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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

## TEO most responsible person in enhancing education standard of basic education schools and management skills

### School management course for township education officers opened



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at opening of school management course for township education officers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct— Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin

Aung Myint Oo this morning attended the opening of the school management course for township education officers held at No. 7 Transit Centre here and made a

speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, U Myo Nyunt and Thura U Thaung Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, directors-general and officials of the Ministry of Education and the state, division, district and township education officers.

In his address, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that the government has laid down the long-term and short term national education promotion plans and is implementing them. In that regard, like other sectors, proper management system and smooth management machinery are required.

Playing a leading role in the management of education, the township education officer is the most responsible person in enhancing education standard of basic education schools and management skills, he said.

Therefore, only when the township education officers are qualified in management, will they be able to deal with the education management system of the

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greets trainees at the opening of school management course for township education officers.— MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Fight against blindness with greater momentum

A worldwide initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020 was introduced at the South East Asian regional meeting of WHO held on 30 September 1999 in order to effectively solve the problem of blindness and stop the increasing number of blind people in the world.

The World Health Organization designated the second Thursday of October as the World Sight Day and the day is marked in every member nation of the WHO annually.

Ceremonies to mark the World Sight Day are observed with the aim of raising public awareness of blindness and visual impairment as a major international public health issue, enhancing the treatment for preventable blindness and decreasing the blindness rate due to untreatable eye disease.

In the world, a person has gone blind every five seconds. Therefore seven million people go blind every year. Of them 70 per cent regained their eyesight because of effective treatment. The rest, 30 per cent went blind. Ninety per cent of the blind can be treatable but they did not receive effective treatment.

In Myanmar, eye specialists make field trips to townships and villages and provide eye care services and perform cataract and glaucoma operation with the assistance of the WHO, social organizations and well-wishers.

Health staff give talks on eye disease that occur most among the children, provide primary eye health care service and perform eye tests in schools. It is necessary for the people to make efforts to reduce the number of preventable blindness by the year Vision 2020 in accord with the motto—Eyes on the Future Fighting: Vision Impairment in Later Life.



## 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

### Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport Supervisory Committee meets



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint speaks at meeting of Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport Supervisory Committee.— MNA

YANGON, 12 Oct—A work coordination meeting of Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division Secure and Smooth Transport was held at the meeting hall of All Private Bus Lines Control Committee (Head Office) on Laydaunkan Street in Tamway Township here yesterday, with an address by Chairman of the committee Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

Departmental personnel reported matters related to University ferries, traffic rules

enforcement and arrangements being made for ensuring road safety

to the commander. Next, the commander fulfilled the requirements

and made the concluding remarks.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu receives Mr Robert Turner of Inter-Agency Real Time Evaluation.—MOFA

### Introduction to total quality management

YANGON, 12 Oct — Course on introducing the importance of total quality management to Myanmar industries jointly conducted by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship-AOTS of Japan concluded at Traders

Hotel here yesterday.

President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and Mr Tashiki Sadatani of AOTS made speeches on the occasion.

General-Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing made a speech and the president presented gifts to course instructors before giving away completion certificates to the trainees.

MNA

Mr Tashiki Sadatani gives away the completion certificate to a trainee.—UMFCCI

### Deputy Minister receives UN delegations

YANGON, 12 Oct— Chairman of the ASEAN-Myanmar-United Nations Tripartite Core Group (TCG), Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu received a team of independent consultants to undertake a United Nations Inter-

Agency Real Time Evaluation (IA-RTE) of the International assistance community's response to Cyclone Nargis led by Mr Robert Turner at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here at 11 am on 10 October 2008.

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## SAY NO TO DRUGS

## Pakistan officials say missile strike kills five

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 12 Oct —The latest in a barrage of suspected US missile strikes in Pakistan's northwest killed five people, but none were believed to be foreign al-Qaida fighters, officials said on Sunday.

Two unmanned drones were seen above the town of Miran Shah in the North Waziristan tribal region minutes before mis-

siles hit a house near a matchbox factory Saturday, two intelligence officials said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. They said reports from local informants so far said none of the dead were foreigners.

Army spokesmen could not immediately be

reached for comment.

Also on Sunday, government official Jamil Khan said security forces waging an offensive in the Bajur tribal region killed at least 14 more suspected militants. Khan told the AP that helicopter gunships shelled militants' bunkers overnight in the Charmang area of Bajur.—Internet



A fourteen years old boy reacts next to his injured father Sheik Azad Khurshid, a Sunni imam, at a hospital in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 11 Oct, 2008. Sheik was injured when a bomb planted underneath his car exploded, police said.

INTERNET

## More than 100 Taliban killed in Afghan clashes

KANDAHAR, 12 Oct — An Afghan official says more than 100 militants have been killed in separate battles in southern Afghanistan. Daud Ahmadi, the spokesman for Helmand province's governor, says 62 militants were killed early Sunday by Afghan soldiers and NATO airstrikes after they launched a surprise attack

on the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

Ahmadi says another 40 militants were killed in three days of clashes and airstrikes in Helmand's Nad Ali district, which has been under militant control until now. That battle ended on Saturday.

Ahmadi says there were no casualties among Afghan or foreign troops.

Southern Afghanistan is the centre of the Taliban-led insurgency, which has claimed over 4,700 lives, most of them militants.

Internet

## Bombers strike in Mosul, Baghdad, killing 13

BAGHDAD, 12 Oct—Suicide car bombers struck twice Sunday in the northern city of Mosul, killing at least six people and wounding dozens of others, US and Iraqi officials said. A car bomb killed seven other people in Baghdad. The first attack in Mosul occurred when a suicide car bomber attacked a US patrol, the US military said. There were no American casualties, but five Iraqis were killed, including

three young boys, the US said.

Another suicide car bomber targeted Iraqi police in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad. Twenty-five people were wounded, the US said.

In Baghdad, a parked car bomb exploded in a commercial street in the Bayaa district, killing seven people and wounding nine others, police said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.—Internet

## US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,181

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct—As of Saturday, 11 Oct, 2008, at least 4,181 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,385 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—Internet

## Convoy ambushed as peacekeepers deploy in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 12 Oct - More Burundian troops deployed in Mogadishu on Sunday to bolster an African Union peace force caught in the middle of a deepening insurgency.

A source at the main airport in Somalia's capital said a further 420 soldiers from Burundi arrived on Sunday, a day after 400 Burundian peacekeepers landed.

Later on Sunday, a roadside bomb hit an AU convoy wounding at least two peacekeepers, witnesses said. An AU medical source said the injured men were among

the new arrivals from Burundi. The AU mission is guarding key sites in the city where a UN-backed interim government and its Ethiopian military allies are fighting Islamist rebels and heavily armed clan militias.—Internet

*An Iraqi old man walk behind the wreckage of a car after a car bomb explosion in the predominantly Shiite Bayaa district, southwestern Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Oct, 2008.*

INTERNET



## Australian FM pledges to keep troops in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 12 Oct — The Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said here on Sunday it was important for Australia to remain troops in Afghanistan to prevent a repeat of terrorist attacks

in Southeast Asia.

Smith told the Ten Network it was essential for the international community and in Australia's national interests to stay in Afghanistan.

“There's no doubt that

this is the current centre of international terrorism. What we know about international terrorism in the modern world is it moves quickly ... north to Europe and south to Southeast Asia. We've already been on the receiving end of terrorism in Southeast Asia. We don't want to be on the receiving end again,” Smith said.

*A damaged US military vehicle is seen at the site of a suicide attack on US military convoy in Behsood district of Nangahar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 10 Oct, 2008. Two US soldiers were wounded during the attack according to Syed Abdul Gaffar Pacha, the police chief of Nangahar.—INTERNET*

Internet

## Under Bush, US influence in Latin America wanes

QUITO, (Ecuador) 12 Oct — In a matter of weeks, a Russian naval squadron will arrive in the waters off Latin America for the first time since the Cold War. It is already getting a warm welcome from some in a region where the influence of the United States is in decline.

“The US Fourth Fleet can come to Latin America but a Russian fleet can’t?” said Ecuador’s President, Rafael Correa. “If you ask me, any country and any fleet that wants can visit

us. We’re a country of open doors.” The United States remains the strongest outside power in Latin America by most measures, including trade, military cooperation and the sheer size of its embassies. Yet US clout in what it once considered its backyard has sunk to perhaps the lowest point in decades. As Washington turned its attention to the Middle East, Latin America swung to the left and other powers moved in. The United States’ fi-

nancial crisis is not helping. Latin American countries forced by Washington to swallow painful austerity measures in the 1980s and 1990s are aghast at the US failure to police its own markets.

“We did our homework — and they didn’t, they who’ve been telling us for three decades what to do,” the man who presides over Latin America’s largest economy, President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva of Brazil, complained bitterly.—*Internet*



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin shows a tiger cub to journalists at his Novo Ogaryovo residence of outside Moscow on 9 Oct, 2008. Putin was given a tiger cub for his 56th birthday. —XINHUA



British police officers clash with demonstrators protesting in central London’s City financial district, on 10 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET

### 37 human anthrax cases in northern Iraq outbreak

SULAIMANIYA, 12 Oct—Thirty-seven people have been infected by anthrax in northern Iraq in the country’s first outbreak of the disease since the 1980s, the health minister in the Kurdish autonomous region said on Sunday.

Health Minister Ziryan Othman said the disease appeared to have been passed on from livestock. The first human case of the outbreak was discovered in remote Dahuk province last month.

None of the reported cases had yet proven fatal, he told *Reuters*. The 37 cases in humans have all affected the patients’ skin, rather than their lungs or internal organs, as occurs in more serious anthrax cases.

Othman said the authorities have ordered that infected animals be slaughtered and buried, while animals not yet infected should be vaccinated.

“The health and agriculture ministries are trying to contain this disease, because if it is spread among animals and then is transferred to humans it will have a negative effect on the economy,” he said.

*Internet*

### Russia test-fires long-range ballistic missile

MOSCOW, 12 Oct — Russia test-launched a long-distance ballistic missile on Saturday as part of its Northern Fleet’s military exercises, news agencies reported. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, accompanied by Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov, watched the launch from the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov. “The missile covered 11,547 km. This is the best result that has ever been attained in using this ballistic missile,” Medvedev was quoted as saying by the *Interfax* news agency.

It was the first time that a submarine launched the Sineva ballistic missile to

its maximum range, said an aide to the Russian Navy commander.

“For the first time in Navy history, the launch was not to the Kura test range in Kamchatka, but to the area of an equatorial part of the Pacific,” Captain first rank Igor Dygalo was quoted by the RIA *Novosti* news agency as saying.

Medvedev boarded a Russian naval ship in the Barents Sea on Saturday to observe the tactical exercises of the Russian Northern Fleet, which are part of the larger-scale Stability-2008 exercises conducted with Belarus from 22 Sept to 21 Oct.—*Internet*

### Iran: nuclear negotiations with West not standstill

TEHERAN, 11 Oct — Iranian Majlis (Parliament) Speaker Ali Larijani said here on Saturday that Iran doesn’t think nuclear negotiations with the West have reached a standstill and an appropriate solution is still possible if the West would alter some of its behaviours, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

Larijani made the comment in a meeting with a French parliamentary delegation after the issuance of the 4th UN Security Council resolution against Iran.

Some of the West’s be-

haviour towards Iran is illogical and hasty, Larijani said, adding that “modification of the West’s illogical behaviour can in addition to improving the two sides’ relations lead to solving the existing misinterpretations.”

“Despite the existence of certain differences of opinion, there are lots of common grounds for cooperation between Iran and France, which keeping in mind the shared interests in economic and regional fields, the two sides can enter transparent talks on them,” Larijani said.

*Internet*

An Afghan man is seen lying on the ground after being detained by US soldiers, following a suicide attack on a US military convoy in Behsood district, Nangahar province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 10 Oct, 2008. —INTERNET



### French FM says Israeli-Palestinian peace deal unlikely this year

CAIRO, 11 Oct— Visiting French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said here Saturday that an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians is not

likely to be reached by the end of the year.

Kouchner made the remarks at a joint Press conference with his Egyptian counterpart Ahmed Abul

Gheit following talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak earlier in the day, the state *MENA* news agency reported.

However, Kouchner said the European Union (EU) and France will continue to support the US efforts to push forward the Mideast peace process. The EU’s role in the international Quartet, which also groups Russia, the United Nations and the United States, and its contribution to the projects in the Palestinian territories will continue, said Kouchner.

*Internet*

## Pakistani President expects to learn from China during maiden visit

ISLAMABAD, 12 Oct — Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari said on Saturday that he would learn from China and further develop bilateral relation during his first visit to China.

While speaking to Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Luo Zhaohui, Zardari said he is expecting the visit to China and wants to get to know the Chinese leaders.

Zardari will pay a state visit to China from 14 to 17, Oct his first trip abroad since assuming office in September.

Pakistan, as a friendly neighbour, hopes it could benefit from China's rapid development, said Zardari, add-

ing that his visit will focus on such fields as economy, trade, finance and energy.

Zardari said the new Pakistani government is committed to consolidating friendly relations with China, deepening mutually-beneficial cooperation and pursuing common development.

During his four-day visit to China, Zardari is expected to hold talks with Chinese President Hu Jintao and meet with other Chinese leaders, including top legislator Wu Bangguo, Premier Wen Jiabao and top political advisor Jia Qinglin.

Xinhua



People select gourd handicrafts during the 4th agriculture carnival in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 11 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

## Chinese grain output expected to rise for 5th consecutive year

BEIJING, 12 Oct — China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) on Saturday said it expects an increase in grain output for the fifth consecutive year.

The country has harvested nearly 80 percent of its autumn crops and expects 2008 to be a bumper year, the ministry stated.

The State Grain Information Centre earlier estimated that this year's grain output would reach 511.5 million tons, up 10 million tons from 2007.

Higher grain produc-



Farmers reap paddy rice in the field in Jiang-zhuang village, Donghai county, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 11 Oct, 2008.— XINHUA

tion happened in spite of natural disasters and troubled domestic and international economic environments, the MOA noted. The output increase

was attributed to government subsidies, pest control and more advance agricultural techniques, the ministry said.

Xinhua

### All Items from Xinhua News Agency

## China's development is no surprise: former S Korean ambassador to China

SEOUL, 12 Oct — "China's development is not a surprise. The reform and opening-up policy has awakened Chinese people's thousands-year-long commercial talent and caused China to bloom," said Kwon Byong-hyun, former South Korean ambassador to China, in an interview with Xinhua recently.

Kwon, 70, participated in the negotiations for the establishment of Sino-South Korean diplomatic ties in the early 1990s and has been South Korean ambassador to China from 1998 to 2000.

As a witness of the development of Sino-South Korean relations, he described the rapid development of Seoul-Beijing cooperation as "unique" and is beneficial to both sides. China has become South Korea's largest trade partner, and largest import and export market during the past several years. Since the two neighbours set up diplomatic ties in 1992, bilateral trade has risen from 5 billion US dollars in 1992 to almost 160 billion US dollars in 2007.

A total of more than 6 million South Koreans and Chinese visited each other's country last year. About 700,000 South Koreans inhabited China while 530,000 Chinese lived in South Korea in 2007.—Xinhua

## Scientists complete sequencing giant panda genome

SHENZHEN, 12 Oct—Chinese scientists have completed sequencing the genome of giant pandas. The announcement was made here on Saturday.

They hope the new information will give them a better biological understanding of why pandas eat bamboo, have black circles around their eyes and produce few offspring.

"By sequencing the giant panda genome we've laid the genetic and



Researchers get blood sample from a giant panda at the China Giant Panda Research Center in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province, in this file photo taken on 20 March, 2008. — XINHUA

biological foundation for us to gain a deeper understanding of the peculiar species," said Dr Wang Jun, a scientist with the Beijing Genomics Institute's Shenzhen branch (BGI Shenzhen), a core participant in the project.

So far, scientists learned, through drawing and assembling the genome sequence, that giant pandas are akin to dogs and human beings but are very different from mice.

They also discovered more supporting evidence that giant pandas might be a subspecies of black bears.

Giant pandas, known for being sexually inactive, are among the world's most endangered animals due to a shrinking habitat. It's one reason why scientists decided to sequence its genome.

"It will help genetically explain why giant pandas have poor reproductive abilities, so that scientists can help them deliver more cubs," Wang said.—Xinhua



Folk artists perform during a parade of the 7th China folk art festival in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, on 11 Oct, 2008. —XINHUA

## Nigerian civil aviation authorities to shut Kaduna Airport

LAGOS, 12 Oct — The Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the country's civil aviation watchdog, would shut the Kaduna Airport for 10 days for runway maintenance with effect from 13 October.

According to the News Agency of Nigeria on Saturday, the airport, one of major ones in Nigeria's northern part, has been found that its runway deterioration would be a threat to safe flight operations.

Speaking on the closure, FAAN General Manager Akin Olukunle said that the airport's runway had been damaged.

He quoted FAAN's Managing Director Richard Aisuebeogun as saying that construction firm PW Nigeria Ltd had been engaged to handle the repair work. It will include the milling of the damaged and undulating parts of the runway and the laying of asphalt. Olukunle said that the airport would be reopened on 23 Oct, appealing to air travelers to the area to exercise patience during the closure and be understanding.—Xinhua

## About 2,500 flee chemical leak in western Pa

PETROLIA (Pa), 12 Oct— A corrosive liquid overflowed from a tank at a chemical plant in western Pennsylvania on Saturday, evaporating into a toxic cloud that snaked along the ground and forced about 2,500 people to flee. At least three residents were believed to suffer respiratory problems.

A material called oleum, similar to sulfuric acid, leaked from a tank at the Indspec Chemical Corp plant in Petrolia, plant manager Dave Dorko said.

Authorities were concerned about the potential for respiratory damage and skin burns, said Freda Tarbell, spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Authorities went door to door to warn

the 2,500 people living within 3 miles to evacuate. Tarbell said the air would be monitored through the night and residents would probably be allowed to return Sunday morning.

About 250 people went to shelters in nearby Karns City, North Washington and Bruin. Red Cross officials said they expected to shelter only 50 to 100 people overnight.

Dorko said all 30 employees of the plant, which produces a bonding agent for the tire industry, were evacuated and no injuries were reported. Authorities said three residents were taken to hospitals with apparent respiratory problems, but it was unclear whether the problems were related to the leak.—*Internet*

## Five killed in Manhattan blaze, including three children

NEW YORK, 12 Oct— A family of five, including three children as young as 15 months, died in a blaze Saturday that filled an apartment with thick black smoke and kept the victims from escaping through the front door, fire officials said. A 10-year-old boy who survived was in critical condition after the fire

in a public housing complex in Manhattan's Chelsea neighbourhood. The boy was found with two other family members in a back bedroom, while the rest of the family sought refuge in a full bathtub and underneath a bathroom sink, officials said.

The cause of the fire, which began in the kitchen

of the sixth-floor apartment, was under investigation. But the Fire Department said the apartment's smoke detector had been unplugged and the battery removed.

The smoke detector was inspected six months ago and was working, the New York City Housing Authority said.—*Internet*



Blind Belgian Luc Costermans, 43, poses in front of his Lamborghini Gallardo in Istres, south eastern France. Costermans won a world record Saturday when he hit 308.78 kilometres (192 miles) per hour driving a Lamborghini Gallardo supercar on a French airstrip.—INTERNET

## Eight killed in S Philippines clashes

MANILA, 12 Oct — At least eight people were killed in separate attacks on Saturday launched by rebel groups in the southern Philippines, a military spokesman said.

Some members of the separate Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) attacked a village in the southern province of Sultan Kudarat at about 4 am Saturday local time (2000 GMT Friday), killing four civilians and a policeman,

and wounding three other civilians, Philippine TV network GMA News reported, citing Armand Rico, a spokesman for the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The attack, which triggered a firefight, also killed one rebel, Rico said.

The MILF fighters also took two villagers and used them as shield against pursuing government forces, he added.

Besides, some mem-

bers of leftist New People's Army (NPA) ambushed a military truck and killed Army soldiers in a village named Dagohoy in the Davao del Norte province.

The attack occurred at about 9:15 am local time (0:15 GMT) as troops were on their way to bring provisions to government forces pursuing New People's Army insurgents in the province.

*Internet*

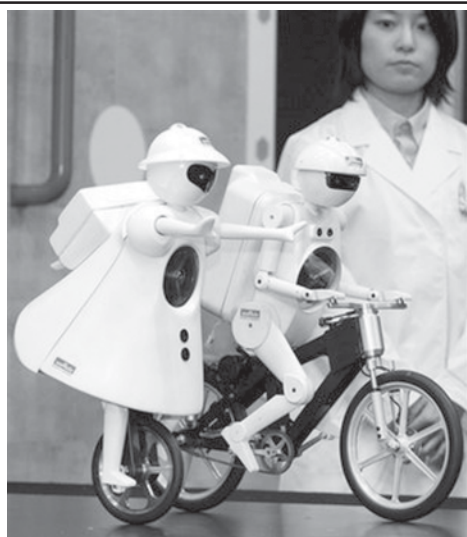
## Oregon woman accused of setting tow truck on fire

□A Portland woman who allegedly set a tow truck on fire as the driver was preparing to take her car faces arson and criminal mischief charges. A twenty-year-old woman was arraigned last week.

Court papers said the tow truck driver went to a Portland apartment complex on Tuesday to tow the illegally parked car and became surrounded by an angry crowd. The driver offered to release the car for \$150, but police said the woman threatened to set the truck on fire if he didn't release the car.



St Peter's Basilica is seen behind a solar panel set up on the roof of the Paul VI Hall, at the Vatican. According to workers involved in the project, a total of 2,700 panels will be placed at the Vatican to provide 300,000 kilowatt hours of electricity to be used to illuminate, heat or cool the building where the pontiff holds general audiences in the winter and bad weather as well as concerts.



Newly unveiled unicyclist robot "Murata Seiko-chan" rides a unicycle accompanied by bicyclist robot "Murata Seisaku-kun" during a demonstration at the annual CEATEC 2008 home electronics trade show in Chiba near Tokyo. The 50-centimetre (20 inches) tall, 5-kilogramme (11 pounds) Seiko-chan, developed by Japanese electronics maker Murata Manufacturing Co as a cousin of Seisaku-kun which was shown in 2005, blushes while showing her balancing skill which is enabled by two gyro sensors mounted in her body just like the bicyclist robot.

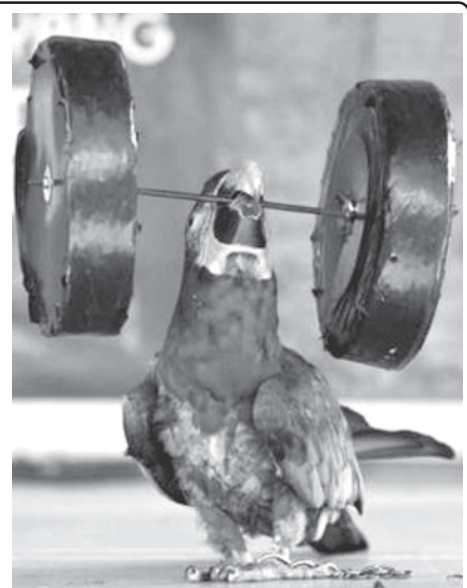
## Man, 112, says secret to long life is being active

Walter Breuning of Great Falls said the secret to living a long life is staying active.

And he should know. The retired Great Northern Railway worker celebrated his 112th birthday on Sunday. Breuning said that if "you keep your mind busy and keep your body busy, you're going to be around a long time." About 60 people helped Breuning celebrate his birthday at the Rainbow Retirement and Assisted Living Community, where he has lived for 30 years.

Rainbow employee Merry Coats was one of them. She said Breuning has a great attitude and always focuses on the positive.

"He wakes up every morning, puts his feet on the ground, and it's a good day," she said. As of Monday, Breuning was the 27th oldest person in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group's Web site. The site lists 115-year-old Edna Parker of Indiana as the oldest.



A parrot performs to entertain visitors at a zoo in Shenyang, Liaoning. China is celebrating a week-long National Day holiday, which started on Monday, a time when millions of Chinese travel to major cities to enjoy cultural attractions or return home to visit relatives and friends.

## Man hit by truck, then ticketed for Jaywalking

A man who was hit by a truck near the city's downtown was also slapped with a citation. Boise police ticketed Ebrahim Balah, 62, for jaywalking shortly after the accident on Wednesday.

Police said Balah suffered minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital as a precaution.

Police said he was hit by a passenger truck while trying to cross a busy one-way street. Officials said the section Balah tried crossing is not a designated walkway and pedestrians are not permitted to cross.

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## Cash and provisions offering ceremony held

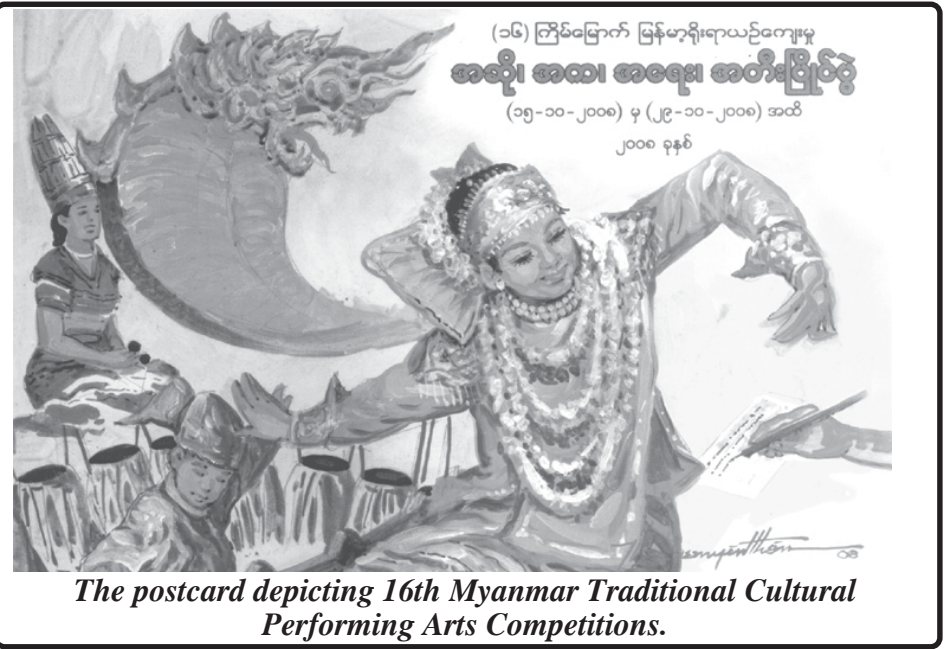
YANGON, 12 Oct— Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and cash to 17 nunneries and three

nunneries in Yangon South District at Maha Atula Saddhammayanthi Sasana Beikman in Thanlyin, here, this afternoon. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and offered alms to members of the Sangha, accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.—MNA

## Refresher course for Dy Township Judges concludes

YANGON, 12 Oct— The conclusion of Refresher Course No. 6 for Deputy Township Judges was held at the Supreme Court here on 10 October.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe made a speech and presented completion certificates to the trainees. It was also attended by Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, Supreme Court judges, the Director-General, the directors, officials and trainees. Sixty trainees completed the eight-week course. MNA



The postcard depicting 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe addresses concluding of refresher course No. 6 for deputy township judges. MNA

## Myanmar retains hopes of reaching semifinal sinking Laos 7-0

YANGON, 12 Oct— Myanmar women's football squad kept alive hopes of reaching semifinal demolishing Laos with 7-0 in the group-A of the AFF Women's Championship 2008 at local time of 3.30 pm today held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam.

Myanmar led the first half with the 41<sup>st</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> minute goals struck by Yi Yi Oo alone.

On the stroke of the second half, Myanmar improved more than the first half with better rhythm and tempo. Naw Ah Lo War Phaw extended the lead with third and fourth goals in 64<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> minutes. Later the second half, Maing Nilar Htwe netted fifth and sixth goals in 72<sup>nd</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> minutes and Than Than Htwe completed seventh goal two minutes to the full time.

Myanmar has two wins and one loss on six points in three matches in the group-A.

Myanmar will face Indonesia in the last match of the group-A on 14 October evening. MNA

## Dictionaries can be used through mobile telephones

YANGON, 12 Oct— A ceremony to introduce e-dictionaries for using English-Myanmar dictionary and Myanmar-English dictionary in mobile telephones was held at Traders Hotel here yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by officials under the Ministry of Education, Department of Myanmar Language Commission, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association, mobile entrepreneurs and media persons.

Chairperson of MCEA Daw Wah Wah Tun made an opening speech and Ko Htoo Myint Naung of Technomation Studios explained how to put programmes of dictionaries in mobile phones. Director-General (Retd) U San Lwin of Department of Myanmar Language Commission made a concluding speech, which brought the ceremony to an end.

Dictionaries to be used in mobile phones are English-Myanmar dictionary and Myanmar-English dictionary jointly compiled by Department of Myanmar Language Commission and A & T International Co Ltd.

The software of dictionaries was named "DEFINED-2.0" that includes words, sample sentences and exercises for students and those who study English.

The ceremony also produced and distributed

Messx 2.0 software.

DEFINED English-Myanmar dictionary and Myanmar-English dictionary and Messx 2.0 Myanmar programmes are available at mobile phone sales centres in Yangon and Mandalay, and contact Pace Computer Centre, No. 149, Bogalezay Street, Yangon (Tel: 380854, 392152 and 392149) for further information. MNA

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased



Introduction to electronic dictionaries at Traders Hotel in progress.—MNA

## TEO most responsible person in enhancing education...

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State. This being the case, they are to try their utmost in learning and studying lectures of the course, he added.

In implementing the education promotion plans that are subtle and huge in volume, supervision, assessment, amendment, fulfillment of requirements and cooperation are imperative.

At such a time, the management skills of the school heads and township education officers who are supervising the management and teaching of basic education schools play a decisive role in successful realization of the tasks being implemented by the basic education sector.

Meanwhile, the state, division, district and township education officers are to strive to keep pace with changes and developments so that they can effectively supervise the teaching and management machinery.

It is sure that the tasks will not meet with success if attached to old habits although new management systems are introduced.

The Head of State has already given guidance, stressing the need for the Minister for Education and the Deputy Minister for Education to make field trips right down to basic education schools in addition to higher learning institutions. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, officials at different levels from the director-general to the township education officer are to make field trips right down to basic education schools like the minister and the deputy minister.

In doing so, they are to inspect and give instruction on the characteristics of schools including morale and disciplines and fulfill the requirements.

At the same time, they are to make efforts for students to be well-versed in mathematics and physics that are indispensable for

development of science and technology and English language that play an important role in the international relations.

He said that **the Head of State had stressed the importance of learning in the respective subjects and high qualification in raising the educational qualifications of basic education schools. The Head of State gave guidance that students need to learn properly at the primary level first so that they will possess sound foundations at the middle level and then they will gain genuine achievement at higher level.**

The Secretary-1 said the Head of State had given guidance on upgrading curriculum of the basic education sector to international level, providing modern teaching aids for effective teaching and upgrading the quality of teachership. In accord with his guidance necessary reforms were made two years ago.

## It is a major task for Township Education Officers to supervise the effectiveness of education promotion programmes in basic education schools and efficiency of the students and to fulfill the requirements.

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Continuing, he said, TEOs are to make inspection of teaching lessons in accord with the curriculum and monthly syllabus, completion of the whole course, application of teaching aids and duties assigned in the respective subjects or regions.

He said they are to inspect management quality of school heads and school activities and

they must be men of exemplary behaviour in codes of conduct, discipline, concept, way of living and morale.

He said the Head of State had told the teachers in seriousness to inculcate the children in primary level with patriotism based on the Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit.

He said the teachers themselves must be fully equipped with patriotism and the Union Spirit.

He spoke of the need for State, Division and Township Education Officers to make inspection in school management and proficiency of the teachers and the students in the

respective subjects. Only when students are well-educated, will they become younger generation on whom the State relies.

He said the teachers need to review IQ level of individual student. In conclusion, he urged the teachers to successfully implement the objectives of basic education and higher education sectors and to participate in 30-year national education promotion plan as the national duty.

Next, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the TEOs. The one-week course is being attended by 369 TEOs from states and divisions.—MNA

## Minister inspects cotton plantations in Meiktila, Thazi



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Moehnaung Ngwechi-6 cotton plantation of farmer U Aung Nyein in Thazi.— A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct —Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo visited thriving 100-acre of Moehnaung Ngwechi-6 cotton plantation in Tawma Village in Meiktila Township on 10

October.

Next, the minister met with farmers and inspected cotton plantations of farmers U Myint Hein and U Soe Maung.

At Kontoung Village in Thazi Township, the minister met farmers and

visited the cotton farm of farmer U Aung Nyein.

At Meiktila Township Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise, the minister held discussion with the chairman of Meiktila township peace and development council

and officials and called for growing monsoon paddy and cotton.

Next, the minister went to Makyipinpu Village in the township and met farmers. He advised farmers to grow paddy and Moehnaung Ngwechi-6 cotton.

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## MOFA Dy Minister receives Chairman of SPF, Japan

YANGON, 12 Oct—Chairman of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan, Dr Akinori Seki and responsible persons of the Foundation paid a courtesy call on Chairman of the ASEAN-Myanmar-United Nations Tripartite Core Group (TCG), Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 10 a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, and gave a presentation on the international assistance of Sasakawa Peace Foundation to Nargis victims and its future plan of supporting community recovery and livelihoods in the storm affected areas.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu receives Chairman Dr Akinori Seki of Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan.— MOFA



## National grid connection inspected

YANGON, 12 Oct—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected connection of national grid yesterday morning.

The connection of the national grid was 230 KV grid between tower No. 29 and 30 from Kamanat (Bago) to Myaungdaga. At mile post 43 miles and 7 furlongs on Yangon-Mandalay highway, 230 KV power line was connected from Kamanat to Hlawga, 33 KV from Kamanat to Indagaw and Kamanat to Indagaw industrial zone. The national grid was connected crossing Bawdhikon power line of 11 KV No 3 sub-power station.

After the inspection of the connection of the power lines, the deputy minister attended to the needs.

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## Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun presents prize to an outstanding student.—MNA



## World Post Day marked

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—A ceremony to mark 2008 World Post Day and to present prizes to prize winners of 37th International Letter Contest in national level was held at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on 9 October afternoon.

First, U Tin Htwe, Director-General of Directorate of Telecommunications extended greetings and U Than Tun Aung, assistant director read out the message sent by the Director-General of

World Postal Union. Next, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun and officials presented prizes to winners in International Youth Letter Contest (National level).

Ma Mya Sandi Kyaw of No. 4 BEHS of Sittwe who won first prize in International Youth Letter Contest (national level) then expressed gratitude on behalf of the prize winners and U Bo Win, Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department explained the assessment of the letters of the contestants.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister and guests viewed display of the ceremony.

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## Post-Nargis Seminar of MMA held

YANGON, 12 Oct— The Post-Nargis Seminar sponsored by Myanmar Medical Association took place at the Auditorium-A of MMA on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here at 1 pm today.

Chairman of MMA Professor Dr U Kyaw Myint Naing made an opening speech on the occasion.

Next, Secretary of MMA Professor Dr U Myint Thaug presented the report of the MMA's relief committee, followed by a general round of discussions.

Afterwards, the association presented certificates of honour to those who actively took part in the relief and rehabilitation tasks and well-wishers.—MNA

## Minister inspects venues for Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Vice-Chairman of Organizing Committee for the 16<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint met officials of committees and sub-committees of the organizing the competitions at No. 7 Transit Centre in Nay Pyi Taw today.

The minister gave instructions to officials on competitions and then inspected preparatory works carried out at the city hall for competitions.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint inspects preparation for the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions.—MNA

## Inter-State/Division U-18 Track and Field Tournament concludes

YANGON, 12 Oct—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the opening ceremony of the Fourth Inter-State/Division U-18 Track and Field Tournament for 2008 held at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) yesterday

and made a speech on the occasion.

After the track and field events, Chairperson of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye presented prizes to first-placed Bago Division in women's 100-m hurdle race, second-placed

Yangon Division and third-placed Mon State.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint gave away prizes to first-placed Mandalay Division in men's 100-m hurdle race and second-placed Yangon Division and third-placed Magway Division.

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**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is now.**

## Penguin march

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Oct—Nearly 400 juvenile penguins march toward the sea in the final leg of a human-assisted journey home after becoming stranded in equatorial waters.

Magellanic penguins breed in southern Argentina and Chile and follow prey north from March to September. Usually this leads to southern Brazil, but this year hundreds followed a current further north.

Rescuers flew them south on a military plane, where they were released to the ocean to complete the return journey.—Internet



## 31<sup>st</sup> Pavarana of Shwephonepwint Pagoda 14 Oct

YANGON, 12 Oct—The 31<sup>st</sup> Pavarana Ceremony of Shwephonepwint Pagoda will be held at new Dhammayon in the precinct of the pagoda in Pazundaung Township at 1 pm on 14 October. Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the ceremony may dial 290425 of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. *MNA*

## The wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication

When the wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication, he having ascended the tower of wisdom—being himself free from sorrow and being himself wise—looks at the sorrowing people and the unwise as one, standing on a mountain, views those on the plains.

Dhammapada-28

## C-in-C (Navy)'s Shield Rowing Championship held



Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein presents championship shield to winning team.—MNA

YANGON, 12 Oct—The opening, final matches and prize-presentation of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Shield Rowing Championship (2008) took place at the Defence Service (Navy) Rowing and Sailing Club at Inya Lake, here, on 10 October. Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, on behalf of the Commander-in-

Chief (Navy), delivered a speech and formally opened the championship. Thirteen teams took part in the contest. The commander presented the championship shield to the winning team.—MNA

## Taukpyo Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana irrigates...

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about 21 miles northwest of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township, was inaugurated on 27 April 2008. It is the 27<sup>th</sup> irrigation facility of Nay Pyi Taw.

Due to the dam, farmers in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana no longer need to put much reliance on the rainwater in cultivating paddy. Being supplied with sufficient irrigation water, local farmers are now in a position to grow not only monsoon paddy but also summer paddy on an extensive scale, thus enjoying better socio-economic life.

Taukpyo Dam can benefit only a small number of acres of arable lands. However, several roads and bridges

had to be constructed to complete the irrigation facility. So, the project has helped ensure secure and smooth transport and improve the education, health and economic standards of local people, thereby touching the enjoyment and satisfaction of local residents.

In the past, locals had to pass paddy fields and muddy lands on foot and by bicycle to travel from one place to another in the region. Unlike that, now they are reaping the fruitful results of emergence of the irrigation facility with better income and high social standard.

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## DHF preventive measures looked into

YANGON, 12 Oct—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint called for officials to carry out preventive measures against dengue

haemorrhagic fever at the meeting hall of Hline Township PDC office this morning.

Next, the commander inspected launching of educative talks on health knowledge to the public, progress in spraying mos-

quito repellent and sanitation tasks for proper flow of drainage along Malayaing street Nos 8 and 9 in No. 16 ward of Hline Township, Maha Nwe street in No. 2 ward of Mayangon Township and Thamaing creek.—MNA

## Deputy Minister looks into regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe went to office of Development Affairs Department in Kayan Township on 10 October. The Township Execu-

tive Officer and the engineer reported to the deputy minister on the tasks carried out by township Development Affairs Department.

Then, the deputy minister inspected the Pyitawtha waterwork in Kayan township and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the deputy minister visited Thongwa township and inspected the earthen dam and village-to-village road to be built in 2008-2009.

The deputy minister gave necessary instructions to the officials.—MNA

## Seinle' Shwe Pyi Journal comes out

YANGON, 12 Oct—No. 22, Vol (V) of Seinle Shwe Pyi Journal came out recently.

Copies of the journal are available at the bookshop of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, Yangon, Sarpay Beikman Bookshop, and Wah Moe Aung and Pan Shwe Pyi bookshops. Writers may send their works to Seinle Shwe Pyi Journal, the Printing and Publishing Enterprise, No. 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, (Ph: 01-382070). *MNA*

Skydivers freefall during their skydiving session in the Spacewalk vertical wind tunnel in Abu Dhabi October 11, 2008. Spacewalk, measuring at 3.5 meters wide and 7 meters high, is the first indoor skydiving facility in the Middle East, with winds up to 150km per hour propelling the divers off the floor.

INTERNET



## Wildfire burns 750 acres northeast of Los Angeles



LOS ANGELES, 12 Oct—A wildfire stoked by moderate winds burned about 750 acres in Los Angeles County Sunday, threatening hundreds of homes and an animal sanctuary north of Los Angeles, authorities said. The blaze began about 2 am in a rugged area of Little Tujunga Canyon about 20 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, fire officials said. More

than 500 firefighters were on scene and aided by aerial strike teams, said Los Angeles County fire Inspector Sam Padilla. One firefighter had trouble breathing and was treated at the scene, Padilla said. About 1,200 people were evacuated from two canyons as the blaze brushed up against some of the area's 450 homes and moved southeast

toward city limits, said US Forest Service spokesman Stanton Florea.

The fire was south of the Wildlife Waystation, an animal sanctuary and rehabilitation facility set on 160 acres. The nonprofit agency houses more than 400 animals, including lions, bears and deer. Officials were loading up the animals in case the fire switched direction.

A shelter for displaced residents was set up at a nearby recreation centre.

Santa Ana winds were blowing between 10 and 15 mph, but firefighters were aided by cool temperatures overnight.

Internet



*A rare white lion lies with her cubs at the Global White Lion Protection Trust game reserve in Timbavati, in this picture taken in September, 2008. An incredibly rare form of lion with a white coat exists in the Timbavati region of South Africa. As well as being of significant scientific and conservational interest, these lions are considered to be sacred animals by the indigenous people in that area. The lions were released into the wild as part of a re-introduction programme since their arrival from a Johannesburg zoo six years ago. —INTERNET*

## Staying happier for longer

PENNSYLVANIA, 12 Oct—From the Buddha to modern gurus of self-help, there have been more than 100 exercises proposed which are alleged to increase lasting happiness, says Professor Martin Seligman, a contributor to BBC Two's The Happiness Formula.

In strange contrast, scientific investigation until recently thought none of these exercises would, as there was an unchangeable and biological "set point" for happiness.

This suggested that our levels of happiness were largely pre-determined by our genes and our upbringing, varying slightly but always returning to our set point of happiness.

It also explained the annoying fact that lottery winners eventually revert to their customarily curmudgeonliness and the rosier finding that paraplegics eventually return to almost the same happiness level they enjoyed before their accident.

I have spent more than 20 years testing the effects of various psychotherapies and drugs on depression.

So when I became a positive psychologist, I first explored many of these exercises and then decided to test rigorously whether any of them really increased happiness.

I began by teaching positive psychology to undergraduates: each week I assigned an exercise along with more traditional readings.

I do not think I ever heard the word "life-changing" more often in my 40 years of teaching. —Internet

## Russia fires missiles, Medvedev says strategic defences 'in order'

MOSCOW 12 Oct—Russia test-fired three long-range missiles on Sunday and pronounced its nuclear deterrent strong in a show of force that experts said had not been seen since the days of the Cold War.

Two of the missiles were fired from nuclear submarines in the Asian and European extremes of the sprawling country while a third was watched by President Dmitry Medvedev on land in northwest Russia, news agencies reported.

It was the second Russian intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) test in as many days and the latest in a series of high-profile military exercises of conventional land, sea and air forces as well as strategic nuclear units.

Internet

## NASA committed to Mars rover plan

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct—NASA is pushing ahead with plans to launch its next Mars mission in 2009, but acknowledges that extra funds are required to make it happen.

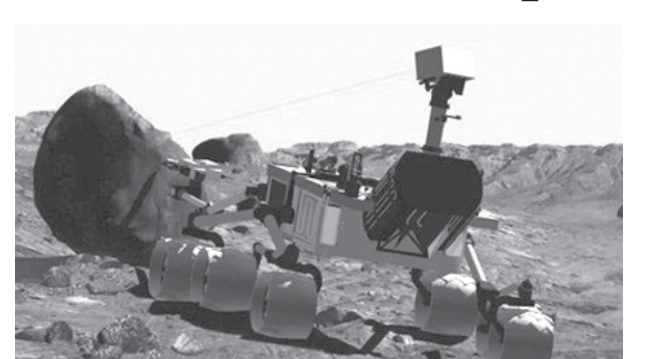
The Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) will be the biggest planetary rover yet; it will be the size of a Mini Cooper.

Engineers are grappling with a number of technical challenges, such as the complexity of the motors that will drive the vehicle across the surface.

The budget has already grown to \$1.9bn from the original cost of \$1.6bn.

NASA will not currently say precisely how much extra cash is needed.

It is looking for support in Congress but is also assessing other missions



to see if there is money that can be reallocated to MSL. It needs the additional funding to make up delays in MSL's assembly schedule. Key bottlenecks centre on actuators - the motors that drive and turn the rover's wheels, and operate its robotic arm.

"Because of the mass of MSL and its size, those are reasonably complex motors and they're difficult to produce," explained Doug McCuistion, director of the Mars Exploration

Programme at NASA Headquarters.

This is truly the push into the next decade for the Mars programme and for the discovery of the potential for life on other planets. "The lack of those deliveries puts schedule pressure - which in turn puts budget pressure - on the system."

The tools needed to do experiments on the surface of Mars, such as a drill, also require actuators, and these are delayed, too.

Internet

## Fears over electronic cigarettes

UNITED KINGDOM, 12 Oct—Fears are being raised about the boom in sales in the UK of so-called electronic cigarettes.

The cigarettes use replaceable cartridges with shots of nicotine, but have become popular because they are not covered by the smoking ban.

While the products do not contain tar, tobacco or carbon monoxide,

experts are worried as users inhale a fine heated mist and there is a lack of regulation. But retailers said they were healthier than normal cigarettes.

Since the smoking bans came into force, smokers have been forced to go outside to light up.

I think our concern is that we would really like smokers to use safer nicotine products but there is a regulatory gap.

Companies selling the

electronic cigarettes have responded by marketing them as a way of getting round the ban.

And in recent months they have reported a rise in sales with some selling over 1,000 of the £40 starter-packs a month.

However, campaigners including the World Health Organisation, have raised concerns, pointing out there was a lack of knowledge about the products.—Internet



*Dramatic rescue in the Strait of Gibraltar as strong winds and devastating waves pin cargo vessel against rocks, smashing it into two pieces.*

INTERNET

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and Chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 (Full Moon Day of Thadingyut) being the public Holiday, goods will be received, shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

**Credit crunch holding  
up funerals**

LONDON, 12 Oct — Undertakers hit by the financial crisis are refusing to carry out funerals unless they get paid in advance, *The Mail* on Sunday newspaper reported. With undertakers unable to extend credit, some poor families are having to wait more than two months before receiving government help paying for funerals, the weekly tabloid said.

Bereaved families can apply to the Department for Work and Pensions if they can prove they are receiving state benefit payments and cannot afford to foot the bill.

Around 27,000 people per year receive cash for funerals from the DWP's Social Fund, totalling 46 million pounds (78 million dollars, 58 million euros).

John Weir, of the National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors, said his colleagues were in an "impossible" position because they could not afford to extend credit.—*Internet*



*Undertakers hit by the financial crisis are refusing to carry out funerals unless they get paid in advance, The Mail on Sunday newspaper reported. INTERNET*

**'Japanese OJ' kills self  
after extradition to US**

LOS ANGELES, 12 Oct — A Japanese businessman hanged himself in a Los Angeles jail cell where he was awaiting trial for plotting his wife's murder here in 1981, prosecutors said on Saturday.

Kazuyoshi Miura, 61, killed himself Friday night just hours after arriving in Los Angeles in the custody of authorities that had him extradited to face criminal charges here.

Chief of Los Angeles police detectives Charles Beck said Miura used a piece of shirt to hang himself after a jailer checked on him at 9:45 pm on Friday (0445 GMT Saturday). Miura was alone in his cell.

An officer noticed Miura unconscious, hanging by the strip of cloth, about ten minutes later.

He arrived in Los Angeles early Friday under escort by police detectives and was to remain in jail until being arraigned in court next week on a charge of conspiracy to murder his wife.

Miura had been dubbed the "Japanese OJ Simpson" because of the intense interest in his case at home.

*Internet*



*A Palestinian olive farmer is tended to by a paramedic after being injured by stones in clashes with Jewish settlers during the olive harvest in the village of Hawara, near the West Bank town of Nablus, on 11 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET*

**Two Arab homes torched in Acre**

JERUSALEM, 12 Oct — Two Arab-owned apartments were set ablaze in the Israeli town of Acre amid clashes between Jews and Arabs, police said on Saturday.

Rioting in Acre — one of only a few mixed Arab-Jewish towns in Israel — first erupted on Wednesday, during observances of the Jewish holiday of

Yom Kippur. The violence has continued since then with hundreds of Arabs and Jews at times throwing stones at one another and vandalizing shops and cars. Police sent reinforcements.

Police said on Saturday that two empty apartments owned by Arabs in a predominantly Jewish neighbourhood have been

torched. The unrest surged again late Saturday with residents briefly hurling stones at one another before police forces restored calm. Overall, 12 people are in custody for rioting and eight are under house arrest.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has called on both sides in the city to restore calm.—*Internet*

**Wildfire threatens homes, wineries in Napa Valley**

ST HELENA, (Calif), 12 Oct — Hundreds of firefighters are battling a wildfire that is threatening homes and wineries in California's Napa Valley.

Fire officials say the blaze burned 300 acres in the hills by Saturday evening just outside the wine country town of St Helena. Full containment was expected on Sunday.

CalFire spokeswoman Nancy Carniglia says the fire has destroyed at least two structures and threatens 200 homes and several wineries.

About 100 residents left their homes voluntarily on Friday night, and an evacuation centre has been set up at St Helena High School. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.—*Internet*

*Kimani, a huge bull elephant, can be seen with his collar containing a sim card, on 26 Sept, 2008 in the Ol Pejeta conservancy near Mt Kenya. Save the Elephants has set up a project where they placed a mobile phone SIM card in an elephant's collar, then set up a virtual 'geofence' using a global positioning system that mirrored the conservatory's boundaries. INTERNET*



**Kenya's elephants send text messages to rangers**

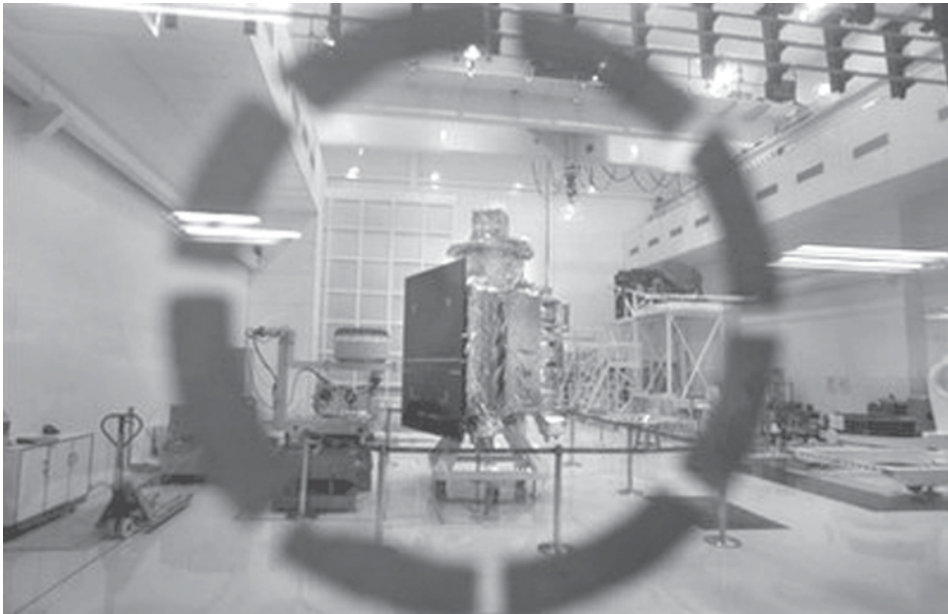
OLPEJETA ( Kenya), 12 Oct — The text message from the elephant flashed across Richard Lesowapir's screen: Kimani was heading for neighbouring farms.

The huge bull elephant had a long history of raiding villagers' crops during the harvest, sometimes wiping out six months of income at a time. But this time a mobile phone card inserted in his collar sent rangers a text message. Lesowapir, an armed guard and a driver arrived in a jeep bristling with spotlights to frighten Kimani back into the Ol Pejeta conservancy.

Kenya is the first country to try elephant texting as a way to protect both a growing human population and the wild animals that now have less room to roam. Elephants are ranked as "near threatened" in the Red List, an index of vulnerable species published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.—*Internet*



*Kazuyoshi Miura, the Japanese businessman accused of plotting his wife's murder in Los Angeles in 1981, pictured here in 1998, hanged himself in a Los Angeles jail cell where he was awaiting trial for plotting his wife's murder here in 1981, prosecutors said on Saturday.—INTERNET*



*The Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft, seen from behind glass at the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) centre in Bangalore in September, 2008. India is making final preparations for its first mission to the moon, officials said over the weekend.—INTERNET*

## India's unmanned lunar mission ready for launch

SRIHARIKOTA (India), 12 Oct — India is making final preparations for its first mission to the moon, officials said over the weekend. Lunar spacecraft Chandrayaan-1 will be launched on 22 October by a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Sriharikota space centre in the country's south.

"All checks on the vehicle have been completed. The vehicle is now ready to receive the satellite," T Subba Reddy, manager of the second

launch pad, told reporters in Sriharikota.

The mission will involve three stages—the lift-off from the space centre, raising the spacecraft into the lunar orbit and a series of experiments in the next two years.

A team of meteorologists will start monitoring the weather six days ahead of the launch.

"The launch vehicle is rain-proof. Only a cyclone can pose problems," range safety officer V

Krishnamurthy said. India will share the data collected during the mission with other countries.

"This is an exploratory mission in search of the mineral, geological and chemical characteristics of the lunar surface," MYS Prasad, associate director of the launch centre said. The space craft will conduct a lunar orbit at a distance of 385,000 kilometres (240,000 miles) from Earth.

*Internet*

## Moderate earthquakes jolt Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Oct — Three moderate earthquakes respectively hit East Nusa Tenggara, North Sumatra and North Maluku in Indonesia on Saturday evening, but there was no immediate report of casualties or material damage, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BMG) said on Sunday.

An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale hit Kupang of East Nusa Tenggara province on Saturday midnight, with epicentre located at 114 km northeast of the city at a depth of 33 km below the sea.

Another earthquake measuring 5.3 magnitude jolted Mentawai in North Sumatra province earlier

in the day. Its epicenter was located at 376 km southwest of Mentawai at a depth of 134 km.

Then an earthquake measuring 5.3 magnitude hit North Maluku province. It struck Ternate also on Saturday, with the epicentre located at 131 km northwest of the city at a depth of 94 km.

*Internet*

## Large population of endangered dolphins found off Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 Oct — The world's largest population of vulnerable Irrawaddy dolphins — famed as aquarium attractions — has been found in Bangladesh's waters, according to a five-year wildlife study.

Until now, it was believed the small light-grey mammal was threatened and the International Union of Conservation of Nature had put five of its Southeast Asian populations on its list of critically endangered animals.

But the study, launched in 2003 by the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society and the Bangladesh Cetacean Diversity Project, has counted 5,832 Irrawaddy dolphins along Bangladesh's coast and



*File photo shows an Irrawaddy dolphin in the Mekhong River in Cambodia. The world's largest population of the vulnerable mammals has been found in Bangladesh's waters, according to a five-year wildlife study.—INTERNET*

estuaries. "It's by far the biggest population of Irrawaddy dolphins in the world," said project director Brian Smith of the Wildlife Conservation Society. "It's very good news for all of us," he said.

The researchers surveyed the waters along Bangladesh's 1,400

kilometres (870 miles) of coastline, said Rubayat Mansur, who led the research team.

The dolphins' ability to live in both salt water and fresh water makes them popular with dolphin shows, where fresh water tanks are cheaper to maintain.—*Internet*

## Former astronaut's son blasts off toward Space Station

BAIKONUR, (Kazakhstan), 12 Oct — American space tourist Richard Garriott, the son of a former NASA astronaut, rocketed into orbit early Sunday aboard a Russian spacecraft alongside two professional spaceflyers to become the first second-generation American astronaut to launch toward the International Space

Station.

Garriott, a 47-year-old computer video game pioneer, blasted off from the Central Asian spaceport of Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at 3:01 am EDT (0701 GMT) aboard a Soyuz TMA-13 spacecraft ferrying new station crewmembers Michael Fincke and Yuri Lonchakov to their orbital

home. It was early afternoon at the launch site. Garriott is paying \$30 million for a 10-day trip to the space station under an agreement between Russia's Federal Space Agency and the Vienna, Va.-based firm Space Adventures. He is the sixth paying visitor to the space station.

*Internet*

## Death toll in Chechnya earthquake reaches 13

MOSCOW, 12 Oct — At least 13 people, including three children, were killed in an earthquake that hit the Russian North Caucasus region of Chechnya on Saturday, according to an updated toll released on Sunday by the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry.

The quake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale hit Chechnya at about 1:00 pm Moscow time (0900 GMT) and the tremor was felt throughout the

neighbouring republics of Dagestan, Ingushetia, North Ossetia, and the Stavropol region.

The epicentre of the quake was at a depth of 10 km underground in Chechnya's northeastern Shelkovsky district, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

Some 52,000 people from three Chechen districts were left without electricity, according to the ministry.

*Internet*

## Cholera kills 20 in northern Nigeria

KANO (Nigeria), 12 Oct — A cholera outbreak has claimed 20 lives in northern Nigeria's Kano state in the last week, officials and residents said on Saturday.

"We have received reports of a cholera outbreak in Rikadawa village in the last week where 20 lives have been lost with about 70 others hospitalized", Ibrahim Muazu, Madobi local government chairman, told *AFP*.

Residents of the 3,000-strong village, 50

kilometres (30 miles) west of Kano, said the outbreak started when they began drinking water from a river outside the village because three of the four boreholes in the village were spoilt.

"With the breakdown of three of the four boreholes in the village, we turned to the Kunza river as our source of water and since then we started noticing people falling sick with cholera," said 70-year-old Malam Alhaji Dauda, who lost five grandchildren in the last two days.—*Internet*



*A Russian Soyuz TMA-13 spacecraft sets up on its launching pad at the Baikonur cosmodrome on 10 Oct, 2008. US space tourist Richard Garriott, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Lonchakov and US astronaut Michael Fincke are scheduled to fly to the International Space Station on 12 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET*

# SPORTS

## France and Portugal in World Cup struggle

PARIS, 12 Oct — Former champions France and 2006 semi-finalists Portugal were struggling to keep their 2010 World Cup dreams on track on Saturday as Europe's major powers toiled on the rocky road to South Africa.

France, the 1998 winners and runners-up just two years ago, came back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Romania to leave them in fourth place in Group Seven. Portugal, who lost to Denmark at home in their last qualifier, could only draw 0-0 in Sweden, a result which put them third in Group One, three points behind the Danes.—Internet



**Daniel Pranic (R) of Croatia fights for a ball with Denis Goydalo of Ukraine during FIFA World Cup qualifying football match in Kharkiv. Ukraine and Croatia battled to a 0-0 standstill in their 2010 World Cup qualifying Group Six clash here on Saturday.—INTERNET**

## Safin to face Kunitsyn in all-Russian ATP final

MOSCOW, 12 Oct — Former world number one Marat Safin moved one win away from a first title in almost four years on Saturday when he reached the Kremlin Cup final without hitting a ball.

The Russian was handed a walkover when his 21-year-old German opponent Mischa Zverev withdrew from their semi-final through illness.

On Sunday, seventh-seeded Safin, whose last title came at the 2005 Australian Open, will face compatriot Igor Kunitsyn, who saw off French veteran Fabrice Santoro 6-4, 6-3.

Kunitsyn, 26, and currently 71 in the ATP rankings, took the opening set in 52 minutes while, in the second, Kunitsyn, who was playing his first ATP semi-final, broke twice for a commanding 5-2 lead.—Internet

## Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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## Guatemala plays Trinidad and Tobago to goal-less draw



**Guatemala's Jonathan Marquez (right) vies for the ball with Trinidad & Tobago's Carlos Edwards**

GUATEMALA, 12 Oct — Guatemala played Trinidad and Tobago to a goal-less draw in a North American qualifying match for World Cup 2010 in South Africa,

leaving both teams deadlocked in points with two matches remaining.

The draw ensured the unbeaten United States, which routed Cuba 6-1 on Saturday, of winning Group A with 12 points and left Guatemala level with Trinidad and Tobago on 1-1 with two drawn for five points. Guatemala has the goal difference tie-breaker edge on the Caribbean squad, plus-2 to minus-1. But Guatemala must visit Cuba and the US team while Trinidad and Tobago will meet both at home to conclude the round-robin qualifier.

Internet

## In-Kyung Kim leads Longs Drugs Challenge



**In-Kyung Kim, of South Korea, reacts after making a birdie putt on the 11th green of Blackhawk Country Club during the third round of the Longs Drug Challenge golf tournament in Danville, Calif, on 11 Oct, 2008. INTERNET**

DANVILLE, (Calif), 12 Oct — When In-Kyung Kim's 40-foot birdie putt on the 12th hole disappeared into the cup Saturday in the Longs Drugs Challenge, she raised her arms high above her head in celebration.

On Sunday, the 20-year-old South Korean could be celebrating her first LPGA Tour victory in just her second season on the tour.

Kim finished with a 3-under 69 in windy conditions Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Angela Stanford at Blackhawk Country Club. Kim had an 11-under 205 total.

Lorena Ochoa, a seven-time winner this season who lost a playoff to Suzann Pettersen last year at Blackhawk, shot a 74 to fall to 4 under. She opened with a double bogey after hitting her drive out of bounds.—Internet

## Hondurans boost World Cup hopes by beating Canada 3-1

SAN PEDRO SULA, (Honduras), 12 Oct — Honduras took a major step toward advancement in 2010 World Cup qualifying with a 3-1 victory over Canada here Saturday while Mexico suffered an upset loss at Jamaica.

Honduras improved to 3-1, matching Mexico atop Group B in North American qualifying for next year's six-team round-robin final qualifier that will determine three teams that will advance to the global showdown in South Africa.

Walter Martinez gave Honduras the lead in the seventh minute but Andres Hainault equalized for Canada in the 52nd minute. Carlo Costly put Honduras ahead to stay in the 60th minute and Hendrik Thomas added an insurance goal in stoppage time to seal the triumph.

Internet



**Hondura's Carlo Costly celebrates a goal against Canada during their FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier match at the Metropolitan Olympic Stadium in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on 11 October. Honduras won 3-1.—INTERNET**

## Monfils to play Petzschnier in Vienna final

VIENNA, 12 Oct — Gael Monfils of France claimed a thrilling 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7/2) victory over unseeded German Philipp Kohlschreiber on Saturday to reach the final of the Austrian Open.

He will play German qualifier Philipp Petzschnier, who continued his run by defeating former champion Feliciano Lopez of Spain 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Internet



**Gael Monfils of France serves to Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany during their Vienna Open semi-final tennis match in Vienna. Monfils claimed a thrilling 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7/2) victory over Kohlschreiber on Saturday to reach the final of the Austrian Open.—INTERNET**

## Jamaicans beat Mexico to give Barnes winning debut

KINGSTON, 12 Oct — Richard Fuller scored in the 14th minute and Jamaica defeated Mexico 1-0 on Saturday in a World Cup 2010 regional qualifying match, denying the Mexicans a chance to advance to next year's final phase.

Former Liverpool and England star John Barnes, who was born and raised in Kingston, made a triumphant debut as manager of the Jamaican team after Rene Simoes was fired last month after two World Cup qualifying losses.

The victory lifted Jamaica to 1-2 with a draw for four points in Group B of North American qualifying for next year's six-team tournament to decide three spots in South Africa. The Mexicans suffered a defeat after three triumphs to stay on nine points.—Internet



**Mexico defender Carlos Salcido (L) battles for the ball with Shawin Sawyers of Jamaica during their World Cup qualifying soccer match in Kingston on 11 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET**

## Castro says racism in US keeps many away from Obama

HAVANA, 12 Oct — Fidel Castro says a “profound racism” in the United States will stop millions from voting for Barack Obama in next month’s presidential election.

The ailing, 82-year-old former Cuban president says it is “a miracle that the Democratic candidate hasn’t suffered the same luck as (assassinated leaders) Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and others who harboured dreams of equality and justice.”

Castro’s written comments were published by state media on Saturday. In them, he insists a “profound racism” exists in the US and that millions of whites “cannot reconcile themselves to the idea that a black person ... could occupy the White House, which is called just that: white.”

Castro also described Republican presidential candidate John McCain as “bellicose.”—*Internet*

## G-20 to use all means to ensure stability of financial market

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct — The Group of 20 (G-20) has committed to using “all the economic and financial tools to ensure the stability of financial markets” said a statement issued after an emergency meeting here on Saturday.

The bloc, which groups 19 top developed and developing countries and the European Union, convened a special meeting on the sidelines of the IMF meeting amid the raging global financial crisis.

The G-20 endorsed a five-point action plan

adopted by the smaller Group of Seven leading economies (G-7), which on Friday vowed to use “all necessary tools” to ease the financial crisis. The statement said members of the G-20 have vowed to join hand to improve the regulation, supervision and the overall functioning of the world’s financial markets.

Chinese Vice Minister of Finance Li Yong and Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China Yi Gang attended the meeting. *MNA/Xinhua*

## Endangered Miss frogs get a break in the weather

NEW ORLEANS, 12 Oct — Pick up a Mississippi gopher frog and it covers its eyes with its forefeet, like someone afraid to see what’s coming next. And for at least a decade, it’s had a good reason not to look.

This year, for a change, nature gave a bit of a break to one of the nation’s most endangered species.

The frogs breed only in ponds so shallow they dry up in summer. Hot, dry springs have stranded tadpoles every year since 1998, when 161 froglets hopped out of Glen’s Pond in coastal Harrison County, Miss.

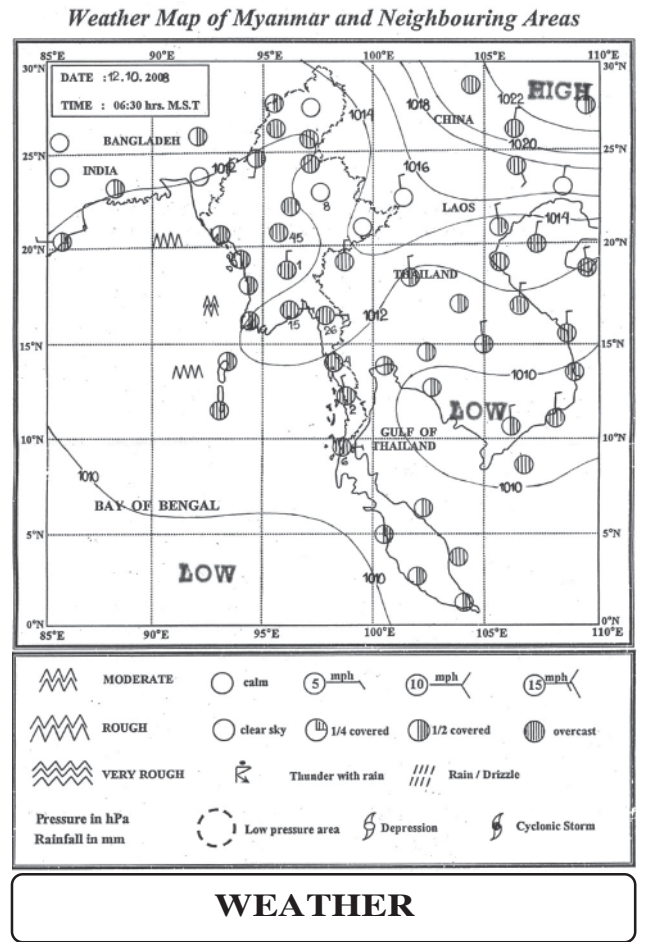
The pond held water longer this year. And 181 tadpoles survived a deadly parasite, made it through metamorphosis and headed into the surrounding DeSoto National Forest. Biologists saved seven generations. They wash some eggs in well water, apparently removing the parasite, hatch them in a lab and put the tadpoles in screen-covered outdoor tanks.

Scientists believe fewer than 100 mature adults live in the wild. Five zoos — in New Orleans, Memphis, Detroit, Miami and Omaha, Neb — have another 75 frogs.

*Internet*



A robot kicks a soccer at a media preview of Robot Japan 2008 in Yokohama, Japan, on 10 Oct, 2008.—XINHUA



Sunday, 12 October, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:**  
 During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Kachin and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division and widespread in remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Central) (3.27) inches, Pyapon (2.08) inches, Meikhtila and Kayah (1.77) inches each, Kyauktaw (1.46) inches, Pyin Oo Lwin and Mawlamyine (1.03) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 11-10-2008 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 12-10-2008 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-10-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 11-10-2008 was (8.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-10-2008 was (1.02) inches at Mingaladon, (0.95) inch at Kaba-Aye, and (3.27) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (100.35) inches at Mingaladon, (111.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (130.43) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (09:30) hours MST on 12-10-2008.

**Bay inference:** Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayah and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Strong easterly wind with the speed (35) miles per hour and moderate to rough seas are likely Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and long Mon-Taninthaty Cost. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-10-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-10-2008:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-10-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 13 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
4. မောင်တော်ဦးဘုရားပွဲတော်
- 7:55 am**  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:05 am**  
6. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am**  
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်

- မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 8:30 am**  
8. International news
- 8:40 am**  
9. “လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှကူးမယ်”
- 8:50 am**  
10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**  
2. Song of national races
- 4:20 pm**  
3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန ပဉ္စမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ် ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု)(အထက(၁)မျှော်တီ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:40 pm**  
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ (တတိယနှစ်) (ရသစာပေအရေး

- အသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)
- 4:50 pm**  
5. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**  
6. ဆင်းရဲတနာအထွက်ကောင်းစပါးစိုက်ကြံ့စို့လား(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 5:10 pm**  
7. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm**  
8. “ကြိုဆိုလျှက်ပါ” (နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ သင်ဇာဝင့်ကျော်၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်စိုး(ပဲရစ်)
- 5:30 pm**  
9. ဝါကျွတ်တေးများ
- 5:40 pm**  
10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:50 pm**  
11. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊

- ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာ အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm**  
12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**  
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**  
14. အလှရှာမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm**  
15. ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း ပြန်လည်ထူထောင်ရေးအမြဲနေအိမ်ရာ တည်ဆောက်ပေး
- 7:00 pm**  
16. Musical programme
- 7:15 pm**  
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပန်းပျိုးလက်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm**  
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

# Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donations for rehabilitation of Kyauktan

YANGON, 12 Oct— The Ministry of Transport organized cash and kind donation ceremony for rehabilitation of Kyauktan at Shwe-hmawwun Hall of Kyauktan Township this afternoon, with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Next, Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered a speech.

Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee (in-charge of Kyauktan Township) Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe explained the purpose of the donations.

Managing Director U Maung Maung Nyein of Myanma Five Star Line reported on relief and rehabilitation



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence addresses cash and kind donation ceremony for rehabilitation of Kyauktan.—MNA

of storm-hit Kyauktan Township.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe donated K 77.5 million, Managing Director U Kyi Soe of Myanma Shipyards and

Rector (Duty) of Myanmar Maritime University U Charlie Than clothes, foodstuff and medicines.

The Ministry of Transport had donated

construction materials, electronic equipment, foodstuff, medicines, personal goods for Kyauktan and K 285,491,590 for Tada and Kyauktan Township.—MNA

- \* For the health of babies  
Mother's milk the best
- \* If mother's milk is not sufficient  
Cow or goat's milk can be used
- \* Always boil the milk  
The best for health

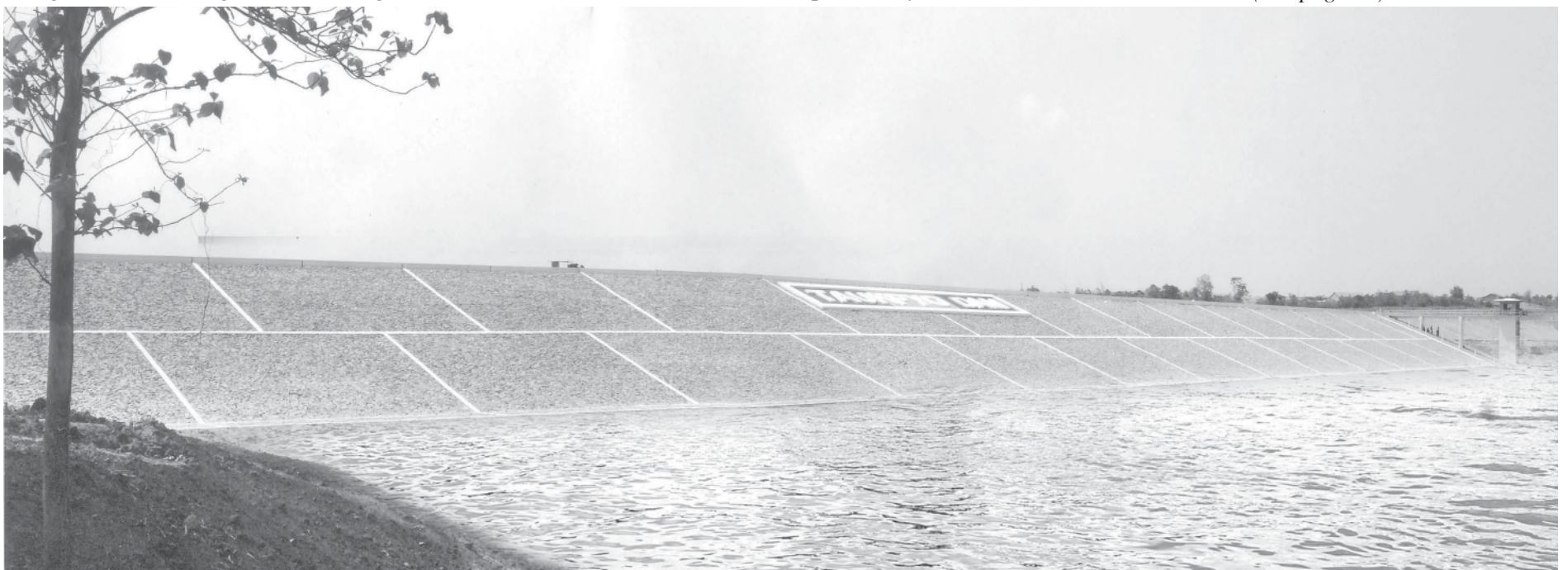
## Taukpyo Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana irrigates farmlands, helps ensure smooth transport

Article by Kyaw Sein; Photos by Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

In compliance with the guidance of Head of State, the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is building dams, some

of which do not benefit a vast area of farmlands but are designed for regional development, in its bid to harness water resources most expeditiously.

Taukpyo Dam constructed by Construction-5 of the Irrigation Department in Taungnyo Village-tract, (See page 10)



Taukpyo Dam and its control tower in Taungnyo Village-tract, about 21 miles northwest of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. The 1400-foot-long and 57-foot-high facility was constructed by Construction-5 of Irrigation Department.