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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, 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

Prime Minister stresses wider dissemination of benefits of Shweziwa biofertilizer

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads inspected progress in renovating the 62nd Street in Mandalay yesterday afternoon.

Upon arrival at Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Company Limited, the Prime Minister and party looked into samples of physic nut oil produced from the physic nut mill. The chairman of the company reported on function of the mill.

The Prime Minister and party oversaw harvesters and spare parts, physic nut oil purifier, compressors, dynamos, spare parts of farm implements and import-substitute machines.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected production of all sizes of Micro Bar and Micro Ball at Machine Shop-2 and progress of work at Foundry Plants. He was conducted round the plant by the company chairman and officials.

The Prime Minister spoke on arrangements for use of machines at reasonable prices without focusing on profits, production of quality machines, constant study and innovation for ensuring production of high quality machines and production of more farm implements that are useful to farmers.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects farm machinery produced by Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Company Limited. — MNA

The use of Shweziwa biofertilizer according to ratio will reduce cost and boost production.



A factory of Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Company Limited manufacturing machine parts and import-substitute goods.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost per acre yield of paddy through full exploitation of resources

Myanmar is an agro-based country. The government has been implementing plans for boosting agricultural production, extending sown acreage, enhancing quality of crops and establishing model plantations as the population increases in the country.

The model plantations include 30-acre Hsinyadana monsoon paddy of regional battalion at the Nay Pyi Taw Pinlaung junction. The plantations are established for farmers in Nay Pyi Taw to practically grow paddy, to earn double income and to raise their living standard.

Agriculturalists will disseminate ten scientific cultivation techniques that can yield 200 baskets of paddy per acre and scientific scattering of seeds so that the farmers can gain a lot of advantages in cultivation.

Hsinyadana high yield paddy was grown on 10 July 2008 and the paddy can be harvested after 80 days from cultivation time. Its per acre yield is over 200 baskets.

The government is making efforts for development of the agricultural sector in the interest of the people with the application of modern cultivation techniques. The farmers on their part are to endeavour for boosting agricultural production.

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Plans under way to step up work of Yangon Division Special Integrated Farming Zone



Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits Yangon Division Special Integrated Farming Zone in Nyaunghnapin Village, Hmawby Township.—MNA

YANGON, 5 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, visited Yangon Division Special Integrated Farming Zone in Nyaunghnapin Village, Hmawby Township, here, this afternoon.

He inspected Shwe Tharaphu chicken farm and vegetable patches of U Aik Pi in special zone-1 and thriving three-acre bean plantation of U Tin Aung.

He held a meeting with members of the zone management committee and entrepreneurs at zone-2. Those in charge of the management zones and responsible persons reported on the farms.

The commander dealt with the assistance being

rendered for stepping up the work.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe responded to the reports and gave instructions on the farms.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the poultry farm of U Maung Chan, and the patches of carrot and beans of U Aung Tun Thant at the special zone-2.

The special agricultural zone has an area of 6687 acres, 3366 of which have been put under kitchen crops, beans and pulses and physic nut. The special poultry farm has an area of 1965 acres, where 311,500 chicken including layers and broilers are raised.

The special fish farming zone has an area of 743 acres, and 364,000 fishes of various species are being bred in 51 breeding ponds.

MNA

Women war veterans of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) present donation for storm victims through Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint. — MNA



Women war veterans donate cash to storm victims

YANGON, 5 Oct — Women war veterans of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) donated K 200,000 to the storm victims at Maykhala Hall of Fire Services Department (Headquarters). Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials accepted the donation and presented a certificate of honour.

MNA

Reconstruction tasks inspected in Shankwinkyi model village

YANGON, 5 Oct—Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing looked into the road of Shankwinkyi model village in Pyapon Township and arrangements for reconstruction of storm-hit basic education middle school and affiliated middle school on 28 September.

He coordinated matters with officials concerned for renovation of self-reliant library and provided publications to the library.

He presented medicines and medical equipment to rural health care centre, and donated exercise books, and stationery to students at make-shift basic education primary school.

MNA

Suicide bomber kills 10 Iraqis during US raid

MOSUL (Iraq), 5 Oct—A suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest during a US raid in northern Iraq on Sunday killing 10 Iraqis and the bomber, the US military said.

Three women and three children were among those killed during the operation targeting a wanted man in Mosul, some 390 km (240 miles), north of Baghdad.

“This is just another tragic example of how al Qaeda in Iraq hides behind innocent Iraqis,” Rear Admiral Patrick Driscoll, spokesman for US forces in Iraq, said in a statement.

The statement said that US forces exchanged fire with armed men as they entered the building, but a military spokesman said all the Iraqis were killed by the bomb. The US soldiers later found weapons and explosives in the building, the statement said.—Internet



Five-year-old Hibba Adnan is comforted by her mother in a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 Oct, 2008. Hibba was wounded in a blast in Baghdad on Thursday.—INTERNET



Family members cry during the funeral of Hasan Aygor, one of 15 Turkish soldiers killed Friday by Kurdish rebels at Turkey-Iraq border, in his village of Armutlu, some 130 kilometres east of the capital Ankara, on 5 Oct, 2008. INTERNET

Bomb attack on British convoy injures Iraqi

BASRA (Iraq), 5 Oct—Officials say a roadside bomb attack on a British convoy in Basra has injured an Iraqi civilian.

British military in Iraq spokesman Maj Bill Young says the attack happened around 8:30 am local time Sunday on a convoy carrying Western contractors. The contractors were on their way to a children’s hospital to inspect work on the building.

Young said none of those in the convoy were injured. However, an Iraqi police official in Basra said one Iraqi civilian was wounded.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media. No other details were immediately available.—Internet

British commander says war in Afghanistan cannot be won

LONDON, 5 Oct —Britain’s commander in Afghanistan has said the war against the Taliban cannot be won, the *Sunday Times* reported.

It quoted Brigadier Mark Carleton-Smith as saying in an interview that if the Taliban were willing to talk, then that might be “precisely the sort of progress” needed to end the insurgency. “We’re not going to win this war. It’s

about reducing it to a manageable level of insurgency that’s not a strategic threat and can be managed by the Afghan Army,” he said.

He said his forces had “taken the sting out of the Taliban for 2008” but that troops may well leave Afghanistan with there still being a low level of insurgency.

Internet

Iraqi killed in helicopter collision

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct—Two US helicopters collided while landing at a base in Baghdad on Saturday, killing one Iraqi soldier and wounding four people, including two Americans, the military said. It was the second helicopter crash in two weeks.

The US military said hostile fire did not appear to be the cause. Also Saturday, the military said it killed an al-Qaida in Iraq leader suspected of masterminding one of the deadliest attacks in Baghdad, several other recent bombings and the 2006 videotaped killing of a Russian official.

The two UH-60 Black Hawks crashed shortly before 9 pm in a northern section of the capital known as Azamiyah, the military said.

The wounded included two American troops and two other Iraqis, but the total number of people on board was not yet known, a statement said.

“The situation is under control. Emergency services are on the scene,” military spokesman Lt Patrick Evans said.

Internet

Thirteen dead in Egypt bus crash



Pedestrians in downtown Cairo. Thirteen people have been killed and 24 injured when a bus and a truck collided head-on south of Cairo, a security official has said.—INTERNET

CAIRO, 5 Oct — Thirteen people were killed and 24 injured when a bus and a truck collided head-on south of Cairo on Sunday, a security official said.

About 6,000 people die and 30,000 are hurt in road accidents in Egypt each year.

Traffic regulations in Egypt are often badly enforced and vehicles poorly maintained.

Egypt introduced a new traffic law in August in a bid to improve road safety and ease the country’s chronic road congestion.

Internet

A boy cries beside the body of his sister who was killed along with other family members, outside a morgue in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 2 Oct, 2008. INTERNET



Six killed in new Afghan violence

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan, 5 Oct — Five Taliban and a policeman were killed in a clash in southern Afghanistan, while an insurgent suicide bomb attack Sunday wounded three civilians and a soldier elsewhere, police said. Taliban militants attacked a police officer’s house in the southern province of Kandahar early Saturday, sparking a three-hour clash, provincial police chief Mutiullah Khan said.

One militant was killed, while three women and three children in the house were wounded, he said. Four more Taliban and the policeman were killed in a clash after security forces chased the attackers, Khan said. In the western city of Herat on Sunday, a suicide attacker blew up an explosives-laden motorbike near an Afghan army convoy, wounding three civilians and a soldier in the convoy, police said.—Internet



Tourists pose for photos in the Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 4 Oct, 2008. Qingdao Olympic Sailing Centre opened to public on 6 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

China funds Palestinian Foreign Ministry to build new office building

RAMALLAH, 5 Oct— China, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and UN Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement Saturday to construct the Palestinian Foreign Ministry's new office building.

PNA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas attended the ceremony held in the West Bank city of Ramallah, and laid a corner stone for the new building which will be located in the western part of the city.

In his speech, Abbas said that this project "is a symbol of the persistence and dedication we promised two years ago to the development of the Palestinian people."

"I would like to thank the People's Republic of China for its support to the Palestinian people for more than 40 years," he added.

Yang Weiguo, head of the Office of China in Pal-

estinian territories, said the project is just part of China's programme to support the development of the Palestinian territories, and it proves the friendship between the Palestinian and Chinese people.

Yang signed the agreement of constructing the new building with Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad Al Malki and the UNDP special Representative of the Administrator Jens Toyberg-Frandzen.—Xinhua

New suspect case of bird flu found in S Korea



A South Korean quarantine official in a protective suit captures a chicken to be culled at a poultry farm in Seoul on 12 May, 2008.—XINHUA

SEOUL, 5 Oct — A new suspected case of bird flu was found at a duck farm in South Korea, the South Korean Agriculture Min-

istry said Saturday. Routine tests showed that some ducks at a farm in Yesan, 134 km south of Seoul, have been infected

with avian influenza, the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry said detailed tests were underway to confirm whether the suspected outbreak of bird flu is a highly virulent strain of avian influenza. All ducks at the farm were culled in case of further spreading of the fatal disease, the ministry said.—Xinhua

China quality watchdog says new liquid milk supplies melamine free

BEIJING, 5 Oct— The latest sample test detected no melamine in newly supplied liquid milk on China's market, the country's quality watchdog said Saturday.

Samples of 609 batches of liquid milk from 27 cities across China were found free of melamine, said the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine

(AQSIQ).

Altogether 75 brands were sampled for the test, including top-selling ones such as Yili, Mengniu, Bright Dairy, Sanyuan and Wandashan, according to the AQSIQ.

The test was the sixth in China after the tainted milk powder scandal erupted last month. A total of 2,093 batches of liquid milk under 115 brands, among other dairy

products, have been checked since then, said the AQSIQ.

A nationwide inspection of baby milk powder was ordered on 11 Sept after media reports that products from Sanlu and other Chinese brands contained melamine.

Testing has been broadened from baby formula to other types of milk products.

Xinhua



Reports on testing milk are posted on shelf at a supermarket in Shijiazhuang, capital city of north China's Hebei Province on 27 Sept, 2008.

XINHUA

Former Shanghai Party secretary Xia Zhengnong dies at 105

SHANGHAI, 5 Oct — Xia Zhengnong, former secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and a member of the CPC Central Advisory Committee, died at age 105 Saturday.

An official statement said he died of illness at

11:16 am on Saturday at the Shanghai Huadong Hospital.

It described Han as "an outstanding CPC member and a loyal Communist fighter."

Xia was born in 1903. He is a native of Fengcheng City of eastern Jiangxi Province.

He joined the CPC in 1926. He had been editor-in-chief of Cihai (Sea of words), a comprehensive Chinese encyclopedia, since 1978.

Xinhua

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Britain's Communist Party celebrates 59th anniversary of New China

LONDON, 5 Oct— The Communist Party of Great Britain (Marxist-Leninist) celebrated on Saturday evening the 59th anniversary of the founding of the New China, lending its unswerving support to China's pursuit of socialism.

Reviewing China's development since 1949, when the People's Republic of China was founded, Harpal Brar, chair of the party, hailed China's evolving in the past decades into a "thriving

economy."

"China has come a long way since it had been the miserable place under imperialist control. When 13 million children in Africa under the age of 15 die every year, over 400 million Chinese people have been lifted out of poverty in the last 30 years... China has achieved the basic human rights. It's a living example of socialism," he said.

Although the Chinese people know they still have

a long way to go, "so far it has been fantastic," he added. According to Brar, China has long been supporting countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America in their struggle for independence and development. The Chinese revolution has inspired the world with great lessons, therefore, celebrating China's National Day, which falls on 1 Oct, is actually "paying back a little to China for what it does for us," he said. —Xinhua



Cars queue up to cross the Qiongzhou Strait by ferry at Xiuying Port of Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 4 Oct, 2008. The shipping service across the Qiongzhou Strait was suspended early due to the influence of tropical storm Higos. —XINHUA

United Nations Secretary-General's message on World Habitat Day

(6 October 2008)

Many of the world's most pressing challenges — poverty, natural disasters, escalating prices for food and fuel — have important links with rapid urbanization.

Urbanization changes forever the way we use land, water and energy. Done well, it can bring people choices and help them thrive. Done poorly, it reduces safety, despoils the environment and exacerbates the marginalization of those who are already suffering and excluded.

The theme of this year's World Habitat Day is "harmonious cities". Our rapidly urbanizing world cannot claim to be harmonious if slum-dwellers do not enjoy opportunities to find jobs and improve their living conditions. Nor will it be harmonious if the growth and expansion of urban areas comes at the expense of the natural environment.

The Millennium Development Goals call for a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020. As of 2005, slightly more than one third of the urban population in developing regions lived in slum conditions. In sub-Saharan Africa, the proportion was over 60 percent, meaning that large investments will be necessary, for example to provide access to water, sanitation, durable housing or sufficient living space. But even in that region, and in others where deprivation is not as acute, simple, low-cost interventions could go a long way.

Cities have tremendous potential to be places where balanced development prevails, where diverse people live in harmony, and where healthy living conditions coexist with low levels of energy consumption, resource-use and waste. As we observe World Habitat Day, I call on all partners and stakeholders to do our utmost to realize this potential, and to build decent living conditions for all women, men and children in a way that also preserves our natural heritage and promotes greener and smarter growth. — UNIC



A saleswoman places a label reading: "does not contain melamine" onto packs of liquid milk in Chengdu, southwestern China. China is continuing to struggle to contain the fall-out from the tainted milk scandal, announcing a new survey of dairy products that found no melamine and promising to subsidise farmers hit by the scare.—INTERNET



Salmonella sickens people in 12 states

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct — The government is urging consumers to thoroughly cook frozen chicken dinners after 32 people in 12 states were sickened with salmonella poisoning. The health warning by the US Department of Agriculture cited frozen dishes in which the chicken is raw, but breaded or pre-browned, giving the appearance of being cooked. They include "chicken cordon bleu," "chicken Kiev," or chicken breasts stuffed with cheese, vegetables or other items.

US Department of Agriculture said many of the people who became ill apparently did not follow the package's cooking

instructions and microwaved the chicken dishes even though the instructions did not provide for it. Microwaving didn't heat the meals enough to kill the salmonella.

The department said consumers should cook chicken products to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service issued the warning Friday after Minnesota health officials found a link between the chicken dinners with salmonella illnesses reported in Minnesota and 11 other states.

Internet

Elderly turtle pair fails to produce offspring

SUZHOU, (China) 5 Oct — She's around 80 years old. He's 100. Breathless scientists watched as the world's most endangered turtles successfully mated.

But the attempt to breed the species' last known female with the last known male in China has failed because the eggs didn't hatch, disappointed conservationists said Saturday.

The elderly pair can try again next year, part of a

delicate attempt to keep the species alive.

Just four known Yangtze giant soft-shell turtles are left and three are male.

The only female was found in a Chinese zoo just last year after a long and desperate search. She was quickly protected with a surveillance camera, a guard and bulletproof glass, and given the nickname "China Girl."—*Internet*

View of a POSCO steelworks in Gwangyang, about 390 km (242 miles) south of Seoul, is seen in this 16 March, 2007 file photo. Pohang's oldest furnace, with a 35-year history, helped POSCO grow into the world's No.4 steel giant. But it may soon become a thing of the past as POSCO, which alone produces around 10 percent of South Korea's total carbon dioxide, moves to new technology to cope with stricter carbon emission rules.—INTERNET

Afghanistan, Pakistan split over US presidential hopefuls

ISLAMABAD, 5 Oct — From Pakistani tribesmen to violence-weary Afghans there are hopes but few expectations, on the frontline of the "war on terror", that the next US president can solve the problem of Islamic militancy.

US military incursions in Pakistan have made next month's US election a big deal in the nuclear-armed nation, while Afghanistan is entering its eighth year as host to thousands of American troops fighting the Taliban and Al-Qaeda.

But with Democratic candidate Barack Obama and Republican John McCain split on what is increasingly a key foreign policy issue in the White

House race, opinions are divided in this corner of the world too. Afghans largely welcome Obama's pledge, made in a recent debate with McCain, to "take out" extremist havens in Pakistan — while Pakistanis resent it.

"We do not expect any positive change in US policy towards tribal areas, but Obama's gestures are aggressive," said Malik Habibullah Khan, a tribal elder from the remote Pakistani region of Bajaur.

His tribe joined an anti-Taliban military operation launched by the Army last month — but it has also pledged to take up arms against any US forces which intrude into Pakistani territory.—*Internet*

Skydivers make unprecedented jump over Everest

KATHMANDU, 5 Oct — Three skydivers made the first ever parachute jump over Mount Everest on Sunday, organizers and participants said, culminating years of preparation.

About 32 skydivers from more than 10 countries including Britain, Canada, the United States and New Zealand have been in the Everest region since last week to jump from an aircraft flying 465 feet higher than the Everest summit.

On Sunday, Wendy Smith of New Zealand, Holly Budge of Britain and Neil Jones (Canadian/

British) made the leap, said Krishna Aryal, an official of the Explore Himalaya, the agency that provided the logistics.

"They looked like tiny birds flying in the blue sky as they jumped from the plane," Aryal, who saw the jump from Syangboche in the Everest region, told *Reuters*. "This is the first of its kind and has never been tried before."

All three were in freefall for nearly half a minute and then opened their canopies before landing at a flat drop zone after cruising over the mountain, Aryal said.

Internet

Abbas promises to continue peace talks with any Israeli leadership

RAMALLAH, 5 Oct — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas asserted on Saturday that his Palestinian National Authority (PNA) would continue holding peace talks with any Israeli leadership that will be formed soon.

Abbas told a joint news conference with visiting France Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner in Ramallah that peace talks would continue with any Israeli leadership "until a

Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital is established."

"We will continue peace talks with the current Israeli leadership headed by Prime Minister (Ehud) Olmert or the one that will be headed by new Kadima chief (Tzipi) Livni," Abbas told the reporters.

He called on the European Union countries "to exert more intensive efforts to push forward the

Middle East peace process and achieve the two-state solution, adding "the European role has to be complementary to the US role."

"I discussed with the guest foreign minister unifying the Palestinian territories and ending the current political split. I hope unity will be achieved and next time we will receive Kouchner in the Gaza Strip," said Abbas. —Internet

Aso to visit China late Oct, eyes talks

with Hu, Wen

TOKYO, 5 Oct — Japan's new Prime Minister Taro Aso plans to visit China in late October, eyeing his first summit with Chinese leaders since taking office last month, government officials said on Sunday.

Tokyo and Beijing are in talks to set up a meeting between Aso and Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao, when Aso attends the

summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Beijing on 24 and 25 October and, two officials said.

Aso has shot down speculation that he would call a snap election later this month, saying that he would first work to stimulate the economy.

"That allows Aso to attend the ASEM meeting, and the government is in the final stage of

scheduling" the meetings with Hu and Wen, said a foreign ministry official who asked not to be named as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Aso is also likely to attend a ceremony to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the conclusion of a peace and friendship treaty between Japan and China, he said.

Internet



A baby elephant reacts to his caretaker in front of visitors at a wildlife trust in Kenyan capital Nairobi on 2 Oct, 2008. Visitors are allowed only about an hour each day at the trust, an elephant orphanage founded in the 1970s to take in baby elephants orphaned by ivory poachers. —XINHUA

Palin makes first California appearance after nomination, critiquing Obama

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct — US Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin on Saturday made a speech at a jammed tennis stadium near Los Angeles, criticizing Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

In her first appearance in California after McCain chose her as his running mate more than a month

ago, Palin demonstrated a folksy and feisty manner.

She told the crowded audience that her father was born in Los Angeles and her paternal grandfather was a photographer who lived in North Hollywood.

Apart from all the vows she made as a would-be vice president, an important highlight of

the speech was her criticism of Obama's past dealings with a former bomber, questioning his stance on terrorism.

"Our opponent is someone who sees America as imperfect enough to pal around with terrorists who targeted their own country," said Palin amid another chorus of boos. —Internet

Ohio police find goat on state highway

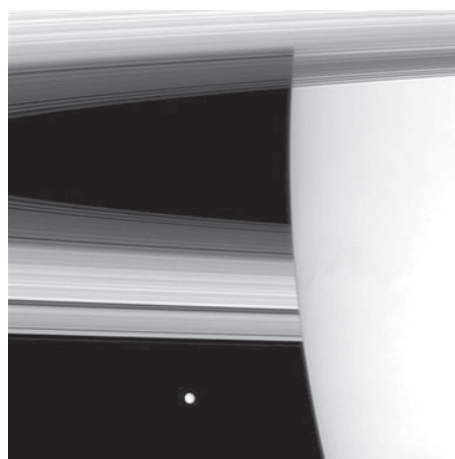
An Ohio police department picked up an unusual item for the lost-and-found: a goat. Akron police discovered a male goat on a state highway early Friday after people called to report what they thought was a small pony in the road.

Police took the animal in when they had trouble reaching animal control or the Humane Society. Lt Rick Edwards said officers filled out the usual paperwork for found property, normally used for something such as a woman's purse.

Pumpkin Hurl now has more than half-mile of room

This year's Pumpkin Hurl in Washington state now has more than a half-mile of space after a squash was tossed 1,866 feet last year.

The Northwest Agriculture Business Centre has moved the event from Burlington to a Snohomish County farm with a 3,000-foot gourd firing range. The sky will rain pumpkins on 4 Oct. The centre says at least seven teams from the West Coast and Canada will compete this year for prizes and bragging rights.



Saturn's moon Mimas is seen beneath the rings of the planet. Mimas is the innermost of the planet's major moons and is 246 miles across. The images were acquired with Cassini's narrow-angle camera at a distance of approximately 1.7 million miles from Saturn and 1.8 million miles from Mimas.



A large yellow garden spider hangs in a dew covered web strung in a summer squash plant in a backyard garden near Oakland, Ore.

RI hospital group says doc operated on wrong knee

State health officials were investigating how a surgeon operated on the wrong knee of a patient on Friday at the Miriam Hospital, part of a medical network that was reprimanded and fined \$50,000 last year for three mistaken surgeries at another of its facilities.

The latest mistake happened while a surgeon performed a knee arthroscopy, a procedure in which doctors insert a pencil-sized camera into the knee so they can diagnose a malady. In some cases, surgeons will repair or remove damaged tissue.

After the operation was complete, the surgeon realized the mistake and operated on the correct knee, hospital officials said.

Man convicted of stealing from toddler's piggy bank

A man has been convicted of sneaking into a 2-year-old girl's bedroom and stealing \$20 from a piggy bank while she slept and was sentenced to six years in prison.

Four-time convicted burglar Ryan Mueller, 31, was convicted on Thursday after a two-day jury trial of felony burglary as a repeat offender.

Mueller was accused of breaking into the Town of Wilson home last August of 2007. The girl's mother Julie Herschleb walked into the room as Mueller shook money from the bank. She told Judge L Edward Stengel the burglary left her fearful and sleepless.

Stengel also sentenced Mueller to five years probation, which would be consecutive to a six-year prison sentence Stengel handed down in June for another burglary conviction.

NEWSALBUM



Dolphins at the Japanese marine park in Toyooka, western Japan, are fed mackerel, as they go through the final stage of a low-fat diet after developing pot bellies and failing to look sharp in their performances. A park spokesman said that all 19 dolphins have been on a diet since late August, when they started failing to hit jumping targets and keep upright while treading water.

Teak plantations

Article, photos by Nyi Nyi Tun (MNA)



I decided to make an investment in a teak farm because I want to help conserve the environment and reduce cutting down trees for slash and burn practice. (U Ko Ko Aye, Managing Director of Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd)

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teak farm because I want to create job opportunities for local people, and I want to help conserve the environment and reduce cutting down trees for slash and burn practice."

He said that he was given green light to run a 5000-acre teak plantation in deforested areas in 2006; that he drew a four-year plan to establish plantations; he established a 500-acre farm near Zeebingwin Village in Kyangin Township in 2007-2008 as the first step; that the Department of Forest of the Ministry of Forestry provided him farming methods and local people extended him a helping hand, and so he made progress.

He said, "The deforested areas were not easily accessible, so I had to construct a road section and three bridges as soon

as I started the project. I provided aid as much as I could to improve the health and education of the villagers of Zeebinkwin Village.

"Many think that a teak plantation can be harvested only after at least 40 years. Actually, there is no need to wait for that long. Teak can be categorized into four grades: special Grade, Grade-1, Grade-2 and Grade-3. I don't care for the grades because when



Teak saplings are nurtured.



A plantation of teak saplings.

teak trees of G-7, G-8, G-9, and teak trees with circumference rates of from one foot to one foot and 11 inches, and from two feet and two feet and 11 inches are marketable. We can start to harvest teak trees when they are



When Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd made an offer to establish a teak plantation, I encouraged it to do and I pledged I would provide assistance. (Staff Officer U Aye Win, Kyangin Township Forest Department)

six to seven years old.

"The role of forests and trees has become more important because the world has been under the threat of global warming. Trees can

reduce global warming, so we are interested in growing trees. Teak is globally considered to be the best, and it grows well in our country, so I chose teak. The Ministry of Forestry gave me encouragement to

establish a teak plantation."

I felt relaxed and refreshed just as I entered the green teak plantation. Local people can enjoy long-term benefits from the teak plantations.

Forester U Thura Kyaw said that teak trees were grown at the rate of 540 an acre; that 96 per cent of the teak saplings were successful; that on average, a teak sapling grown in 2007-2008 was more than six feet high; that up to that time 1500 acres had been put under teak for 2008-2009 and the teak saplings were thriving; that the department would render

technical assistance to establish a 1500-acre teak plantation in 2009-2010; and that he believed that the teak farm would be successful.

General Manager U Kyaw Soe of Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd said that they trained local people to establish teak plantations; that he also disseminated agricultural methods at work; and that he was pleased to help improve the social and economic development of local people; that he would provide assistance to those who were interested in farming teak; and that if someone wanted to ask him for methods of growing teak, they would be all welcomed.

Staff Officer of



General Manager U Kyaw Soe of Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd.

Kyangin Township Forest Department U Aye Win said that when Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd made an offer to establish a teak plantation, he encouraged it to do; and that he pledged he would provide assistance.

In the evening, I

happened to hold a green tea party with local senior citizens. U Sit Ko, 75, said, "Our village is far away from urban cities. We were all happy with the teak plantation because that created job opportunities. Young people can work in their home places."

U Mar Din, 80, said trees keep meteorological conditions good and the soil wet. So, that helps crops grow well."

I learnt that the teak plantations helped crop patches near Kyangin Forest Reserve grow well and raise the incomes of local farmers.

Establishment of tree plantations without infringing the environment helps improve the

socio-economic life of local people, and they serve as habitats for wildlife. There will be many more teak plantations in the deforested areas across the nation.

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A plantation of teak saplings.



Prime Minister stresses wider dissemination...

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects a thriving paddy field at Khanti village in Myittha Township on Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway. — MNA

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At Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanapon), the Prime Minister oversaw the durability of the bridge and condition of flow of water in the river, giving guidance on constant check and maintenance tasks to be carried out for the bridge's durability.

The Prime Minister, after crossing Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) in a motorcade, inspected the condition of the approach road on Sagaing bank.

At the briefing hall of bio gas-fired power station in Tasoe village of Kyaukse township, the Prime Minister heard reports on production of bio gas and bio fertilizer presented by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe and operational purposes, parts of bio gas tank, introduction of bio gas and bio liquid in the agricultural tasks, items necessary for bio gas tank and possible advantages by Lecturer Dr Daw Soe Soe Ohn of Chemical Engineering Department of Technological University (Kyaukse) and research findings, remarkable points of Shweziwa bio fertilizer, germs containing in the bio gas, ways to use bio gas and ratio set for different crops by Lecturer Dr Daw San San Yu of Bio Technology Department of Technological University (Kyaukse).

Next, the Prime Minister instructed officials to build gas tanks for families as samples, conduct multiplier courses for families to help themselves build gas tanks and organize families to be able to use bio gas by breeding 6 to 10 cattle to produce bio gas for storm-lanterns and stoves, pointing out the need to educate farmer to know that the use of Shweziwa biofertilizer according to ratio will reduce cost and

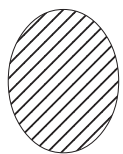
boost production. Educative programs should be launched through radio, TV and publications for farmers to realize bio gas advantages, he added.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected Shweziwa biofertilizer and raw materials and ignition of storm-lantern and rice cooker with the use of bio gas produced from Tasoe bio gas-fired power plant.

The Prime Minister later cordially greeted local

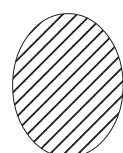
people and attended to the needs. Upon arrival at a 10-acre monsoon paddy plantation of peasant U Myint Htoo in Khanti village of Myittha township, the Prime Minister oversaw thriving 2-acre Hshinthwelatt plantation, 1.5-acre Yehsinlonethwe plantation and 6.5-acre Manawthukha plantation.

After cordially meeting with local people, the Prime Minister attended to the needs and then went back to Nay Pyi Taw in a motorcade.—MNA

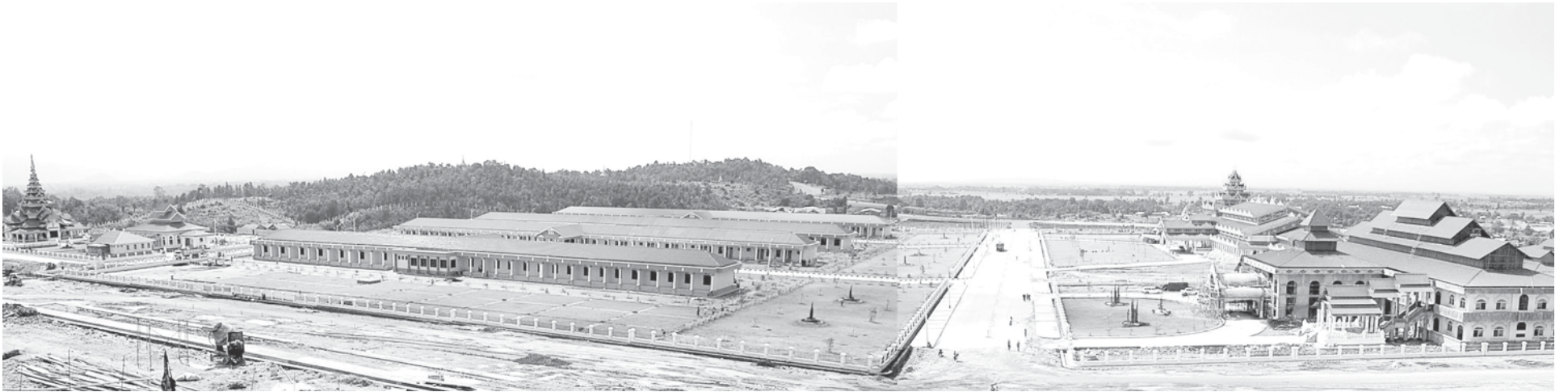


A bio gas production facility in Tasoe village of Kyaukse township.

MNA



Compressors, dynamos, automobile and farm machinery parts and import-substitute items manufactured by a local company.—MNA



Construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw in progress.—MNA

Construction of Uppatasanti...

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Next, member of the Leading Committee Col Nyan Tun Aung of the Ministry of Defence reported on progress of work and future tasks.

After that, Chairman of the Work Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence reported on the forming of Ovadacariya Sayadaws Committee, Panel of Patrons, Pagoda Construction Leading Committee and the Work Committee for building the pagoda.

This was followed by a ceremony to hand over religious edifices of the pagoda built by well-wishers to the respective committees.

Chairman of Fund Raising Committee Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt accepted the documents related to religious edifices including

Cetiypala Sankyaungdaw built by Ngwehsin Co, Sanghayama Hall-1 built by ACE Co, Sanghayama Hall-2 built by Asia World Co, Sanghayama Hall-3 built by Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Sanghayama Hall-4 built by Edem Co, Sasana Maha Beikman built by Htoo Co, Museum, Library and archives built by Max Myanmar Co, the Office of the Pagoda Board of Trustees built by Original Group, K Construction Co, Hsaung Hayman Co, USM Co and Tagaungbwa Construction Co, a set of lift by Asia World Co and K 15 million donated by U Ko Win of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, and spoke words of thanks.

Next, officials of the Leading Committee and Work Committee presented their respective tasks.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Chairman of the Pagoda Construction Leading Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

After the meeting, those present on the occasion

viewed works carried out and future works programmes.

The construction of the pagoda was completed by 70 per cent, and religious buildings such as Visungama Ordination Hall, Cetiypala Sankyaungdaw, four Sanghayama Halls and cultivation of Bo trees were completed.

Sasana Beikman, museum, library, archives, office of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, Buddha images, lake, Myanma handicrafts, birth stories of the Buddha, four archways, platform of the pagoda, sculpture works, four stairways, Panpaung Pagoda, any of the eight special posts, each adorned with a symbolic figure representing an individual planet, concrete road in the pagoda's compound, fencing and others under construction.

Well-wishers who wish to make donations for offering Shwethingan and laying stone slabs at the religious edifices may contact the finance committee of the pagoda.—MNA

Donations to monasteries

YANGON, 5 Oct—A ceremony to donate rice, edible oil, salt, medicines, grains and cash of Tatmadaw Families (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers to 15 monasteries in Hmawby,

Taikkyi, Hlegu, Htatabin Townships in Yangon North District was held at Thantadar Ywa U Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Hmawby Township this afternoon, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of

Defence and he donated provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted cash from wellwishers.

MNA

Minister visits fish breeding camps

YANGON, 5 Oct—Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected stockpile of feedstuff in No. 1 fish breeding camp (Thazinyekyaw) in Nyaungdon township,

Ayeyawady Division, yesterday. He then visited No. 6 fish breeding camp (Methwaychaung) in Maubin Township and looked into the growth of the fish. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects test driving of Center Platform Trucks.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by Indonesian Military Attache Col Dedi Priatna Ariestiadi and wife at the reception to mark the 63rd anniversary Armed Forces Day of Indonesia on 5 Oct.—MNA

Transformers for sub-power stations arrive

YANGON, 5 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning inspected loading of four transformers for Belin/Monywa (Ohndaw) Sub-power Station Project, seven transformers for Thazi Sub-power Station Project, four transformers for Nyaungbingyi (Monywa) Sub-power Station Project, arrival of items for sub-power stations and 15 transformers at Asia World jetty in Ahlon Township here

and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looked into loading and unloading of two Center Platform Truck 8 meter, one 10 meter and one 12 meter to be installed in power lines being carried out by Yangon City Electricity Supply Board, test-driving of Platform trucks and gave instructions.

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Promotion of education primarily depends on qualified teachers

Secretary-1 addresses World Teachers' Day commemorative ceremony



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses ceremony to mark World Teachers' Day-2008.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—World Teachers' Day-2008 was observed at the Ministry of Education here at 10 am today with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, MEC members, First Secretary

the departments under the Ministry of Education, rectors, deputy directors-general, directors, principals of education colleges, members of social organizations, township education officers and school heads in Nay Pyi Taw, honorary teachers, outstanding teachers and students and guests.

After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1 delivered a speech saying that scholars have mentioned that a teacher is a person

ties of teachers are not only to teach their pupils but also to train them to be morally good and behave well. Moreover, they need to guide their pupils to lead an appropriate way in their life. Likewise, to appraise the attributes of teachers, the Myanmar society has always valued and paid respects to them.

Myanmar has known the fact that the promotion of education primarily depends on qualified teachers. This year's motto of World Teachers' Day is "Teachers matter". The motto has been adopted to indicate the fact that teachers play a leading role in producing human resources that are capable of addressing the 21st Century challenges. So, the World Teachers' Day message of five UN organizations has urged the world to appoint enough teachers in every region including rural and border areas, to conduct more teachership training courses and management courses to catch up with

the advancing technology and to try to improve the living standards of teachers.

The Secretary-1 said in implementing the 30-year long-term education promotion programme, Myanmar focuses on creating learning opportunities and promoting education in all the regions on equal terms. In doing so, emphasis is also placed on extending and upgrading

teachers with high morale and nationalistic spirit can produce a lot of outstanding students with patriotism.

He spoke of the need for the teachers to make efforts for enhancement of the power of national education promotion based on teachers in accord with the World Teachers' Day slogan of Teachers Matter after realizing the cause and effect that can bring about

states and divisions.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented prizes to winners of the article contest for university and basic education teachers. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented prizes to winners of the article contest for middle school teachers. Next, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented prizes to winners of education institute and college

Teachers play a leading role in producing human resources that are capable of addressing the 21st Century challenges.

Mr Monsak Jangariyawong of Thai Embassy to Myanmar, resident representatives of UN agencies, the director-general of the SPDC Office, directors-general of

who carries out the very fundamental and noble profession for development of the human society.

The Myanmar community on its part greatly values teachers. The du-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents certificate of honour to retired professor U Tint Lwin of Oriental Studies Department, Yangon University.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents certificate of honour to an outstanding teacher.—MNA

schools, producing more teachers and training them to become qualified ones.

In giving guidance on the promotion of the quality of basic education schools for national education promotion, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe stressed the need for quality of teaching, upgrading school curriculums and syllabuses in accord with the international level and extensive use of modern teaching aids.

He said qualified

better results for the nation and its people.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented certificates of honour and prizes to Sagaing Division Education Officer (Retired) U Hla Oo, retired director of Basic Education Department U Sein Tun, retired professor of Oriental Studies Department of Yangon University and retired professor of Chemistry Department of Yangon University Dr Hla Wai other outstanding teachers from

level essay contest.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented prizes to winners of poem contests.

Students from Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 Basic Education Middle School entertained the guests.

The Secretary-1 and party observed prize-winning poem, essay and article contests and educational measures of the winners.

MNA

Medvedev orders security revamp after Georgia blast

Moscow, 5 Oct— Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday ordered a tightening of security in Georgia's breakaway South Ossetia region after a bomb blamed by Moscow on Georgian special forces killed eight Russian troops.

Medvedev ordered a "painstaking investigation" into Friday's car bomb blast at a Russian military base in Tskhinvali after the

separatist regime's interior minister told AFP that three civilians had also died, taking the toll to 11.

The Russian leader ordered the defence ministry, in coordination with Georgia's Moscow-backed separatist administrations, to take "all necessary steps to prevent criminal acts against Russian peacekeepers and the civilian population," the Kremlin

said in a statement. Earlier a Russian prosecution spokesman, Vladimir Markin, said there was "every reason to believe the explosion in Tskhinvali was arranged by Georgian secret services," Russian news agencies reported.

Russian troops from a "buffer zone" around South Ossetia, part of a European-brokered peace plan.—Internet



Alexandra Kosteniuk (R) of Russia competes during the women's chess individual blitz against Antoaneta Stefanova of Bulgaria in the 1st World Mind Sports Games in Beijing, China, on 5 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET



A clown dances on stilts in front of the national theater in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 4 Oct, 2008. Uruguay celebrated its annual Day of Heritage on Saturday, with museums and historical sites opened to the public for free and various cultural activities held on the streets in Montevideo.

INTERNET

11 wounded in Philippine grenade attacks

MANILA, 5 Oct — Eleven people were injured in separate rocket and grenade attacks in southern Philippine region of Mindanao, local media reported Saturday.

Officials said nine people, including five teenagers, were wounded in a grenade attack in Surigao del Norte Province late Friday when someone hurtled a grenade at a crowd in a village, local TV news network GMA News reported.

"Nine people were injured in the grenade blast and we still don't know the motive of the attack," the report quoted Major Armand Rico, a regional Army spokesman, as saying.

Meanwhile, two villagers were also injured in a rocket attack Friday in the town of Kiamba in Sarangani Province. GMA News report said the rogue members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the country's largest Muslim rebel group, was to blame.

Internet

Military chopper crashes in Thai northeast

Bangkok, 5 Oct — A Thai Air Force helicopter crashed in Thailand's northeastern province of Loei Saturday morning, injuring two pilots on board.

The helicopter was on the way transporting fuels to a Thai Air Force radar station located at the Phu Pha Daeng Forest Park in Loei Province, which borders Laos.

A rescue and medical team has arrived at the scene. Cause of the crash was under investigation. The two pilots on board were injured.

MNA/Xinhua



Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, right, and Russia's Nadia Petrova, left, pose in front of a Porsche Carrera 911 sports car after their final match at the Porsche Grand Prix tennis tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, on 5 Oct, 2008. Jankovic defeated Petrova in two sets 6-4, 6-3.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill mayor of resort town near Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 5 Oct— Hooded gunmen firing automatic weapons shot dead the mayor of a popular resort town near the Mexican capital on Saturday in an apparent drug gang attack, Mexican media said.

The killers opened fire on a car carrying Salvador Vergara, mayor of the town of Ixtapan de la Sal, and hit him with at least 15 bullets, the El Universal daily said in its online edition.

The mayor's town is a popular weekend getaway for Mexico City residents attracted by hot spring waters.

The paper said the assailants belonged to The Zetas, the armed wing of the Gulf drug cartel based in northeastern Mexico just south of Texas.

Some 3,000 people have been killed in Mexico this year in violence between rival drug cartels. A military-led campaign against the traffickers by President Felipe Calderon has failed to halt the rise in killings.

Internet

Egypt, Yemen call for continuation of M-E peace talks

CAIRO, 5 Oct— Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his visiting Yemeni counterpart Ali Abdullah Saleh on Saturday stressed the importance of the continuation of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA).

The two leaders said the Mideast peace negotiations between the Palestinians and Israel must go on "without any further delays," Egyptian presidential spokesman Suliman Awwad said following their meeting on Saturday morning.

Noting the importance of resuming final-status negotiations, the two leaders said the current US administration has promised to create a favourable atmosphere for maintaining the talks, the state MENA news agency reported.

At the US-hosted Annapolis peace conference on Mideast held last November, Israel and the Palestinians agreed to launch talks to solve the permanent status issues and to reach an agreement before the end of the year.—Internet



In this on 17 Nov, 2007, file photo, showing part of Theran's oil refinery in Iran. A high-profile natural gas conference sponsored in part by two of Europe's largest energy companies opened on 4 Oct, 2008, in Theran, evidence, according to Iran, that US pressure was ineffective in preventing the country from developing its vast oil and gas resources.—INTERNET

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHU MY VOYNO (808) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.10.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Macao logs 380,000 visitor arrivals in "Golden Week"

MACAO, 5 Oct — A total of 380,374 visitor arrivals were recorded in Macao during the first four days of this year's National Day "Golden Week" holidays, an increase of 29,374 compared with the corresponding period of

last year, the *Macao Post Daily* reported on Friday.

About 99,269 visitor arrivals were logged on the National Day alone, which was the highest number so far of the "Golden Week" holidays, according to the daily, which quoted statistics from Macao's Public Security Police (PSP).

The PSP were also quoted as saying that the figures of 380,374 visitor arrivals were recorded between 29 September, the first day of the holidays, and 10 pm local time Thursday. According to the PSP statistics, some 351,000 visitor arrivals were recorded during the corresponding period of last year's "Golden Week".

MNA/Xinhua



Felled trees are seen in Bikoro forest conservation in Congo. France and the DRC have pledged to work together for the preservation of the Congolese forests, the world's "second green lung.—INTERNET

Sixteen killed in clashes in northeast India

GUWAHATI, 5 Oct — At least 16 people died and dozens were injured in three days of clashes in India's insurgency-hit northeast, police said Sunday.

Violence erupted after village officials belonging to the tribal Bodo group were attacked by Muslims, police said.

Other groups in remote Assam state joined the clashes, with mobs armed with machetes, spears and homemade guns targeting rival communities.

Troops were instructed to shoot on sight in two districts of the state where a curfew has been imposed, police said.

"The toll as of now is 16 killed and about 50 wounded, some critically. About 200 houses have been torched," a senior police official said, requesting not to be named.

About 10,000 people have fled their homes and are living in state-run relief centres.—Internet



The QE2 prepares to set sail from Belfast Port, Northern Ireland, on 4 Oct, 2008. Belfast is one of the cities playing host to the QE2 during her year-long farewell tour. The ship travelled from Liverpool, England, and is bound for Dubai where she will become a floating hotel later this year.—INTERNET

Aerospace Cos hit by Boeing workers' strike

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct — A strike by Boeing Co workers in the Seattle area has affected local aerospace companies, leaving service postponed and many workers facing layoffs, it was reported on Friday.

V Australia, a new airline started by British billionaire Richard Branson, said that because of the strike, it is postponing by more than two months the launch of its first flights between Los Angeles and Sydney, Australia, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The flight was originally scheduled

for 15 December but was put off to 28 February, leaving thousands of passengers who had already bought tickets in the lurch, the report said. The first plane, a 365-passenger 777-300ER, was nearly complete when the strike began 6 September.

More than 27,000 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, most of whom work in factories in the Seattle area, walked off their jobs after the union and Boeing could not come to terms on a new labour contract.—MNA/Xinhua

World's biggest computing grid launched in US

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct — The world's largest computing grid is launched on Friday, ready to tackle mankind's biggest data challenge from the earth's most powerful accelerator, according to local media reports. Three weeks after the first particle beams were injected into the

Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) now combines the power of more than 140 computer centres from 33 countries to analyze and manage more than 15 million gigabytes of LHC data every year.

The United States is a

vital partner in the development and operation of the WLCG. Fifteen universities and three US Department of Energy (DOE) national laboratories contribute their power to the project.

"The US has been an essential partner in the development of the vast distributed computing system that will allow 7,000 scientists around the world to analyze LHC data," said Glen Crawford of the High Energy Physics programme in DOE's Office of Science. "Particle physics projects such as the LHC have been a driving force for the development of worldwide computing grids," said Ed Seidel, director of the US National Science Foundation's Office of Cyber infrastructure. "The benefits from these grids are now being reaped in areas as diverse as mathematical modeling and drug discovery."—MNA/Xinhua



Rescue workers and policemen guard the area of an accident in the suburb of San Nicolas de los Garza, Monterrey on 4 Oct, 2008. A 18-wheeler carrying goods plunged off a bridge and landed on a car below leaving at least two people with minor injuries, according to local media.—INTERNET

Vanishing African wildlife threatens livelihoods: scientists

CAPE TOWN, 5 Oct— Africa's rich abundance of life seems inexhaustible, but growing pressure on animals and plants could lead to greater poverty, more wars and migration to other continents, experts warned.

From fish in Burkina Faso, to Ethiopian wild coffee, Kenyan forests and traditional medicine plants in the Congo, the continent's natural resources are being threatened by human activity and climate change, experts say.

"If Africa's systems degrade and human wellbeing becomes an issue, cycles of poverty, violence and wars will get worse," John Donaldson of South Africa's National Biodiversity Institute told *AFP*.

He was speaking on the sidelines of a conference in Cape Town that gathered over 300 policymakers, scientists, and activists from 15 African countries and Germany to discuss research into the protection of plants and animals around the continent.



An Ethiopian man walks in a cloud of exhaust fumes as he heads up a mountain road on the outskirts of Addis Abeba. From fish in Burkina Faso, to Ethiopian wild coffee, Kenyan forests and traditional medicine plants in the Congo, the continent's natural resources are being threatened by human activity and climate change, experts say. —INTERNET

Surging populations, overuse of land, and climate change threaten to kill off creatures around Africa, where up to 15 percent of all species currently face extinction, the conference heard.

Internet



Parts of Steve Fossett's small plane which was lost more than a year ago is seen in this picture taken on 1 Oct, 2008 and released to Reuters on 3 Oct, 2008. Crash site investigators found human remains amid the wreckage of Fossett's small plane on a remote California mountain, the chief of the National Transportation Safety Board said on Thursday. Fossett disappeared after setting off from western Nevada on 3 Sept, 2007, in a single-engine plane for what friends said was a casual pleasure flight. —INTERNET

Google, Yahoo delay ad partnership due to federal investigations

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct— Internet giants Google Inc and Yahoo Inc have agreed to delay implementing an advertising partnership to give the United States' Department of Justice time to finish investigating the proposed deal, said the San Francisco Chronicle on Saturday. The decision marks an abrupt turnaround for Google CEO Eric Schmidt, who had recently said that he planned to start supplying

ads to Yahoo's search engine sometime in early October, even if federal regulators had yet to give their approval, according to the source.

In a statement issued on Friday, Google said: "When we announced our advertising agreement with Yahoo in June, we agreed to delay its implementation until October to give regulators time to look at the details. As we are still in

conversation with the Department of Justice, we have agreed to a brief delay in implementing the agreement while those discussions continue." The two companies are now in an indefinite holding pattern, raising more questions about whether the government plans to try to prevent the No 1 and No 2 search engines from cooperating, said the Chronicle.

Xinhua



Promoters for Nintendo Co Ltd pose with new DS handheld game consoles after a news conference in Tokyo on 2 Oct, 2008. Japanese video game maker Nintendo said on Thursday it would launch its new DS handheld game console on 1 Nov in Japan for 18,900 yen (179 US dollars). The new DS model will have camera and audio functions, the company said. —INTERNET

Turks, Kurdish rebels in worst clashes in 8 months

ANKARA, 5 Oct — The Turkish Army clashed with Kurdish rebels in southeastern Turkey and northern Iraq in their deadliest battle in eight months, and the government vowed Saturday to fight the rebels at full force.

Fifteen soldiers and at least 23 insurgents were killed, the military said Saturday. Twenty more soldiers were wounded, the government said.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan returned early to Ankara from an official visit to Turkmenistan to lead an emergency security meeting, and President Abdullah Gul cancelled a planned visit to France on Sunday.

The fighting on Friday was the deadliest since February, when Turkey staged a weeklong ground offensive against guerrillas based in northern Iraq and

claimed to have killed hundreds of them.

The military did not say whether Turkish soldiers crossed the border into Iraq on Friday, but said rebels attacked soldiers near a military outpost in Aktutun, Turkey, about 6 miles (10 kilometres) north of the Iraqi border, and Turkish warplanes, helicopters and artillery units pounded insurgent positions in northern Iraq. —*Internet*

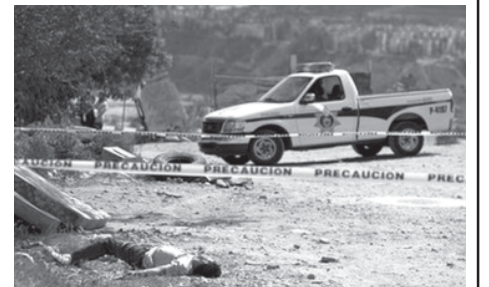
Ten more people killed in Mexico's Tijuana

MEXICO CITY, 5 Oct— Mexican police found the bodies of ten murdered victims on Saturday in the northwestern city of Tijuana which borders the United States, after dozens of people were killed last week amid escalated drug gang clashes.

Five of the bodies were found on Saturday in a small lane between two shopping centres in the eastern part of the city, while another five were discovered in a van which has a US license plate, a police spokesman said.

Investigators said all the victims had been beaten before being executed, and two of them were beheaded.

Internet



A man with gunshot wounds lies dead on a street as a police truck is parked nearby in Tijuana, Mexico, on 4 Oct, 2008. More than 400 people have been killed in drug-related violence in the city across from San Diego this year, including at least 49 this week. —INTERNET

Six villagers killed in clash at Mexico ruins

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, (Mexico), 5 Oct — Police clashed with hundreds of villagers who seized the entrance to a Mayan archaeological site and six protesters were killed, state officials said Saturday.

Hundreds of villagers had occupied the entrance to the Chinkultic ruins for nearly a month, saying they were protesting excessive entrance fees and a lack of investment in the area. The protesters fought police with sticks, rocks and machetes, according to the state Justice Department. Protesters managed to wrest guns away from some officers and poured gasoline on others, threatening to set them on fire, the department said.

Six protesters were killed in Friday's raid, and two dozen other people were injured, including 16 police, the department said. —*Internet*

SPORTS



Lazio's forward Simone Inzaghi (L) scores past Lecce's goalkeeper Francesco Benussi (R) during their football serie A match at Olympic stadium in Rome. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Inter win to join uninspired Lazio at top

ROME, 5 Oct — Inter Milan beat lowly Bologna 2-1 at the San Siro to join Lazio at the top of Serie after the Romans were held to a 1-1 home draw by Lecce on Saturday.

An exquisite Zlatan Ibrahimovic finish and an Adriano penalty gave champions Inter the spoils against Bologna, who pulled a goal back through Vaggelis Moras.

At the Stadio Olimpico, veteran striker Simone Inzaghi scored a minute from time to salvage a point for league leaders Lazio, who remain top on goal difference, after Simone Tiribocchi had given Lecce a first-half lead.

In Milan, Ibrahimovic could have put Inter in front sooner than he did but Francesco Antonioli saved the Sweden striker's shot when he went through one-on-one. But Jose Mourinho's men were in front on 25 minutes after Adriano beat his man down the left and crossed for Ibrahimovic to flick the ball with the outside of his boot past Antonioli despite facing the wrong way.—Internet

Ferguson backs Rooney to lead United title charge

BLACKBURN, 5 Oct — Sir Alex Ferguson believes that Wayne Rooney and Manchester United are ready to take a stranglehold on the Premier League after emerging from a difficult visit to Blackburn with a 2-0 victory on Saturday.

Wes Brown opened the scoring with a controversial opening header, after Rovers keeper Jason Brown appeared to have been fouled by Nemanja Vidic, before Rooney settled the contest with his third goal in as many games after half-time.—Internet

Ferguson demands Man Utd winning football run

LONDON, 5 Oct—Alex Ferguson demanded a lengthy winning streak from his Manchester United side to stop leaders Chelsea and Liverpool from stealing their English Premier League crown.

The fiery Scot insisted his Champions League-winning team stamp their superiority over the tricky mid-table sides as Arsenal lost further points early in the title race.

While United won 2-0 at Blackburn Rovers on Saturday, Arsenal needed a last-ditch equaliser to scramble a 1-1 draw at Sunderland.

Ferguson said a run of victories like the one that carried the Red Devils to the title last season was required to keep their rivals at bay.

"We're capable of that. We have to do that in terms of keeping up with Chelsea and Liverpool, that's obvious," he said.

"It's not an easy league this. You see Arsenal dropped a couple of points because there's a lot of grounds you can go to and lose points.—Internet

Six-goal Barcelona demolish sorry Atletico

BARCELONA, 5 Oct — Barcelona underlined their Spanish title credentials on Saturday with a 6-1 thrashing of Atletico Madrid who never recovered from conceding three goals in a breathtaking first ten minutes.

If the game was billed as Lionel Messi against Sergio Aguero then there was only one winner, but it wasn't just Messi who split Atletico open at the Nou Camp.

Rafa Marquez sent Barca on their way with a

flicked header from a corner after three minutes and then Samuel Eto'o scored the first of his brace.

Quick thinking at a free-kick allowed Messi to place the ball into an empty net as goalkeeper Gregory Coupet was still constructing the wall as the avalanche continued.

Maxi Rodriguez offered some relief after 13 minutes with a well taken shot for Atletico but Barca then scored two more before half-time from Eto'o and Eidur Gudjohnsen.

In the second half, with the game won, Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola made several substitutions and Thierry Henry came off the bench to score perhaps the best strike of the game with a well-worked go.

Internet

PREMIER LEAGUE

(5-10-2008)

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| Manchester C | 2 - 3 | Liverpool |
| Portsmouth | 2 - 1 | Stoke C |
| Tottenham H | 0 - 1 | Hull C |
| Everton | 2 - 2 | Newcastle U |



Liverpool's Fernando Torres, center, scores his second goal against Manchester City during their English Premier League soccer match at The City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester, England, Sunday 5 Oct, 2008.

INTERNET



Chelsea's Nicolas Anelka, left, shoots to score against Aston Villa during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge ground in London, Sunday 5 Oct, 2008.

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Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark kisses the trophy following her victory in the women's singles final of the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, on 5 October. Wozniacki defeated Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 to get the title.—INTERNET

Wozniacki beats Kanepi to win Japan Open tennis

TOKYO, 5 Oct — Caroline Wozniacki continued to enjoy her best season by beating Kaia Kanepi of Estonia to win the women's singles title at the Japan Open tennis tournament on Sunday.

The 18-year-old Danish top seed, the semi-finalist last year here, completed a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory over the fifth seed in just two hours.

"I feel amazing. I just won another tournament. It's been an incredible year. This is my first title here in Japan and I'm very happy," said a jubilant Wozniacki, ranked 16th against Kanepi's 33rd.—Internet

Bayern suffer counter-back from Bochum

BERLIN, 5 Oct— In the wake of back-to-back defeats in the Bundesliga, German champions Bayern Munich suffered another blow on the home front on Saturday, letting slip a two-goal advantage against Bochum.

Goals from Daniel van Buyten in the 15 minute and Ze Roberto in the 45th and 68th seemingly had the hosts on track for victory, despite Sinan Kaloglu's 29th-minute equalizer. —Xinhua



An Ariane V rocket model is displayed during the exhibition marking the centenary of the French aerospace industry on the Champs-Elysees in Paris, France, on 4 Oct, 2008. The exhibition, lasting from 4 to 12 Oct, was organized by the French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS). -XINHUA

Colombian police seize one million fake US dollars

BOGOTA, 5 Oct— Colombian police said Friday that they seized one million counterfeit US dollar bills printed on Venezuelan banknotes. Police made the seizure in an operation after they discovered the fake US bills in Itagui, in the northwestern

Colombian province of Antioquia, following months of probes. No people were arrested in the operation, police said. The forged US dollars were reprinted on washed Bolivares (Venezuelan currency), police said, giving no further details. MNA/Xinhua

World-famous ancient Mogao Grottoes to be lightened

LANZHOU, 5 Oct— Tourists to world-famous Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, in northwestern China's Gansu Province, might see ancient paintings and statues on interior walls more clearly as the management plans to introduce modern lights into the caves.

The Dunhuang Academy have begun an experiment by installing lights in some caves including No. 16 and No. 148 to see if the ancient paintings and other cultural relics would suffer damages from lights. Before the experiment, tourists could only see the paintings with flashlights operated by tour guides.

If the results of the experiment proved to be positive, modern illumination will be installed next year in all the caves that were open to tourists, sources with the academy said. The 1,600-year-old Mogao Grottoes, which became a World Heritage designation in 1987, have more than 2,000 coloured sculptures and 45,000 square metres of frescoes. —MNA/Xinhua

Two soldiers killed in fire with insurgents in Thai south

BANGKOK, 5 Oct— Suspected insurgents opened fire at patrol soldiers in Thailand's far southern province Pattani Saturday morning, killing two soldiers, media here reported.

A unit of six soldiers were patrolling on a local road when an unknown number of suspected insurgents launched the attack at around 6:00 a.m. Saturday (2300GMT, Friday), according to a

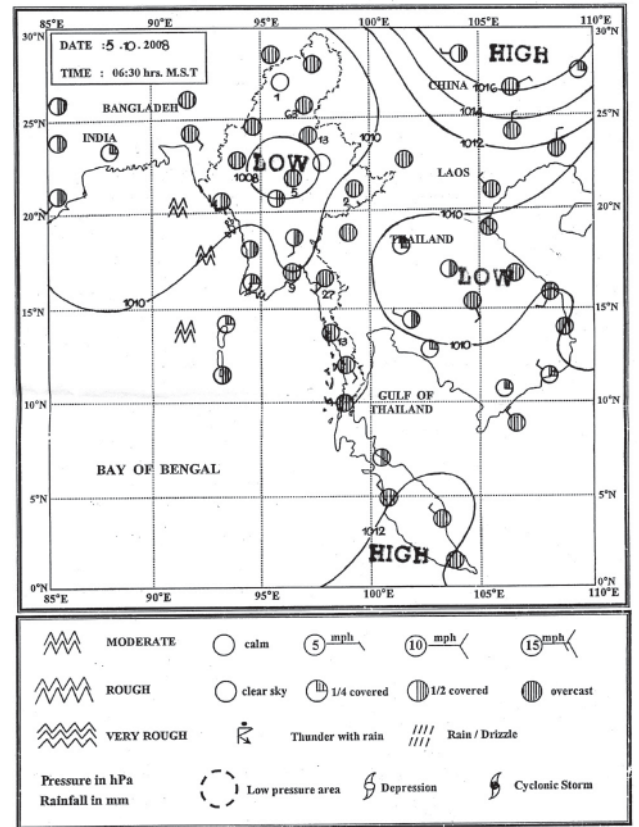
report by Bangkok Post website.

The two sides then exchanged fires before insurgents fled the scene, the report said.

Insurgent violence in Thailand's three southernmost provinces —Pattani, Narathiwat and Yala have killed over 3,500 people in the region since its resurrection in January 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 5 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy fall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (3.74) inches, Mudon (2.64) inches, Loikaw (1.38) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.18) inches and Mawlamyine (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-10-2008 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 5-10-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-10-2008 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 4-10-2008 was (3.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-10-2008 was (1.18) inches at Mingaladon, (0.35) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (98.70) inches at Mingaladon, (109.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (126.85) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 4-10-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6-10-2008: Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, Taninthayi Division and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-10-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 6 October
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. ဝေဠုဝန်ခေါ်ရုပ်ပွားတော် ထင်ပေါ်ကျော်ကြား စစ်ကိုင်းငါးထပ်ကြီးဘုရား
- 7:50 am
 5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:00 am
 6. Dance variety
- 8:05 am
 7. Song of national races.
- 8:15 am
 8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ဖြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) (အဆင့်) အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Musical programme
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
 3. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

- 4:30 pm
 4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံ ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဋ္ဌမကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ် ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက(၆) ဗိုလ်တထောင် (အမျိုးသား ဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:50 pm
 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:00 pm
 6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm
 7. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:25 pm
 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:35 pm
 9. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
 10. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ဖြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) အမျိုးသား)
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:50 pm
 14. ကျေးရွာပိုးလောင်းအခြေပြောင်း နေထိုင်မှုဘဝစနစ်ကျ
- 7:05 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပန်းပျိုးလက်” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. International news
 18. Weather report
 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

Construction of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw coordinated



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses work coordination meeting on building of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—A work coordination meeting on building of Uppatasanti Pagoda to be built in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the temporary Dhammayon of the project yesterday with an address by Chairman of the Pagoda Construction Leading Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the Leading Committee, the chairman of Work Committee and members, well-wishers and guests.

In his address, Chairman of the Pagoda Construction Leading Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that the Head of State has given guidance, stressing the need to construct a pagoda, 325 feet high, only one foot less than the Shwedagon Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw for people of Nay Pyi Taw to be able to pay homage to it as if they are paying homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda. The Head of State himself, after seeking Ovada from the Sayadaws, has chosen the hill for building the pagoda, and taken measures since July 2006 in order to

be able to build it. In that regard, Ovadacariya Sayadaws Committee, Panel of Patrons, Pagoda Construction Leading Committee and 13 Work Committees were formed on 29 July 2006. Ceremony to designate holy compound was held on 4-8-2006, stake-driving ceremony on 12-11-2006 and corner stone laying ceremony on 8-2-2007 to start the construction work. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged officials concerned to strive together for timely completion of the construction of the pagoda.

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ISS ready to accommodate world's sixth space tourist in eight days

MOSCOW 5 Oct—The orbital path of the International Space Station (ISS) was successfully adjusted Saturday to accommodate the landing of the world's sixth space tourist in eight days time, Interfax reported citing Russian space programme officials.

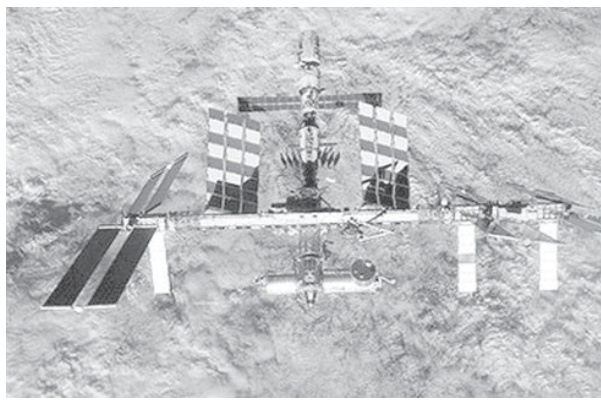
"The manoeuvre was conducted automatically," said an official from the Russian space control centre (TSOUP).

The ISS had to change its distance from Earth - now 353 kilometres (200 miles) after the 1.25-kilometre adjustment — to create optimal conditions for the arrival of a Russian Soyuz rocket carrying Russian cosmonaut Yuri Lonchakov, US astronaut Michael Fincke and the tourist Richard Garriott.

The Soyuz TMA-13 is due to be launched from Kazakhstan on 12 October.

Multi-millionaire US businessman Garriott is the son of US astronaut Owen Garriott.

Richard Garriott paid more than 30 million dollars (20 million euros) to be launched into space from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, according to Space Adventures, the US-based company that organised his trip.—*Internet*



Teak plantations

Article & photos by Nyi Nyi Tun (MNA)



A thriving teak plantation of Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd in Kyangin Forest Reserve.

Myanmar is rich in forest resources and biological diversity. Its woodlands make up more than 50 per cent of its area.

In compliance with Head of State Senior General Than Shwe's guidance on sustainable development of Myanmar forests and efficient exploitation of forest resources, collaborative measures are under way for prevention of deforestation, and the 30-year plan for development of forests is in process.

Private-owned 5000-acre teak farms in Kyangin

Forest Reserve in Kyangin Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division, and 1700-acre teak plantation in Taungnawin Forest Reserve in Paukhaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division (West) are thriving.

The 5000-acre teak farm is run by Managing Director U Ko Ko Aye and U Yan Naing Lwin of Phyto Si Thu Trading Co Ltd. In an interview, U Ko Ko Aye said, "I decided to make an investment in a

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