Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Do extensive research and produce potent traditional medicines

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is encouraging the development of traditional medicine in every way possible — by founding the University of Traditional Medicine and turning out traditional practitioners, by doing research for producing potent traditional medicines and by establishing herbal gardens for preservation of medicinal plants.

The Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) was established near Anisakan Village in PyinOoLwin Township and extensive research is being carried out on diseases that are common in Upper Myanmar, especially malaria, TB, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery.

At the herbal garden of the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar), various species of herbal plants to cure six common diseases are grown in addition to 400 kinds of medicinal plants that can be used in producing medicines to cure various kinds of diseases including the above-mentioned ones.

To be able to contribute to public health care service, the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) is acquiring laboratory equipment, sending medical staff abroad for further studies, holding workshops with the participation of foreign experts and testing the potency of medicines available on the market.

While the government is taking various measures to raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medicines, we would like to call on Myanmar traditional practitioners, the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries and private pharmaceutical entrepreneurs to work in concert to be able to produce and distribute potent traditional medicines that can cure the six diseases most common in Myanmar.

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Brazil

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Celso Luis Nunez Amorim, Minister of External Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7 September 2006. — MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with the ministry’s employees in Mandalay Division. — M&AR

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. PAD Samarasekera as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. PAD Samarasekera was born in 1932. He used to practise as a Proctor and Notary Public from 1959 to 1963 and was qualified in 1964 as an Advocate passing all three examinations with First Class Honors. From 1965 to 1983, Mr. PAD Samarasekera practised as an Advocate in the District Courts of Colombo, Gampaha and other stations. He has been practising exclusively in the Superior Court of Sri Lanka since 1983, and he is also serving as President’s Counsel since 1985. He is married with four children. — MNA

F&R Minister meets employees in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun on 4 September met with officials and employees of departments and banks under the ministry in Mandalay Division at City Hall in Mandalay.

At the meeting, the minister called on the employees to carry out financial services abiding rules and regulations of the ministry.

Officials reported to the minister on financial services in the division and future tasks of departments under the ministry.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also attended the meeting.

Before the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun went to the construction site of Myanmar Economic Bank Branch (2) in Mandalay and gave instructions. — MNA

Myanmar, Japan officials hold talks on trade and investment

YANGON, 6 Sept — General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met Executive Director Professor Mr. Minoru Kiyomo of Asia Community Research of Osaka Sangyo University of Japan and Senior Executive Director Mr. Kiyoshi Koizumi of Myanmar Economic and Management Institute on 4 September. Both sides discussed matters relating to the 7th meeting of Myanmar-Japan CCI Business Committee to be held in Yangon and other business matters. — MNA

General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of UMFCCI meeting with Japanese guests. UMFCCI
ASEAN firms eye China’s northeast market

CHANGCHUN, 5 Sept—Despite the huge distance, more than 70 ASEAN (Association of South-East Asia Nations) firms are seeking partners at the second Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo.

In the Exhibition Hall of Changchun International Exhibition Centre, ASEAN firms’ booths exhibiting native products, such as rosewood furniture, shell gift items and seafood, were surrounded by curious visitors.

“We have found a new and promising market in northeast China. Our products are very popular here and our samples have almost sold out,” said Benjamin Kalalo, managing director of the Philippine Exporters Confederation and co-chairman of the Philippine trade group.

According to Benjamin Kalalo, 15 Philippine enterprises are taking part in the expo with 20 booths displaying traditional products like houseware, accessories, wood and shell gift items.

“It’s my second time at the expo. Many other companies from the Philippines would like to do business in the vast northeast market, which offers new opportunities,” he said.

Taking advantage of geographical proximity, ASEAN enterprises have built up long-standing economic relations with their counterparts in southern China and targeted the China-ASEAN Expo held in Nanning, capital of south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

“This expo has opened another window for us in the Chinese market,” said Daw Htay Kywe, head of the Myanmar trade group. Enterprises from Myanmar occupied three exhibition booths at the trade expo.—MNA/Xinhua

Iran calls sanction threat empty propaganda

TEHERAN, 5 Sept—Iranian Defence Minister Mostafa Mohammad Najjar said on Monday that threats of sanctions from the West are just empty propaganda and weapons of psychological wars, the official IRNA news agency reported.

“We have everything in the Islamic Republic of Iran and we don’t need anything to encourage the enemy to talk about sanctions, on the contrary, it is them who are in need of our purchases of their products,” Najjar told a Press conference.

“If we don’t use their products in our country, they will go bankrupt,” he added. The minister said that Iran was not afraid of military sanction either, as “from the early days of our revolution, we have faced sanctions of different sorts”. The sanctions “led to our progress and our country’s development, (and) this has pushed our revolution forward and has caused disappointment for the enemies”, Najjar stressed.

Meanwhile, Najjar also warned the United States against invasion against Iran, saying this would be a very silly action.—MNA/Xinhua

Japan princess gives birth to boy

LONDON, 6 Sept—Japan’s Princess Kiko has given birth to a boy, who becomes the third-in-line to the imperial throne.

The 39-year-old princess gave birth by a Cesarean section after complications in the pregnancy. Princess Kiko, wife of the current emperor’s second son, already has two daughters but neither of them are allowed to ascend to the throne.

Her son becomes the first male heir to be born into Japan’s royal family in more than four decades.

The present heir, Crown Prince Naruhito, and his wife, Princess Masako, have a young daughter, while Prince Akishino and Princess Kiko have two daughters.

Princess Sayako is married to a commoner, so if she were to have children they could not be considered. Princess Kiko’s son was born weighing 2,558 grammes (5lbs 10oz) at 0827 local time (2327 GMT Tuesday). Reports say mother and child are both in good condition. The pregnancy has attracted enormous interest in Japan.

Two British soldiers killed in S Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—Two British soldiers were seriously wounded near the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Monday while their military convoy was attacked, the British military said.

The blast occurred near al-Dayr, 15 kilometres north of Basra, while the patrol were escorting a reconstruction team, British spokesman Major Charlie Burbridge said. A fourth soldier was also slightly wounded in the attack.

Both the injured have been taken by helicopter to a British field hospital, he said, adding an investigation has been launched to determine who is behind the attack.

The deaths brought to 117 the number of British soldiers killed in Iraq since the US-led war in March 2003.—MNA/Xinhua

A grand celebration for the 950th anniversary of the building of the Sakyamuni Pagoda is held near the ancient pagoda in Yingxian County, north China’s Shanxi Province, on 5 Sept, 2006. About 30,000 people attended the celebration on Tuesday.—XINHUA

A child is examined at a therapeutic feeding centre in Kebkabiyah, a government-controlled town in north Darfur, on 4 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

Intan, a two-month-old Proboscis monkey (Nasalis larvatus), plays in her enclosure at the Singapore Zoo on 4 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET
Pakistan says “No” to foreign troops on its soil

ISLAMABAD, 5 Sept — Pakistan has ruled out the deployment of foreign troops on its side of Pakistan-Afghanistan border as it discusses the coordinated patrolling of the border with the United States and Afghanistan, the newspaper The Nation reported on Monday, quoting a senior official.

No foreign troops would be allowed to operate on Pakistani side of the border and only Pakistan's own forces would continue with their job in this regard but with improved coordination and only with the allied troops on the other side of border, an identified Pakistan senior official was quoted by The Nation as saying on Sunday.

Pakistan, the US and Afghanistan recently decided to opt for coordinated patrolling of Afghan border and use of high-tech communication gadgets to improve the border management capabilities, said The Nation report.

The agreement to this effect was reached at the tripartite commission meeting held in Kabul last month. “As a follow up to that meeting, the allied states are engaged in consultations to evolve mechanism for the coordinated patrolling to curb the illegal cross border movement but this would be a sort of simultaneous patrolling with all the sides deployed on their sides of the boundary,” the official was quoted as saying.

To a question on reported Canadian Defence Minister Gordon O’Connor statement on the deployment of his country’s soldiers on Pakistani side of Afghan border, the official said Pakistan would not allow troops from any other state to operate on its territory, according to the report.

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Blair ‘to step down next year’

LONDON, 5 Sept.— A leaked memo that maps out Tony Blair’s departure from office shows how his advisers have planned television appearances and trips for his final weeks in office — a departure that a Cabinet minister said Tuesday would likely come next year.

Pressure from within the governing Labour Party for Blair to set a time frame for his departure has intensified recently, but last week he shrugged off demands that he tell the party of his plans at its annual conference later this month.

His advisers, though, have been quietly planning a farewell tour, the Daily Mirror reported. “As TB enters his final phase he needs to be focusing way beyond the finishing line, not looking at it,” the newspaper quoted the memo as saying.

Bus accident in Argentina kills at least eight

BUENOS AIRES, 5 Sept.— At least eight people died on Monday and six more were injured when three long-distance buses collided near the Iguazu falls area, about 1,280 kilometres north of Buenos Aires, official sources said.

The accident occurred at about 09:50 local time on the national route number 12 in the Garuhape locality. One of the buses, that departed from Iguazu Port, wanted to overtake a truck and collided head on with another two long-distance buses.

At least eight people died on the spot and another six were sent to local hospitals in Misiones Province.

Bees kill 22 dogs in attack

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Sept—A total of 22 dogs, among them 12 puppies, died after a swarm of angry bees attacked people and animals at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in Newcastle, about 350 kilometres south of Johannesburg, according to a report on Sunday. Beeld newspaper reported that Jannie de Waal, one of the committee members who rushed to the SPCA’s offices to help, received at least 50 bee stings.

The poison from the bee stings was too much for Larry, an 80 kilos bull mastiff/Great Dane cross, who had been in tip-top condition. SPCA chairperson Beulah Engelbrecht said: “Larry’s front paws were a bloodied mess. The bees stung his ears, eyes and mouth to such an extent that he bit his own tongue.”

One of the animals was stung more than 200 times. Engelbrecht said: “It was pandemonium. I’ve never experienced anything like it. The puppies tried to burrow into the soil to get away from the bees.

Malaysia unveils two final male astronaut candidates

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept— Malaysia on Monday announced the final two astronaut candidates, a medical officer, a dentist, one of whom will be the first person going to space in the country’s history.

The two male candidates are Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor, 34, medical officer attached to National University of Malaysia Hospital, and Faiz Khaleed, 26, a dentist working with the Malaysian Defence Forces.

This name list, unveiled by Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, also ruled out the possibility of a woman becoming the first ever astronaut in this Southeast Asian nation. Earlier, S Vanajah, 35, a woman engineer, managed to secure a place in the final four.

Sheikh and Faiz will leave for the Yuri Gagarin Aerospace Training Centre at Star City in Moscow at the end of this month, where they will undergo one-year professional training.

The final candidate is scheduled to board Russia’s space launcher Soyuz 2 to arrive at the International Space Station (ISS) on 2 September next year.

British singer and former Spice Girl Emma Bunton arrives at the GG Man of the Year awards in London on 5 Sept, 2006. — XINHUA
Miss World 2006 candidates enter the stage during the Miss World 2006 welcome dinner in Warsaw on 3 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Overweight toddlers more likely to grow overweight

**Toddler**s who are overweight are much more likely than their normal-weight counterparts to become overweight by age 12. **INTERNET**

Dr Philip R Nader of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) in Rockville, Maryland, US, and colleagues tracked the height and weight of roughly 1,400 healthy subjects starting in infancy through about 12 years of age. At the end of the study, 1,042 children still remained in the sample, of whom 555 had been weighed and measured at all seven points in time.

The researchers tracked the kids’ BMI (body mass index, a measure based on height and weight). Overweight was defined as having a BMI in the top 15 percent for their age group.

They found that: Children who were ever overweight in the preschool years were five times more likely to be overweight at age 12 than the rest of the cohort. During elementary school years, children who were overweight at 7, 9, and 11 years of age had a 374-fold increased risk of being heavy at age 12 than those who remained below the 85th percentile. —INTERNET

300 AI passengers stranded at Delhi Airport

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept—About 300 Air India passengers have been stranded at Delhi Airport for two days now as their Los Angeles-bound flight via Frankfurt developed a technical fault before take-off and the airline could not manage to get spare equipment to repair the aircraft.

“We tried to source the spare equipment from all over but have not been able to get compatible parts to fit it in the aircraft,” Air India spokesperson S. Venkat told PTI from Mumbai Monday.

The flight, AI-137, scheduled for departure on Saturday, was delayed due to the malfunctioning of its weather radar.

The delay was further compounded by the lack of availability of aircraft as Air India’s fleet was “fully deployed”. —MNA/PTI

Thai oil refiner to buy used vegetable oil

BANGKOK, 5 Sept—A Thai major oil refiner, Bangchak Petroleum Plc, has launched a project to buy used vegetable oil from consumers to produce biodiesel to help recycle vegetable oil that would otherwise provide a health risk and disposal problem.

Bangchak president Anusorn Saengnimnuan and Prince of Songkla University (PSU), HatYai Campus Rector Boonsom Siribamrungsuk signed an agreement to cooperate in producing biodiesel from used vegetable oil, Thai News Agency reported Monday.

Anusorn said Bangchak is now constructing biodiesel refinery which has a capacity of 20,000 litres per day which is expected to be completed in November. The biodiesel refinery would use technology developed by PSU and biodiesel from the plant would be sold at Bangchak’s gas stations, he said. Five Bangchak petrol stations in Bangkok will initially buy used vegetable oil from consumers at 12 baht per kilogramme if the oil passes the company’s acceptance criteria such as bright colour and not being contaminated with water or food.

One litre of used vegetable oil can produce 0.9 litre of biodiesel fuel, according to the company.

The programme is in response to the Thai Government policy to promote the use of biodiesel to 8.5 million litres per day, Anusorn said, as Bangchak expects to have 100 biodiesel stations operational by the end of this year.

—MNA/Xinhua

BA says terror alert cost it £40m

LONDON, 5 Sept—British Airways lost an estimated £40m during last month’s security scare that grounded over 1,000 flights, the airline said today.

The figure includes lost revenue and increased costs of hotel accommodation, catering and baggage retrieval.

Last month’s security alert at Heathrow and other UK airports was triggered by the arrest of more than 10 aircraft in mid-air with liquid explosives. The terror alert paralysed airports at the height of the holiday season, stranding thousands of passengers.

BA cancelled 1,280 flights between August 10 and 17 and said the disruption had affected advance bookings.

“The overall level of bookings has returned to levels experienced last year, but is still weaker than the trend of the past few months,” BA said. “The recovery of premium and non-premium transfer traffic, for example, is lagging due to the limitations on carry-on baggage at London.” —INTERNET

Kindergarten pupils and their mothers hold a large carp streamer to celebrate the birth of Japan’s new prince in Tokyo. Japanese Princess Kiko gave birth to the royal family’s first boy in more than 40 years, ending for now a succession crisis and silencing calls to let a woman sit on the throne. —INTERNET
India to make “MiG-29” engines with Russian help

Moscow, 5 Sept — Russia will help India make engines for the MiG-29 fighters of the Indian Air Force under a deal. Russia will help India signed the deal with India under which Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) will make 120 RD-33 series 3 jet engines at its Koraput plant for the upgradeation of MiG-29 fighters.

By January 2007 Moscow-based Cher- nyysev Machine-building plant will supply 20 RD-33 jet engines with extended life-cycle for trials in India, according to Kommersant daily.

The engine designer — St Petersburg-based Klimumov — is also one of the players in the deal with India. Both of them are part of the RAC MiG corporation.

In the first stage HAL will make 120 engines, which would cost less than those directly bought from Russia. — MNA/PTI

First summer rain drops in Kuwait since 1944

KUWAIT CITY, 5 Sept—Light rains were seen in Nuwaiseeb of southern Kuwait recently, the first summer rain drops in this oil-rich emirate since 1944, local daily Kuwait Times reported on Sunday.

A local astronomer, Professor Saleh Al-Ojairi, was quoted as saying though rains were seen in Kuwait this summer, it was still premature to say cooler temperatures would come up across the country soon.

Al-Ojairi predicted that high temperatures would be still felt throughout September while natural clouds would be seen by mid October and rainfall in December.

“This summer has been so hot and dry,” he said, pointing out that official temperatures has reached 48, 49 and even 51 Celsius in some western areas of Kuwait. — MNA/Xinhua

Cubans help Botswana fight against HIV“AIDS”

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Sept—Botswana Monday appreciated the medical assistance that Cuba has extended to the country over the past two decades.

Speaking during the signing ceremony of a cooperation agreement between the two governments in Gaborone, Health Minister Sheila Tlou said following the visit by President Festus Mogae to Havana in 2002, the Cuban Government responded swiftly and dispatched a team of 100 health professionals to Botswana. Tlou said Cuban assistance was invaluable and had proved beyond doubt that cooperation between the two countries was anchored on a solid foundation. — MNA/Xinhua

False alarm found after bomb scare on Turkish airplane

ANKARA, 5 Sept—Bomb scare on a Turkish Airlines (THY) plane on a domestic flight from southeastern city of Diyarbakir to Istanbul was a false alarm, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Monday.

The report said that the Boeing 737-800 Zon-guldak airplane that took off at 01:45 pm local time (1045 GMT) from Diyarbakir with 142 passengers safely landed at Istanbul’s Ataturk Airport at 03:45 pm (1245 GMT).

The THY had received threat of a bomb attack on the plane before the landing, but they failed to find out who was responsible for it, police officers were quoted as saying.

After the passengers were evacuated and all luggage and cargo were discharged, the police searched the airplane and the cargo with sniffer dogs, but no bomb was found. — MNA/Xinhua

At least three killed in Mexico by Hurricane “John”

LA PAZ (Mexico), 5 Sept—At least three people, including one Briton, were killed when Hurricane John slammed into Mexico’s Baja California Peninsula, authorities said on Monday.

Three other people are missing after the passage of John, which has been downgraded to a tropical depression, and is now off the west coast of Baja California State and dumping rains on southern US States. But the storm is no longer a major threat.

A British tourist was found drowned on the west coast of Baja California Sur State after his camper trailer was dragged away by a flooding river, the state government said.

MNA/Reuters

Friendly fire kills NATO soldier in Afghan battle

KABUL, 5 Sept — A NATO soldier was killed by friendly fire and several more wounded on Monday during a major offensive to crush a resurgent Taleban in southern Afghanistan.

The NATO troops were strafed by two of their own warplanes after calling in air support during a battle at close quarters with Taleban fighters in the province of Kandahar, the alliance said in a statement.

In a separate incident, at least four Afghan civilians were killed on Monday when a suicide bomber rammed a car into a convoy of US-led troops in the capital Kabul, a government official said.

It was not immediately clear if there were casualties among the troops in the attack on a main road in the east of the city, said Interior Ministry spokesman Yousuf Stanizai.

NATO launched Operation Medusa on Saturday, its biggest thrust against the Taleban since taking over southern Afghanistan on 31 July in the largest ground operation in its history. — MNA/Reuters

Indian Air Force under a MiG-29

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan smiles as he speaks with journalists at a news conference with Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Motaki (not pictured) in Teheran on 3 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET
The world at present is advancing with leaps and bounds. Besides, technological development of the knowledge age makes the world a global village, in which information from one part of the globe reaches another in a matter of seconds. Information super highway is benefiting while challenging mankind, prompting every nation to rise up and catch up with the developments of the 21st Century. And survival of nations seems almost impossible without the ability to absorb all the knowledge, social, economic, health, technological and information advancements in time.

Education has become the priority of every nation in this knowledge age that will leave behind every country in backwardness if it fails to pay special attention to education development. At least, basic education should be within the reach of all.

As for Myanmar, she is rising high in realizing the goals of the literacy-for-all campaign through two methods, in which formal education opens golden opportunities for all school age children to attend classes. Myanmar’s school enrollment rate is one of the highest among the Southeast Asian nations. And the rising enrollment rate in primary school education bears witness to this.

In addition to formal education, monastic schools are providing all educational needs of children who have no access to primary education. That’s more, the Education Ministry has initiated non-formal education for children, who cannot attend classes, to study at a suitable place and at suitable time, and also the mobile primary education for children who are accompanying their migrating parents. The all-out efforts to bring every child to primary school is the first method to realize literacy for all.

Parents show more interest in education, starting to send their three-to-five-year-old children to pre-primary schools, while the government and the private sector on their part are opening more education opportunities for children who have not reached the school age yet. This signifies parents’ rising educational awareness and hopes and preparations to realize them.

While the first method includes a myriad of ways and means for encouraging children to attend classes, there also is the second method or in other words “non-formal education” for adults who lost educational opportunities when they were young. Apart from the government, NGOs and international organizations are also helping promote the adult literacy campaign. Several decades of government’s hard work bears fruits as Myanmar’s literacy rate reaches 94.1 per cent.

Myanmar’s literacy campaign set a historic milestone during the period from 1964 to 1988 thanks to the national movement of that particular time in which many became ardent and energetic participants or supporters or both.

From townships to the whole states and divisions, the literacy campaign had made them illiteracy-free areas under the leadership of the Central Literacy Committee of Myanmar.

Under the leadership of the committee was the Education Ministry playing a pivotal role in combining all the strengths of the related ministries, local authorities, masses and classes, NGOs, international bodies, wellwishers and volunteers as an integrated force working for the sole aim. Hence, Myanmar won a great victory over illiteracy. We should not lose sight of the methods leading to that victory.

Basic knowledge in writing, reading and arithmetic alone is not enough in this 21st Century whereas initial literacy promotion campaign must be reinforced with constant learning for creating a pleasant social environment.

The United Nations designated the ten-year period from 2003 to 2012 as the UN Literacy Decade, launching the literacy campaign in all seriousness everywhere on the planet. The world nations are running their own campaigns with higher acceleration, and as for Myanmar, she is even giving greater priority to her literacy project than ever.

The global conference in Dakar laid down six education for all objectives. Myanmar also laid down her own six education for all objectives which include the following two points.

(a) For all to have basic education knowledge by the year 2015, and for bringing significant development and success to all the stages of the constant learning project;
(b) For actually fulfilling the learning requirements of youths and adults through the projects covering non-formal education, life skills and protection.

The education for all drive should not confine to basic literacy skills. It will have to proceed to constant learning. Myanmar has a lot of experience in the basic literacy skills campaign, but it is still weak in implementing the constant learning project, which should not leave out the vocational education.

The constant learning project should also take into account the various conditions such as topography, climate, national races, culture, customs and agricultural and mineral resources. People will take interest in constant learning only if they are provided with technical and educational knowledge according to the needs of the respective regions. They will not pay attention long to the constant learning if the project offers only the common academic and technical knowledge for every region. The local people will desire and accept only the academic and technical knowledge which they find beneficial to them. Here, challenges arise as financial, academic, technical and material strengths are required to produce teaching aids such as assignments, books, and papers for the constant learning.

Myanmar launched the non-formal education around 1990. Community knowledge dissemination centres are essential in launching the literacy campaign and constant learning project and setting up a lifelong learning society. The centres serve as public assembling points and the places to study. But they should be the community knowledge dissemination centres set up and owned by local people for their own interest. The people will have to run and maintain these centres whose aim is more comprehensive than that of the libraries. The nation now has 896 centres, which must be maintained for their long-term existence.

Experts of the respective ministries took part in compiling papers and drawing fast reading programmes of the non-formal education run by the Myanmar Education Research Department under the Ministry of Education.

Apart from the Education Ministry, other organizations also have separate non-formal education programmes. For example, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and local peace rational race residents are lending the Education Ministry a helping hand in implementing the literacy campaign in the hinterlands.

Other organizations are local NGOs including the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the Union Solidarity and Development Association and international NGOs.

We will be able to firmly establish a lifelong learning society only when the related ministries, local authorities at provincial and township levels, local NGOs, social organizations, wellwishers, international NGOs, UN agencies and volunteers work hand in hand with the Education Ministry. And the task is a long-term challenge we all will have to take up and overcome in the 21st Century.

(Translation: TMT)
Sooner completion of irrigation facilities...
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inlet and outlet portals of the diversion tunnel under construction and the use of hydraulic drilling machines.

Deputy Director-General of Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw explained the task to build the earth dam, the spillway, the outlet conduit, the diversion tunnel, the hydel power project, the diversion weir project and the canal network.

At Thanywa Village in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the Thanywa Bridge (Naungkham) project, and heard a report on progress in building of piers and approach structures and installation of frames.

Spanning Zawgyi River, the 180-foot long and 30-foot wide bridge is being built on Mandalay-Kyaukse-Mesikta-Yamethin Road.

The Secretary-1’s inspection tour included Lunkyaw Cotton Research Farm of the Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, at the village, where they observed thriving cotton and physic nut plantations.

Officials of the farm reported to the Secretary-1 and party on the research project covering pedigree strain production, pest control, cultivation technique development, cotton seed distribution and physic nut cultivation.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein discussed means to produce and distribute quality strains, to meet the target per acre yield, the use of fertilizers and pesticides, knowledge dissemination and bio-diesel production.

The Secretary-1 and party observed cotton strains and 4,500 acres of commercial cotton fields. They arrived back here in the evening. — MNA

Nondwin (3) Dam is an earth embankment measuring 800 feet long and 50 feet high, built on Panandu Creek. The dam can irrigate 100 acres of farmland.

The commander, the CEC member and party attended the ceremony to open Hsataung Model Village of Sagaing Township.

They inspected the rural telephone exchange. At the rural health care centre, they gave oral polio vaccine to children and presented toys to them, in commemoration of the 4th Year National Immunization Days.

While in Hsataung Model Village, they viewed manufacturing of agricultural equipment and Basic Education High School (Branch).

At the school, they met with local peoples and heard reports on progress of the village presented by local people.

The commander presented one set of 21-inch TV, one DVD set, exercise books, sports gear, journals and longyis, the CEC member, one set of 21-inch TV, sports gear and exercise books, and the Chairperson of Division MCWSC, USDA uniforms to the village through officials.

The chairperson of Division MCWSC and members of Division Women’s Affairs Organization held discussions with local MCWA members and WAO members. — MNA
**Tasks for preservation of cultural heritage inspected**

**Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint meeting with officials and staff of Fine Arts Department, Department of Cultural Institute and Department of Archaeology. — MNA**

**NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint inspected the archaeological museum in Tagaung ancient city on 2 September. Officials reported on the construction of the museum, background history of Tagaung ancient city and annual excavation of mounds in the city. The minister viewed the construction site and the bank of the Ayeyawady River. He inspected the artifacts and Shwezigon Pagoda in Tagaung ancient city.**

On 3 September, the minister observed the stone weapons of the early Stone Age, weapons of the Bronze Age, various kinds of artifacts of the Iron Age, and artifacts kept in Kyanhnyat ancient city and left instructions on the tasks.

On 4 September, he inspected Mya Nan San Kyaw palace in Mandalay, and the museum of the scale model of Mya Nan San Kyaw palace built in 1906, and staff quarters of the Archaeology Department.

He held a meeting with staff of the Department of Archaeology, the Fine Arts Department, the Department of Cultural Institute.

The minister also looked into the work site of Atumashi Kyaumdawgyi being renovated under the guidance of the Head of State.

He visited the Department of Archaeology on 28th Street in Mandalay. — MNA

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**Meeting on the Environment in progress**

**NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept —The opening ceremony of the 17th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on the environment and the Third ASEAN+3 Senior Officials Meeting on the Environment hosted by Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel, Mandalay, yesterday morning.**

Present were Chairman of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win, the deputy ministers, senior officials from ASEAN member nations, officials of the ASEAN Secretariat, departmental heads and officials from the Ministry of Forestry, NCEA and relevant ministries, responsible persons from NGOs and guests.

NCEA Chairman Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung extended greetings.

Next, Head of Environment and Disaster Management Unit Dr Raman Leitchuman of ASEAN Secretariat and Chairman of the ASEAN senior officials on the Environment (ASOEN) Mr Haji Mohd Saad bin Pehin Dato Haji Hashim of the Brunei Darussalam delivered addresses.

After the opening ceremony, the 17th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment followed. Participants held discussions on coastal and marine environment, environmentally sustainable cities, multilateral environment agreements, nature conservation and biodiversity, integrated water resources management, transboundary haze pollution and other ASEAN environmental activities.

In the evening, the NCEA hosted a dinner in honour of ASEAN Senior Officials at Sedona Hotel, Mandalay.

The 17th ASOEN meeting continued today. In the morning session, they discussed seeking approval for setting up the ASEAN biodiversity central committee, the reviews on the educative plan of ASEAN environmental activities from 2002 to 2005, and future tasks from 2006 to 2010. In the afternoon session, the participants took part in the discussions on matters related to the third ASEAN Environmental Conservation report, preparations for organizing the 10th ASEAN Environmental Ministers’ Meeting and the Fifth ASEAN and its Partner Environmental Ministers’ Meeting, and other ASEAN environmental activities.

The 17th ASOEN meeting will continue tomorrow and the 3rd ASEAN+3 Senior Officials Meeting on the Environment will be held on 8 September. — MNA
Information Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received General Manager of Video & Broadcast Mr Aale Raza and General Manager of Systems Design Group Mr Sushant Rai of Benchmark Systems (S) Pte, Ltd based in Singapore.

Donations invited for building of Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit in Kayan

YANGON, 6 Sept — A two-storey Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit, measuring 90 feet by 40 feet, which is a branch of Masoeyein Taikthit Monastery of Mandalay, is being built in Kwammoedein Model Village in Kayan Township, beginning 15 March 2006.

With the capital donation of Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein-wife Daw Myint Myint Aye and family, U Hla Win Naing-Daw Tin Tin Naing and family, and Kwammoedein Model Village donated K 5 million each, U Kyaw Win-Daw Thein and family of Mandalay K 4 million, U Maung Ko-Daw Shwe Oo, U Ye Tun, and U Phone Kyaw-Daw Min Sein K 2 million each, U Hla Min-Daw Than Huay, U Zaw Moe-Daw Nan Shwe Yu, U Ba Khaing-Daw Aye Thin, U Win Naing-Daw Tin Tin Win, U Khin Maung Swe-Daw Myint Myint Htay, U Khin Maung Soe-Daw Win Sanda, and U Han Tun-Daw San San Kyi K 1 million each, 13 wellwishers, K 500,000 each, and seven wellwishers, K 300,000 each. The donations totalled K 38,942,500.

U Aung Bar Lay Grocery Shop of Kayan donated five kinds of nails for the construction tasks. The construction of the building will complete at the end of this year. Furthermore, one two-storey building for 50 members of the Sangha, one two-storey building for the lecturer Sayadaws and one ordination hall are under construction.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the monastery may contact Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit of Kwammoedein Model Village, Tel: 01-390071, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesarabhivamsa of Masoeyein Taikthit in Mandalay, Tel: 02-39598 and 092002625. — Kesarabhivamsa of Masoeyein Taikthit in Mandalay, Tel: 01-390071, Sayadaw Bhaddanta construction of the monastery may contact Sasana

Myanmar Non-formal Education Chronicle in circulation


The book was compiled by the Myanmar Non-formal Education Chronicle Compiling Group led by Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo, and it features measures on non-formal education campaign implemented from 1989 to 2004 in Myanmar along with documentary photos. It is the sequel of Public education chronicle (1948-1964) and Myanmar Literacy Campaign (1964-1988). — MNA

New generation engineers to share experience

YANGON, 6 Sept — Myanmar Engineering Society invited engineers to participate in a seminar on “Role of Young Engineers in Engineering Profession Development” on 9 September at MES on Hlne Campus here.

At the seminar organized by MES, a new generation engineers will recount their experiences of work. — MNA

C-in-C (Navy)’s Shield Volleyball Championship concludes

YANGON, 6 Sept — The prize presentation ceremony of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)’s Shield Volleyball Championship 2006 was held at Thika Thura Tun Tin Hall of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters, here, this afternoon.

It was attended by Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, senior naval officers of Yangon and Thanlyin Stations, Tatmadawmen and responsible persons of Myanmar Volleyball Federation.

Responsible persons of MVF presented sports gear to Defence Services (Navy) Volleyball Committee.

Afterwards, officials gave first, second and third prizes to the respective teams and individual medals to respective winners.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander Commodore Win Shein awarded championship shield to Ayeyawady Naval Region Command team. — MNA

Legal affairs discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept — Deputy Attorney-Generals U Myint Naing and U Tun Tun Oo met with law officers of Yamethin District at the district law office on 31 August.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on functions of the law office, legal affairs, prosecution, and prosecuting cases.

They also held a meeting with law officers of Meiktila District at the district law office. Then, they inspected Mahlaing Township law office and Taungtha Township law office. At the law office in Taungtha Township, they give instructions to the law officers of Myingyan District on legal affairs.

On 2 September, they held meetings with law officers of NyaungU District and Township at the office in NyaungU District, and law officers of law offices of Magway Division, and Minbu and Magway Districts at the law office of Magway Division on 3 September. In meeting with the law officers, the deputy attorney-generals assessed the reports. — MNA
An artist’s impression released by the European Space Agency on Sunday shows Europe’s first probe to the Moon, SMART-1, during its mission before its scheduled crash landing on the moon. SMART-1 crashed onto the lunar surface as scheduled at 0542 GMT on 3 Sept, 2006, ending a successful 16-month mission. An artist’s impression shows the trajectory of SMART-1 in the final phase of its mission. — INTERNET

**Counter-terrorist robot showcased at N-E Asia Trade Expo**

CHANGCHUN, 6 Sept — China’s new counter-terrorist robot is drawing the crowds at the ongoing Second Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo in the northeastern province of Jilin.

The robot, named Linxi-H, is the latest counter-terrorist model from the Shenyang Institute of Automation, which is attached to the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Looking like a cross between a tank and a crane, the 200-kilogramme robot will be chiefly used to detect and diffuse bombs.

Bai Haicheng, a researcher at the institute, said Linxi-H is the third generation of counter-terrorist robot to be made by the institute as is the most advanced in China.

The robot is able to move freely and make tight turns on different road surfaces. It can walk easily on slopes with an incline of less than 40 degrees and cross barriers which are less than 40 centimetres high. Bai said the arm of the robot can grasp an object as heavy as five kilogrammes and when the arm is fully stretched it can stretch to about 140 centimetres above its head. — MNA/Xinhua

**Indian police seize drugs worth $21 m**

NEW DELHI, 6 Sept — Indian police have seized 550 kilos of ephedrine, worth over 21 million US dollars, Indo-Asian News Service reported on Monday.

The police found the drugs in containers at the inland container depot (ICD) in Okhla of south Delhi, officials of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) told the Press here.

“We have arrested two people but the raids are continuing both in Delhi and in some other states and some arrests are possible,” said Om Prakash, deputy director general of NCB.

The consignment might be smuggled out of the country, he said. But he refused to reveal where it had come and will go.

In the past 20 months, Indian police have carried out a series of raids against drug trafficking, seizing a total of 216 kilos of cocaine, 247 kilos of heroin, 100 kilos of ephedrine and 4,400 kilos of Mandrax across the country. And a major portion of the drugs were found in the capital Delhi and financial capital Mumbai, which have become major transit points for drug trafficking. — MNA/Xinhua

**World’s tallest woman given free size 57 shoes**

HEFEI, 6 Sept — A woman believed to be the tallest in the world has been given three pairs of European size 57 shoes by a German cobbler who travelled to China to meet her.

Yao Defen, a 34-year-old from east China’s Anhui Province, is 2.36 metres (7 feet 8 inches) tall and her weight is 180 kilogrammes. She suffers from a brain tumour which release excessive amounts of growth hormone, the reason for her height.

The cobbler Georg Wessels arrived at Yao’s home on Saturday to make the free donation only to find her health had deteriorated to such an extent that she had to lie down to try on the shoes. She is expected to undergo critical surgery in October.

Yao, who is unmarried and lives with her mother, has suffered multiple diseases ranging from malnutrition to diabetes.

Wessels learned of Yao’s story in May when she sought medical treatment in Shanghai. Wessels travelled to Shanghai in May when she sought medical treatment in Shanghai.

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**All this needs to be known**

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- Do not be softened whenever appeased
Flood inundates 200 villages in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 Sept — Rivers flowing at high-alert level and seasonal rains inundated nearly 200 villages in eastern Pakistan’s Punjab Province, affecting crops and displacing people, the newspaper Dawn reported on Tuesday.

The fresh spell of rain and flash flood in the province has killed over 20 people since Saturday.

Two people drowned in eastern city Sialkot while a woman died and four others sustained injuries when three more rain-soaked houses collapsed in Lahore, the provincial capital of Punjab, on Monday, Dawn said.

Lahore and several other districts saw a 36-hour rain that ended on Sunday morning, it said.

Almost 100 villages were submerged in Sialkot, 80 in Gujranwala and 12 in Mandi Bahauddin districts of the province, according to the newspaper.

District administrations of downstream areas along the water route of Chenab river, which is in high flood due to incessant rains in the region, have been warned to evacuate people, Dawn reported.

The period of July to September is the rainy season in Pakistan, and since end of June the area has been flooded, it said.

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Drought-affected Sichuan welcomes rainstorms

CHENGDU, 5 Sept — Strong rainstorms occurred on Sunday in cities over the eastern Sichuan Basin, in southwest China, signalling a possible end to more than three months of drought. The provincial observatory said the rainstorms had washed away the area from Sunday morning and some experts considered it a turning point, bringing lower temperatures, more rain and strong winds to the drought-affected areas.

Meteorologists forecast rainstorms or showers with strong winds over the Sichuan Basin, covering most of the province, until Tuesday.

Downpours would hit 12 cities in Sichuan and the temperature peak was expected to drop by ten degrees Celsius, ending the long-lasting heatwave. Over the past three months, the drought has left at least 18 million people short of drinking water in 15 provinces, municipalities and regions, according to the Ministry of Water Resources. Sichuan Province has been hardest hit. The Sichuan Provincial Meteorological Administration said central and eastern parts of the province had experienced temperatures of up to 40 degrees until Saturday.
**RM500,000 for each smart toilet**

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept—That is how much City Hall Kuala Lumpur is expected to spend on each of the 20 smart toilets to be placed throughout the city.

A City Hall official said about RM10 million had been allocated to place the hi-tech, self-cleaning toilets in busy areas.

“The allocation is part of City Hall’s move to upgrade the capital’s image for next year’s Visit Malaysia Year,” he said.

Each smart toilet will have two cubicles.

The smart toilet apparently will come with an automatic seat cleaner capable of washing, scrubbing and drying the seat after every use.

The high cost of the toilets is also due to its ability to wash the entire toilet floor after every five users, the official said.

Additional cost is also attributed to the toilet’s capability to signal a warning after 14 minutes to those using the toilet.

**Gunmen kidnap Iraq soccer player from Baghdad home**

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—Gunmen have kidnapped a player for one of Iraq’s biggest soccer clubs, just days before he was due to sign a transfer to a Syrian club.

A player for one of Iraq’s biggest soccer clubs, just days before he was due to sign a transfer to a Syrian club, was taken from his home on Thursday by gunmen in civilian clothes who claimed to be members of the Interior Ministry intelligence service, team manager Mohammed Rasoul told Reuters.

Police said the kidnapping, by men in camouflage uniform, occurred on Sunday morning, but Rasoul said the club and Khudheyir’s family had delayed reporting it until they checked whether he was indeed being held by the Interior Ministry.

Rasoul said Khudheyir was one of the club’s brightest talents and had recently played for the national Under-23 Olympic team.— MNA/Reuters

**Archaeologists unearth Pharaonic statues in Egypt’s Luxor**

CAIRO, 5 Sept—Archaeologists have discovered five complete Pharaonic statues and four statue heads in the Avenue of the Ram-headed Sphinxes in Karnak in Egypt’s Luxor, MENA news agency reported Monday.

The statues were in an astonishingly very good shape and had hieroglyphic inscriptions on them, MENA said, adding the new finding proved the importance of excavations at the site.

It, however, did not give more details about the newly-discovered statues. The avenue of ram-headed sphinxes led the visitor to the massive front of the first pylons of the Karnak Temple in the ancient city of Luxor, some 690 kilometers away from the capital Cairo.— MNA/Xinhua

**Climate change raises infectious disease threat in Europe**

NORWICH (England), 5 Sept — Diseases not normally seen in Europe are now starting to appear because of the world’s changing climate, a scientist said on Monday.

Professor Paul Hunter, of the University of East Anglia in England, told a British science conference that erratic weather that will cause flooding and drought will also lead to changes in the incidence of infectious disease.

“There are already significant indications of disease burden occurring in Europe as a result of climate change,” he told the conference.

An illness called Vibrio vulnificus which is caused by a marine organism particularly in the Gulf states of the United States has been reported in three people swimming in the Baltic Sea.

A death also occurred in Denmark, according to Hunter.

The disease, which can be caught by eating shellfish, or through swimming in infected water with an open wound, causes a skin infection and other symptoms and can be fatal.

The organism usually lives in waters that are 20 degrees Centigrade (68 Fahrenheit) or higher.

People on the Italian coast have also been infected by an organism called Ostreopsis ovata that has been able to extend its habitat because of warmer sea waters.

“Over 100 holiday-makers have been reported as taken to hospital with a variety of symptoms, including diarrhoea, skin rashes and hay fever type illnesses,” Hunter told the BA Festival of Science conference.

Congo Crimea Haemorrhagic Fever has also caused problems in recent years in areas where it had not previously been a problem.

“The view is that it is not because of warmer summers but because winters are not as cold as they used to be,” Hunter said.

**Britons charged with causing teen’s death in Cyprus**

NICOSIA, 5 Sept—Three British tourists were charged on Monday with willful manslaughter over the death of a teenager in Cyprus in what police believe was a revenge attack after a nightclub brawl.

The Britons are accused of using a car to deliberately and repeatedly ram a moped on which Christos Papiris was riding pillow in the south-east tourist resort of Protaras on 18 August.

High school student Papiris, 17, died instantly when he fell from the motorcycle and hit a lamppost. The 18-year-old moped driver was injured in the attack.— MNA/Reuters

**Two girls play on the ruins of their destroyed house in Dogon-Doachti in the south of Niger on 2 Sept, 2006. Torrential rains have left at least 17,000 people homeless in the north and southeast of Niger, according to authorities who have appealed for urgent assistance. —INTERNET**

A model displays a container of green tea on 3 Sept, 2006 on the Swedish ship Gothenburg, docked along Shanghai’s Bund.—XINHUA

Chimney sweeps observe a parade of chimney sweeps from a rooftop in the village of Santa Maria Maggiore, Italy, on 3 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

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Brazil beat Wales 2-0 for second tour win

LONDON, 6 Sept— Teenage left back Marcelo marked his international debut with the opening goal as Brazil completed a successful London tour with a 2-0 win over Wales in a friendly at White Hart Lane on Tuesday.

Brazil, almost entirely changed from the team that beat arch-rivals Argentina 3-0 across north London at the Emirates Stadium two days ago, went ahead on the hour.

The 18-year-old Marcelo took a square ball from Kaka near the edge of the box to the left and his low shot flew past diving keeper Paul Jones into the bottom corner.

Striker Vagner Love increased Brazil’s lead in the 73rd when he headed home substitute defender Cicinho’s cross from the right into the top corner over Jones.

Brazil’s starting lineup included Kaka, a substitute on Sunday when he scored a fine solo goal, and Ronaldinho, who had been unavailable through injury against Argentina.

Playmaker Ronaldinho nearly scored just before being replaced by Robinho in the 67th minute but his curling shot flew just wide.

Marcelo also came close with a similar effort to that which produced his goal when he shot from the left in the 69th but this time Jones dived to turn the ball away.

Jones was much the busier keeper, although Gomes had to come off his line sharply around the quarter-hour mark to block a stinging shot by Rob Earnshaw who had been put through with an exquisitely touch by captain Ryan Giggs.

Jones also blocked a shot from central defender Alex inside the six-yard box and midfielder Edmilson hit the rebound wide.—MNA/Reuters

IOC chief hosts talks on joint Korean Olympic

LAUSANNE (Switzerland), 6 Sept — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge held talks with North and South Korean officials on Tuesday aimed at forging a joint team for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The two Koreas agreed in November 2005 to send a combined team, but have since failed to overcome differences over how it should be selected.

Rogge held separate meetings with North and South Korean officials at the IOC’s headquarters in Lausanne before calling a joint session later on Tuesday. IOC spokeswoman Emmanuelle Moreau said, “The two (delegations) will meet Monsieur Rogge at 1700 (1500 GMT),” Moreau told reporters, without saying whether any progress had been made in the talks. Pyongyang wants equal representation of athletes from the North and South, while Seoul says selection should be on merit.

Neither Rogge nor Mun Jae Kil, head of North Korea’s Olympic Committee, made any comment as they left the talks at the Chateau de Vidy complex. Seoul’s delegation was led by South Korean Olympic Committee chief Kim Jung-Kil. Rogge has said it is up to the Olympic committees of both nations to work out a plan for a joint team. Moreau said there was no IOC proposal under discussion in Tuesday’s meetings.—MNA/Reuters

China’s Yan Zi (R) and Zheng Jie play in their doubles match against Czech Republic’s Kvetu Peschke and Italy’s Francesca Schiaavone at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 5 Sept, 2006. Yan and Zheng lost the match 0-2.—XINHUA

Domenech labels Chelsea claims as ‘scandalous’

PARIS, 6 Sept— France coach Raymond Domenech labelled Chelsea “scandalous” on Tuesday after the London club’s claim that defender William Gallas threatened to score an own goal if he had to play against Chelsea’s comments. I never said anything from Chelsea.—MNA/Reuters

Colombia’s Gerardo Vallejo, left, of Deportes Tolima, fight for the ball with Venezuela’s Nicolas Mosquin, of Mineros, during their Copa Sudamericana game in Ilague, Colombia, on 5 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Materazzi reveals details of Zidane exchange

MILAN, 6 Sept—Italy defender Marco Materazzi has revealed the content of the verbal exchange he had with Zinedine Zidane which led to the headbutt from the Frenchman and his sending off in July’s World Cup final.

Materazzi said it was mention of Zidane’s sister which prompted the butt from the France midfielder which left Italy’s opponents down to 10 men before their defeat on penalties. “I did not provoke him, I responded verbally to a provocation,” Materazzi told the daily Gazzetta dello Sport on Tuesday.

“We both spoke and I wasn’t the first, I held his shirt but don’t you think it is a provocation to say that ‘if you want my shirt I will give it you afterwards’?

“I replied to Zidane that I would prefer his sister, that is true. I brought up his sister and that wasn’t a nice thing, that is true,” said Materazzi. —MNA/Reuters

US second baseman Loviianne Jung, left, is tagged out by Japan’s catcher Uka Suzuki at home in the seventh inning of their final game at the Women’s Softball World Championship in Beijing, China, on 5 Sept, 2006. The United States blanked Japan 3-0 to win the gold medal. —INTERNET

Serbia’s Jelena Jankovic plays a shot to Russia’s Elena Dementieva during their quarterfinal match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 5 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Paraguay’s Libertador player Edgar Balbuena, right, fights for the ball against Uruguay’s Nacional player Diego Alonso, cent, as Libertad’s Cristian Rivero, left, seen during their Copa Sudamericana Soccer championship match at ‘Defensores del Chaco’ stadium in Asuncion, Paraguay, on 5 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

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Jordanian enters race to succeed
Annan as UN chief

United Nations, 6 Sept — Jordan’s ambassador to the United Nations, Prince Zeid Ra‘ad Zeid Al-Hussein, has entered the race to become the next UN secretary-general, he said on Tuesday.

Zeid becomes the fifth declared candidate to succeed Ghanaian Kofi Annan, who completes his second five-year term at the end of the year. Zeid’s nomination was submitted by Jordan’s Government. The other four candidates are Asians, and most UN members say it is Asia’s turn to lead the world body. Jordanian technically a member of the Asian group of countries at the United Nations.

The other candidates so far are South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki Moon, Shashi Tharoor of India, the UN undersecretary-general for public information; Jayantha Dhanapala of Sri Lanka, a former UN disarmament official; and Surakarti Sathirathai, Thailand’s deputy prime minister.

MNA/Reuters

Asleep in Jesus
Daw Martha Seit Doe @ Daw Swe Htet
(81) years

Daughter of (Rev Henry Ba Htet) - (Daw Mary Ngwe Khin), beloved wife of (U Errol Seit Doe), sister of Daw Mary Khin Htet, Daw Hannah Kyi Htet - Li-Col Maung Maung Kyaw (Retd), Daw Rachael Tyi Htet - Maj Mya San (Retd), U John Htet Khin - Elizabeth, U Peter Pe Maung Htet - Daw Khin Oo May, mother of U Rai Htet Doe - Daw Tin Mar Lwin, Daw Khin Khin Swe - U Aung Tut Kyaw, Dr Gyaw Htet Doe - Daw Thengi Nyein, Daw Tha Tha Swe - U Saw Nyi Nyi, passed away peacefully at 3 am on 6th September 2006, at No.1, Masee Yain Kyaung St, 9th Mile, Pyay Road. The funeral service will be held at St. George’s Church, Menglodagon on Friday, 8th September 2006 at (09:30) am and thence to Ye Wae Cemetery for cremation.

Bereaved family

TV Myanmar
Thursday, 7 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ၏ လိုအပ်ချက်များ
2. နိုင်ငံတကာ အချက်အလက်များ

7:15 am
3. To be healthy exercise
4. Morning news
5:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song

WEATHER
Wednesday, 6 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.38) inches, Kawthoung (1.29) inches, Myitkyina (1.26) inches and Putao (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-9-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 6-9-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-9-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 5-9-2006 was (6.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 6-9-2006 were nil at Menglodagon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (83.07) inches at Menglodagon, (93.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 5-9-2006.

Bay influence: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-9-2006:
Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Kayah and Mon, Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from the northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers with some activity. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Candidate Tai Ling arrives at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 5 Sept, 2006. Tai Ling stars in director Gianni Amelio’s movie “La stella che non c’è” which is showing at the Venice film festival.

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Cast member Tai Ling arrives at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 5 Sept, 2006. Tai Ling stars in director Gianni Amelio’s movie “La stella che non c’è” which is showing at the Venice film festival.

Radio Myanmar
Thursday, 7 September
Tune in today
8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: - Latin lover —
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: — Pray ... Take That
8:50 am National news & Slogan
9:00 am Music: — Happy nation —
9:05 am Ace of Base International news
9:10 am Music: — Wenn... Ma-reen
1:30 pm News & Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
2006. Tai Ling arrives at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 5 Sept, 2006. Tai Ling stars in director Gianni Amelio’s movie “La stella che non c’è” which is showing at the Venice film festival.
**Inside**

The United Nations designated the ten-year period from 2003 to 2012 as the UN Literacy Decade, launching the literacy campaign in all seriousness everywhere on the planet. The world nations are running their own campaigns with higher acceleration, and as for Myanmar, she is even giving greater priority to her literacy project than ever.

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**Commander, CEC member attend inauguration of Nondwin (3) Dam in Sagaing Township**

**Special express train service begins**

Special express train begins its Yangon-Mandalay service on 4 September 2006, leaving Yangon at 5 pm and Mandalay at 4.15 pm every day, with Pyinmana as the only stopover.

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**Retransmission station airs MRTV programmes in Mongyun**

YANGON, 6 Sept — Construction of the retransmission station in Mongyun, Shan State (East), has been completed on 30 August 2006. The programmes of MRTV are being aired as from 31 August 2006. — MNA

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**Four political objectives**

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

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**Four economic objectives**

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

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**Four social objectives**

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

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**Health Minister inspects Tatkon Township People’s Hospital**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept — U Than Aung, inspected wards, the out-patient department, a medical store, an operation theatre and an X-ray room of the hospital.

After inspecting the environs of the hospital, the minister urged officials concerned to speed up efforts for the greening of the hospital’s environs and cleanliness of it.

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**Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivered an address concerning the purpose of building Nondwin (3) Dam. CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint explained the endeavours for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. Afterwards, a local expressed gratitude for construction of the dam. Next, the commander and the CEC member formally opened the dam. Also present on the occasion were Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the commander Daw Wai Wai Khaing, departmental heads, social organizations and local people.**

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**Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint formally open Nondwin (3) Dam. — SPED**

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**COMMANDER MAJ-GEN THA AYE AND MINISTER FOR SPORTS BRIG-GEN THURA AYE MYINT FORMALLY OPEN NONDWIN (3) DAM. — MNA**