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- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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

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

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**Families of Defence Services and wellwishers donate cash, provisions to monasteries and nunneries in Sangyong, Thakayta and Dawbon Townships**

**Yangon, 16 Sept** — The families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers held a ceremony to donate rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and cash to 15 monasteries and one nunnery at Thandhithukha Dhamayon, Sangyong Township this afternoon, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and he offered robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaws of monasteries and nuns in the township, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, heads of departments, local authorities and members, members of the social organizations and donors.

Firstly, the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe received the Five Precepts from Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Wailuwun Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Aggavamsa. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and members offered robes and alms to the Sayadaw and senior nuns. Next, officials and wellwishers donated alms to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the Vice-Mayor and senior military officers accepted K 8,337,500 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Secretary Sayadaw of Yangon Division Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sangyong Township Naynaththa Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Bhaddanta Sucitta preached the sermon and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe shared merits gained.

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We honour Myanmar women’s soccer team

It is opportune to write on promoting the standard of sports in the nation when Myanmar women’s soccer team wins the trophy of AFF Women’s Championship. The government has been providing necessary assistance for raising the sport standard of the country. Due to their strength and sporting spirit, we believe that Myanmar athletes can enter into the competitions of Asian level.

Myanmar hosted the third ASEAN Football Federation Women's Championship for the first time. Myanmar women’s team beat Thai women’s team in the final and won the AFF Women’s Championship trophy for the second time. The trophy was won due to team spirit, hard training and maximum performance in the final.

Women’s teams from Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines participated in the championship and Myanmar was unbeaten in the all five matches including the final. Gaining victory in sport promotes the prestige of the State and the people. Thousands of sport fans watched the final of AFF Women’s Championship held the other day.

TV viewers in Myanmar are very much pleased with the team spirit and victory of Myanmar team. Winning of the match indicates united spirit and patriotism.

Myanmar women’s soccer team sets an example of fine performance with high spirit to other athletes. Therefore, athletes of volleyball, track and field, archery, tennis, weightlifting, taekwondo, sepak takraw and swimming should harmoniously strive with national spirit to win victory in every competition.

First monsoon paddy harvested in Htantabin

YANGON, 15 Sept — The first paddy harvesting and second paddy ploughing were held at Kyaukgyin Village of Htantabin Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

The commander and party arrived at the farms in Htantabin and observed paddy harvesting and threshing.

The commander next inspected computer application room, computer aided instruction room, language lab and learning of the students at Htantabin Township Basic Education High School.

In meeting with farmers, the commander spoke on the use modern farm equipments and fertilizer and cultivation of physic nut in model villages.

Foreign Minister leaves for Cuba

YANGON, 15 Sept — At the invitation of Minister of Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation of the Republic of Cuba Mr Marta Lomas Morales, the Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left for Cuba by air this afternoon to attend the 2nd Ministerial Meeting of the Joint Commission for bilateral cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Cuba to be held in Havana from 17 to 18 September 2007.

The Minister was accompanied by Director-General U Phae Thann Oo of Political Department, Deputy Director-General U Hla Thaung of Foreign Economic Relations Department of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Director U Aung Ba Kyu of Political Department and Assistant Director U Win Zeyar Tun of Minister’s Office of Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

After attending the 2nd Myanmar-Cuba Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation Ministerial Meeting, the minister will proceed to New York on 19 September 2007 to attend the 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Patron of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association U Aung Lwin presents prize to an outstanding trainee.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Germany denies US report on UN sanctions against Iran**

**BERLIN, 15 Sept**—Germany on Friday denied a recent US report saying that it tried to hold off drafting any further UN sanctions against Iran over the country’s nuclear programme.

“Germany is prepared to take the necessary steps against Iran, if necessary,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Martin Jaeger told a regular news conference.

The comments came as a response to the TV channel FOX’s report saying that Germany wanted to delay any sanctions to allow a deal struck between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on 21 August to take effect.

Jaeger described the report as “nonsense”, adding that the German Government is working closely with European partners on the Iran issue.

He said Germany was also open to “give Iran a chance to recover the international community’s lost confidence in its nuclear programme.”

The IAEA, the UN watchdog, reached a deal with Teheran last month to bring transparency to Iran’s nuclear programme.

“If Iran is ready to do this... then I think we can spare ourselves future sanctions debates,” the spokesman said.

Iran has repeatedly claimed its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes such as generating electricity.

Washington, however, suspects that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons and insists on expanding sanctions against the so-called “rogue state”.

**Cholera infects 16,000 in northern Iraq**

**GENEVA, 15 Sept**—The cholera outbreak in three provinces of northern Iraq has now infected 16,000 people, including 10 deaths, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

Between 23 August and 10 September, at least 6,000 people had been reported with diarrhoeal diseases in Sulaymaniyah Province, almost 7,000 in Kirkuk Province, and at least 3,000 cases in Erbil Province, WHO spokes¬woman Fadela Chaib told reporters in Geneva.

The WHO has also pre¬positioned 10 Interagency Diarrhoeal Disease kits — each with the capacity to treat 100 severe cases of cholera — in order to ensure adequate supplies of essential drugs as well as medical and laboratory are available.

A total of 38 US soldiers have been killed so far in September, compared with 84 last month.

Thousands of US and Iraqi troops have been cracking down on al-Qeda and other Sunni Arab militants in Diyala Province in recent weeks as part of nationwide offensives against the Sunni Islamist group, insurgents and Shiite militias. — MNA/Reuters

**Four US soldiers killed in Iraq’s Diyala**

**BAGHDAD, 15 Sept**—Four US soldiers were killed on Friday by an explosion near their vehicle in Iraq’s volatile Diyala province, north of Baghdad, the US military said. Their deaths take to 3,780 the number of US service personnel killed since the US-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein in March 2003.

No other details about the incident were immediately available. A total of 80 US soldiers have been killed so far in September, compared with 84 last month.

The Chinese visiting fleet arrives in the southern Spanish port city of Cadiz, on 14 Sept., 2007. Two Chinese warships, the missile destroyer “Guangzhou” and the depot ship “Weishanhu”, arrived in Cadiz on Friday, starting the first visit to Spain by Chinese warships. During their five-day visit, the Chinese fleet will conduct a joint military exercise dubbed “Chinese-Spanish Friendship-2007” with Spanish naval vessels. — XINHUA

**Zimbabwe tops literacy rankings in southern Africa**

**HARARE, 15 Sept**—Zimbabwe has the highest overall literacy rate of 90 per cent in southern Africa followed by South Africa with 86 per cent, according to the latest United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization statistics on literacy in Africa, The Herald reported on Friday.

The good news is that, in southern Africa, “education in Zimbabwe is better in this department. The quality of education in Zimbabwe as the third best in Africa, after Tunisia and Kenya, and 39th in the world. The quality of mathematics and science education in Zimbabwe was ranked 70th in the world with Morocco at 49th and Benin at 55th adjudged to be the only other African countries better in this department. — INTERNET

**Protestors hold a banner near the American consulate during a protest in Sydney on 15 Sept., 2007. The small protest group are calling for an end to the conflict in Iraq.—INTERNET**
New FDM outbreak confirmed at second British farm

LONDON, 15 Sept — The British Government on Friday officially confirmed that cattle culled at a second Surrey farm had tested positive for foot-and-mouth disease.

The government’s chief vet Debby Reynolds said that foot-and-mouth had been present at the farm — taking the total number of farms where the disease has been found in 2007 to four.

The chief vet said she was glad that all the animals on the farm had been culled before the test results were announced. The “precautionary” cull of animals took place at Stroud Farm, in Egham, near the scene of the outbreak of the disease discovered on Wednesday, local media reported.

Stroud farm is about 16 kilometres from the Pirbright research complex blamed as the source for the foot-and-mouth outbreaks at two farms in early August.

A total of 940 cattle and pigs have reportedly been culled so far in the latest outbreak.

Russian envoy describes ties with Syria as “very good”

DAMASCUS, 15 Sept — Visiting Russian President’s Special Envoy Alexander Sultanov described on Thursday ties between Syria and his country as “very good and cooperation is standing between them in all domains”, the official SANA news agency reported.

Sultanov, who is also Russia’s Deputy Foreign Minister, made the remarks after meeting with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his deputy Farouk al-Shara.

“Syria and Russia are in a continuous coordination and communication to discuss situations in the region and world,” Sultanov said, adding that his talks here concentrated on the latest developments in the region.

The envoy affirmed Russia’s care to give an opportunity to get the region out of the strained and difficult situation and achieve stability and a comprehensive peace.

On the Palestinian issue, Sultanov said he discussed with the Syrian leaders means to accomplish the basic aim in this regard, which is establishing a Palestinian State. On Iraq, Sultanov expressed his country’s support to all efforts aimed at preserving Iraq’s unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity and realizing the political reconciliation with the participation of all the national political powers in Iraq.

The needy students receive donated articles at the enrollment ceremony held at Mudanjiang University in Mudanjiang, a city in northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, on 14 Sept, 2007. The “Rainbow Project” to help needy college students was launched in Mudanjiang on Friday. A total of 35 qualified students from needy families were sponsored by the project in their studies at Mudanjiang University and all their expenses at school would be covered by the local government and university.

California’s city limits water use amid supply woes

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept — Long Beach has become the first city in California to impose severe water use restrictions as an effort to ease water supply woes caused by record dry weather and a court ruling, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday. Declaring a water emergency, officials of the port city near Los Angeles announced Thursday measures that would change residents and businesses’ behaviour, including how people water lawns and restaurants serve water to diners.

The restrictions, which include a provision barring lawn watering during the day and limiting the act to three times a week, follow a federal court ruling that limits water deliveries to Southern California from Northern California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Suicide truck bomb kills 11 in northern Iraq

TIKRIT (Iraq), 15 Sept — A suicide fuel tanker bomb struck a police checkpoint in the town of Beiji in Salahudin Province north of Baghdad, on Friday, killing 11 people including policemen and wounding eight others, a provincial police source said.

“A suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden fuel tanker at a police checkpoint near the Mashallah Restaurant on the southern entrance of the town of Beiji, 200 kilometres north of Baghdad,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The powerful explosion killed nine policemen and two civilians, along with wounding eight civilians and damaging parts of the nearby restaurant, the source said. Iraqi security forces cordoned off the scene and ambulances rushed to the area to evacuate the casualties, he added.

The incident came a day after a roadside bomb killed Sheikh Abdul Sattar Abu Risha, a key leader of an alliance of Sunni Arab tribes. Abu Risha is the head of the Anbar Awakening Council, which is backed by the government and the US troops to fight the al-Qaeda network in Iraq.

The government’s law and order ministry said that the terrorism department of the police and the town of Beiji’s security committee were investigating the incident.

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ECONOMIC NEWS

Singapore tries to spur LNG trading growth

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — A Singapore senior official on Thursday stressed Singapore’s policy of spurring the growth of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) trading sector.

Speaking at an event to award top 250 global energy companies in Asia, Lee Yi Shyan, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, formulated two key pillars of the country’s energy policy framework: improving energy efficiency and investing in clean energy.

He was optimistic in Singapore’s LNG trading volumes, saying “International Enterprise (IE) Singapore is now in discussion with a number of companies about starting LNG trading in Singapore.

“Given the synergies and the strong interest, we are optimistic that we will be able to leverage on Singapore’s expertise in oil trading to grow our LNG trading volumes,” he added.

Last week, the Singapore Government announced that PowerGas had been designated to build and operate the LNG terminal which will be operational by 2012.

The government will also appoint an LNG aggregator next year to consolidate gas demand from all end users in Singapore and procure LNG from suppliers on their behalf. He also said that global demand growth has also led to the expansion of Asian-based integrated oil majors and spurred investments into energy infrastructure within Asia.

He added that, at the same time, opportunities have been created, and global oil majors, such as Total, BP and Shell, have been making inroads into the Chinese market, entering into joint ventures for refineries, petrochemical plants and even retail stations.

Unemployment rate to reduce in Vietnam this year

HANOI, 15 Sept — Vietnam is estimated to reduce unemployment rate to 5.02 per cent in 2007 from 5.1 per cent in 2006, local newspaper Vietnam Economic Times reported Friday.

The country has eyed to annually create near about two million jobs, including sending 320,000 workers abroad by 2010, the paper quoted the Vietnamese Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs as reporting.

Vietnam is pouring 5.985 billion Vietnamese dong (nearly 374.1 million US dollars) into creating jobs from 2006 to 2010.

Indian airport firm seeks partner for budget airline plan

NEW DELHI, 15 Sept — A south Indian international airport is looking for a partner for its plans to start a budget airline.

Air Kerala, the Daily News and Analysis (DNA) newspaper reported Friday.

It quoted an official of the Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) as saying the company had put aside its plan to fly to the Middle East and was rather concentrating on domestic operations.

The domestic operation will be launched with a partner because the company has no sufficient funds to support the project, the official said, adding it could be an existing domestic airline that shows interest, or preferably a new regional airline company, the DNA reported.

Three new regional airlines in south India, including Air Dravida, Star Aviation and Enric Air, are preparing to start operation.

Others like the Bird group and Megha Airways also plan to fly as regional airlines.

Singapore’s employment growth hit record high in Q2

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Singapore’s employment growth hit a record high while the unemployment rate fell sharply in the second quarter thanks to sustained strong economic growth, the government said on Friday.

Figures from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) show that total employment grew by an all-time quarterly high of 64,400 in the second quarter, surpassing the increase of 49,400 in the first quarter and 36,400 in the same quarter a year ago. This brought employment growth in the first half of 2007 to 113,800, compared with 81,500 in the same period last year.

The unemployment rate, on a seasonally adjusted basis, fell significantly to 2.3 per cent in June from 2.9 per cent in March, the ministry said.

— MNA/Xinhua

Oil falls towards $79 as US hurricane fades

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Oil slid towards 79 US dollars a barrel on Friday, as a hurricane subsided in the Gulf of Mexico, though prices held near the previous day’s record high on supply worries ahead of peak winter demand.

US crude for October dropped 42 cents to 79.67 US dollars a barrel. London Brent crude for November lost 27 cents to 76.85 US dollars.

US gasoline futures eased 0.4 per cent after leading gains on Thursday, as hurricane Humphrey was downgraded to a tropical storm after shutting oil shipping channels and three refineries when it slammed onshore in Texas.— MNA/Reuters

An exhibitor (L) introduces agricultural products to a visitor during the Third Kunming Int’l Agricultural Exposition in Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 13 Sept., 2007. With 700 companies participating, the expo was opened to the public for free on 12 Sept. — XINHUA

A model wears a creation from Topshop’s Unique collection at their Spring/Summer 2008 show during the London Fashion Week, London, on 14 Sept., 2007. — INTERNET

A Bentley Arnage T on display. Volkswagen’s luxury car division Bentay wants to make its models more environmentally friendly and to edge closer to proposed EU limits, the financial daily Handelsblatt reported on Friday, citing Bentley head Franz-Josef Pueggen. — INTERNET

A model displays a creation from the new Versace Spring/Summer 2008 collection at a show during the London Fashion Week, London, on 14 Sept., 2007. — INTERNET
Illegal African immigrants die crossing from Somalia to Yemen

GENEVA, 15 Sept — At least 56 illegal African immigrants have lost their lives trying to make the perilous Gulf of Aden crossing from Somalia to Yemen since early September, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said on Friday.

Since 3 September, 12 smuggler’s boats carrying 925 Somalis, Ethiopians and others have reached Yemen after crossing the Gulf of Aden, UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond told reporters in Geneva.

“The most recent arrivals in Yemen told us that they were beaten by smugglers during the trip and that 24 people on their boat had died — three as a result of beatings; 11 after being crammed into the hold of the boat; and 10 from drowning in waters offshore,” Redmond said.

UNHCR questioning of earlier arrivals determined that at least another 32 people on three of the boats had lost their lives during crossings this month, he added. The deaths in the Gulf of Aden are a reminder of the risks taken every year by thousands of people resorting to smugglers in the Gulf of Aden, the Mediterranean and other waters, UNHCR said in a statement.

In recent months, international agencies working in Somalia have joined forces and set up a task force to better address the problem, it said.

Sofar in 2007, more than 10,000 people have reportedly arrived in Yemen in 103 boats. A total of 282 people died while 159 remain missing and presumed dead, according to UNHCR figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian Ocean tsunami alerts improve, but still fl aws

JAKARTA, 15 Sept — Tsunami warning systems in the Indian Ocean have improved since the devastating 2004 Indonesian quake but still have many flaws and produce false alerts or miss potential threats, experts and officials said on Friday.

Authorities in nations ringing the Indian Ocean issued a series of tsunami alerts this week after a powerful quake hit Indonesia’s Sumatra Island on Wednesday, followed by more than 40 aftershocks of between magnitude 4.9 to 7.8.

So far, there only appear to have been a few localized and non-fatal tsunamis in Sumatra, but experts said the region was lucky to have escaped a tsunami similar to the one off Indonesia’s Aceh which killed more than 280,000 people in 2004.

Seismologist Mike Turnbull of Australia’s Central Queensland University said authorities had not over-reacted this week.

“It would have been irresponsible not to issue the warnings because all the scientific evidence (was) available at the time when the warnings were issued,” Turnbull said by telephone.

In Indonesia, any undersea quake measuring more than 6.3 on the Richter Scale and less than 70 kilometres deep automatically triggers a tsunami warning in earthquake centres and then a seismologist reviews the data before deciding whether to issue an alert.

Pariatmono, an official at Indonesia’s Research and Technology Ministry, said a warning, even if it was false, was better than none, but admitted to flaws.

“At the moment the system is not fully reliable, and that is why there are many false warnings,” he said by telephone.

The lack of an effective warning system in the Indian Ocean was brutally exposed in 2004, particularly compared with the Pacific where US and Japanese agencies are highly developed.

Neighbouring Malaysia issued a tsunami warning on Wednesday, including alerting those on the resort island of Penang, which was hit by the 2004 tsunami.

Malaysian Science Minister Jamaludin Jarjis told Reuters he was “very happy” with the coordination between Indonesian and Malaysian authorities that shared real-time data.

Indonesia is setting up a nation-wide tsunami early warning system due to be completed by the end of 2008.

The system includes tsunami buoys and tide gauges on several offshore quake-prone points as well as sirens in populated coastal areas.

MNA/Reuters

Laos takes concrete measures to reduce smokers

HAVANOI, 15 Sept — Laos has made an anti-tobacco draft law, intensified propaganda on smoking’s harmful effects, and expanded anti-smoking areas, aiming to reduce smokers in the country.

The Lao Health Ministry is making an anti-tobacco draft law, an important step in controlling smoking in the country, Lao newspaper Vientiane Times reported Friday.

The country has also launched a campaign on propagandizing harmful effects of smoking on mass media and tobacco packages, and implemented a programme on expanded anti-smoking workplaces.

According to a survey conducted by the ministry in 2005, smokers, of whom 66.7 per cent were males, accounted for 40.3 per cent of Laos’ population.

MNA/Xinhua

14 killed as bus plunges in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Sept — At least 14 people were killed in a road accident in a remote mountainous region in Pakistan’s North West Frontier Province (NWFP), local TV channels reported on Friday.

A passenger bus fell into a river in Kaghan Valley of NWFP when its tire rod opened, leaving at least 14 passengers dead and four others injured.

Local people pulled bodies and injured people out of the rubble and the injured were taken to a nearby hospital. Witnesses said around 20 persons were travelling in the bus.

MNA/Xinhua

Haiti grounds domestic airline after emergency landings

HANOV, 15 Sept — Haiti’s aviation authority Thursday grounded the country’s largest domestic airline after it emerged that two of its airplanes had made emergency landings during the past fortnight.

The National Civil Aviation Office restricted Caribbean flights pending the results of investigations into why two twin-engine Cessna Caravan planes were forced to make emergency landings on Tuesday and 31 August.

MNA/Xinhua

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Children gather to look at a model of a mosquito, which sits on top of a vehicle used by workers spraying insecticide to fight an onset of dengue fever, in the outskirts of Phnom Penh in 3 July, 2007 file photo. Spanish bullfighter Jose Maria Manzanares likely contracted Dengue fever transmitted by mosquito bite during a Latin America tour involving appearances in Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, doctors say.—INTERNET

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Nutrition Development Week launched in Nay Pyi Taw Special District

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife view booths on display marking Nay Pyi Taw Special District Nutrition Development Week 2007. — MNA

Families of Defence Services and...

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Today’s donations towards monasteries and nunneries were 221 bags of rice and 947 viss of edible oil, 1570 viss of iodized salt, 314 tubes of tooth paste, 4095 kinds of traditional medicines, 314 viss of gram and 458 packets of chilly powder and K 8,337,500.

Similar ceremonies were held in Thakayta and Dawbon Townships, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and he offered robes and alms to Sayadaws. Present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaws of monasteries in Thakayta and Dawbon Townships and senior nuns, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, heads of departments, local authorities, members of social organizations and donors.

First, the congregation headed by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sasana Alinyoung Monastery President Sayadaw Bhuddanta Jotika.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered robes and alms to the Sayadaw. Afterwards, the commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers donated robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of the families of Defence Services, three senior military officers donated rice, edible oil and gram to the Sayadaw and senior nuns. Afterwards, officials and wellwishers donated alms to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers accepted K 23,365,000 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today’s donations towards the monasteries and nunneries in Thakayta and Dawbon Townships were 457 bags of rice, 1631.2 viss of edible oil, 2712 viss of iodized salt, 542 tubes of tooth paste, 1084 kinds of traditional medicines, 542 viss of gram, 450 packets of chilly powder and K 23,365,000.

U Wunna Maung Lwin appointed as Permanent Representative of Myanmar to UN

NAI PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Wunna Maung Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium, as the Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, Geneva. — MNA

18 members quit Sagaing Township NLD

YANGON, 16 Sept — Eighteen members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy including U Min Aung, U Khin Maung Gyi, U Mya Maung, U Tun Myint, U Myint Thein, U Kyaw Hsan Oo, U Taik Ya, Daw Khin Mya, U Thuang Tin and U Maung Maung on 5 September resigned from the NLD party of their own accord, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned.

In the letters sent to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-committee, they said they quit the NLD of their own volition as they no longer wanted to remain as party members. — MNA

Five chosen as lucky Mamee noodle consumers

YANGON, 16 Sept — Five lucky Mamee noodle consumers for August 2007 were chosen at Yuzana Garden Hotel on Signal Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

Sponsors Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd and Asia Light Co Ltd have been choosing five winners every month among the Mamee noodle consumers through lucky draws during the period beginning 1 August and 31 October this year. Every consumer who buys five packets of Mamee noodle can ask for a coupon from the shop to take part in the special lucky draw programme. Participants who are not lucky enough to win any of the five special prizes for August are automatically allowed to take part in the lucky draws for the months September and October. The two companies will choose a special winner in the final lucky draw they are going to sponsor in November.

At the lucky draw held at Yuzana Garden Hotel for the first time, Daw Kyin Myaing won the first prize, U Aung Soe Min, the second prize, U Than Tin, the third prize, Ma Than Than Aye, the fourth prize and Ma Yu Nanda Aung, the fifth prize.

All the winners are from Yangon Division. General Manager Mr David of Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd and Director U Soe Myint of Asia Light Co Ltd made speeches.

Master of ceremonies Daw Thetla Soe also explained the Mamee noodle lucky draw programme.

Consumers can send coupons to township Asia Light branches, shops that keep lucky draw boxes, Mamee noodle wholesale outlets and post box No 928 at Yangon Post Office.

Myanmar Mamee Double Decker Ltd and Asia Light Co Ltd launch the first lucky draw at Yuzana Hotel. — MNA

Li-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw in Sangyong Township. — MNA
Champion Myanmar Women’s Team wins victory through high sporting spirit and good teamwork plus the all-out support of the fans

Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation posing for a photo together with victorious Myanmar women players.

Victorious Myanmar women footballers celebrating victory by lifting their individual championship trophies.

Victorious Myanmar women footballers celebrating victory by lifting the State Flag.

Article: Ko Htwe
Photos: Ko Ko Soe Nyunt

In the 1st AFF Women’s Championship held in Vietnam in 2005, Myanmar Women’s Team clinched the title after beating the host Vietnamese Women’s Team on the penalty shoots. In 2006 when the 2nd AFF Women’s Championship was also organized in Vietnam, the host women’s team emerged champion. The victory of Myanmar Women’s Team in the 3rd championship was its second success. In its first success on the soil of Vietnam, Myanmar won over the host team on the penalty decision. Likewise, Myanmar emerged champion for the second time at home by beating Thai Team on the penalty kicks. It is obvious that Myanmar did not easily clinch the titles in its competitions.

In the 3rd AFF Women’s Championship 2007, the Group (A) comprised defending champion Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, while host Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore and Laos were included in the Group (B). The group matches were held from 6 to 11 September. Final matches of both groups took place at YTC (Thuwunna) and Aung San Stadium at 3.30 pm simultaneously.

After the group matches, Vietnam stood first in the Group (A) with nine points and Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia scored two points each. The Group (B) comprised Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore and Laos. The Group (B) was topped by Myanmar with 12 points, Thailand second with six points, and both teams entered the semifinal. In the Group (B), Myanmar that secured the first position with nine points on the standing table together with runner-up Thailand with six points cruised into the semifinal.

On 13 September, Thailand edged out Vietnam 3-0 in the first semifinal, and Myanmar routed Malaysia with a 5-0 win. On 15 September, the third place and the final matches were organized. Vietnamese Women’s Team bagged the third prize with a 6-0 win over Malaysian team. Furthermore, Vietnamese Women’s Team was awarded with the fairplay prize.

In the final match, Myanmar and Thai women’s teams could not break the goalless draw deadlock till the final whistle. As both teams scored one goal each in the extra times, the result had to be decided through the penalty shoot-outs. While Myanmar could kick four balls into the net, Thai team was able to score only one goal. Therefore, Myanmar emerged champion with a 5-2 score due to the fact that the fifth penalty shot was not required.

At this juncture, it can be seen that the dynamism of patriotic spirit and the high sporting spirit to achieve victory played a key role in securing the championship trophy. Furthermore, the tumultuous applause and all-out support of home football fans became a powerful strength for the Myanmar women players in playing their...
Champion Myanmar Women’s Team wins…

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match. In other words, the victory of the Myanmar women’s team came through the united strength between the spectators and the players. As a result, Myanmar Women’s Team deservedly won the championship trophy in the Third AFF Women’s Championship due to strengthening of their dynamism of patriotic spirit, diligence, perseverance and unity.

In five matches from the group to the final, Myanmar scored 17 goals and conceded only one. For the Myanmar team, Aye Nanda Hlaing and Zin Mar Wan shot four goals each, Khin Marlar Tun, Margaret Mary and Khin Moe Wai two goals each, and Moe Moe Wah and Su Su Wai, one each.

Myanmar goalkeeper May Khin Yamin made fantastic saves throughout the match. Superb defenders San San Maw, San San Thein, San San San, Su Su Wai, Khin Marlar Tun and Margaret Mary (Transport) played up and down linkages in attacks and defensive moves.

The Myanmar Women’s Team was headed by Team Leader U Soe Myint Lwin (Technical Director of MFF) together with Manager Daw Myat Myat Oo, Chief Coach U Aye Kyu Gyi (Defence), Assistant Coach U Chit Naing (SPED), Goalkeeping Coach U Kyaw Tint (SPED) and Medical Officer Dr Molly Chit (SPED). The team was formed with Goalkeepers May Khin Yamin (Home Affairs) and Thin Thin Soe (Transport); Defenders Myint Myint Aye, Moe Moe Wah (Transport), Shwe Sin Aung (Industry-1), San San Thein, San San San; Midfielders Su Su Wai, Khin Marlar Tun (SPEI-Mandalay), Zin Mar Wan and Margaret Mary (Transport).

Indeed, the victory of Myanmar Women’s Team proved that not only the individual football skills and application of excellent techniques but also the high sporting spirit and harmonious teamwork are important for gaining success in the international football tournament. Moreover, the tumultuous applause and cheers of officials concerned and packed spectators with patriotic spirit encouraged the Myanmar Women’s Team to be able to march to the championship. In fact, the victory of Myanmar Women’s Team in the 3rd AFF Women’s Championship is a milestone in the history of Myanmar football.

Translation: TTA

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Victorious Myanmar Women’s Team and responsible persons seen with championship trophy after the final match.

Myanmar goalkeeper seen ready to make fantastic save against attack of a Thai player.

Myanmar spectators from the stands cheering Myanmar Women’s Team.
Australian scientist to lead California’s stem research institute

LOS ANGELES, 16 Sept — Australian biologist Alan Trounson will lead California’s three-billion-dollar effort to find cures for diseases through human embryonic research, it was reported on Saturday.

Alan Trounson, 61, director of the Monash Immunology and Stem Cell Laboratories in Melbourne and a founder of the Australian Stem Cell Centre, would be the new president of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, according to The Los Angeles Times.

The institute had been without a president since the April resignation of neuroscientist Zach W Hall, who left two months earlier than his announced retirement date.

Trounson had deep roots in the field and rich experience in taking discoveries from the laboratory to the clinic with “global vision,” said Robert Klein II, board chairman and driving force behind Proposition 71, which authorized creation of the institute.

Under the terms of his contract, Trounson can work part time at a prorated salary for up to six months as he closes down his laboratory, Klein said in remarks published by The Times. Trounson’s appointment comes just as the almost 3-year-old institute is set to shift into warp speed with an infusion of money and talent. Until now, it was running on borrowed money and a skeletal staff.

Gerry McCann, father of missing toddler Madeleine, leaves the offices of their lawyers in central London, on 14 Sept, 2007. The investigation into the case of missing British toddler Madeleine McCann continued in Portimao, Portugal, on Friday at the public prosecutor’s office. Parents Kate and Gerry McCann are facing the prospect of being charged over their daughter’s disappearance after Portuguese police named them as ‘arguidos’, or formal suspects, during questioning on 7 September . — INTERNET

Missing British girl’s parents say hunt must go on

LONDON, 16 Sept — The parents of missing British girl Madeleine McCann are to launch an advertising campaign across Europe to try to shift attention back to the search for their daughter, a family member said on Saturday.

Gerry and Kate McCann, who are formal suspects in the police investigation into her disappearance, believe she is still alive and have asked police to keep looking for the four-year-old.

They will pay for the campaign using a million pound fund donated by well-wishers since their daughter was reported missing while on holiday in Portugal on 3 May.

“The fund will finance a broad range of initiatives in advertising to remind everyone that Madeleine is still missing,” Gerry McCann’s brother John said in a statement. “I hope that the general public will continue to support us in this.” — MNA/Reuters

Iraqis vow to fight al-Qaeda after Sheikh death

RAMADI (Iraq), 16 Sept — Sunni Arab Iraqis and US forces in Anbar Province vowed on Friday to keep fighting al-Qaeda after the assassination of a tribal leader who worked with Americans to create one of Iraq’s few security success stories.

Abdul Sattar Abu Risha was killed in a bomb attack on Thursday near his home in Ramadi, provincial capital of what was once one of Iraq’s most dangerous areas.

“All the tribes agreed to fight al-Qaeda until the last child in Anbar,” his brother, Ahmed Abu Risha, told Reuters.

An al-Qaeda-led group said on Friday it was responsible for the killing of Abu Risha, according to an Internet posting. The self-styled Islamic State in Iraq called the killing of Abu Risha a “heroic operation” and vowed to assassinate more tribal leaders who cooperate with US and government forces.

Its statement could not be authenticated, but it was posted on a main Islamist Web site.

“This ... is a new setback for the crusaders’ plans and Bush’s new strategy,” the Islamic State in Iraq said, adding the operation took more than a month to prepare.

Abu Risha, who met US President George W. Bush less than two weeks ago, led the Anbar Salvation Council, an alliance of Sunni Arab tribes that worked with US troops to push Sunni Muslim-held territory out of much of the vast desert area. — MNA/Reuters

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“I am no less worried since the arrests. We know more precisely that we are in the crosshairs of Islamist terrorism ... the terrorists want to carry out more attacks,” he said.

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Eighty elephants parade around Chitrada palace to celebrate the upcoming 80th birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej in Bangkok on 15 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

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People gather outside a hospital in Padang, the capital of West Sumatra, after an earthquake in this 12 Sept, 2007 video grab. — INTERNET
Innovation, technology expo opens in HK

HONG KONG, 16 Sept — A five-day exhibition showcasing advancements in innovation, technology and design in the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao opened here on Friday.

Innovation Expo 07, held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre, attracted about 100 participants from Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao, including universities, research and development organizations, industry support groups, technology and design enterprises, and technology education institutes. Twenty seminars and 50 DesignTech Workshops will also be held during the expo.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Hong Kong Financial Secretary John Tsang said the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government actively promotes innovation and technology through funding programmes and infrastructural support.

“Looking ahead, we will continue to promote innovation and technology, strengthen Hong Kong’s role as a technology servicing hub in the region and contribute to the building of an innovative nation,” Tsang said.

MNA/Xinhua

Osteoporosis drug Evista approved to cut risk of breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — The US Food and Drug Administration approved Evista on Friday for reducing the risk of invasive breast cancer in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and in postmenopausal women at high risk for invasive breast cancer.

In 1997, FDA approved Evista, which is manufactured by Eli Lilly and Company, for the prevention of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women and, in 1999, for the treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis.

Previously as a drug for osteoporosis, Evista is now only the second drug approved to reduce the risk of breast cancer. Evista is commonly referred to as a selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM).

In reducing the risk of invasive breast cancer, SERMs may act by blocking estrogen receptors in the breast.

“Today’s action provides an important new option for women at heightened risk of breast cancer,” said Steven Galson, director of FDA’s Centre for Drug Evaluation and Research. “Because Evista can cause serious side effects, the benefits and risks of taking Evista should be carefully evaluated for each individual woman.”

The serious side effects include blood clots in the legs and lungs, and death due to stroke. Women with current or prior blood clots in the legs, lungs, or eyes should not take Evista. Other potential side effects include hot flashes, leg cramps, swelling of the legs and feet, flu-like symptoms, joint pain, and sweating.

MNA/Xinhua

Man killed by hailstones in Spain

MADRID, 16 Sept — A man was killed by hailstones in the southern Spanish province of Jaen and two other people are missing after heavy rain, authorities said on Friday.

The dead man was working in his garden when he was hit by a sudden storm.

“(The storm) hit him by surprise and he didn’t get a chance to react to the amount of hail which fell in such a short time,” the mayor of the town of Chilluevar told state radio.

MNA/Reuters

Blue whale carcass found on California beach

LOS ANGELES, 16 Sept — The 70-foot carcass of a blue whale washed up on a beach in Ventura County, about 50 kilometres northwest of Los Angeles recently.

Scientists rushed to the scene to examine the body. Blue whales, the largest animal on earth, have been migrating through the Santa Barbara Channel on the California coastline, but how the one that drifted into the rocks off Hobson Beach died will not be known until scientists have taken tissue samples and examined its body.

MNA/Xinhua

An earthquake survivor tries to salvage belongings from the wreckage of a house in Lais, Bengkulu Province, Indonesia, on 14 Sept., 2007.

INTERNET

Cannes harbour. Tucked away amid a mass of gleaming European and American vessels at a boatshow on the French Riviera stands alone but significant new arrival — a powerboat made in distant Dongguan in China. — INTERNET

MNA/Reuters

Chinese rescuers have parachuted on Saturday in another effort to search for six Russian canoeists reportedly missing in northwest China’s Xinjiang since 2 Sept. — XINHUA

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1,576 houses destroyed in quake in Bengkulu, Indonesia

The New Light of Myanmar  15 Sept — The total number of houses entirely destroyed by last Wednesday’s earthquake has reached 1,576 in Bengkulu, Indonesia. According to data collected by Bengkulu’s Natural Disaster Mitigation Agency, most (1,462 units) of the wrecked houses were located in the Bengkulu Utara District with the secondlargest number (109 units) to be found in Bengkulu City and the smallest number (5 units) in Seluma. The temblor which Richter Scale also caused heavy damage to 12 houses of worship located in Bengkulu City and the number of lightly damaged houses totaled 3,835 units consisting of 2,017 units in Bengkulu Utara district, 864 units in Bengkulu City and 70 units in Seluma. Heavily damaged houses were recovered and the police cars were parked outside a restaurant, three kilometres (two miles) south of Baiji, official said. He said eight civilians were wounded in the attack. MNA/Reuters

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Cambodia sets up sanctuary for rare crane

PHNOM PENH, 15 Sept —Cambodia has established an 8,000 hectares (20,000 acres) sanctuary in flood plains near the Mekong Delta to protect the rare Eastern Sarus Crane, Environment Minister Mok Mareth said on Friday.

Nearly 300 of the red-headed, 1.3-metre (four-feet) tall birds have been found in two districts of Takeo Province near the border with Vietnam. Conservationists said in 1999 there may be fewer than 1,000 of the birds left in the wild.

“We need to protect these beautiful creatures,” Mok Mareth said, adding that wildlife officials had been dispatched to tell local fishermen and farmers not to hunt the cranes for food.

The cranes have also been found in the northwestern province of Banteay Meanchey Province, 300 kilometres (185 miles) northwest of Phnom Penh, in an old Khmer Rouge reservoir.

Zeta-Jones plans film set in India

MUMBAI, 15 Sept — Hollywood actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is set to visit India with husband Michael Douglas to shoot a new film, a newspaper on Thursday quoted her as saying.

Zeta-Jones told the Times of India newspaper she was currently developing the script with Douglas.

The newspaper did not say when it would be ready or when the couple would visit.

“We will take our kids and all of us will come there, set a camp in India and shoot a film,” Zeta-Jones, who won an Oscar in 2003 for her role in the musical “Chicago”, told the newspaper. “I’m looking forward to going to India.”

India’s media went into a frenzy last year when Hollywood heavyweights Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, along with their children, stayed in the country for a month to shoot a film. Asked if she had watched any Indian films, Zeta-Jones replied she had seen a lot of Bollywood movies, “though I can’t remember the names now.”

Alcohol education should start in elementary school in US

NEW YORK 15 Sept— Efforts to curb underage drinking in the US should start as early as the fourth grade, a University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre researcher reports in the current issue of Prevention Science.

In a review of state and national surveys of alcohol use among children in grades 3 through 6 conducted over the last 15 years, Dr John E Donovan found that among typical 4th graders, 10 per cent had already had more than a sip of alcohol and 7 per cent had a drink in the past year.

While the numbers are small in the 4th grade, the data show that the percent of children who have used alcohol increases with age and doubles between the 4th and 6th grades, with the largest jump seen between grades 5 and 6.

“It is clear from this review that attention to children’s alcohol use cannot wait until they are adolescents,” warns Donovan. At each grade level, boys were more likely to have used alcohol than girls, and African American children were nearly twice as likely as White or Hispanic children to have used alcohol.

Shanghai tops out world’s third-tallest building

SHANGHAI, 15 Sept — A topping-out ceremony for the world’s third-tallest building—the 101-storey, 421-metre Jinmao Tower as the tallest on the Chinese Mainland, will be finished and put into commercial use next spring.

The most distinctive feature in the building’s design is a trapezoidal hole at the top. There will be an observation deck on the 100th floor, 472 metres up, making it the world’s highest public observation platform.

The tower will house 70 floors of office space designed to accommodate 12,000 people, with a hotel, restaurants, conference centres and shopping malls.

The rental has been initially set at three US dollars per square metre a day, the highest rent in the city. Japan’s Mizuho Corporate Bank and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation have signed leases. Other potential tenants include JPMorgan and Lehman Brothers.

Some 4,000 Hungarians hold green umbrellas on the historical Chain Bridge as they participate in the performance of Spanish ‘land-art’ artist Maiden Lopez to turn the bridge into the colour of the River Danube in Budapest, Hungary on 15 Sept. Lopez’s performance wants to make the bridge invisible for airplane passengers.

An uprooted tree lies near a house on 13 Sept, 2007 in Beaumont, Texas hours after Hurricane Humberto came ashore along the Southeast Texas coast. Humberto, the first hurricane to hit the US in two years, sneaked up on south Texas and Louisiana overnight and crashed ashore on Thursday with heavy rains and 80 mph winds, killing at least one person.
Benzema treble gives Lyon fourth win in row
PARIS, 16 Sept — A Karim Benzema hat-trick earned Olympique Lyon their fourth Ligue 1 win in a row on Saturday, the six-times French champions thrashing Olympique Marseille 3-0 to go top of the table with 15 points from seven games.

Clarence Seedorf (R) jumps for the ball during a Group D match against China's Hubei Province, on 15 Sept. 2007. — XINHUA

Nesta grabs last gasp point for Milan at Siena
MILAN, 16 Sept — European champions AC Milan snatched a 1-1 Serie A draw at Siena on Saturday thanks to Alessandro Nesta’s injury-time strike.

Lucho Gonzalez grabs the ball during a Group D match against central China’s Hubei Province, on 15 Sept. 2007. — XINHUA

Porto move clear at the top with win over Maritimo
LISBON, 16 Sept — Lucho Gonzalez gave leaders Porto a 1-0 victory over second-placed Maritimo to make it four wins from their first four games as they moved three points clear in the Portuguese Premier League on Saturday.

Barclays Premier League Table

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Manchester City’s James Milner during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 15 Sept. 2007. — Internet

Hiddink to extend Russia contract through 2010
MOSCOW, 16 Sept — Guus Hiddink has agreed in principle to extend his contract as Russia coach through 2010, ending speculation the Dutchman would coach elsewhere in the near future, he said on Saturday.

Hiddink told Reuters he had met Russian FA chief Vitaly Mutko on the eve of Wednesday’s Euro 2008 qualifier against England in London to discuss his future. “I had a talk with Mr Mutko and although we didn’t go into the contract details because I wanted to concentrate on the England game, we have decided to continue our relationship for another two years through 2010,” Hiddink said in a telephone interview from the Netherlands.

Blackburn’s Samba knocked out in Chelsea clash
LONDON, 16 Sept — Blackburn defender Christopher Samba was taken to hospital on Saturday after being knocked unconscious in a goalmouth clash during his side’s 0-0 Premier League draw at Chelsea. Blackburn manager Mark Hughes said the Congolese player had been kicked in the back of the head and had twisted his neck in the clash in the 85th minute.

“He’s on his way to hospital as we speak. I don’t think he had come round in the dressing room so there is a bit of concern,” Hughes said. Samba, who had been caught by the boot of Chelsea striker Andriy Shevchenko, was treated on the pitch for six minutes and put in a neck brace before being carried off on a stretcher. — MNA/Reuters

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

AC Milan’s Clarence Seedorf (R) jumps for the ball with Daniele Galloppi of Siena during their Italian Serie A soccer match in Siena on 15 Sept. 2007. — Internet

Aston Villa’s Gabriel Agbonlahor (R) challenges Manchester City’s Vedran Corluka during their English Premier League soccer match at Eastlands Stadium in Manchester, northern England, on 16 Sept. 2007. — Internet

25 Ernie — The English cricketer who hit the second-highest score in the 1959 Test against India.
26 Garrick — The actor who played David Garrick in a West End production.
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Protest in Washington demands end to Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — Tens of thousands of protesters staged the first anti-war protest in this US capital since January on Saturday, demanding an end to the Iraq war.

Holding black and yellow signs reading “End the War,” protesters started to gather in the morning near the White House. The protest formally began at noon at Lafayette Park, on the north side of the White House, with speeches from at least two dozen speakers ranging from former US attorney general Ramsey Clark and Ralph Nader to WashingtonWizardplayer Ewan Thomas.

Around 3:00 p.m., protesters began to march to the Capitol, where they staged a “die-in” with a mock 21-gun salute.

Police said dozens of protesters had been arrested without incident after they climbed over a waist-high metal fence erected at the base of the Capitol.

Cheered on by the crowd, more demonstrators were leaping over the fence every few minutes in the late afternoon and were being taken into custody.

Like the last major anti-war march in January, when tens of thousands marched to the National Mall, Saturday’s event came at a tense time in the fractious debate over the US mission in Iraq.

Radio Myanmar

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kayin, Mon States, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kayah, Rakhine States, Mandalay, Yangon and upper Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State and lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Theinzayat (10.04) inches, Sagaing (5.16) inches, TadaU (Aviation Met) (5.00) inches, Mandalay (3.03) inches, Myanmar (2.05) inches, Hkamti (1.61) inches and Sawsan (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2007 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 16-9-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 15-9-2007 was 4.5 hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-9-2007 was (20.0) inches at Mandalay, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (106.18) inches at Mandalay, (108.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 15-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 16-9-2007: Rain or thunder-showers will be widespread in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 17-9-2007: Isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 17-9-2007: One or two rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 17-9-2007: Isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Commander, Ministers inspect national grid pylon, preventive measures against erosion

YANGON, 15 Sept — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials yesterday inspected maintenance of 230 KV national grid pylon No 147 (Hlinethaya-Athok) near Kazintaw Village in Pantanaw Township and measures taken for changing of the current of Ayeyawady River.

Project Manager U Saw Win Maung of Power Supply Project (South) and Project Director U Hein Hlaing reported on bank erosion, laying of sand matress and willow matress and preventive measures against erosion.

Deputy Director General of Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems U Hla Myint reported on the speed of the current, change of waterway and preventive measures in the long run.

Managing Director of Olympic Co U Aung Than reported on the maintenance of pylons. The commander and the minister gave instructions and filled the requirements.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint said the projects are the life blood for supply of power to Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. He urged the officials to implement them for realization of the objectives set.

They inspected pylons, preventive measures against erosion, maintenance of Bo Myat Tun Bridge. Officials of Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems and Public Works reported on preventive measures against erosion. — MNA

In the final match, Myanmar and Thai women’s teams could not break the goalless draw deadlock till the final whistle.

As both teams scored one goal each in the extra times, the result had to be decided through the penalty shoot-outs. While Myanmar could kick four balls into the net, Thai team was able to score only one goal. Therefore, Myanmar emerged champion with a 5-2 score due to the fact that the fifth penalty shot was not required.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 16-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of the Ayeyawady River at Mandalay and Sagaing are (1228) cm and (1224) cm respectively. The water levels may reach their danger levels of Mandalay (1260) cm and Sagaing (1150) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Monywa (1024) cm is exceeded (24) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1000) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (756) cm is exceeded (6) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at NyangU (2135) cm is exceeded (15) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (2120) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Homelin (2922) cm is exceeded (22) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (2900) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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