 high schools, 2,604 middle schools, 5,545 post primary schools and 30,414 primary schools — in the nation. The rural areas have 36,122 schools and border areas 1,034.

Teachers should conduct organizational campaign to increase the school enrollment rate and the number of students. Only then will the students be able to enjoy the education opportunities opened by the government. The government is also providing teaching aids to schools according to its budget allotments.

Teachers on their part will have to organize the locals to provide teaching aids for schools and to effectively use them. They will have to implement education promotion tasks together with the rural development tasks.

They will have to teach their pupils to observe the school disciplines and local traditions, and love and cherish cultural heritage. Teachers should try to improve the morals and manners of the students.

The government laid down the seven-point Road Map and is in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation for the perpetuation of the Union and the people to stand tall among the international community.

At the same time, the saboteurs who totally lack patriotism are launching evil acts to break up the Union, destroy peace and stability, and cause commotion and inviting international sanctions to make the people suffer more.

They committed such wicked acts to destroy sound foundations built by the national brethren in unity. They did so inviting international sanctions based on ideological prejudices in order to push the people into a deeper misery.

All have witnessed the acts of those unscrupulous elements caused hardships among the people and civil commotion.

It happened as they attempted to grab power through short cut since their attempt to bar any kind of international humanitarian aids including those of the UN failed to work.

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To Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tu Tu

* The clear and still water
  Won’t set murky, even if you throw stone in it
  Maybe, it will pop a bubble
* To return to original stage and remain thus
  Only stone thrower will be put to shame.
* Today, of those intent on
  Destroying Myanmar feature
  Get into acts of destruction purposely
  throw stones
  Actually, it is you who will be disfigured
  Myanmar will retain status quo
  And will move ahead with chin up.

Po Wa (Trs)

Commander inspects irrigation facilities, agricultural tasks in Paung, Thaton

YANGON, 30 Sept — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station and officials arrived at the project site of Kyonhtaw Sluice Gate in Paung Township on 28 September, and heard reports on tasks of the sluice gate presented by an official.

Officials of Myanmar Agriculture Service briefed the commander on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops in the respective townships, and local farmers on availability of water from the sluice gate and requirements. After fulfilling requirements, the commander instructed them to strive for gaining success in the agriculture sector of the region.

Next, the commander inspected outlet channel and valves of the sluice gate.

On arrival at Wahpa Dam in Thaton Township, Director U Khin Maung Tint of Irrigation Department submitted reports on functions of the dam. After hearing the reports, the commander oversaw the dam.

At Zaikkaye Sluice Gate, the commander heard reports on matters related to the sluice gate presented by Director U Myint Tun Latt of Construction-6 of Irrigation Department, and cultivation of over 20,000 acres of monsoon paddy by the township MAS manager.

Local farmers reported to the commander on thriving monsoon and summer paddy and other crops and requirements. The commander gave instructions on successful implementation of five rural development tasks and development of agriculture sector.

Local people reported on requirement of teachers at Aungkantha Village and construction of school buildings. The commander presented 50 bags of cement for construction of the school building and attended to the needs.

In Pawdawmu Village, the commander viewed thriving 15 acres of monsoon paddy of farmer U Aung Soe.

On arrival at Kyonka Farm in Paung Township, the commander heard reports on growing of perennial crops and matters related to plant propagation system, and visited the farm.

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Flood Warning

YANGON, 30 Sept — According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (577) cm. It may reach the danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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Special Weather News

Low pressure occurs over Bay of Bengal

YANGON, 30 Sept — According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, the low pressure area occurs over central Bay of Bengal.

MNA
Minister for Finance and Revenue arrives back from IMF & WB Conference

YANGON, 30 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and party attended the 38th SEA Voting Groups at the hall of the BOD of World Bank, Washington DC, on 23 September at 60th Conference of IMF and WB. — MNA

Annual general meeting of Mingaladon Township USDA held

YANGON, 30 Sept — Mingaladon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held the annual general meeting 2005 at its office this morning, with an address by Secretariat Member Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thiem Zaw. The Secretariat Member presented prizes and certificates of honour to outstanding students, one USDA organizer and one blood donor. Next, he accepted cash donations from wellwishers and membership applications from 487 newcomers. Also present at the meeting were secretaries and executives of division, district and township USDAs and wellwishers. — MNA

New Delhi has best qualified population of India

NEW DELHI, 30 Sept — Indian capital New Delhi has been rated by the India Science Report as the city with best qualified population of the country. According to the India Science Report, released on Wednesday, among all areas of the country, Delhi has the highest qualified population with 16 per cent of all Delhites having at least a graduate degree. The report also noted the distinction of having the largest number of graduates and above in the country. At an all-India level, 6 per cent of the country’s population (above the age of 10) is at least graduate and above and another 12 per cent has passed class 12 and/or has a diploma, the report said. According to the report, India has 48.7 million science graduates and diploma holders, 14 per cent are in Karnataka alone. Bangalore, which is the capital of Karnataka, is known as India’s Silicon Valley. Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, was once known as cyberabad for its booming IT industry. — MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun explains financial matters and economic development of Myanmar at 60th Conference of IMF and WB. — MNA

Religious Affairs Minister receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

YANGON, 30 Sept — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairezzaman at his office this afternoon. Also present at the call were directors-general and departmental officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs. — MNA

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Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force CSSTB member U Aung Myint being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport after attending 5th ASEAN Communications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam. — COMMUNICATIONS
China actively promotes ASEAN+3 cooperation

**VENTIANE, 30 Sept** — China attaches importance to the economic cooperation among the 10-member ASEAN and its three dialogue partners — China, Japan and South Korea, and is ready to promote such cooperation for the regional prosperity, Chinese Vice-Commerce Minister Yu Guangzhou said here on Thursday.

China treasures the economic and trade cooperation with members of ASEAN+3 on the basic principles of equal consultation, win-win relations, gradual development, openness and harmonization, Yu said after the 8th AEM (ASEAN Economic Ministers) Plus 3 Consultation and Consultation with the East Asia Business Council (EABC).

"China is ready to further promote the economic cooperation of East Asia and contribute to the regional economic development and common prosperity of East Asian countries," he said. According to Yu, China put forth at the meeting a new cooperative project titled "Project Management for ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Countries," which has won support from other delegates.

China has actively initiated joint projects, including ones on practical technical training, environmental protection and e-commerce training, he said, adding the country is also taking the lead in the Joint Expert Group of feasibility study on the East Asia Free Trade Area (EAFTA). Recognizing the necessity of the region's better response to soaring oil price and oil supply disruption, the ministers during the consultation suggested cooperation on a range of issues, including energy efficiency and conservation, diversification of energy supply and use of alternative and renewable energy, effective and clean use of resources, oil stockpiling system development and energy-related statistics development.

During the consultation, the ministers also discussed major issues of the establishment of EATAF, including the liberalization of different kinds of goods and services, South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-chong said, adding senior economic officials will gather in Vietnam’s Hanoi next month for further discussions. The ministers reiterated the importance of continuing regional economic integration as a means to beef up trade and investment flows. The trade volume among ASEAN+3 surged to 258.2 billion US dollars in 2004 from 206.5 billion dollars in 2003.

**SINGAPORE, 30 Sept** — Singapore Transport Minister Yeo Cheow Tong reiterated the city state’s commitment to preventing maritime pollution here on Wednesday.

Addressing the opening of the International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference and Exhibition (ICOPCE), Yeo said that Singapore has built up a regime of prevention and response capabilities.

"We are now party to all six MARPOL (The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Annexes, making us one of only 24 countries in the world to do so," Yeo noted, adding that Singapore’s local regulations comply with international standards.

He said the city state also committed to upgrading its capability to respond to chemical spills at sea by acceding to related international protocol and convention.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding between Singapore and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will continue to offer training courses on maritime safety and prevention and marine environmental protection, according to Yeo. Some 300 delegates from about 20 countries came to attend the three-day ICOPCE to exchange views on global, regional and industry specific initiatives in pollution prevention and response—MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in German ambulance helicopter crash

**BERLIN, 30 Sept** — All four people aboard an ambulance helicopter died on Wednesday when it crashed in the heavily forested hills east of the city of Stuttgart.

The pilot, a doctor, a nurse and a sick 28-year-old woman being transported from a hospital in Stuttgart to one in Munich, were all killed in the crash and subsequent explosion.

Police quoted witnesses as saying that the BK-117 helicopter, which was operated by the Rettungslagwacht company, was clipping tree-tops as it flew over the area.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

**Los Angeles, for second day**

Los Angeles, 30 Sept — Hundreds of firefighters on Thursday battled for the second day a rampant brush fire that had scorched at least 7,000 acres in two Southern California counties and destroyed at least two structures and prompted the closure of several schools.

The fire broke out on Wednesday afternoon on the north side of the Ronald Reagan freeway, some 50 kilometres northwest here, then spread along rocky and steep terrain in west Los Angeles County and parts of Ventura County, threatening homes and causing residents to flee.

What sparked the blaze was not immediately determined, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who has been spending time on the fire line, on Thursday called on county Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen to declare a local disaster.

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Officials on Thursday backed off their earlier estimates that some 10,000 acres had been consumed, but said an updated area estimate will be released once another aerial mapping of the fire’s perimeter is completed.

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Police win more time to quiz four on grave robbery

LONDON, 29 Sept — Detectives investigating the desecration of a pensioner’s grave have been granted extra time to quiz four people they are holding over the incident, Staffordshire Police said on Wednesday.

Police arrested five people on Tuesday as part of their probe into a long and violent campaign against owners of a farm which bred guinea pigs for medical research. One was released later on police bail. The men were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to blackmail David Hall and Partners. Detectives said they had also arrested a woman, 23, in Wolverhampton on suspicion of obstructing police and assaulting an officer. She was later released on conditional bail. The grave of Hammond, who died on August 18, 2014, and was expected to be opened in October.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, the culmination of one of the most sustained harassment campaigns by animal rights activists in Britain, the police said. "We perfectly realize the gravity of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Iran has every right for enrichment," Roumaysed said in an interview with the Der Standard daily. However, "we keep advising them not to start enrichment," he said.

The Russian official made the remarks after the IAEA board of governors adopted an EU-drafted resolution Saturday, accusing Iran of breaching the NPT Safeguards Agreement. Russia, which abstained from the IAEA vote on the resolution, supports the proposal by IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei to work out a plan to provide nuclear fuel to all countries, said Roumaysed.

Iran has fiercely rejected the IAEA resolution as "unacceptable and illegal".

The resolution is unacceptable and illegal. The Europeans even failed to get a consensus on it," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi said.

The current crisis was triggered by Tehran’s resumption of highly sensitive uranium enrichment last month after its talks with the EU trio of Germany, Britain and France have ground to a halt.

Mexico nabs Guatemalan troops with lines to cartel

MEXICO CITY, 29 Sept — Mexico said it had arrested five members of an elite Guatemalan military unit on Tuesday who may have been trying to work with a ruthless cartel hit squad on the US-Mexico border.

The Defence Ministry said it had no information of desertions from the Kaibles unit, which was blamed for rights abuses in the Central American nation’s civil war that ended in 1996 and claimed 200,000 lives. More than 1,000 people have been killed amid spiralling drug violence in northern and western Mexico this year as rival cartel battles for control of the cocaine, marijuana and amphetamine trade to the United States. —MNA/Reuters
Turkey urged to lift embargo on Cypriot ships

NEIVA, 29 Sept—Turkey, an EU candidate country, should lift its embargo against Cypriot flagged vessels and thus fully implement the Customs Union Protocol it signed in late July, a Cypriot shipping official said on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters, Andreas Drousiotis, president of the Cyprus Shipping Council, expressed hope that Turkey will lift its embargo against Cypriot ships and airplanes by March 2006. “We have discussed the matter with the government. We clarified that lifting the Turkish embargo against Cypriot ships and airplanes is urgent and very serious. The lifting would be for the benefit of the Cypriot maritime and economy as well,” he said.

Both the Cypriot Government and the Shipping Council have warned that the continued ban on the docking of Cypriot-flagged ships in Turkish ports, imposed in 1987, was threatening the viability of the Cyprus flagged ships. Cyprus had the fourth largest ship registry in the world with over 2,500 ships under its flag two years ago. Last year, Cyprus’ registry dropped to the ninth place with just over 1,000 ships.

However, the island is still the third largest registry within the EU after Greece and Malta, but it cannot attract European ship owners due to the restrictions imposed by Turkey.

Turkey extended its Customs union in July with EU to new member states, including Cyprus, but said this did not amount to the recognition of the Republic of Cyprus.

Turkey has also refused to let Cypriot ships and planes use its ports and airports. The EU says this represents a failure to fully implement the Customs accord.

Cyprus, which gained independence from Britain in 1960, has been split into Greek Cypriot south and Turkish Cypriot north since 1974 when Turkish troops took control of the northern third following a Greek-inspired coup.

Cyprus, which has its own air force, has proposed that the crash was intentionally staged by Russia to test the efficiency of its national security and the Baltic states are finding ways to implement their obligations more effectively.

The Russian fighter crashed near the village of Pliskistovka, 90 kilometres north-west of Viznus, as it was flying in a convoy en route from St Petersburg to the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad.

Russia said the plane was flying off-course due to faulty equipment. The Russian Air Force Chief General Vladimir Mikhailov said on Monday that the incident highlighted the weakness of NATO’s air defence system. Russian media quoted Russia’s explanation that the plane crashed because of technical failures, and instead proposed that the crash was intentionally staged by Russia to test the efficiency of Lithuania and its NATO allies.

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Helguera says Real must be more ruthless

MADRID, 30 Sept — Real Madrid must become more ruthless in front of goal, defender Ivan Helguera said after the 2-1 Champions League defeat of Olympiakos on Wednesday.

Roberto Soldado’s late winner gave Real their first points in the group, but it was an anxious night in the Bernabéu after Raul’s early goal had been cancelled out by Pantelis Kafes.

“This is what always seems to happen in the Bernabéu at present,” said Helguera.

“It was the same against Celta Vigo and Athletic Bilbao in the league and now today. What we have to do is finish off games when we have the chances. They attacked once and scored.”

Real lost their opening Champions League fixture 3-0 in Lyon and there was a collective sigh of relief when Soldado headed in David Beckham’s cross at the second attempt.

Raul’s goal after nine minutes, also from a Beckham cross, made him the record scorer in the history of the Champions League and European Cup.

But the Spanish club, still without Brazil’s Ronaldo who was sitting out the second game of a ban, failed to turn their dominance into further goals.

“Perhaps we were a little anxious,” said full-back Michel Salgado. “This happens when you miss so many chances. But we have certainly lifted the pressure on us.”

Liverpool take heart for domestic Chelsea re-match

LIVERPOOL, (England), 30 Sept — For a game so eagerly awaited and comprehensively previewed, Liverpool’s goalless Champions League showdown with Chelsea proved an unsatisfactory affair.

The all-English clash was tense, physical and often entertaining. But it failed to change the balance of power in Group G or give many clues about how the fates of either side beyond the group stage.

Thursday’s clash had been billed as a revenge match following Liverpool’s memorable semi-final victory to a single controversial Luis Garcia goal last May. However, without the do-or-die knockout element the match lacked drama and Kop supporters failed to reproduce that night’s unforgettable wall of sound.

It was business as usual on Sunday when Chelsea return north for a Premier League encounter with arguably more at stake for both sides.

In Europe the pair can remain confident, top of their group and on course to qualify for the knockout rounds needing another five points or so from their last four group games. A couple more reasonable results against Anderlecht and Real Betis should see them through.

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Feyenoord, Galatasaray out of UEFA Cup

LONDON, 30 Sept — Former UEFA Cup winners Feyenoord and Galatasaray bowed out of the competition as Rapid Bucharest and Tromso secured surprise places in the group stage on Thursday.

Dutch league leaders Feyenoord, who won the trophy at their own De Kuip stadium in 2002, lost 1-0 in Rome to Rapid Bucharest to go out 2-1 on aggregate. Mugeur Buga headed Rapid’s winner after 12 minutes.

Tromso, who are a modest 10th in the 14-team Norwegian championship, dumped out 2000 UEFA Cup winners Galatasaray after a 1-1 draw in Istanbul put them through 2-1. Canadian international midfielder Patrice Bernier fired Tromso ahead with six minutes left.

But the Bundesliga side, still without the do-or-die knockout rounds needing another five points or so from their last four group games. A couple more reasonable results against Anderlecht and Real Betis should see them through.

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LuuLua in hospital with suspected malaria

LONDON, 29 Sept — Portsmouth’s Democratic Republic of Congo striker Lomana LuuLua has been hospitalised with suspected malaria, the club said on Wednesday.

Luu lua, who played for his country in a World Cup qualifier against Cape Verde in Kinshasa earlier this month, fell ill on Monday and was taken to a Portsmouth hospital.

A hospital spokesman described the 24-year-old’s condition on Wednesday as “fine”.

The club said he would be confined to bed for a minimum of three days.

Asked when the striker might return to Premier League football, a club spokesman said: “We’re not putting any timetable on it at the moment.”

Rusty Makaay a worry for Bayern before Juve games

MUNICH, 29 Sept — Bayern Munich are well placed to make the Champions League knockout phase after a 1-0 win over Club Bruges but coach Felix Magath is faced with a nagging worry over striker Roy Makaay.

The Dutchman scored six goals in Bayern’s first three league games this season before picking up a knee injury while on international duty.

Physically, it was far from serious but it is feared to have destroyed his rhythm — just as a hamstring strain did at a crucial time in last season’s European campaign.

Makaay has failed to find the net in five games since returning and his performance against Bruges on Tuesday offered few signs of encouragement, although coach Magath tried to sound positive.

“Anyone can see that Roy is still not in his best form,” Magath recognised. “But we’ve seen the old Roy back for the games against Juventus.”

Juventus also have a maximum six points from two games and lead Group A on goal difference after beating Rapid Vienna 3-0 on Thursday.

Bayern play the Italians home and away in their next two games and one win would almost certainly be enough to put them through.

The problem for Magath is that Makaay’s uncertainty in front of goal seems to have affected the whole team.

Their two Champions League games so far have brought just two goals — Pablo Guerrero’s scuffed winner against Rapid Vienna and a scrambled effort from Martin Demichelis against Bruges.

It has been a similar story in the Bundesliga, with just two goals coming in last three games — a couple of unconvincing 1-0 wins and a 2-0 defeat away to title rivals Hamburg SV.

Makaay himself is in a familiar situation after the more serious hamstring injury he suffered last year knocked him out of his stride. — MNA/Reuters
China decision for GMO rice unlikely this year

BEIJING, 30 Sept— China, the world’s biggest producer and consumer of rice, is close to approving a genetically modified version of the staple, a state newspaper said on Thursday, but scientists denied any breakthrough was imminent.

The China Daily said the State Agricultural GMO Crop Biosafety Committee, the technical body which evaluates GM rice for research and marketing, would likely meet in November and that China could become the first country to approve large-scale planting of GMO rice.

“GM rice set for go-ahead,” was the headline.

“Given this situation, I personally think it (a decision in November) is not very likely,” Pressure to launch GMO rice in China comes at a time when the country is facing a tough task in raising urban grain output and narrowing the income gap between farmers and urban citizens.

Rice is a staple for most of the country.

Proponents of genetically modified crops say they will improve yield and reduce plants’ vulnerability to pests.

Opponents say pests will develop greater resistance to the modified crops, and that the techniques undermine biodiversity and could prove dangerous for human consumption.

Environmental group Greenpeace said in June GMO rice had been found illegally at grain wholesalers in south China, even though it had not gone through safety testing or been approved by the government.

The China Daily article also stated the government was considering a licensing system for GM food in China.

“The government is serious about examining GMO rice safety issues or the impact on the environment and they want to make sure everything is fine,” Jikun Huang, a pro-GMO scientist at the China Academy of Sciences, told Reuters.

K-Challenge (FRA60), front, and Macaloyne Latto (ITA77) in action during their match race in the Louis Vuitton Act 8 of the 32nd America’s Cup, on 29 September, 2005, off the Sicilian port town of Trapani.

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WEATHER

Friday, 30 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin State, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagain, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Katha (3.59) inches, Hinthada (3.50) inches, Mogok (3.34) inches, Mawlamyine (2.96) inches, Mauthambaw (2.76) inches, Pyay (1.73) inches, Aunglan (0.98) inch and Monywa (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-9-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 30-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 29-9-2005 was (0.1) hour approx. Rainfalls on 30-9-20 were (0.47) inch at Mingaladon, (0.35) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (93.66) inches at Mingaladon, (95.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.84) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (12:45) hours MST on 29-9-2005.

Bay influence: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over the Central Bay. Monsoon is moderate in the South Bay and weather is cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and upper Sagain Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and upper Sagain Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

The state of the sea; Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times in Deltaic and off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-10-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Weather outlook for first weekend of October 2005: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division and scattered in Mandalay Division.
Prime Minister sends felicitations to Chinese counterpart

YANGON, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People’s Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China. —MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife attend reception to mark 56th Founding Anniversary of PRC

YANGON, 30 Sept — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the reception in commemoration of the 56th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People’s Republic of China at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

Also present at the reception were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and their wives, deputy ministers and their wives, senior military officers, departmental heads, responsible persons of social organizations, Ambassadors and Charges d’Affaires as of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies and guests.

At 6.45 pm, the Secretary-1 and wife arrived at Sedona Hotel where they were welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun.

Next, the national anthems of the two countries were played.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win cut the cake and the Chinese Ambassador hosted the reception to those present on the occasion.— MNA

No of traffic accidents brought down in Yangon

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held a coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, in his address, said that due to efforts of the supervisory committee, number of cases in traffic and car accidents decreased. Officials are to supervise running of bus lines and to take action against the violators.

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Later, the commander attended to the needs and gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

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