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- 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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- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
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- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
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- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
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Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at the opening of Special Refresher Course No 28 for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA

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Nurturing youths to possess high education standard and reasoning power

Peace and stability and unity are essential for perpetuation of a new democratic nation. Moreover, prevalence of law and order and strong national economy are vital. At the same time, the people need to possess reasoning power and vast knowledge.

In order to fulfil these requirements, the government is implementing the national education promotion programmes. The government is also initiating reforms in education system from the basic education sector in accord with international development trend.

The teachers on their part must cultivate students to have good habit of happily living within the framework of school discipline, community and social principles and law of the nation. They have to nurture youths to possess high education standard and reasoning power in every aspect.

By doing so, the students will be endowed with the ability to safeguard national and public interest, patriotism and noble characters of good and able citizens.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses the opening of Sports Minister’s Cup Inter-State/Division U-21 Novice Class Men’s football tournament. — SPED

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — A ceremony to welcome participating teams to take part in the 8th Sports Minister’s Cup Inter-State/Division U-21 Novice Class Men’s Football Tournament for 2007 took place at Monywa Town Hall of Sagaing Division on 2 September with addresses by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Tawya TatU Monastery opens 111th meditation session

YANGON, 4 Sept — Tawya TatU Monastery in Aung San, Insein Township, opened its 111th meditation session at the monastery on 1 September.

About 700 people are going on a retreat at the 10-day session which was opened with an address by Presiding Sayadaw of Ywama Purjyatiya Monastery State Ovdacariya Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Nandavamsa. Patron of Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha (Yangon) Bhaddanta Sadhamma Kittisara will deliver sermons and teach meditation. — H

Over 1,600 employees of MCD become USDA members

Presentation of USDA membership applications in progress at Myanmar Correctional Department. — MCD

YANGON, 4 Sept — The employees of the Myanmar Correctional Department and Insein Central Jail presented 1,625 membership applications for Union Solidarity and Development Association to Secretary U Tint Lwin of the township USDA at the department in Insein Township on 31 August.

First, Director-General of the department U Zaw Win delivered an address on the occasion.

Secretary U Maung Gyi of Yangon North District USDA explained the association.

Afterwards, the secretary of the township accepted the membership applications. — MNA

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**Bush, Congress heading for new collision over Iraq**

**Los Angeles, 4 Sept**—A flurry of conflicting assessments of military and political progress in Iraq will prompt President George W Bush and the Democrat-controlled Congress to get involved in another collision, it was reported on Sunday.

The collision will culminate in an impassioned debate over how soon US forces should be withdrawn, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Army General David Petraeus, commander of US forces in Iraq, is expected to add fuel to the collision when he presents a report on Iraq soon, said the paper.

The general will report that the current increase in troops has improved security, and will ask that it continue. But the President will weigh what aides call “adjustments” in his Iraq policy, according to the paper.

Republican members of Congress and some Bush aides have urged the President to begin laying out a new strategy for next year, when the buildup of troops is scheduled to end.

Even if the clash does not lead to an immediate change in policy, it may produce — as a side effect — an important debate over the future of the war, the paper said. Administration officials say they recognize that the buildup cannot be sustained next year as the Army and Marine Corps run out of available troops, that political progress in Baghdad has fallen short and that US strategy in Iraq must be redefined.

**Iranian leader accuses Bush of hate campaign**

**TEHRAN, 4 Sept**—Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused US President George W Bush of trying to whip up hate against Teheran when he said last week the country had put the region “under the shadow of a nuclear holocaust”.

The West suspects Iran has a secret programme to build nuclear weapons. Iran says its atomic programme is only for power generation to help boost economic growth and has rejected UN demands to halt its most sensitive work.

Iran’s IRNA state news agency quoted Khamenei as saying Bush had made comments that were “hateful, arrogant and violent”.

“The Iranian nation has resisted and it will resist... It will never bow to any coercion in the nuclear issue and in other matters,” said Khamenei, the Islamic Republic’s top authority.

The UN Security Council has imposed two rounds of sanctions on Iran since December and the United States has said it will push for a third unless Teheran stops enriching uranium.

Enrichment is the part of Iran’s programme that most worries the West because it can be used to make fuel for nuclear power plants or material for warheads. The United States has said it wants the standoff to be ended through diplomacy but has not ruled out military action if that fails. US officials have said they might label Iran’s Revolutionary Guards a foreign terrorist group.

**Six nabbed in Japan for US-linked money laundering**

**TOKYO, 4 Sept**—A Nigerian man and five Japanese associates have been arrested on suspicion of laundering money for US crime syndicates through banks in eastern Japan.

Police confirmed that 700 million yen (six million US dollars) had been laundered through 40 accounts, but the total laundered amount could add up to several billion yen, making it the first money laundering case involving such a large sum of overseas funds, Kyodo said.

The Nigerian, 40, is suspected of having ordered the five Japanese, including his wife, to open accounts for the money since 2005.

He is also under suspicion for having sent money through another Nigerian to the United States, China and Canada on behalf of the US crime syndicates, which are suspected of having swindled the money out of people through investment schemes.

While the Nigerian has denied the allegations, the five Japanese suspects have admitted to them, Kyodo quoted police as saying.

**Seven killed, eight injured in Sichuan mine blast**

**CHENGDU, 4 Sept**—Seven people were killed and eight others injured in a mine demolition operation in southwest China’s Sichuan Province, the provincial work safety administration said Sunday.

A workers’ shed was hit at around 11 pm Friday by shock waves and rubbles caused by a blasting operation at a nearby granite mine in Miyi County, the administration said.

Seven people in the shed were killed and eight others were injured. The injured are being treated in hospital and now in stable condition.

The managers of the mine and others responsible for the casualties have been detained, it said. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.
Iraq troop cuts may no longer be taboo for Bush

Aboard Air Force One, 4 Sept— After months of stubbornly refusing even to consider cutting US troop levels in Iraq, US President George W Bush has suddenly decided the idea is no longer taboo. He raised the possibility during a surprise visit to a desert air base in Iraq's Anbar Province on Monday, saying there were signs of improved security and that some US troops could be withdrawn from the country if the trend continued.

Even though he couch-ed his words carefully and made no promises, it was the kind of concession rarely heard from Bush, who has made single-mindfulness a defining trait of his presidency and of his conduct of the unpopular war in Iraq. — MNA/Reuters

Breastfed babies may sleep less when mother smoke

New York, 4 Sept— Nursing mothers who smoke may be cutting their infant's nap times short, a new study shows. Babies whose mothers smoked shortly before breastfeeding napped about 20 minutes less over the following three and a half hours than those whose mothers had abstained from cigarettes for several hours, Dr Julie A Mennella and colleagues found.

"The greater the dose of nicotine in their milk, the greater the disruption of sleep," Mennella, of the Monell Chemical Senses Centre in Philadelphia, told Reuters Health. — Internet

Thai man gets death for killing Russian tourists

Bangkok, 4 Sept— A Thai man was sentenced to death on Monday for robbing and killing two Russian women as they sat on the beach at the Thai resort of Pattaya to watch the sun rise, police said.

Anuchit Lumlert, 24, was condemned to die by lethal injection after a court found him guilty of pumping bullets into Tatiana Tsimfer, 30, and Liubov Svirkova, 25, in February, police said. Pattaya, 120 kilometres (80 miles) from Bangkok, is a city notorious for its international Mafia.

"He deserves it since he has ruined our country's reputation," said Lieutenant-Colonel Poolchai Churat of the Pattaya Police and one of the investigators in the case.

Anuchit was freed on bail in January to await trial on charges of robbing a South Korean tourist, then arrested in March for killing the Russians. He was caught in blurry pictures on a hotel security camera arriving on a motorcycle, walking through a garden to the beach, then later walking back to it.

Police brought in experts to identify the motorcycle, which helped track down Anuchit. — MNA/Reuters

India targets five rocket launches per year

New Delhi, 4 Sept— India aims to launch five satellites a year in an apparent bid to compete for the 2.5-billion-dollar heavy satellite launch business, a news report said Monday.

"We want to capture five to 10 per cent of the market (mid-range satellite segment of 2,000 kilos and plus) in the next five years," the Hindu quoted Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chairman G Madhavan Nair as saying.

His comments came as India sent into orbit a 49-metre rocket carrying the Insat-4CR satellite from the Sriharikota space station in its south.

Two Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLVs) will blast off this year, and another Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) next year, he said.

"We are getting enquiries from foreign customers," he said.

Indian satellites have been used for years for weather forecast, especially for the country's farmers, but the South Asian nation has recently moved toward commercial exploitation of space technology. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia, Malaysia plan inter-state bridge

Jakarta, 4 Sept— Indonesia and Malaysia plan to build a 38-kilometres bridge that connects the two countries crossing the border near Sumatra Island, an official said Monday.

The bridge will link Rupat Island in the Indonesian province of Riau and Malaysia's Port Dickson, said Riau Governor Rusli Zainal. According to him, the Malaysian Government has appealed local entrepreneurs to run the project, while from the Indonesian side Vice-President Jusuf Kalla has given a nod to the mega project.

"This has been includ-ed in our macro planning but we haven't set a timetable for the starting of the project," he was quoted by leading news website Detikcom as saying. "The plan should be discussed further by the central government because concerns with re-lations between two coun-tries," he added.

A classmate ties the red scarf for Zheng Yushan at No 21 Primary School in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 3 Sept, 2007. After a year-long suspension of schooling, 12-year-old Zhen Yushan suffering from congenital heart disease has recovered and returned to school on Monday thanks to the help of the Red Cross of Haikou and continued assistance and donations from people. — Xinhua
Chile, Japan launch free trade agreement

SANITAGO, 4 Sept— The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed by Chile and Japan in March took effect Monday, Chilean media reported.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and visiting Chilean President Michelle Bachelet signed a joint declaration in Tokyo announcing the start of the FTA.

Abe and Bachelet agreed that the FTA would strengthen relations between the two countries. Abe told Bachelet that Chile would become Japan’s biggest trading partner in South America with the launch of the FTA, and Bachelet said Chile would become Japan’s doorway into South America.

Japan’s FTA with Chile is its first with a South American country and the second in Latin America after its FTA with Mexico.

The Japan-Chile FTA states that Chile will eliminate tariffs on automobiles, machinery and electronic equipment from Japan, while Japan will gradually eliminate tariffs on Chilean salmon, trout and wines.

Over 90 per cent of the tariffs in the two-way trade will be eliminated gradually over 10 years, according to the agreement. Abe and Bachelet Monday also signed an accord on increasing cooperation in many sectors including the environment, clean energy, climate change, among others.

Chinese President begins state visit to Australia

PERTH (Australia), 4 Sept— Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived here Monday for a state visit to Australia, where he will also attend the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting in Sydney on 8-9 September.

During his visit, Hu is expected to discuss with Australian leaders ways of furthering the development of bilateral relations, as well as major world and regional issues of common concern. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and Australia. In 2006, the two countries agreed to develop comprehensive and cooperative ties for mutual benefit in the 21st Century. “China and Australia are important countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Over the past 35 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, the two countries have treated each other as equals with mutual respect and actively promoted friendly exchanges and win-win cooperation, and their relationship has maintained a strong momentum of growth,” Hu said in a written statement issued upon arrival.

Indonesia’s export-import up in first seven months

JAKARTA, 4 Sept— Indonesia’s export increased by 13.86 per cent to 63.53 billion US dollars in the first seven months this year compared to the same period of last year, the National Statistic Bureau announced here Monday.

Head of the bureau Rusman Heriawan said that the rise was attributed to the increase of export of non-oil-and-gas products by 20.22 per cent to 52.04 billion US dollars. However, he said that the export of oil-and-gas products decreased by 8.14 per cent to 11.49 billion US dollars. The United States, followed by Japan and Singapore, was the most designated country for the export of Indonesia’s non-oil-and-gas products in July, said Heriawan.

At the same time, the import of the country increased by 16.10 per cent to 39.89 billion US dollars, he said.

The rise was due to the increase of import of oil-and-gas products by 1.27 per cent to 11.02 billion US dollars and non-oil-and-gas products by 22.98 per cent to 28.86 billion US dollars, said Heriawan.

The head of the bureau said that China, followed by Japan and the United States, was the most contributory country for supplying non-oil-and-gas products to Indonesia.

— MNA/Xinhua

Asian reporting networks to boost Zambia’s business profile

LUSAKA, 4 Sept— Asia Business Channel, one of the leading business reporting networks, has arrived in Zambia to produce a 30 minute-business investment programme on Zambia as part of an All-Africa series, Times of Zambia reported on Monday.

The programme is part of a series that aims at strengthening Africa’s image as an investment destination, and in particular, Zambia’s key position in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, according to Zambia Times.

— MNA/Xinhua

Police walk past by a flower bed designed as the symbol of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit as they patrol around the Sydney Convention Centre, on 4 Sept. — INTERNET

A model displays a creation by Colombian designer Amelia Toro during the “Exposhow 2007” fashion week in Cali, on 4 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

A model presents memory sticks decorated with imitation diamonds at an exhibition stand of Philips at the IFA 2007 consumer electronics fair in Berlin recently.

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A dragon boat carrying visitors sails down the Huangpu River, Shanghai, on 3 Sept, 2007. The new archaized dragon boat “Pujiang Sightseeing 1” measures 57 metres long and 17 metres wide. — INTERNET

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Chronicle of literacy movements in Myanmar

Aung Kyi Nyunt (Tekkatho)

World nations including Myanmar observe the International Literacy Day yearly in response to the suggestion made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the World Literacy Conference held in Tehran, Iran, on 8 September 1965 that International Literacy Day commemorative ceremonies be held on 8 September yearly.

When Myanmar was under the rule of own monarchs, its literacy rate was high and nearly all rural and urban folks were literate thanks to the monks residing in the villages in rural areas at that time. However, when Myanmar fell under alien subjugation, its people’s education, economic and social sectors sank deeper to a certain degree and all sorts of hopes were dashed as a consequence. In particular, they suffered illiteracy and poverty severely.

In 1948 when Myanmar regained independence, it launched a campaign to address the issue of illiteracy, an evil legacy of the colonialists. The literacy movements launched after the independence can be categorized into four periods—from 1948 to 1964, from 1964 to 1988, and from 1988 to date.

Public Education Act was enacted on 4 November 1948. In March 1949, the Public Education Council conducted public education courses and three ‘Rs’ courses under the first four-year plan (1952-1956) and the second four-year plan (1956-1960).

Myanmar strove from 1964 to 1988 for enabling every citizen to have an equal access to basic education. At the heart of basic education lies literacy. During the period, strenuous efforts were exerted unremittingly in pursuit of the literacy movement. In summer in 1964, summer three ‘Rs’ courses were launched with the help of voluntary youths at Ashe Sanpya Village in Meiktila Township, Meiktila District. In 1969, Meiktila District was designated to become a district where all local people were literate.

In 1971, Meiktila District celebrated the victory over illiteracy for its being the first-ever district in Myanmar. Myanmar’s mass literacy movement had drawn the attention of the world as there emerged many divisions in Myanmar where local people were all literate. Therefore, UNESCO awarded Myanmar the Mohamed Reza Pahlavi Prize on 8 September 1971 and the Noma Prize on 8 September 1983. Thanks to the mass literacy activities, more than 2.4 million people aged 15 years and above became literate. There were a lot of changes in Literacy movements both in form and in essence in the third period from 1988 to date. Literacy movements were launched through additional methods on non-formal education and education for all. Under the directives of the Ministry of Education, the Myanmar Education Research Bureau carried out literacy activities between 1990 and 1995.

Designating 1990 as the International Literacy Year, UNESCO stepped up literacy campaigns. From 1990 to 1993, UNESCO implemented basic proficiency course for women and girls as its research project. Moreover, the 56th UN Assembly held on 19 December 2000 designated the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and accelerated literacy movements. In compliance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, a plan was laid down in 1996 to conduct three ‘Rs’ courses in border areas: Chin Shwe Haw and Laikakai in Kokang Region, Nammit, Mongmao and Panhsan in Wa Region, Mongla and Lisu in eastern Kengtung, and Buthidaung and Paletwa in Rakhine region. So, more than 30,000 people of national races came to know how to read and write Myanmar language.

The non-formal education plan of the Education for All features post-literacy programmes for and enables newly-literate adults to participate in it. For newly-literate adults, UNESCO laid down the continuing education that covers post-literacy programme, income generation programme, better life programme, individual hobby programme, and future education programme.

What is the most important for a newly-literate adult is post-literacy activities. So, it is required to establish reading sessions, reading rooms and libraries so that they have access to publications of various genres.

Now, under the Ministry of Information, the Information and Public Relations Department is constantly opening self-reliant village libraries across the nation. So far, more than 50,000 villages have enjoyed a village library each.

In addition, to raise the income of the families, the income generation programme is being implemented on the basis of local productivity and by conducting vocational training courses.

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Besides, the Myanmar Education Research Bureau laid down the books bank plan and coordinated with basic education schools. Under the plan, basic education schools donated necessary publications and periodicals to the Community Learning Centres.

In order to expedite the non-formal education programmes, the government formed the Myanmar Literacy Centre as a non-governmental organization, and is carrying out literacy activities, organizing courses and seminars, and producing publications on literacy and supporting equipment.

The period of Myanmar Literacy movements can also be divided into three parts — public education (1948-1962), Myanmar literacy movement (1964-1988) and Myanmar non-formal education (1988-2004). It is believed that sustained efforts will be made for ensuring literacy of the entire people.
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The government has laid down and is implementing the 30-year national education promotion programmes for the emergence of a good education environment that is endowed with knowledge and vision while striving for overcoming the challenges of Knowledge Age to be encountered in the future.

At present, the good education environment is beginning to take shape and continued efforts are thus to be made for successful realization of the project.

There has emerged the process of a constant learning to keep pace with changes and developments as science and technology of the world is witnessing rapid development.

Some big nations with superiority in science and technology are applying double standard in dealing with developing countries. At such a time, a nation like Myanmar which is serving the national interest with its own resources is to constantly study the international affairs and to try its utmost in order not to lag behind others in international changes.

Therefore, the government is introducing reforms in education for the nation to keep abreast of the international community in terms of education. In that regard, priority is being given to the development of basic education sector. Only when basic education sector develop so will the whole education sphere including higher education sector.

As the volume of basic education sector is the greatest, the government is enabling the entire national people including departmental officials, those from education sector, scholars, teachers and students, the school boards of trustees, social organizations and townsenders to make concerted efforts in the process of developing the basic education sector.

Each and every teacher plays an important role in developing the basic education sector. Thus, they are to make relentless efforts with might and main for the success of the project by doing their bit.

The success of the education visions depends on teachers’ ability as they always keep in touch with students in practically implementing the education policies, projects and programmes at the basic level. They should strive with full nationalism for realizing the fact.

The basic education sector is the initial institution nurturing students to develop in accord with the education vision. Only if students are being effectively nurtured from the basic education level will they be endowed with the ability to safeguard national and public interest, patriotism and the noble spirit in their hearts throughout their whole lives.

In conclusion the minister urged the teachers to nurture their pupils with serious conviction that the qualifications, spirit and habits of youths will decide whether the future will be good or bad.

After the ceremony, Minister Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 1304 basic education teachers—223 male and 1081 female—from upper Myanmar are taking the course that will last five weeks.

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Development tasks supervised in Meiktila District

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association on 2 September inspected monsoon paddy plantation with the use of water from Meiktila Lake. He handed 50 exercise books and 50 dozens of pencils donated by USDA members to Basic Education Middle School in Shwehalan Village of Thazi Township and presented cash and kind donations to Meiktila Home for the Aged.

While in Meiktila, the secretary-general inspected construction of buildings for BEPS No 132. He presented clothes and cash assistance to Youth Development Parahta Centre in Tawma Village.

The centre is nurturing three university students and 39 basic education students, and it has produced five graduates and three service personnel.

The secretary-general viewed land preparations for cultivation of monsoon paddy in the farmland of the centre.

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Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister and party back home

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the East-West Economic Corridor Week 2007 held in Da Nang, Vietnam from 27 August to 3 September 2007. The deputy minister and party arrived back here by air this morning.

Deputy Director U Kyaw Thu Wa of the Minister’s Office, U Kyaw Soe Thein, Head of Branch 1 of the International Organizations and Economic Department, Joint Secretary-1 of the UMFCCI Dr Maung Maung Lay and Managing Director U Moe Kyaw of Myanmar Marketing Research and Development Co Ltd also arrived back on the same flight.

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Health Minister receives Chairman of Three Common Diseases Eradication Fund

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Chairman of Three Common Diseases Eradication Fund Mr Andrew Jacobs and member Dr Michael O’Dwyer at the minister’s office, here, this morning.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, the director-general of the Health Department and officials. — MNA

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Rice, edible oil to be donated in Pantapwinttaung

YANGON, 5 Sept — Under the aegis of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanta, the Buddha Pujaniya Light 9,900 (oil lamps) Group of Insein Township organizes construction of the concrete platform at Seinamuni Pagoda in Singu of NyaungU Township.

A concrete work measuring 9 square feet and one feet in thickness costs K 9,000. Those wishing to donate cash to the funds for construction task may contact Daw Ma Nge, Tel: 642858, 640487 and 640489, of Buddha Pujaniya Light 9,900 (oil lamps) Group and U Tun Tun Win, Tel: 061-21055, (Chauk Township Land Records and Resettlement Department) not later than 15 November. — MNA

Wellwishers invited to donate to funds for building pagoda’s platform

YANGON, 5 Sept — Pantapwinttaung Tawya Sasana region Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Pathaisara monthly donates 100 bags of rice and 50 viss of edible oil for serving the daily meals to monks, nuns and devotees at the Sasana region Sayadaw (Tel: 059 139845), U Myint Soe (Tel: 663228), U San San Oo (Tel; 095-017887), U Soe Win (Tel: 643826), U Kyaw Lwin (Tel; 690319), U Kyaw Win (Tel: 642625), Daw Htet Htet Aye (Tel: 579005) and Daw Khin Moi Lwin (Tel; 503993). — MNA

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Chief Justice meets judicial officers, judges

YANGON, 5 Sept — Chief Justice U Aung Toe met judicial officers of the Supreme Court, justices, staff officers and deputy heads of department of Division, District and Township courts at the Supreme Court (Yangon), here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe of the Supreme Court (Yangon) and Supreme Court Judges U Khin Myint, Dr Tin Aung Aye, U Myint Thein, U Chit Lwin, U Tin Aye and U Han Shein and officials.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe gave instructions on judicial matters to them. — MNA

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Myanmar Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kader Al Ali at the reception to mark the 77th Anniversary of National Day of Saudi Arabia which falls on 5 September. — MNA

World First Aid Day

8th September, 2007

"First Aid: safe and healthy communications without discrimination" "သင်အားလုံးကြားရာ ပြပြီးနောက် ကြူးကြူးရာ ကြူးကြူးလင့်ခ်" World First Aid Day

Demonstration on preventive measures against dengue fever at Yangon Institute of Education Practising Training School. — YCDC

Logo invited to construction of Yadanabon Myothit

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — The Teleport building is under construction in implementing Yadanabon IT City Project in Pyin Oo Lwin Township.

Arrangements are being made to hold the logo contest for Yadanabon IT City. The portrait of the teleport building based on electronic basic facts must be included in the entry for the contest. The contestant is to send three entries measuring 24 inches by 12 inches each to the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Office of Yadanabon Myothit Construction Project Supervisory Committee, Office Building-2, Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 067-407242, not later than 18 September.

The contestant must describe name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card, qualification, address, telephone number and experience in creating logos attached to the entries.

Prizes will be presented to the prize winners.

For further information, may visit the Khitlunge website. — MNA
**Syria, Russia agree to cooperate in combating drug trafficking**

**DAMASCUS, 5 Sept**—Syria and Russia on Monday agreed to cooperate in combating drug trafficking, Syria’s official SANA news agency reported.

The agreement of cooperation was signed by Syrian Interior Minister Bassam Abdul-Majeed and visiting Director of the Russian Federal Commission for Monitoring Drug Smuggling Viktor Cherkesov, according to SANA. It stipulates for cooperation between the two sides in exchanging information and expertise and training specialized cadres as well as implementing joint scientific researches regarding fighting drug trafficking.

“Syria is free of drug planting and industry and it gives great care to the issue of fighting illegal drug trafficking and cooperates with other Arab and foreign countries in this regard,” Abdul-Majeed was quoted as saying.

For his part, Cherkesov said the outcome of bilateral talks and the signing of the agreement constitute a tangible indication of the depth of ties connecting Syria and Russia.

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**Afghan police kill Taleban hostage-taker**

**KABUL, 5 Sept**—A senior Taleban commander involved in the abduction of 23 South Korean missionaries was among dozens of insurgents killed in clashes in southern Afghanistan overnight, police said on Tuesday.

Ali Shah Ahmadzai, police chief of Ghazni Province, said Taleban commander Mullah Mateen was among 22 insurgents killed in a clash in the province’s Qarahbagh District.

“He was involved in the kidnapping. We have reconnaissance colleagues on the ground,” Ahmadzai told Reuters by telephone from Ghazni. However the US military said it was not yet clear whether any hostage-takers were among “several” insurgents killed in Qarahbagh.

It said a dozen militants had been killed in a separate battle in the southern province of Kandahar overnight, while officials said three policemen had been killed in two separate suicide blasts in the south on Tuesday.

“The fighters targeted in this morning’s operation in Ghazni were involved in anti-coalition militant activities. Whether or not they were involved in the hostage situation has yet to be determined decisively,” a US military spokesman said.

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**French PM ups station security after gang brawls**

**PARIS, 5 Sept**—France plans to step up security at the capital’s Gare du Nord Station, the scene of repeated scuffles between rival gangs in recent weeks, Prime Minister Francois Fillon said on Monday.

The brawls at the station that links Paris to other continental European cities and Britain have led to waves of arrests with about 15 people placed under investigation, including eight being held in temporary detention.

Visiting the station with his Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie, Fillon said extra resources would be dedicated to tackling such violence and that the people “who are transforming this part of town into a battle field must know that we will be extremely severe,” he told reporters.

Earlier this year and just before France’s presidential election, dozens of youths clashed with police around the station following an altercation between ticket inspectors and a passenger. That incident revived memories of riots in poor suburbs around French cities in 2005 and a subsequent wave of clashes between police and demonstrators over a proposed youth jobs law.

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**Red Cross says at least 87 dead in West Africa floods**

**GENEVA, 5 Sept**—Severe floods across West Africa have killed at least 87 people, most of them in Nigeria, over the past two months, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said on Tuesday.

Weather conditions worsened considerably in August, with areas of hardship in northern Togo difficult to reach because bridges were swept away by heavy rains, the world’s largest disaster relief network said.

At least 68 people have died in Nigeria, 17 in Togo and at least two in Mauritania, it said in a statement. More than 100,000 people have been affected in 10 countries across the region, home to some of the world’s poorest countries.

“Torrential rains have destroyed homes, leaving thousands homeless. They damaged roads and devastated crops in areas where food security has been a problem before so we need to carefully monitor the situation,” said Niels Scott, the Federation’s operations coordinator for Africa.

The Geneva-based federation has released 553,750 Swiss francs (456,800 US dollars) to help national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies cover immediate needs in West Africa.
US Congress report violence stays high in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — Violence is high in Iraq, with scant political progress and mixed results on security, a Congressional report said on Tuesday, a day after President George W Bush visited Anbar Province and struck an upbeat tone.

The independent Government Accountability Office (GAO) said Iraq had failed to meet 11 of 18 political and military goals set by Congress last May. Iraq met three benchmarks and partially met another four, it said. “Violence remains high, the number of Iraqi security forces capable of conducting independent operations has declined and militias are not disarmed,” the GAO report said — despite Bush’s addition of 30,000 US troops to Iraq this year.

“It is unclear whether sectarian violence in Iraq has decreased,” David Walker, head of the GAO, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Iraq Government got partial credit for one security goal by providing three brigades to support Baghdad operations, but some of those were of limited effectiveness, Walker said.

Baghdad had not met a number of political goals either, the GAO said. “Of particular concern is the lack of progress on de-Ba’athification legislation that could promote greater Sunni participation in the national government and comprehensive hydrocarbon legislation that would distribute Iraq’s vast oil wealth,” the GAO said. Laws on amnesty, provincial elections and constitutional review also had not been passed.

Bush already approved a new 2008 treaty banning the manufacture of cluster bombs. The US has joined 25 nations which are in a united force “to create a new international norm to promote greater security and comprehensive hydrocarbon legislation that would distribute Iraq’s vast oil wealth,” the GAO said. Laws on amnesty, provincial elections and constitutional review also had not been passed.

French Customs intercept 5,000 counterfeit items

PARIS, 5 Sept — About 5,000 counterfeit items valued at 1.5 million euros (about 2 million US dollars) were intercepted over the weekend in Braderie in the northern French city of Lille, French Customs said on Monday.

Most of the intercepted items consisted of leather goods, textile materials, perfumes, jewels and forged posters of leading brands. About 10,000 exhibitors, professional and private second-hand goods dealers sell their ware in crowded stalls stretching about 100 kilometres in the heart of the city, transforming it into a mammoth flea market over the weekend.

Regional Customs authorities have devised a special system consisting of 62 Customs agents to track down counterfeit articles.
The Claims Day.

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For the families of the dead/missing persons...

**Bulgaria donates $56.6m to help Libya HIV victims**

Sofia, 4 Sept—Bulgaria donated $56.6 million US dollars in Soviet-era debt owed by Libya as its contribution to a deal that led to the release of six medics convicted of infecting Libyan children with HIV.

The European Union newcomer signed on Monday an agreement to donate the debt, accumulated for arms and technical deliveries, to an international fund set up to provide medical aid and help the families of more than 400 Libyan HIV/AIDS victims.

“The agreement once again proves that Bulgaria is a reliable partner which delivers on its promises,” Bulgarian Foreign Minister Feim Chaushev told reporters upon signing.

Sofia wrote off the debt six weeks after five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor—convicted to death for infecting Libyan children with HIV in the 1990s—were freed. Chaushev said Tripoli had agreed to the amount of the debt which has not been served in the last 18 years. The medics who spent eight years in a Libyan jail have maintained their innocence and said they were tortured into confessing.

Tripoli refunded the medics to Bulgaria in a deal which included medical help, political ties between the European Union and Tripoli, and compensation for the families of the victims. The chairman of the fund, Mark Pierini, said the funds to Libya, as and when donors make contributions available.

He refused to disclose the level of funds raised so far, noting that the EU had donated 11.5 million euros, and Germany 1.5 million. **MNA/Reuters**
Indonesia dismisses human-to-human bird flu report

Jakarta, 4 Sept — Indonesia rejected on Monday a study by US researchers that concluded that the H5N1 bird flu virus had spread from person to person during an outbreak last year, saying it was misleading.

A mathematical analysis published last week in the US journal of Emerging Infectious Diseases said it found statistical evidence of human-to-human transmission in a cluster of cases on Sumatra Island, where eight family members died in May 2006. Indonesia’s Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari said the research findings had “misled the public”.

“It’s pure logic... If there had been human-to-human transmission, it would have already swept the country and killed thousands,” Supari told a news conference.

“Our scientists have already determined that the 2006 outbreak on North Sumatra was not a case of human-to-human transmission,” Researcher Ira Longini and colleagues at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, who examined two clusters of bird flu cases, said they had developed a tool to run quick tests on disease outbreaks to see if dangerous epidemics or pandemics may be developing.

FINLAND: Mobile phones pose no health risk

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Residents ride bikes through a flooded street near a market in La Ceiba, eastern Honduras, on 4 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET
Auction in Brazil to sell Pele’s millennium ball

BRASILIA, 5 Sept — The ball with which football legend Pele scored his one thousandth goal will be sold one of these days by the famous presenter Roberto Justus, reported local media. Edison Arantes do Nascimento, known as “Pele”, scored his historic goal on 19 September, 1969, in a match of his Santos club against Vasco da Gama from Rio de Janeiro. Santos won the game 2-1 and Pele scored in a penalty.

Justus, presenter of a local TV channel, bought Pele’s ball by 60,000 reals (30,000 US dollars) in an auction organized in 2005. According to GloboNews, Justus wants to collect money for his foundation “Movement You Can Help” dedicated to socio-environmental problems. — MNA/Xinhua

FIFA instructor urges to stop soccer hooliganism

LUSAKA, 5 Sept — Visiting FIFA instructor Jochen Figge has condemned the growing trend by soccer fans to blame on officials and players once their teams are on the losing end, Times of Zambia reported Tuesday.

Figge, who is in the country to conduct a week-long youth coaching course in Lusaka, said such conduct has to be gotten rid of from the game as they are casting a dark cloud on the sport. The German national, a former Zambia coach from 1989-1993, cited as a case in point, the riotous behaviour at Nchanga Stadium in Zambia’s Copperbelt Province on Sunday after Nchanga Rangers lost 2-1 to Young Arrows in the KCMFAZ Premier Division game.

He said the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) needs to clamp down on fans’ indiscretion at stadiums by imposing heavy fines on erring clubs while also banning their bodies put an end to such behavior, the better it will be for the development of football in Zambia.

He commended the Zambia Football Coaches Association for its forth-coming grading system of local coaches to be on the bench in the local league structure. He said FIFA is happy that all its affiliates are establishing the grading system given that coaching has become more demanding and require qualified manpower to do the job with excellence. — MNA/Xinhua

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Germany coach surprised by Chelsea omission of Ballack

BERLIN, 5 Sept — German coach Joachim Loew said on Tuesday he was surprised Chelsea had omitted Michael Ballack from their Champions League group stage squad because he expected his injured captain to be back in October.

“It’s quite a surprise that he won’t be playing in the Champions League this year,” Loew said in Cologne.

“We have to talk with each other on the telephone first because I don’t know any more details yet myself,” he added.

On Monday, Loew said he had expected Ballack to return from an ankle injury, which required surgery, for next month’s Euro 2008 qualifiers against Ireland and Czech Republic.

“The injury has healed and it’s getting better by the day,” Loew said late on Monday.

Ballack has not played for Chelsea since April because of the injury and on Monday was left out of their squad for the Champions League group stages. The 30-year-old will not be fit in time for the start of the competition in two weeks.

Chelsea have been drawn with Spain’s Valencia, Schalke 04 of Germany and Norwegians Rosenborg Trondheim in Group B.

However, if Ballack does recover fit- ness over the next four months he would be eligible for the latter stages of the competition should Chelsea qualify.

MNA/Reuters

Japan’s rugby player Hajime Kiso catches the ball during a training for the World Cup Rugby 2007, in Toulouse, southwestern France, on 4 Sept. 2007. Japan will play a Group 8 World Cup Rugby 2007 match against New Zealand on 8 Sept, in Lyon, central France.—INTERNET

AFC seeks to heal ties with Malaysian leaders

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept — The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) welcomed leading Malaysian Government officials to their headquarters on Tuesday, hoping to work towards healing a rift between the two countries.

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Victoria Azarenka of Belarus returns a forehand to Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia during their fourth round match of the US Open Tennis Championships in Flushing Meadows. Kuznetsova won 6-2, 6-3.—INTERNET

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BERLIN, 5 Sept — Germany coach Joachim Loew said on Tuesday he was surprised Chelsea had omitted Michael Ballack from their Champions League group stage squad because he expected his injured captain to be back in October.

“It’s quite a surprise that he won’t be playing in the Champions League this year,” Loew said in Cologne.

“We have to talk with each other on the telephone first because I don’t know any more details yet myself,” he added.

On Monday, Loew said he had expected Ballack to return from an ankle injury, which required surgery, for next month’s Euro 2008 qualifiers against Ireland and Czech Republic.

“The injury has healed and it’s getting better by the day,” Loew said late on Monday.

Ballack has not played for Chelsea since April because of the injury and on Monday was left out of their squad for the Champions League group stages. The 30-year-old will not be fit in time for the start of the competition in two weeks.

Chelsea have been drawn with Spain’s Valencia, Schalke 04 of Germany and Norwegians Rosenborg Trondheim in Group B.

However, if Ballack does recover fitness over the next four months he would be eligible for the latter stages of the competition should Chelsea qualify.

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Documents show US troops disregard of rules for war

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have failed to understand and observe the rules on interrogations and deadly actions when they committed crimes against local civilians, say documents released on Wednesday.

The report by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) showed it was common that US soldiers believed they did not break any law when killing local citizens.

Among the killings, US soldiers pushed a Iraqi man into the Tigris River because he broke curfew and a former Iraqi general suspected of helping insurgents was suffocated during interrogation, according to the documents.

Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer, who was convicted by a January 2006 court-martial of negligent homicide in the death of an Iraqi general during the interrogation, still insisted his actions were not against the rules, the documents show.

“An interrogation without stress is not an interrogation — it is a conversation,” he said in a letter to the court.

Through a federal Freedom of Information Act, ACLU requested for all documents concerning US troops involvement in the deaths of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, only the Army responded.

ACLU is to file a lawsuit, by which compel the military to disclose all documents on all civilian deaths incidents US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan were accounted for since January 2005.
Minister looks into Barite Powder Plant, No 1 Iron and Steel Plant

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Accompanied by officials concerned, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint went on an inspection tour of Barite Powder Plant in Thazi Township of Mandalay Division on 2 September.

In the compound of the plant, the minister inspected stockpile of raw materials, milling of raw materials, finished ore, production process of quality barite powder and distribution of barite powder to oil-drilling stations.

After hearing the reports of the factory manager at the briefing hall, the minister stressed the need to produce quality barite powder minimizing waste and loss, distribute quality barite powder to the oil-drilling stations in time to hit their demands, take systematic measures for the distribution of barite powder to the stations that are generating foreign exchange, carry out greening tasks of the plant and its environs, cultivate physic nut and undertake agriculture and breeding tasks on a manageable scale.

At No 1 Iron and Steel Plant in PynOoLwin, the minister and party inspected stockpile of iron ore, coal and limestone, milling and melting of ore, production of iron rods to be used for construction sites and steel balls for industries, progress in building Oxygen Plant and 3 Ton EAF and manufacturing of import-substitute machine parts for local industries.

Upon arrival at Lime stone Mine in Patheingyi Township, the minister oversaw production of limestone, fish ponds and plantations.

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Maintenance of 230 Hlinethaya-Athok national grid inspected

YANGON, 5 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 3 September heard reports on bank erosion near No 149 pylon of 230 kV Hlinethaya-Athok national grid and maintenance of the bank presented by officials near Kazintaw Village of Pantanaw Township.

The minister instructed officials to harmoniously carry out prevention against bank erosion and maintenance of water way.

The minister inspected prevention against erosion at Ayeyawady River near Kazintaw Village in Pantanaw Township, maintenance of pylon No 149 of 230 KV Hlinethaya-Athok national grid and flow of water in the river.

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