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YANGON, 13 Sept — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, wife of the Commander Chairperson of Bago Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Sao Nwun Khun Hsam attended the awarding ceremony of 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Bago Division held at Bago Town Hall on 8 September.

First, the commander made a speech and awarded prizes to winners and so did Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Brig-Gen Win Myint of Bago Station and wife of Commander Daw Sao Nwun Khun Hsam.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister and those present enjoyed performance of the prize winners at the awarding ceremony. After that the commander presented trophy to Bago District Team and the minister gave away a basket of flowers to the artistes.

The competitions were held from 5 to 7 September. A total of 303 contestants participated in the competitions.

Rainfall received on (13-9-2007)

Thaton (2.52) inches, CoCo Island (2.36) inches, Ye (2.09) inches, Bhamo (1.73) inches and Thandwe (1.34) inches.

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Boost production of quality goods to meet local demand

The government is now expediting the building of more factories and import-substitute goods factories to boost production of personal goods and household utensils in its drive to fulfill the requirements of the people.

The textile factories, firebrick factories, cement plants, steelware factories and plastic factories that have been built by the Ministry of Industry-1 have launched their production lines. Moreover, it is planning to open more pharmaceutical factories and foodstuff factories.

In like manner, the Ministry of Industry-2 is establishing a raft of technological and prolific factories in relevant industrial zones, and these factories manufacture electrical apparatus for automobiles, machines and equipment, farm implements, electric motors and generators.

Myanmar has got new technical know-how and production methods owing to the extensive implementation of such prudent projects that provide a large number of job opportunities for local people.

At the centre of the national development drive lies industrial development. With this view, the government is now opening industrial zones and regions and pouring investments into modern factory and plant projects, thus creating a prosperous future of the industrial sector. So, the factories have to boost production of quality products, personal goods and household utensils and distribute the items all the more to meet local demand.

MWAF organizes educative talks

Leader of Environment Working Group of MWAF Daw Nilar Thaw speaking at the educative talks at Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 5. — MWAF

In memory of the late parents, brothers and sisters, retired teacher Daw Kyi Kyi Myint (Meiktila) of Southern Ananbin Ward in Mingaladon Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Treasurer U Aung Than. — MNA

On Site Training Course for Safety & Quality Assurance of Frozen Products concludes

YANGON, 13 Sept — A ceremony to conclude On Site Training Course for Safety & Quality Assurance of Frozen Products organized by Myanmar Fisheries Federation of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at the cold storage of Pyilone Chantha Trading Co in Shweppitha Township this morning with an address by Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of MFF.

Next, responsible persons of Gandhi Win International and Pyilone Chantha cold storages spoke words of thanks.

Later, the director-general and Deputy Director-General U Khin Ko Lay presented certificates to the trainees. A total of 37 trainees attended the one week course. — MNA

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Deputy Minister looks into Botathaung BEHS No 6

YANGON, 13 Sept — Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min together with officials looked into learning of students of Basic Education High School No 5 in Botathaung Township and met with Principal Dr Win Min Lat and officials at the school yesterday.

Next, the deputy minister inspected science labs, classrooms, library and language lab and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

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PERSPECTIVES Friday, 14 September, 2007
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Schwarzenegger steps up fight against West Nile Virus

LOS ANGELES, 12 Sept—California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger this week stepped up the fight against the deadly West Nile Virus. The Governor issued an executive order Monday broadening the scope of what the 10 million US dollars allocated last month can be spent on in tackling the mosquito-borne disease.

Last month’s funding was initially earmarked for mosquito control, surveillance and vegetation management. Prior to that this year, 35 counties received nearly 4.5 million dollars to fight the virus.

Monday’s order will allow the money to be used in efforts by local government to expand public education, enhance support to the medical community and promote aggressive surveillance by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in areas with an elevated risk of West Nile Virus transmission.

81 die of rabies in Vietnam in first eight months

HANOI, 12 Sept—Eighty-one people in Vietnam died of rabies in the first eight months of this year, local newspaper Vietnam Economic Times reported Monday.

Most of the victims were from the northern provinces of Tuyen Quang, Phu Tho, Ha Tay and Yen Bai, the paper quoted Vietnamese Deputy Health Minister Trinh Quan Huan as saying.

Vietnam has annually reported 80 fatalities due to rabies since 2004, up from only 34 in 2003. Nearly 5.9 million people in Vietnam have been bitten by rabies-infected dogs or cats in the last 10 years, much higher than the figure in the pre-1996 period, according to the ministry.

Germany boosts non-embryonic stem cell research

BERLIN, 12 Sept—The German Government said it would allocate five million euros (6.9 million US dollars) over three years for non-embryonic stem cell research.

“We will support more those research projects that aim to substitute... embryonic stem cells with stem cells... produced from non-embryonic cells,” German Research Minister Annette Schavan said in a statement on Monday.

Chinese, British Cos sign agreement on carbon emissions

BEIJING, 12 Sept—The GD Power Development Co Ltd has signed an agreement on the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions with a British energy company, sources with GD Power confirmed on Tuesday.

Under the accord, the Shanghai-listed firm will sell carbon emission reductions of two million tons to the Britain-based SSE Energy Supply Ltd for 20 million euros before 30 November, 2012.

The carbon emissions are to be reduced by a series of wind power projects carried out by the Chinese company.

Helicopter crash kills four in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 12 Sept—Two military helicopters collided in mid-air during a national guard exercise in the south of Sweden on Tuesday, killing all four people on board. The two helicopters, which each carried a pilot and a navigator, belonged to a helicopter base in Linkoping and were part of the F-17 regiment in Ronneby, the military said in a statement.

“When the rescuers arrived at the scene there was nothing to do. All four were deceased,” Swedish police spokesman Robert Loeffel said.

The helicopters were both German-produced MBB BO 105 CB-3s, which the Swedish military calls Helicopter 9, according to the Swedish military’s website. The site says they were long used as anti-tank helicopters but are now mainly used as transport helicopters.

Two killed in US helicopter crash

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—A helicopter crashed Tuesday off the coast of Sarasota, Florida, killing two people and injuring a third person on board.

The Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office said the chopper was part of a photoshoot with a speedboat. Officials are still trying to determine if the helicopter struck a speedboat as it plunged into the ocean.

According to authorities, one man was pronounced dead on shore, and two others were taken to a local hospital where one of them died.
**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**OPEC agrees oil output rise in nod to consumers**

VIENNA, 12 Sept—Saudi Arabia persuaded OPEC to raise oil output by 500,000 barrels per day on Tuesday in a gesture to consumers worried about the economic impact of 77 US dollars oil and rapidly diminishing fuel stocks.

After seven hours of talks, OPEC officials announced the hard-won deal, effective 1 November. Before the meeting Libya, Algeria and Venezuela were inclined to resist the proposal put forward by Saudi Arabia and its Gulf Arab neighbours.

“We think the market is a little bit tight so we are responding positively. We are also taking into consideration, as OPEC, the concern of the consumers,” acting Kuwaiti Oil Minister Mohammad al-Olaim told reporters.

“Our message to the consumer is that we care and that is why we have raised our production by 500,000 barrels per day,” OPEC Secretary-General Abdullah al-Badri told a news conference.

US crude oil was down seven cents at 77.42 US dollars after the deal but still within sight of its record high of 78.77 US dollars a barrel.

“Given the global credit crunch and the number one concern on the economic ropes, OPEC’s decision is symbolic,” said Christopher Jarvis, analyst at Caprock Risk Management.

**Nepal-China Tibet Economic, Trade Fair kicks off**

KATHMANDU, 12 Sept—Nepal-China Tibet Economic and Trade Fair 2007 was kicked off at Birendra International Conference Centre in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Tuesday morning.

At the opening ceremony of the economic and trade fair, Rajendra Mahato, Nepal’s Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, welcomed an 81-member delegation from China’s Tibet Autonomous Region, which arrived in Kathmandu on Monday to participate in the fair.

Mahato said, “The Tibet Autonomous Region of China and Nepal share many things in common due to their geographical proximity and historical ties. The bilateral trade relations which have existed since long have been further strengthened over the years.”

He said he believed that the fair “is a good opportunity for our business community of both sides to have direct interaction with each other and develop a reliable link for trade and investment through trade fair like this”. Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Zheng Xianglin said, “The recent years have witnessed expanding trade and economic cooperation between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region.”

He said the Chinese side is working hard on the renovation of infrastructure facilities in Chinese border town Khase, and in the Kerong port as the second important pass between the two countries.

**Sinopec to import 60,000 tons of gasoline in September**

BEIJING, 12 Sept—Sinopec, China’s biggest oil refiner, is planning to import 60,000 tons of gasoline in September to help meet domestic demand, said an official of the company on Tuesday.

Arrangements for the imports have been fixed, including the time and place of delivery, said the official in charge of sales with Sinopec, adding the imported gasoline would arrive at the end of this month. The demand for gasoline has surged due to increasing fuel consumption propelled by the end of a fishing moratorium, intensified farming in the autumn and persistent hot weather.

Meanwhile, the company wanted to keep some gasoline in store ahead of the National Day holidays to help ease the shortage in the domestic market, he said.

The market price of gasoline in China was 6,300 yuan (829 US dollars) per ton while the CIF (cost, insurance and freight) of imported gasoline was about 6,800 yuan (895 US dollars) per ton, said the official.

**China’s passenger vehicle sales up 24% in first eight months**

BEIJING, 12 Sept—Automobile manufacturers in China sold 4.02 million passenger vehicles in the first eight months of this year, up 24.09 per cent over the same period of last year, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said in its latest monthly report.

Of this, 481,300 units were sold in August, up 5.29 per cent over the previous month, and 26.77 per cent year-on-year.

For the January-August period, sales of sedans jumped 26.31 per cent year-on-year to 3,01 million units, sports-utility vehicles soared 49.78 per cent to 217,200 units, while multi-purpose vehicles went up 20.48 per cent to 143,500 units.

**Sony Corp’s Organic Electroluminescence (EL) televisions are displayed at the Display 2007 in Tokyo on 11 April, 2007.**—XINHUA
US study: Higher education, lower cancer death rates

BEIJING, 13 Sept — A new study in US found higher education lowers the risk for black and white women and men, media reported Thursday.

Researchers collected data on 137,708 cancer deaths from 2001 involving black and white men and women between the ages of 25 and 64.

Researchers found that more education was associated with lower death rates from cancer among all race and gender groups. The greatest difference was found between people with 12 or fewer years of education and those with more than 12 years of schooling.

Higher education was tied to lower risk of dying from cancer, the researchers reported.

“Cancer mortality varies a great deal for all cancers by individual level of education,” said Elizabeth Ward, director of cancer surveillance at the American Cancer Society.

“If we could get everyone’s cancer mortality to the level we see among the best educated, it would make a huge impact on cancer in the United States.”

Education is tied to socioeconomic status and access to medical care, Ward noted.

The new study finding makes it clear that many of the factors that influence cancer mortality are preventable, she said.

Swiss head for record mountain deaths

ZURICH, 12 Sept — Switzerland is headed toward a record year for mountain casualties, with 77 deaths so far this year, a study showed on Tuesday.

Swiss newspaper Blick said this year’s figure was rapidly approaching the record 88 fatal mountain casualties seen in 2003.

The newspaper said the latest spike in deaths was due to lack of fitness among hikers and growing numbers of visitors from Eastern Europe who did not speak local languages and who were not familiar with conditions in the mountains.

“We have reached a high level of mountain casualties this year,” said Gery Baumann, spokesman for Swiss Air Rescue group Rega.

Rega flew 545 mountain missions up to the end of August this year, second only to the 633 missions in the same period in 2003, when an unusually hot summer attracted waves of hikers and climbers.

In one week in July this year, 10 hikers perished in the canton of Valais, including Frenchman Claude Rey, president of the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, who plunged 30 metres into a crevasse. Switzerland is still coping with the loss of six soldiers who died in July during a training exercise on the Jungfrau mountain — apparently ignoring expert advice to avoid the icy conditions.

“People are better equipped today,” Baumann said. “But the risk is then that they don’t know exactly what to do, or how to deal with the mountains.”

Megawati agrees to run in 2009 presidential election

JAKARTA, 12 Sept — Former Indonesian president Megawati Soekarnoputri has accepted a nomination by her Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P) to run for the presidential election in 2009, local Press said Tuesday.

Megawati made the decision after party executives from across the board joined a day-long coordination meeting Monday to show their unanimous determination to support her for presidency.

In addition, a meeting attended by around 1,500 party executives from provinces and regional branches on the weekend recommended Megawati run for presidency, reported English daily Jakarta Post.

“The basis of the party’s recommendation, in my capacity as chairwoman of PDI-P, I am ready to be nominated by PDI-P as a presidential candidate in 2009,” she said.

Megawati was president from 2001 to 2004. She was defeated by Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in the second round of the 2004 presidential elections.

Landslides claim over 1,000 lives in China annually

CHENGDU, 12 Sept — Mud-rock flows and landslides left an average 1,036 people dead or missing in China each year from 1995 to 2006, a Chinese scientist said on Monday.

Fu Bojie, chief of the environment and resource bureau with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said landslides and mud-rock flows left 12,428 dead or missing in China during the 12-year period.

Around 74 million people in 1,583 counties or cities were threatened by landslides and mud-rock flows, said Fu at the Fourth International Conference on Debris-Flow Hazards Mitigation, which began on Monday in Chengdu, capital of the southwestern Sichuan Province.

More than 100 debris flow-prone areas have been effectively treated across China, protecting the lives of more than 100,000 people, said Deng Wei, director of the CAS Mountain Hazards and Environment Institute.

The four-day conference attracted 130 debris-flow researchers from 19 countries who gathered to discuss the treatment and prevention of disasters.

A resident and firefighters look at a damaged building after a strong earthquake struck in Padang, Indonesia’s West Sumatra Province on 12 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

A hay sculpture depicting a University of Montana grizzly bear mascot and a Montana State University bobcat mascot stands in a field near Utica, Mont, during the 17th annual ‘What the Hay!’ bale art show on 9 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

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The farmer also explained, “We use conventional method as well as machines in growing paddy. Thagaw Dam is the main source for irrigating the farmlands in Thayawady Township bordering Taikkyi in Yangon Division in the south and Letpadan of Bago Division (West) in the north. We feed paddy plants with chemical as well as natural fertilizers. Hence, we believe that agriculture development in Thayawady Township will contribute to developing rural economy.

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**Nutritious food cookery contest organized**

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Member of the Panel of Judges Dr Nwe Ni Ohn explained matters related to the contest. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai together with guests viewed participation of contestants from 12 MCWA branches in the contest.

After giving an address, the commander presented first, second and third prizes to respective MCWA branches for the expectant mothers event in the contest.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee also presented prizes to winning MCWA branches in the breastfeeding mother event in the contest. — MNA

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Next, Dr Hla Myint of Yangon Division Health Department explained community based preventive measures and health care services and the chairperson of Hlinethaya Township WAO reported on the activities of township organization.

After the ceremony, Daw Mar Mar Wai and members presented cash, medicines and refreshment to the patients of Shwe Udaung Street in Ward 1 and Maha Bandoola Street in Ward 2. — MNA

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**Five members quit YeU, Ayadaw, Kawlin, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Sagaing Township NLDs**

YANGON, 13 Sept — Five members including U Tun Myaing of YeU Township on 27 July, U Kyi Soe of Ayadaw Township on 29 July, U Aung Gyi of Kawlin Township on 8 August, U Win Min Thu of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township and U Khwe of Sagaing Township on 4 September sent their resignation letters of their own accord to National League for Democracy Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their resignation letters sent to YeU, Ayadaw, Kawlin, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Sagaing Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that they no longer wished to stand as members of the NLD, and they resigned from the party of their own volition.

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All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
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YANGON, 13 Sept — The second demonstration on preventive measures against dengue fever for September was held at the Yangon Institute of Education Practising High School here yesterday, attended by Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Hay of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Hay and members heard reports on the population, number of households and schools, supply of clean water, outbreak of the dengue fever and educative activities on the disease control in Kamayut Township presented by MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Hay and Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe put fry fish into water tank of Yangon Institute of Education Practising High School.

Assistant Head of the Health Department of YCDC Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Than, Head of Kamayut Township Health Department Dr Myint Myint Lwin and Principal Dr U Nandar Tun of the school, Daw Khin Thet Hay gave instructions on prevention of dengue fever. Next, the Vice-President and members, staff of Health Department and YCDC, members of WAO and social organizations looked into preventive measures against DHF and held discussions on educative activities with the students.

Myanmar striker Zin Mar Wan trying to pass through Malaysian defensive players in second semifinal match. (News on Page 16)
Iran says report will not save US from “Iraq’s swamp”

TEHERAN, 13 Sept— Iran dismissed a long-awaited progress report by the two senior US officials in Iraq on Wednesday, saying it would not “save America from Iraq’s swamp” and calling on Washington to withdraw its troops.

General David Petraeus, Commander of US forces in Iraq, and Ambassador Ryan Crocker testified to the US Congress on Monday, Petraeus recommended cutting US troops by about 30,000 by next July, ending a so-called surge of forces but not fundamentally changing strategy in the unpopular war.

Petraeus and Crocker appeared at a congressional hearing seen as a pivotal moment in the US debate over the war, which US President George W Bush has vowed to pursue but which many of the Democrats who control Congress say must end.

“Amerians do not want to accept their failure in Iraq ... their only solution is to leave Iraq,” Petraeus and Crocker said.

“This report does not reflect the real demands and priorities of the majority of the American people,” Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said in the statement, according to the official IRNA news agency.

“This report will not save America from Iraq’s swamp.”

It was the first official reaction from Teheran about the testimony, which has been welcomed by the Iraqi Government.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad later told state television that: “Americans do not want anymore to dispose of something they may have been trying to do for years.”

Iraq eyes big drop in foreign forces by end 2008

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept— Foreign troop levels in Iraq could drop to less than 100,000 by the end of 2008 if Iraq’s own forces were ready and security threats had diminished, Iraqi national security adviser said on Wednesday.

“Maybe it is not far from the truth if we said that by the end of next year, multinational forces could be less than 100,000,” Mowaffaq al-

WWII grenade found among used clothing in Canada

OTTAWA, 13 Sept — Canadian police found Tuesday a hand grenade from the Second World War in a shipment of used clothing, according to local media reports.

Authorities are examining the item which was delivered to a used-clothing facility a week ago but it was not found until Tuesday. Canadian Press quoted a police spokesman as saying.

The immediate area where the device was discovered was evacuated as a precaution. Police said there was no imminent danger because the pin was still in the device. Police believe the box came from someone who may have been trying to dispose of something they did not want anymore.

Gas pipeline explodes into fire in S-E Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 Sept — The pipeline of the Expanded Bakhbarad Gas line located in Bangladesh’s southeastem Chittagong District exploded into a violent fire at the middle of Kalurghat bridge over the Karnaphuli River Tuesday night, threatening locals and industries.

“The fire, which broke out about 8:30 pm, was raging towards the southern side where 25 industrial units and two residential areas are facing threat,” a spot account of the blaze was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying.

Firefighters from different stations rushed to the spot and tried to douse the blaze, but to little effect.

The cause of the fire was unknown. Bakhbarad Gas authorities could not say anything in this regard.

Passengers escape injury in Lithuania plane crash

VILNIUS, 13 Sept — A plane with 52 people aboard crashed landing in Lithuania on Wednesday but no one was hurt, the airport said, in the second such accident this week involving a turboprop of the Scandinavian SAS airline.

The plane ploughed through the ground with its fuselage and right wing and slid off the runway at Vilnius Airport when the crew decided to put down there after noticing in flight that landing gear had failed.

Following a crash of the same type of SAS plane on Sunday in Denmark, also due to landing gear problems, the airline said it was grounding the Canadian DH-8-400 aircraft and cancelling 112 flights.

None of the 48 passengers or 4 crew was injured in Wednesday’s accident involving the plane, popularly known as the Dash 8, SAS said in a statement. The accident happened at 1:48 am local time (2248 GMT), it added.

“The plane was on a route from Copenhagen to the western Lithuanian town Palanga when the crew noted the failure of the front and right landing gear,” said Vilnius Airport spokesman Arunas Marcinkevicius.

The crew then decided to land in Vilnius, which has a longer and broader runway.

Iran says report will not save US from “Iraq’s swamp”

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 14 September, 2007
250 Canadian soldiers kept from Afghanistan for drug use

OTTAWA, 13 Sept — About 250 Canadian soldiers were prevented from going to Afghanistan last year because of drug use, Canadian military officials confirmed Tuesday.

The military government board that opened Monday in Vienna, Cuban Ambassador Norma Miguellina Gisicochea Estenoz said the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) shares IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei’s view that “this work plan (timetable) is a significant step forward”.

The NAM “reiterates...”

More cancer deaths seen in less-educated Americans

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — People with at least some education beyond high school have a lower cancer death risk than those with less education, according to a US study published on Tuesday.

The study, published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, found that the more education people had, the less likely they were to die of cancer, particularly Black and White men and White women.

Mortality rates specifically for lung, colorectal, breast and prostate cancers were strongly associated with education level among these groups, the researchers said.

Researchers led by Jessica Albano of the American Cancer Society in Atlanta analyzed about 140,000 US cancer deaths among adults aged 25 to 64 in 2001.

They found that “this work plan (timetable) is a significant step forward”.

The NAM “reiterates...”

Non-aligned nations voice support for deal between IAEA, Iran

VIENNA, 13 Sept — Non-aligned nations on Tuesday voiced their support for the deal reached last month between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran despite Western skepticism.

Addressing a meeting of IAEA governing board that opened Monday in Vienna, Cuban Ambassador Norma Miguellina Gisicochea Estenoz said the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) shares IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei’s view that “this work plan (timetable) is a significant step forward”.

The NAM “reiterates...”

Gunmen murder 4 Federal police in public in N Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept — Four officers from the Federal Investigation Agency (AFI) were shot dead at 11:00 am on Tuesday, in a public street in the northern Mexico city of Monterrey, capital of Nuevo Leon State, state police said.

The killers arrived in a series of vehicles as AFI officers were making an arrest and engaged them in a five-minute shootout. There were also two explosions during the attack.

Monterrey television showed images of bullet holes in the buildings and shells of different calibres. State and federal police and the Army, who arrived aboard a water cannon vehicle, sealed the area after the attack.

Authorities have not reported on civilian casualties, but they are likely as the firefight took place in a central area with a lot of traffic.
Laos to raise literacy rate in 2007

HANOI, 12 Sept—At least 20 tigers have rediscovered in a tropical rainforest in western India, almost three decades after they were thought to poaching and habitat destruction. “There was good forest cover, an ideal habitat and an ideal prey base but tigers were not sighted in the Sahyadri range since the late 1970s,” Vishwas Sawai- warkar, former head of the state-run Wildlife Institute of India, told Reuters. My estimate is there are at least 20 of them now,” said Sawaiwarkar, adding that the discovery was made during an ongoing nationwide tiger census. India is believed to have half the world’s surviving tigers, but according to a census in 2001 and 2002, their numbers have dwindled to 3,642 from 40,000 a century ago. Conservationists say the actual number of tigers is between 1,300 and 1,500, based on the initial findings of the current census due to made public later this year. No sightings of the big cats led many—including poachers and conservationists—to believe the tigers had been wiped out from the Sahyadri range, an unbroken chain of mountains that stretch along India’s western edge. Experts said the last remaining tigers could have benefited with poachers moving on to other areas in search of their lucrative prey, whose body parts are used in traditional Chinese medicines and whose skins fetch thousands of dollars.—MNA/Reuters

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MYANMAR RAILWAYS

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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 17.9.2007 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291985, (201555 Ext 601,602,605,612)

Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon
Vietnam Govt approves environment-protect plan

HANOI, 12 Sept — The Vietnamese Government has approved a national action plan to curb the rapid degradation of environment in the country, according to newspaper Vietnam News Tuesday.

Under the action plan, forest coverage should be increased to between 42-43 per cent of total natural area of the country by 2010, and expand to 48 per cent by 2020. One half of degraded watershed forests should be restored and total area of protected ecological land should increase one and half times by 2010. Total area of submerged and marine reserves should increase to over 1.2 million hectares and restore 200,000 hectares of mangrove trees.

In addition, 90 per cent of production and business facilities should attain international environmental standards and have planted trees inside their complexes. 50 per cent of polluted lakes, ponds, canals and rivers in cities should be cleaned up by 2010, according to the plan. The country has targeted that 85 per cent of rural residents would easy access to clean water by 2010, and 100 per cent of urban residents and 95 per cent of rural residents by 2020, said the newspaper, while 62 per cent of rural residents access to clean water on average at present, said the newspaper.

Lutein, zeaxanthin may reduce blindness among elders

BEIJING, 13 Sept — Two nutrients, lutein and zeaxanthin, found in eggs, spinach and other leafy green vegetables offer some protection against the most common cause of blindness among the elderly, media reported Thursday.

A 6-year study in US asked about the dietary habits of 4,519 people aged 60 to 80 when enrolled.

Those in the top fifth of dietary consumption of foods containing the two nutrients had 35 per cent less chance of developing the condition compared to those in the lowest fifth of consumption. “Lutein and zeaxanthin may be considered as useful agents in food or supplement-based interventions designed to reduce the risk of AMD,” said the researchers. Lutein and zeaxanthin help ward off the condition, apparently by allowing the eyes to filter harmful short-wave-length light and by curtailing other damaging effects to the macula, or the centre of eye’s retina.

“Without associations with other nutrients were seen,” including the vitamins C and E and beta-carotene, according to the researchers, led by John Paul SanGiovanni of the National Eye Institute, one of the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, US.

US study finds jump in drug injury reports

CHICAGO, 12 Sept — Reports of deaths or injuries related to drug treatments more than doubled between 1998 and 2005 in the United States, with painkillers and immune-system boosters accounting for most, researchers said on Monday.

“This study shows that substantially growing numbers of patients are experiencing serious injuries from drug therapy,” they wrote in a report in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

“This growing toll of serious injury shows that the existing system is not adequately protecting patients and underscores the importance of recent reports urging far-reaching legislative, policy and institutional changes,” they added.

Thomas Moore and colleagues at the Institute for Safe Medication Practices in Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania, said the findings came from a look at serious adverse drug events as reported to the US Food and Drug Administration from 1998 through 2005. A “serious adverse drug event” is one that causes death, birth defects, disability, puts someone in a hospital or was life-threatening.

The FDA gets information about such occurrences directly or from drug makers, who are required to report them. A bill pending in the US Congress would force the agency to do more active surveillance, for instance, by checking insurance records.

German Minister says ratifying UN climate deal to take time

BERLIN, 12 Sept — A global deal to combat climate change must be decided by the end of 2009 as it will take about two years to ratify, Germany’s Environment Minister said on Monday.

World leaders said at the G-8 summit last June they would pursue a new deal to replace the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012.

“We must have an agreement by the end of 2009, and then it will probably take about two years to reach a mandate,” Sigmar Gabriel said, opening a two-day meeting of environment and energy ministers from 20 countries.

“If you think about how long it takes to reach an agreement just between the 16 German states — you can see that it might take a while,” he told the meeting called ahead of United Nations climate talks in Bali in December. The meeting is designed to lay the groundwork for the new climate deal and aims to change the position of countries such as China and India who are wary of binding emissions cuts.
**SPORTS**

**Scotland top Group B after shock win in France**

**PARIS, 13 Sept —** Scotland took command of Euro 2008 qualifying Group B after James McFadden’s second-half strike gave them a surprise 1-0 win in France on Wednesday.

McFadden struck from 25 metres in the 64th minute as Scotland clinched their second victory against the World Cup finalists in their bid to reach next year’s finals.

Alex McLeish’s side have 21 points from nine games and lead Italy, who grabbed a 2-1 win in Ukraine, by one point.

France, who had the clearest chances in the second half, conceded their first goal in six matches and dropped to third place two points off the pace.

The home side had not played a qualifying match at the Parc des Princes since missing out on a World Cup spot in November 1993 when they lost 2-1 to Bulgaria.

They were first into the action with David Trezeguet volleying wide from a Franck Ribery cross in the 15th minute.

Trezeguet, who had not played for France since their 1-0 defeat by Argentina at the Stade de France in February, was replacing the suspended Thierry Henry.

However, Scotland were barely troubled as Les Bleus failed to break down the wings.

France had their best chance 10 minutes into the second half when Ribery, set up by Trezeguet, saw his effort parried by goalkeeper Craig Gordon.

One minute later, Gordon pulled off a superb save to deny Nicolas Anelka.

**Spain beat Latvia to join Sweden at top of Group F**

**Madrid (Spain), 13 Sept —** Spain laboured to a 2-0 win over Latvia to join Sweden at the top of Group F in their Euro 2008 qualifier on Wednesday.

Barcelona midfielder Xavi opened the scoring after just 13 minutes but Spain struggled to add to the score against technically inferior, though well-organized, opposition.

It was not until five minutes from time that Liverpool striker Fernando Torres pounced for the second to give his team a three-goal cushion.

Spain move above Northern Ireland into second in the group, level on 19 points with Sweden who have a game in hand. Northern Ireland, who lost 2-1 to Iceland earlier, have 16 points.

**England beat Russia 3-0 in qualifying match**

**LONDON, 13 Sept —** England head coach Steve McClaren praised Michael Owen’s match-winning performance against Russia on Wednesday saying he never doubted he would return to the highest level after his injury nightmare.

“I never wrote him off, I always knew he was going to be important for us,” said McClaren after Owen took his tally to 40 goals for his country in his 85th international match.

Only Bobby Charlton (49), Gary Lineker (48) and Jimmy Greaves (44) have scored 40 or more goals for England and Owen looks capable of overtaking all of them before too long.

The Newcastle United striker scored twice in the first half but McClaren praised his all-round contribution in the 3-0 victory that lifted England up to second place in Group E. Croatia lead with 23 points, England have 20 and Russia 18.

“He looks fitter and sharper, and its not just his goals, but his all-round play,” said McClaren, delighted to have Owen back in the side after more than 20 months in which he has battled two serious injuries.

Owen has scored three in two games following his strike against Israel on Saturday as England collected six points out of six to revitalize their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign.

McClaren told reporters: “I am greatly satisfied. We wanted six points out of the two games and we got them and I’m satisfied by the performance of individuals and the team. But we are keeping our feet on the ground. There’s three games to go, and we have won nothing yet and we’re not qualified yet either.”

**Russia’s Konstantin Zyryanov(C) scores against England before seeing his goal disallowed during their European Championship qualifying Group D match at Wembly Stadium. England won 3-0.**

**Czechs beat Ireland to move closer to Euro 2008**

**PRAGUE, 13 Sept —** Marek Jankulovski’s early goal gave the Czech Republic a 1-0 win over 10-man Ireland in their Group D qualifier on Wednesday and moved his team a big step closer to advancing to Euro 2008.

The Czechs entered the match in second place in the group, five points behind leaders Germany who are on 22 and three ahead of the Irish after eight matches.

With six points now between themselves and Ireland, the Czechs need just one win from their final three games against Germany, Cyprus and Slovakia.

“We still have important games ahead, we can’t say we have advanced. But this was a big win for us, it helps separate us from the others,” said Czech coach Karel Bruckner.

The Czechs punished on a tentative Irish team from the kickoff and Jankulovski struck in the 15th minute when he combined well with Jaroslav Plasil.

**Bellamy double helps Wales thrash Slovakia**

**TRENTO (Slovakia), 13 Sept —** Wales captain Craig Bellamy scored twice to help his team thrash Slovakia 5-2 in their Euro 2008 qualifier on Wednesday.

Bellamy was the architect of Wales’ third win in Group D, which was sweet revenge for John Toshack’s young side after their 5-1 defeat by Slovakia in Cardiff last October.

A Freddy Eastwood equalizer, Jan Durica’s own goal and a last-gasp Simon Davies strike wrapped up a convincing win for the Welsh, who lost 2-0 to group leaders Germany on Saturday.

The victory put Wales level on 10 points with the Slovaks although both countries are 12 points drift of the Germans. Slovakia’s stand-in captain Marek Mintal replied for the home side, having opened the scoring in the 12th minute with a perfect shot in the top corner of Wayne Hennessey’s goal.

The striker was close to adding a second four minutes later but the Welsh keeper caught his low shot.

The Slovaks threatened again in the 19th but Hennessey palmed out a sizzling long-range shot by defender Marek Cech.

**Chinese players greet the audience after winning their European Championship qualifier Group D match on 12 Sept, 2007.**

**Internet**
US weak points identified in Iraq, Afghanistan

TEHERAN, 13 Sept — The commander of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps said on Tuesday that the country has identified US weak points in Iraq and Afghanistan, Iran’s state broadcasting organization IRIB reported on its website.

“All weak points of the enemy of Islamic Revolution in Iraq and in Afghanistan have been located and on the basis of the country’s defensive fundamentals have been strengthened,” General Mohammad Ali Jaafari said.

The commander made the remarks at the end of the three-day nation-wide annual gathering of the commanders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps.

“In case the enemy wants to do any bold action the Iranians will give a strong and teeth-breaking response,” Jaafari said.

He noted that the Revolutionary Guards and the Basij militia force, which is subordinate to the Revolutionary Guards, will remain the supporters of the Iranian revolution and the system.

The United States has been seeking to impose tougher sanctions on Iran through the UN Security Council on the grounds that Teheran is developing a nuclear weapon programme under the guise of a civilian-use programme.

Iran has insisted that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes and voiced hope for talks to defuse the nuclear standoff.

The United States has never ruled out military action against Iranian targets for Teheran’s suspicious nuclear programmes.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico pipeline attacks leave hundreds of Cos without fuel

MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept — Monday’s bomb attacks against gas pipelines in Mexico have left hundreds of companies without fuel, the Mexican Natural Gas Association (AMGN) said Tuesday.

The AMGN president Agustin Human said the attacks had halted the daily delivery of up to 700 million cubic feet of gas.

Early Monday, attackers blew up gas pipelines belonging to state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) in six locations. Five of these were in the east coast state of Veracruz and one was in the central state of Tlaxcala.

No one died in the raid but 12,500 people were evacuated from their homes.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

WEATHER

Thursday, 13 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, South West monsoon has withdrawn from the Northern Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and Ayeawady Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (2.52) inches, Co-Co Island (2.36) inches, Ye (2.09) inches, Bhamo (1.73) inches and Thandwe (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-9-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-9-2007 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfall on 13-9-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (106.02) inches at Mingaladon, (108.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 12-9-2007.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-9-2007: Isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-9-2007: One or two rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-9-2007: Isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning (Issued at 12:30 hr. MST on 13-9-2007) According to the (06:30) for MST observation today, the water level of Ayeawady River at Hinthada is (1298) cm. It may reach its danger level (1342) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.
**Commander supervises progress of regional development in Mongpauk**

NAI PYI TAW, 13 Sept — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected thriving monsoon paddy, maize and rubber plantations along both sides of Mongyan-Mongpauk road on 22 August.

While in Mongpauk, the commander met local national races and discussed regional development tasks.

At Mongpauk Hospital, the commander presented cash assistance to the patients and K 500,000 to the funds of the hospital through officials.

At Mongpauk BEHS, the commander met departmental personnel, calling for participation in the regional development undertakings. He presented K 1 million donated by Shan State (East) PDC to the funds of the school, K 850,000 to be used in installation of one computer set, 10 desks to the school, cash assistance and foodstuff to the service personnel through the Assistant Director of Mongpauk Region Development Office and Headmaster U Aung Myaing.

The commander inspected tasks of Mongpauk Township TV Retransmitting Station, Radio Telegraph Office and Post Office and attended to the needs.

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**MR offers good train service for convenience of public**

YANGON, 13 Sept — The Myanma Railways operates 191 circular train runs here daily, especially in the rush hours, offering good train service at reasonable prices for the comfort and convenience of the public.

Train fares are rated at K 10 and K 20. The 191 circular train runs in Yagon are as follows:

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**Myanmar sail to final with 5-0 win over Malaysia**

YANGON, 13 Sept — Semifinal matches of the AFF Women’s Championship 2007 took place at the Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, here, this afternoon.

In the first semifinal match at 3.30 pm, Thai Women’s Team hummered Vietnamese Women’s team 3-0 and the former cruised to the final.

At 5.45 pm, the second semifinal match followed. Myanmar Women’s Football Team moved up to the final by winning a 5-0 victory over Malaysian Women’s Team.

After the second semifinal match, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation gave words of encouragement to the players of the Myanmar Women’s Team.

Among the spectators were General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, members of the Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, senior military officers, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives.

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**Weather Forecast for 14-9-2007**

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas
One or two rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (80%).