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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

Bio-fuel saves money and energy, reduces environmental pollution and deforestation

Prime Minister inspects natural waste biogas digesters



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits the natural waste biogas digester of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon).—MNA

YANGON, 26 Oct – Prime Minister General Thein Sein visited Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) and inspected the natural waste biogas digesters this afternoon.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, arrived at MPF (Yangon) at 2 a.m. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental officials.

The Prime Minister looked into the biogas digester displayed at the briefing hall. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and factory manager U Win Ko Ko reported on production of bio-fuel from natural waste.

Next, he viewed the cooking of rice, boiling of water and lighting of storm-lanterns with the use of bio-fuel produced from the digester.

Then, the Prime Minister inspected the digester and its parts.

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Panmon Creek Bridge in Kalay Township facilitates regional transport

Article & Photos: Kalay Win Thu

Recently, I made a trip to Mandalay. I left for Mandalay by Shwe Mann Thu express bus plying Kalay-Mandalay route.

In the past, I spent a night in Kalay along the route of Kalay-Mandalay. Next, I had to travel to Kalewa, 24 miles from Kalay, and then pass through Myittha River by sampan. After that, I proceeded to Mandalay along Kalewa-Taze-YeU-Monywa Road.

At present, the local people have easy access to Mandalay along one-night trip of Kalay-Gagaw-Mandalay Road by crossing Panmon Creek Bridge built near our village. If we take the express bus that passes by our houses today, we arrive at Mandalay the next day. Indeed, Panmon Creek Bridge is a tangible proof of secure and smooth transport in the region.

Before the completion of Panmon Creek Bridge, vehicles could not pass through the creek in the rainy season. They waited for the water to

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Panmon Creek Bridge on Kalay-Gangaw road near Natchaung Village of Kalay Township, Kalay District, Sagaing Division.

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards more investments in China and ASEAN

Asia is the region that enjoys the fastest economic growth. China has become an economic power in the twenty first century and it can maintain its economic growth. With the rapid growth of exports and imports, China has created a favourable environment for foreign investment.

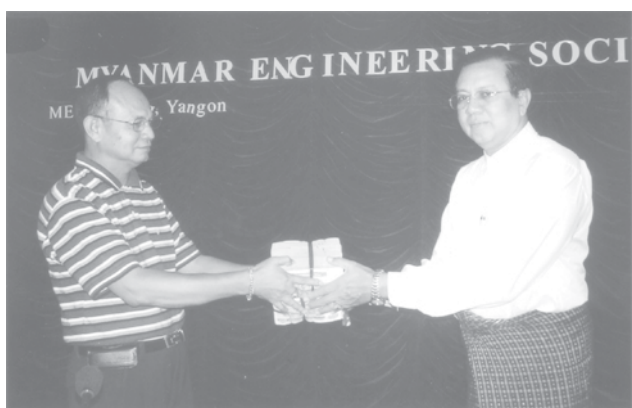
ASEAN is taking effective measures for greater economic cooperation in the region with the objective of forming an ASEAN economic community in 2015. ASEAN region rich in natural and human resources is the one that offers good business opportunities for investors.

Business and Investment Summits between China and ASEAN have been held and thanks to their cooperation, achievements have been made not only in trade and investment sectors but in other economic fields.

As Myanmar and the People's Republic of China carry out tasks on promotion of economic cooperation, trade and investment, annual volume of trade between the two countries is on the increase. Most of the investments are in the sectors of mining, industry, oil and natural gas and electricity.

Today the world is facing fuel and food crisis and ways and means are to be sought to exploit new energy resources and to produce alternative energy in the ASEAN region. In the process, efficient cooperation among the nations is vital. As the agriculture sector plays a main role in economic development of most ASEAN nations, exchange of technology and research are necessary for boosting food production.

Progress has been made in the efforts to establish Free Trade Area under the cooperation programme between China and ASEAN. Holding the 5th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Nanning, PRC, will continue to contribute to producing better results in trade and investment between ASEAN and China.

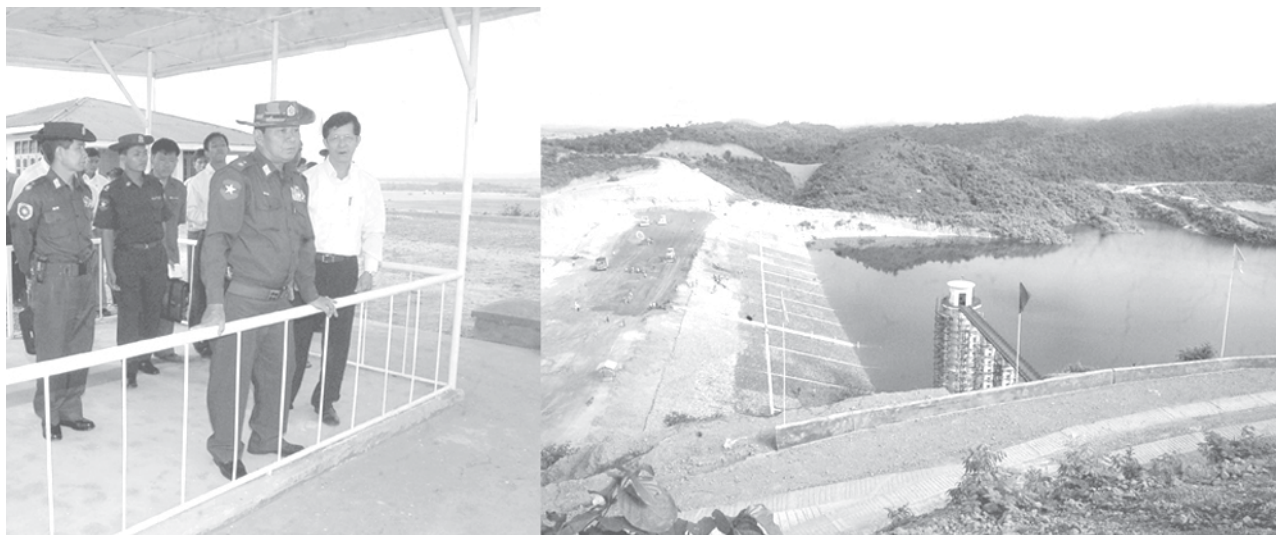


U Kyaw Hsan hands over K 1 million donated by engineers (Civil-1981) for the 3rd Respect Paying to teachers to Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Respect Paying U Ohn Kyaw at Myanmar Engineers Society in Yangon University on Hline Campus on 25 October.—MEC

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

Regional development in Rakhine State inspected



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects Zee Creek Dam project in Kyauktaw Township.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye and officials met family members of regional battalion in

Kyauktaw on 21 October. Maj-Gen Khin Zaw presented provisions to them and inspected Zee Creek Dam Project. Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party observed cultivation of paddy with the use of power tillers and harvesting and winnowing in Nankyar Village tract in

Mrauk-U Township. He also inspected harvesting of paddy in Nayan Village tract in Minbya Township and groundnut, mustard sunflower, niger and matpe seeds. Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspected maintenance of Yamaung suspension Bridge in Minbya

Township and he presented provisions to families of regional battalion in Myebon Township. Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected road sections of Yangon-Sittway Road and maintenance of Yaw Creek Bridge.

MNA

MCG CO Ltd honours dealers

YANGON, 24 Oct — CHIGO Air-Conditioners MCG Co Ltd honoured its dealers and hosted a dinner to them at Park Royal Hotel here today.

First, Director U Nay Myo Aung extended greetings and then Director U Kyaw Swa Myint presented awards to dealers.

Personnel of the Co, sales representatives and mediamen attended the ceremony.

Next, lucky draw winners were chosen and directors presented prizes

to them. MCG Co Ltd has distributed brand of CHAIGO Air-Con in the country as a sole agent. It is equipped with fault finding system and four-system air swim. The company has conducted servicing for quality of air-con. It also provides a three-year warranty.

For more information: Contact MCG Co Ltd at No 216 on 38th Street in Kyauktada Township and dial 705060, 373472, 09 51 76789, 09 50 66939.

MNA

Paper reading session on 1 Nov

YANGON, 26 Oct — Organic Crops Groups of Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association will hold paper reading session on Strategies and Approaches for Promotion of Organic Agriculture in Myanmar, organized by Myanmar Academic of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and

Fishery Science at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Minyekyawswa road in Lanmadaw Township here on 1 November. EM Technology experts from Japan will take part in paper reading session and anyone interested in it may participate in it.—MNA

Director U Nay Myo Aung of MCG Co Ltd extends greeting at the ceremony to present prize to dealers.—MNA





Iraqi Sunni party suspends contact with US over raid

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct — Iraq's leading Sunni party said on Saturday that it is cutting contact with the US to protest against an operation targeting its members in the Anbar province.

The Iraqi Islamic Party, headed by Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi, said in a statement that it has decided to suspend all formal contact with American civilian or military personnel until it receives an ex-

planation along with a formal apology.

On Friday operation, at a village near the city of Falluja led to the death of people and arrests of five — all senior members of the party in Falluja, according to the statement. The US military said it provided support to Iraqi troops in the raid, in which one suspected terrorist leader was captured and another militant was killed.

The party demands the release of the arrested people and compensation.

The incident happened as Iraqi political parties are reviewing a key security agreement draft which will provide legal status for the US troops in Iraq in the following years.—Internet

Iraqi Sunni Muslims demonstrate in Fallujah to protest against the killing of one of their members by the US troops.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,187

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—As of Saturday, 25 Oct, 2008, at least 4,187 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 3,387 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



A wrecked Afghan police vehicle is seen off the road, after it was hit by a bomb which was placed on a donkey, on the outskirts of the city of Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan. A bomb placed on a donkey hit the vehicle which was patrolling west of the provincial capital, killing an officer and wounding two other people, said Sadullah Khan, a police officer.—INTERNET



A soldier of Pakistan's army stands guard next to damaged houses in Loi Sam in the Bajur tribal region, Pakistan, on 25 Oct, 2008. Pakistan's army said on Saturday its forces captured Loi Sam, a key militant stronghold near the Afghan border, after a long and bloody struggle. The town sits on a vital intersection of roads leading to the border as well as to three neighboring Pakistan regions.—INTERNET

Eight killed in fighting in Pakistan border region

KHAR (Pakistan), 26 Oct— A Pakistani official says government forces have killed eight militants in an offensive against fighters near the Afghan border.

Official Jamil Khan said helicopters and artillery pounded militant positions early Sunday in Bajur, a region considered a stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaida militants. Khan said reports from the region indicate that eight insurgents died and several others suffered injuries in the latest assault. He gave no information about troop or civilian casualties.

Earlier this week, the military captured a town that controls several key roads in Bajur. It said a total of 1,500 militants, 73 troops and 95 civilians had died in the two-month offensive. Those figures have not been independently verified.—Internet

Bombing in Iraq kills driver, wounds general

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct — A bomb attached to a car carrying an Iraqi Army general exploded on Saturday afternoon, killing the driver and wounding the general and a bystander, an Interior Ministry official said.

The official said Gen Abdul Karim Jabbar was seriously wounded when the bomb went off between al-Firdous Square and al-Andalus Square. The US military refers to bombs attached to civilian vehicles without the driver's knowledge as "sticky bombs."

Separately, a civilian was killed and five were wounded in afternoon clashes between gunmen and Iraqi National Police in the al-Shaab neighborhood of northeastern Baghdad, the ministry official said.

In the same neighborhood, a roadside bomb exploded at an Iraqi army checkpoint Baghdad, killing a child, the Interior Ministry official said.

The blast also wounded four Iraqi soldiers.

Also Saturday, two Iraqi soldiers were killed and another was wounded when a roadside bomb struck an Iraqi army patrol on Palestine Street in eastern Baghdad.—Internet

Young men cycle past a destroyed and bullet-riddled building in Kabul. The gunning down of three Westerners in the Afghan capital in less than a week is a sharp reminder that Kabul is no longer a safe haven in a country gripped by violence, say expatriates working in the volatile city.

INTERNET



Darfur attacks 'displace 12,000, kill more than 40'

KHARTOUM, 26 Oct — Arab militia attacks on Sudanese villages near a south Darfur flash point displaced up to 12,000 people and killed more than 40 civilians, an aid worker and a rights watchdog said on Saturday. Clear-cut details on who was behind the fighting, the full extent of damage and casualties remain elusive because of minimal humanitarian access to the area around Muhagiriya, east of the South Darfur state capital, Nyala.

"At least 15 villages were attacked and burnt, and about 12,000 people displaced," one international aid worker told AFP



A Sudanese refugee woman from Darfur peers over a fence at the Farchana refugee camp in eastern Chad.

INTERNET

on condition of anonymity. The US-based organisation, Human Rights Watch, said more than 40 civilians were killed between 5 and 17 October, and thousands fled their homes.

It quoted unnamed local sources as saying government-backed Arab militias attacked more than

13 villages and settlements around Muhagiriya, burning homes and stealing livestock in operations against rebel forces.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) distributed aid to more than 4,000 people displaced by communal clashes over cattle and livestock in the Muhagiriya area and the villages of Sinet and Shabab in early October.

It said the displaced were mostly women and children, who were sheltering under trees and in a wadi, but warned that the onset of winter could see their living conditions quickly deteriorate.

Internet



A Shell facility in Bonny Island in the Niger Delta. Nigerian Oil Minister Odein Ajumogobia says the 2009 budget will be based on a "very conservative" \$45 per barrel, lower than the \$59 benchmark used as the basis for last year's budget.—INTERNET

Nigerian pirates storm French oil vessel

LAGOS, 26 Oct — Pirates stormed and ransacked a French vessel Saturday in Nigeria's restive oil-rich south but there were no casualties, a company spokeswoman said. The ship owned by the Bourbon group was stormed around 0900 GMT south of the Niger Delta, Christa Roqueblave told AFP.

"The pirates stormed aboard and stole things and equipment but there were no human problems, no wounded," she said. The vessel has a 17-member French and Nigerian crew.

Bourbon runs anchor handling ships in Nigeria.

In early August two French employees of the company were kidnapped by armed gunmen near the oil capital of Port Harcourt but were released about a month later. Since the beginning of 2006, militant attacks have cut Nigeria's oil output by more than one quarter. Production currently veers between 1.8 and two million barrels a day against 2.6 million barrels a day two years ago.

Internet

SUV collides with car in Tenn crash, killing five



In this photo rendered from video and provided by WBIR-TV, authorities investigate the scene of a fatal two-vehicle accident, on 25 Oct, 2008, near Huntsville, Tenn. A sport utility vehicle full of high school cheerleaders collided with an oncoming car in a fiery crash on wet, foggy highway in rural northeastern Tennessee, killing four people, authorities said on Saturday.—INTERNET

HUNTSVILLE (Tenn), 26 Oct — A rural East Tennessee community was grieving on Saturday for four high school cheerleaders who died in a fiery car crash hours after they had been cheering on their football team.

A sport utility vehicle carrying the cheerleaders collided with an oncoming car late Friday night

on a wet, foggy highway in Scott County, northwest of Knoxville, authorities said. A passenger in the car also was killed.

Ashley Mason, 15, had been ejected from the vehicle and taken to University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. She died Saturday night, said Myala Romines, an administrative super-

visor. "It's more than a shock and we are just horrified," said Cynthia Reynolds, the cheerleading coach at Scott High School. She said the girls went out after the game to celebrate another cheerleader's birthday.

"They were really, really close." Police identified the other three teenagers killed as Scarlett A.

Hill, 17; Jaime Hill, 15; and driver Shirley N Hughett, 16. A passenger in the car, Jeweline Ledbetter King, 49, was killed. King's 22-year-old daughter-in-law, Miranda King, was sitting in the back seat and lost her unborn child because of injuries from the crash.—Internet

Mayor, villager killed in blast in Georgia

TBILISI (Georgia), 26 Oct — An explosion killed the mayor of a small town near the separatist region of Abkhazia early Saturday morning, Georgia's Interior Ministry said. The explosion killed Mujhava Mayor Gia Mebonia while he was inspecting a house damaged by overnight shelling. A villager was also killed and a local police officer was seriously injured.

The explosion comes at a time of increasing tensions in the areas sur-

rounding the breakaway republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Russia and Georgia fought a war over South Ossetia in August.

Ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili said authorities found an antenna near the blast site and suspect the explosives were detonated by remote control. Utiashvili blamed separatists and their backers. "We are working now only on one version and this is the Abkhaz and the Russians," Utiashvili said. "Nobody else."—Internet

Another aid worker killed in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 26 Oct — The head of a Somali aid agency says a gunman shot dead a Somali woman employee in the latest of a string of attacks on the humanitarian community.

Duniya Sheik Daud was the 15th aid worker killed so far this year in Somalia, which is caught up in a civil war.

Ali Sheik, the head of aid agency Iida, said Daud was killed on Saturday evening as she returned from work at the organization in the central Somali town of Gurilel.

The group campaigns for women's rights and against female genital mutilation. It was unclear who was behind the attack.

Internet



Palestinian Fayez Muhammed, 56, works inside his tent reshaping iron into farming tools in the west bank village of Omm Safa, near Ramallah on 24 Oct, 2008. While the developed world frets over a credit crisis and looming recession, a World Bank report published on Thursday describes a slow-burning economic disaster in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.—INTERNET



The Seventh National Lawyer Congress of China is opened in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 Oct, 2008. — XINHUA

China's Vice Premier calls for equal job opportunities for rural and urban residents

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said on Saturday farmers should share equal job opportunities with urban residents, which was key to realize the government goal of doubling farmer's income by 2020.

Farmers were encouraged to start their own business and local government should work

out more favourable policies including preferential taxation and easier market access to help farmers find jobs and business opportunities, Hui said at a prize award ceremony of the elite rural entrepreneurs.

The reform and innovation of the rural banking system should be pushed forward so as to resolve the rural residents'

problem of cash shortage in starting their own business, Hui said. China vowed to double rural residents' income from the current level by the end of 2012 as a part of the plan aimed to revitalize the country's rural area and agriculture, which was proved on the Third Plenary Session of the 17th Communist Party of China Central Committee.

Xinhua

Vice premier inspects epicenter reconstruction

WENCHUAN (Sichuan), 26 Oct — Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang arrived at the 12 May quake epicenter Sunday morning to inspect the reconstruction work.

Li, member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, visited Yingxiu Town, Wenchuan County of southwest Sichuan Province to see the progress of the post-quake reconstruction and console the survivors.

The 8.0-magnitude quake has left more than 80,000 people dead or missing. —Xinhua



Chinese police take part in a fire fighting skills presentation with rescue dogs in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 25 Oct, 2008. The four dogs, which had received special training of fire fighting at the training center of Fire Controlling Bureau of Shandong Province for two years, are important assistants of the firemen during their daily patrol.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China continues to attract Swedish companies

STOCKHOLM, 26 Oct — More and more Swedish companies are investing in China with an average one company entering the Chinese market each four days, the Swedish daily Dagens Industri reported on Saturday.

From July 2007 to June 2008, almost 100 Swedish companies set up branches in China, according to a survey published on the newspaper.

Most of the newly-established firms in China are small companies, whose employees are usually less than 100,

said the survey, conducted jointly by Swedish bank SEB and the Swedish Trade Council.

Swedish companies based in China have a tradition of producing export goods, but they begin focusing on the Chinese market now, it added.

"More and more Swedish companies become interested in China. Investing and coming to China is an obvious trend among Swedish businessmen now," Carl Christensson, the chief of SEB in Shanghai, told Dagens Industri.—Xinhua

Bangladesh expects to export \$100m worth knitwear to Japan

DHAKA, 26 Oct — Bangladesh's knitwear export to Japan could reach 100 million US dollars in the next fiscal year (July 2009-June 2010), Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) President Fazlul Hoque said here on Saturday.

"Bangladesh's knitwear export to Japan was 6 million US dollars in the

last fiscal (July 2007-June 2008). But the figure will go up incredibly in the next fiscal. Our preliminary talks with leading Japanese buyers have strengthened our belief," Hoque told Xinhua. He noted that at least 11 leading Japanese buyers have visited many local factories.

Japan, the world's second largest economy, is the fourth largest knitwear importing nation in the

world. It imported knitwear products worth 10.37 billion US dollars in 2006 and its market has been growing at a pace of 11.73 percent per year since 2002.

China is the largest suppliers of knitwear products to Japan accounting for about 86.49 percent to 8.98 billion US dollars of the Japan's total knitwear imports in 2006, followed by Italy.

Xinhua

At least 58 killed in Yemen floods

SANAA, 26 Oct — At least 58 people have been killed by floods which hit southeastern Yemen following two days of heavy rainfall, the official SABA news agency reported on Saturday, citing the interior ministry.

Up to Saturday morning, at least 58 people have died in the eastern provinces of Hadramout, Mahra and Taiz due to heavy rain and ensuing floods, according to the interior ministry.

The downpour also demolished hundreds of houses, displaced hundreds of families and affected many infrastructure projects, including the electricity and telephone networks, said the report. The death toll might hike as the damage counting is still underway in the flooded areas.

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh on Saturday inspected the flood-stricken area to oversee the aid and relief works, according to the SABA.

"The damages... are great and the catastrophe is also great," said the president while inspecting the province of Mahra, assuring that reconstructing roads, facilities and services will be high on the agenda after the initial rescue efforts.—Xinhua



Houses damaged by floods are seen in the eastern province of Hadramout, Yemen, on 25 Oct, 2008. — XINHUA



A visiting Chinese army troupe on Saturday performs a modern dance drama at the East Pyongyang Grand Theater. —INTERNET

Vaccine slashes diarrheal illness in kids

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct — A vaccine against rotavirus, the leading cause of diarrhea in infants, has led to a dramatic drop in hospitalization and emergency room visits since it came on the market two years ago, doctors reported on Saturday. A bonus: the vaccine seems to be preventing illness even in unvaccinated children by cutting the number of infections in the community that kids can pick up and spread. “We’re a little surprised

by the degree of impact given the coverage we’ve achieved,” said Jane Seward of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Only about half of young children had received the vaccine and very few had received all three doses when the studies were done. Results were reported on Saturday at an infectious diseases conference in Washington. Before the vaccine, more than 200,000 US children were taken to

emergency rooms and more than 55,000 were hospitalized each year with rotavirus, which causes vomiting and diarrhea, mostly from January through May. Worldwide, the virus kills 1,600 young children each day. Since Merck & Co’s Rotateq came out in 2006, hospital visits and stays due to the virus have dropped 80 percent to 100 percent, studies by the CDC and several other groups show.—Internet

Japanese meat company recalls tainted sausage, pizza

TOKYO, 26 Oct — Japan’s second largest meat processor Itoham Foods Inc. has begun recalling more than two million packs of sausage and pizza products possibly containing toxic chemicals, a company spokesman said on Sunday. The company admitted late Saturday that a total of 2.67 million packs produced and sold last month in the country could be tainted with toxic cyanogen compounds exceeding the government’s health safety standards. At a news conference, Itoham senior managing director Shinichi Yamada apologized for the possible contamination and a delay in its announcement of the case. “Our crisis management was insufficient.

received no reports of health problems. Itoham found the toxic substances in water from wells at its factory in Kashiwa, Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo. It used the water for production of the packs. Japan has been on alert after a series of health scares involving food, mostly made in China.—Internet



A pizza chef prepares a wood-fired oven to bake the famous Italian dish. INTERNET

We would like to deeply apologise to our customers,” Yamada said, adding that the company, however, has so far

Wen vows China food to meet global standards

BEIJING, 27 Oct — Premier Wen Jiabao pledged on Saturday that China’s food exports would meet international norms and win the trust of people globally, promising lessons would be learnt from the nation’s milk scandal. Wen pledged Chinese food exports would “comply with the standards of

importing countries,” adding China would “seriously draw lessons” from the milk contamination scandal that led to the deaths of four babies. “We will use our actions and high quality of our food products to win the trust and confidence of Chinese people and people around the world,” he told

reporters at the end of a summit of Asian and European leaders in Beijing. Four babies died of kidney failure and at least 53,000 children fell ill this year after consuming milk powder and other dairy products in China contaminated by the industrial chemical melamine. Internet

Man wins contest with 1,528-pound pumpkin

Thad Starr’s giant pumpkin really began putting on weight in August — a lot of weight. The pumpkin gained about 30 pounds a day on its way to victory Monday at the Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-off in Half Moon Bay. Starr’s pumpkin finished at a record 1,528 pounds. Starr won last year with a pumpkin that that was four pounds lighter and also set a record. Starr, of Pleasant Hill, Ore, bought a trailer to transport the pumpkin. It



has a circumference of 15 feet. He says his secret to growing big pumpkins is good soil: “We really pamper them.”

Polar bear slips into moat playing with toy at zoo

A playful polar bear pawing at a toy lost his balance and slipped into a moat at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Zoo spokeswoman Laura Pedriani says a net caught Zero when he fell Monday so he wasn’t hurt. Zoo workers cut the netting and the 19-year-old polar bear was walking around later in the day. Pedriani says Zero might decide to climb out of the moat when he’s hungry enough. The polar bear is now closer to visitors but his only exit from the moat goes into his regular enclosure. A fence still separates visitors from the bear and the moat.

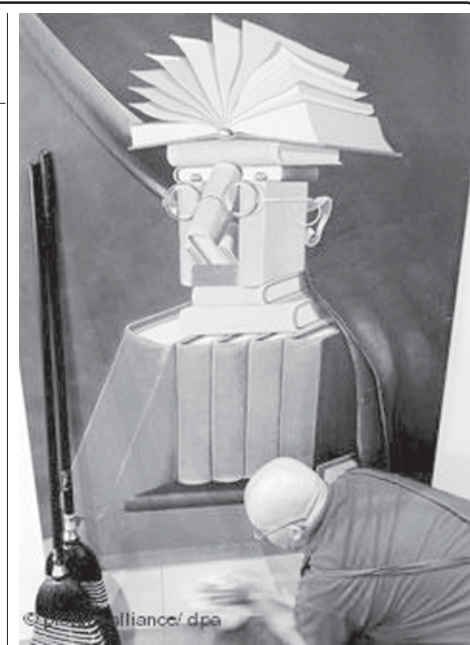
Woman with eight-foot-long dreads hopes to set record

Asha Mandela has hair that could rival Rapunzel’s. The South Florida woman who started growing her hair 20 years ago now has locks longer than she is tall. Mandela has submitted her hair, which measure 8-feet, 9-inches long, to the Guinness Book of World Records for the Longest Dreadlocks, the first entry in a new category. It takes one bottle of shampoo and one bottle of conditioner every time she washes her hair and can sometimes take days to fully dry after she washes it. Mandela, 46, said she “used to wash it three times a week. Now I do it once a week. It’s very tiring. Sometimes I don’t have the energy.”

NEWSALBUM

Siberian bridge to be tracked by ‘Russian GPS’

A bridge being built over the Yenisey River in the Krasnoyarsk region of Siberia will be the first to be partly controlled by Russia’s GLONASS satellite navigation system. The announcement was made as Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin visited the site on Tuesday. GLONASS — described as the Russian answer to GPS — will gather technological information and data on weather conditions. It will monitor the construction process as well as the bridge’s operation. Now the initial stage is complete, 15,000 cars a day will be able to cross the bridge. Three GLONASS satellites have already been launched into orbit, while three more are planned to be launched by the end of the year.



Italy’s stand at the Frankfurt Book Fair gets a cleaning. The annual fair opens on Wednesday and is expected to draw several hundred thousands of guests. This year’s guest country is Turkey.

A Monarch butterfly perches next to its pupae, bottom, and of the pupae of the Palamedes Swallowtail butterfly, top, during the press preview of “The Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter” at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The eleventh annual exhibit opens to the public and runs through 25 May, 2009.



A drama troupe representing Yangon Division participates in the drama contest.—MNA

Yangon Div presents Buridat Drama

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—The Buridat Drama Contest of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science here this evening. The drama troupe representing Yangon Division took part in the contest.

Among the audience were Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary of the leading committee for holding the competitions Director-General of the Archaeology, National Museum and

Library Department U San Win, Secretary of the work committee Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo and members, judges and officials.

All the competitions including the drama contest were successfully concluded today. —MNA

16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held on final day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — The 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued on final day at the designated places in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus today.

Among the audience were Vice-Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy

Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions, the Secretary of the Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions, judges (central), judges from states

Altogether 24 participants competed in the amateur level second class men's and women's and higher education level men's and women's mandolin contest at the assembly hall of the Forest Research Department.

A total of fifteen contestants participated in the higher education level men's and basic education level (aged 5-10) girl's xylophone contest at the lecture hall of the University of Agriculture.

Altogether nine troupes took part in the

higher education level women's and amateur level second class women's and basic education level (aged 15-20) girl's orchestra (troupe) contest at the convocation hall of the University of Agriculture.

MNA



A troupe of Ayeyawady Division taking part in the higher education level women's orchestra troupe contest.—MNA

A contestant competes in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girl's classical song contest.

MNA



A contestant competes in the amateur level second class women's mandolin contest.—MNA

and divisions, contestants and national races.

Altogether 4 contestants took part in the Kwetseik contest at convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science

A total of 20 contestants participated in the amateur level second class men's and basic education level (aged 15-20) girl's classical song contest at the assembly hall of the University of Agriculture.



A contestant participating in the higher education level men's xylophone contest.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein hears a report on anti-venom from chicken egg by Assistant Factory Manager Dr Aung Zaw.— MNA



Cooking with bio-fuel from natural waste bio-fuel digester.—MNA

Bio-fuel saves money and energy,...

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In meeting with officials, the Prime Minister spoke of the need to build digester in every village by convincing the households that they can do the cooking and light storm-lanterns with the use of bio-fuel derived from animal waste of five or six heads of cattle, to get the rural people to use bio-fuel extensively for improvement of their living conditions and the remaining bio fertilizers and bio solution for the growing of crops and to conduct multiplier courses on installation and use of bio-fuel boilers.

About 20 pounds of waste of four to five heads

of cattle, five pigs or 15 goats are enough to run the bio-fuel digester. With the use of bio-fuel, many things such as cooking, boiling of water and lighting of two 40 watt bulbs per night can be done without any danger. The waste liquid from the digester can be used as feedstuff for pigs and fish and for plantations.

It can also be spread on dried hay to produce powerful natural fertilizers. Use of bio-fuel can save money and energy and reduce environmental pollution and deforestation.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister studied research work on producing anti-

venom from chicken eggs. Assistant factory manager Dr Aung Zaw reported on production process. Minister U Aung Thaung reported on production of anti-venom from horse blood.

Later, the Prime Minister visited the instrumental laboratory and inspected the testing of melamine content in imported milk powder. Deputy factory manager Daw Ohn Yi reported on matters related to testing of melamine content in milk powder.

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and left there at 3.15 p.m.

MNA

Kyakhawing Monastery holds 60th Kathina Robes offering

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — The 60th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Kyakhawing Pariyatti Monastery was held at the monastery in Bago yesterday.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence attended the Kathina Robes offering ceremony.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Ko Ko

inspected paddy harvesting of a modal farm at Mayin Village in the township and greeted the farmers.

Hsinthwelat paddy strains can produce 104 baskets of rice per acre. Myingyar harvester can harvest 2 acres per day and AMR-994 harvester, 6 acres per day.—MNA

10th Myanmar Medical Association Conference to be held

YANGON, 26 Oct—The opening ceremony of the 10th Central Medical Conference of Myanmar Medical Association

(Central) will be held at the association on 9 November.

Those wishing to attend the conference may contact Chairman Dr Kyi Pe (Tel-

042-24292), Secretary Dr Sit Tin (Tel-042-24425) and Joint-Secretary (Tel-042-24290).

MNA

Bio-security Level 2 Enhanced Animal Health Laboratory of LBVD opened

YANGON, 26 Oct— A ceremony to open the Bio-security Level 2 Enhanced Animal Health Laboratory was held at the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on Station Road in Insein Township here yesterday.

Senior Advisor Dr Masao Sasaki clarified matters related to upgrading of the laboratory.

Next, Deputy Head of OIE Asia and Pacific Regional Office Dr Kenji Sakurai, Resident Representative of FAO Dr Shin Imai and Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary

Department U Maung Maung Nyunt made speeches and formally opened the laboratory.

Afterwards, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented items in commemoration of the opening ceremony and looked into the new laboratory.

The laboratory constructed by LBVD under the Bird Flu Control Programme of FAO was upgraded to the Bio-security Level 2 Enhanced Animal Health Laboratory. Being facilitated with modern equipment including Conventional

PCR, Real Time PCR and Gene Sequencer, the new laboratory is capable of testing different kinds of bird flu in addition to normal diagnosis.

Next, the minister and party inspected the Ngwesinpale Cattle Breeding Industry and the Ahman Dairy Cattle Farm in Laydaungkan Ward in Mingaladon Township.

At the Shwepazun Dairy Farm in Pale Myothit in Mingaladon Township, the minister inspected dairy products and spoke of the need to produce high quality dairy products.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspects bio-security level 2 enhanced animal health laboratory.—MNA

Corner stones laid for religious buildings

YANGON, 26 Oct—A ceremony to lay corner stones at Dhammavihara Pathamakyaw monastery building in Thingangyun township took place yesterday.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence. He accepted cash donations.—MNA



Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung presents prize to a trainee.—MNA

Teachers to promote the quality of basic education schools...

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personnel from the education sector including teachers to make concerted efforts in the interest of the nation and its people, he said.

Equal learning opportunities have been created in rural and urban areas and the minister urged the teachers to promote the quality of basic education schools in rural areas in order to narrow the gap of the education standards.

Rural development tasks carried out in accord with the guidance of the Head of State have brought about development of the rural areas where majority of the people live. The momentum of the efforts for rural development and experiences gained much contribute towards relief and rehabilitation tasks in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

Relief and rehabilita-

tion tasks gained momentum due to smooth rural roads. In some regions water tanks could withstand the storm and wells and lakes were rebuilt for supply of safe and clean water in those regions.

Likewise, as those from the health field have been able to set up the rural based and mobile health care system as soon as possible based on experiences gained from the undertaking of rural health care, preventative measures against the outbreak of epidemic diseases in storm-hit areas could be taken effectively.

The government was able to reopen altogether 2,045 basic education schools on 6 and 25 June in 2008 as well as university and colleges on 2 June 2008 in storm-hit regions like in other regions.

Arrangements have been made to upgrade schools in coastal regions in a different design so that they can be used as shelters against floods in times of disaster.

A total of 46 basic education schools were upgraded in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State who calls for upgrading of basic education schools in strategic regions up to a particular standard that is higher than its original one.

As far as the health sector is concerned, efforts

Pyinmana-Pinlong road upgraded



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects No.15 Sugar Mill (Shwe Nyaung).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and departmental officials visited No.15 Sugar Mill

(Shwe Nyaung), Khaungdine Langwe, Taunglaylone village-tract, and paddy plantations and other crop plantations on both sides of the road and construction of approach road to Lanali bridge on 25 October.

Senior engineer U

Thein Zaw of road construction project special group-13 reported on annual upgrading of the road from mile post 24/6 to mile post 70/2 of Pyinmana-Pinlong road to the officials at the briefing hall. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing left necessary instructions.—MNA

are being made to uplift health care and upgrade health facilities in line with the guidance of the Head of State. As a result, nine rural health centres were upgraded, of which four were upgraded into the station hospitals while the 50-bed Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun hospitals were upgraded to the 100-bed facilities and the 25-bed Labutta hospital and 100-bed Pyapon hos-

pital to the 200-bed facilities. All the possible measures could be taken in the aftermath of the storm Nargis. This can be attributed to the far-sightedness of the Head of State who has given guidance that steps are to be taken for food security and establishment of infrastructures in advance in the event of storm, the full use of finance and management, the goodwill of the government that took relief and reconstruction measures in an urgent manner and the concerted efforts of the people, entrepreneurs and the Tatmadaw with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

Moreover, it is obvious that the financial strength of the State, the strength of the nation, technological improvement, full establishment of infrastructures and the conviction of the people play a leading role in re-

lief and rehabilitation of storm-regions.

In conclusion, the minister stressed the need for those in the field of education to strive for further development of the already-achieved infrastructures and fostering the national forces through the education sector in line with the future goals.

Next, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung presented prizes to outstanding trainees who won trainee model awards and male and female hostels that won model hostel awards as well as completion certificates through the leaders of trainees and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and officials cordially greeted the trainee teachers.

The five-week course was attended by 1,501 trainee teachers.—MNA

Press conference on educational services and objectives of Shine Universal Services Co Ltd

YANGON, 26 Oct—A press conference on educational services and objectives of Shine Universal Services Co Ltd was held at the Sedona Hotel yesterday afternoon. At the press conference, responsible persons briefed on the establishment of Shine Co and its objectives, education services offered by the company, the reason why one should go to Singapore that is trying to become an educational hub and education programmes.

Shine Co provides such educational services as

arranging boarding school for primary and secondary students in Singapore, arranging for mothers to be able to accompany their children to Singapore, formation of parent support groups, offering free placement tests, helping apply for student visas and D-forms and other services.

For detailed information, contact No. 38/40, first floor, Bo Ya Nyunt Street, Dagon Township (Ph: 393041).

MNA



Daw May San Nwe explains educational services and objectives of Shine Universal Services Co Ltd.—MNA

Calender of Fine Arts Dept comes out

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture has issued the calendar for 2009.

The 12-page calendar with the pictures on style of dances of Myanmar traditional culture and it is available at Office No. 35 in Nay Pyi Taw and the National Theatre (Yangon) in Yangon.—MNA

Panmon Creek Bridge in Kalay Township facilitates regional transport

Article & Photos: Kalay Win Thu

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recede and passed it. As Panmon Creek originates on the hill, its current is swift. If human beings and cattle tried to pass the creek while the water was falling from the hill, they would be swept away.

Whenever water overflowed at the creek, students of Ngapha Village on the opposite bank of Panmon Creek, missed the classes at Naychaung Basic Education High School. In the rainy season, the students missed their classes. Now, they have no difficulty to pursue education at the school by passing through the bridge day or night.

Thanks to construction of the bridge, local products from Ngapha Village can be sold at Natchaung Village Market at any time. The bridge as a good transport facility reflects the goodwill of the government toward the national people.

Panmon Creek Bridge inaugurated on 23 May 2004 is now



A beautiful scene of Panmon Creek Bridge seen with misty Chin Hills in the background.

over four years old. The bridge is still beautiful and in good shape as it was on the opening day. Images of Panmon Creek Bridge and Chin Hills in the background may be seen as a beautiful painting.

Whenever I strolled through Panmon Creek Bridge, I enjoyed the scenic beauty of the bridge, flow of water in the creek

and misty Chin Hills.

The dream of local people came true when the bridge was built. The bridge was put into service when I was 58 years old. Indeed, the bridge contributes much to better transport of the local people not only from our Natchaung Village but also from Chin State. Moreover, the bridge is a vital transport facility for

Myanmar-India border trade, along Gangaw-Htilin-Yaw region and for enabling the people to have easy access to Kalay, Kalewa and Tamu.

Actually, the bridge plays an important role in Myanmar-India border trade. By passing through the bridge, local people can travel to the respective regions along the

routes of Kalay-Mandalay, Kalay-Monywa, Kalay-Pakokku-Gangaw, Kalay-Mindat-Matupi, Kalay-Falam-Haka-Tiddim, Kalay-Tamu-Kalewa day and night.

Local people do not need to spend much time in travelling from Kalay to Mandalay. Travel time can be saved between Kalay and Yaw region. The bridge links Kalay

with townships of Chin State. As such, the bridge across Panmon Creek contributes to smooth transport for the local people as well as enhancement of education, health, economic and social sectors of the local people.

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100 biogas digesters to be distributed to rural villages



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects biogas digester at Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Factory (Yangon).—INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 25 Oct—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the demonstration of the biogas digester at the Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Factory (Yangon) under the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries this morning.

He viewed the operation of biogas stove, streamer, and electric bulbs, accessories, parts of boiler, sets of finished boilers and stoves, steamers and storm-

lanterns.

The Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries has a plan to distribute 100 boilers to rural villages. A boiler can be operated with the use of 20 lbs of cow, pig or goat dung. A boiler can generate electric power that is enough for a house to cook rice, prepare meals, boil water and light two 40- or 60-watt electric bulbs all night. It is harmless to operate.—MNA

MWAF conducts educative talks in Pantanaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Head of Working Group on National Race Affairs of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Kyin Khaing and those from MWAF and the working group held educative talks at Inma Village in Pantanaw Township on 21 October.

First, Head of the working group Daw Kyin Khaing explained facts about

women affairs and Deputy Head Professor Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin gave talks on health.

Next, they presented uniforms to members of village WAOs, booklets, magazines, journals and calendars to village library and Inma Basic Education High School before holding discussions with 433 members of villages.—MNA



Daw Kyin Khaing and members of MWAF donate books and booklets to Inma village library and Inma BEHS in Pantanaw Township.—DAD

Over 50 arrested in India migrant violence

PATNA, 26 Oct — More than 50 people were arrested and about a dozen injured in clashes with police in eastern India on Saturday in protests against attacks on migrants in the financial hub of Mumbai, police said.

Protesters vandalized railway stations, blocked rail and road traffic and caused shops to shut down in the eastern state of Bihar, as police struggled to control street violence for a sixth day in a row.

Migrant workers from Bihar said they were attacked and thrown out of Mumbai over the last week by supporters of the Maharashtra Navanirman Sena

(MNS), a militant Hindu group.

Protesters in one district of Bihar squatted on railways lines and unscrewed the engine of a passenger train, demanding the punishment of the MNS leader, who was arrested on Tuesday for rioting and provoking attacks on migrants but later released on bail.

The protesters were later dispersed by baton-wielding police. "The protesters tried to take possession of a train engine and blocked railway lines but we have driven them away," senior police official Rajesh Kumar told *Reuters*. — *MNA/Reuters*



The Belgian flag is seen on top of the Atomium in Brussels, in recently, 2008. The Atomium, built originally for the World Fair in 1958 and then completely renovated in 2003, celebrated its 50th anniversary on Thursday. —INTERNET

Afghan policemen sit on a vehicle carrying bodies from the site of a shoot-out in Kabul. A Briton and a South African shot dead in Kabul were killed by one of their own guards who then committed suicide, interior ministry officials have said recently. —INTERNET



India in 2007 generated 380,000 tonnes of e-waste from discarded Computers, Televisions and Mobile Phones. —INTERNET

China, ASEAN agree to cooperate in tackling global financial crisis

NANNING, 26 Oct — Officials, experts and business people attending the four-day 5th China-ASEAN Expo agreed that cooperation is important to help China and ASEAN countries cope with the negative impacts of the global financial crisis.

"As long as China and ASEAN fully cooperate, we're sure to overcome the global financial crisis," Nicholas Tandi Dammen, deputy secretary-general of ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations), said at the closing ceremony of the expo on Saturday.

Sixteen high-level forums were held on the sidelines of the expo held in Nanning, capital city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, focusing on China-ASEAN cooperation in trade, investment, telecommunications, infrastructure and agriculture.

As of 4 pm Saturday, trade volume at the expo hit 6.52 billion US dollars, said Li Jinzao, vice chairman of Guangxi regional government and deputy director of the expo's organizing committee. Total business turnover was nearly 1.6 billion US dollars, up 12.18 per cent over the 4th expo. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Sri Lankan civilians held by rebels against their wishes

COLOMBO, 26 Oct — Some 200,000 civilians were being held against their wishes in Tamil Tiger rebels held territory, the Sri Lankan Government said on Saturday.

"We are aware that nearly 200,000 civilians are being held by the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) without allowing them to come over to the government controlled areas," Rajiva Wijesinghe, the head of the government Peace Secretariat said on a private television channel.

Government troops say they are making an advance into the last two of the rebels held areas in the north, Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu districts.

Civilians are unable to arrive in the government held areas as they are prevented by the LTTE, the government said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

A handout photo given by the Greek Culture Ministry shows the remains of a rare Stone Age homestead left undisturbed for nearly 6,000 years. Archaeologists in northern Greece have found the remains of a Stone Age homestead left intact for about 6,000 years, the culture ministry said on Thursday. —INTERNET

Obama lead drops to five points

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct — Democrat Barack Obama's lead over Republican rival John McCain has dropped to 5 points, according to a *Reuters* Zogby poll released on Sunday.

Obama leads McCain by 49 per cent to 44 per cent among likely US voters in the daily tracking poll, which has a margin of error of 2.9 points. Obama's lead has dropped over the last three days after hitting a high of 12 points on Thursday.

"Things are trending back for McCain. His numbers are rising and Obama's are dropping on a daily basis. There seems to be a direct correlation between this and McCain talking about the economy," pollster John Zogby said. Obama, 47,

took the lead in most national polls in recent weeks as the financial crisis and plunging stock market seized centre stage ahead of the 4 November election.

McCain, 72, appeared slow to respond to Obama's financial message but in recent days has ramped up the economic themes of his own campaign. On Saturday the Arizona Republican warned voters of the dangers of what he termed a Democratic take-over in both the White House and Congress. Obama has countered by seeking to link McCain's proposals to the policies of outgoing Republican President George W Bush, who fares very poorly in public approval surveys.

MNA/Reuters



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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and Chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 28th October 2008 (Depavali Day) and 12th November 2008 (Full Moon Day of Tasaung Mone) being the public Holiday, goods will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

Russia fires long range missiles

Moscow, 26 Oct — Russia fired three long-range missiles and pronounced its nuclear deterrent strong in an extraordinary show of force experts said had not been seen anywhere since the days of the Cold War.

Two of the missiles were fired Sunday 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.

"This shows that our deterrent is in order," Medvedev was quoted by RIA Novosti news agency as saying after Sunday's missile launches.

Int'l bird flu conference opens in Egypt

CAIRO, 26 Oct — The sixth international conference on bird flu kicked off Saturday morning in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

The two-day event, inaugurated by Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef, gathered representatives of 124 countries and regions with some 52 health ministers, the Egyptian MENA news agency reported.

According to an earlier report, the conference was held in cooperation with the European Union and the International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza.

The meeting will focus on the role of the international community and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in face of the deadly virus.

Egyptian Health Minister Hatem el-Gabali said on Friday that the conference will also discuss the Egyptian plan to control the virus, which was "applauded by several international organizations for its transparency and effectiveness". —MNA/Xinhua

Ten gunmen killed by gunfire in N Mexico

MEXICO, 26 Oct — Ten gunmen were shot dead and three policemen and three civilians were injured in a gunfire in northern Mexico, local authorities said on Friday.

The incident took place early Thursday morning in Nogales City, Mexico's Sonora state, according to the statement of local prosecutive authority.

The policemen were checking a suspicious car when the gunmen on another vehicle rushed to them and opened fire. The police shot back and the cross fire resulted in the death of 10 criminals and injury of three policemen. —MNA/Xinhua



Miroslava Sekaninova from Slovakia helps her partner Jan Puchein during the 2008 Wheelchair Dance Sport World Championships in Minsk, Belarus, on 25 Oct, 2008. INTERNET

Russian analysts expect Obama to become US president

Moscow, 26 Oct — Russian analysts say Democratic candidate Barack Obama is likely to defeat Republican rival John McCain, 72, in the United States presidential election set for 4 November.

Illinois Senator Obama, 47, performed better in the debate; 31 percent sided with the Arizona senator.

Leading Russian newspapers reporting on the debate, including Izvestia and the official daily

Rossiyskaya Gazeta carried headlines saying Obama had emerged the clear winner, for the third time. In contrast, most headlines in the US focused on McCain's aggressive debate tactics. —INTERNET

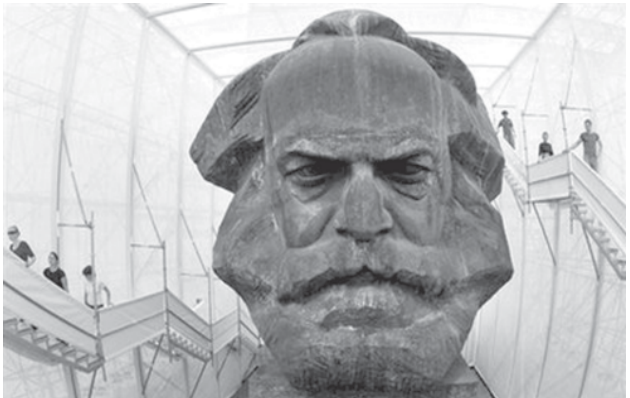


Photo taken on 24 Oct, 2008 shows giant panda twins cubs "Ping Ping" and "An An" were tended by their mother "Guo Guo" at the Bifengxia Base of the Chinese Giant Panda Research and Protection Centre, in Ya'an County, southwest China's Sichuan Province.—INTERNET

Hu calls for far-sightedness in relations with India

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Chinese President Hu Jintao told Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday that the two most populous country should take the bilateral ties with far-sighted, strategic and long-term perspective, and properly handle concerns of each other.

China and India had maintained sound relations and economic cooperation, and collaborated in the international affairs, Hu said when meeting Singh at the sideline of the just concluded 7th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Beijing. "Both China and India are major developing nations in Asia, and developing good-neighbourly relations had long been Chinese Government's consistent policy," he said. —MNA/Xinhua



Visitors to the "Temporary Museum of Modern Marx" walk on the steps past the plastic bust sculpture of German communist theorist Karl Marx in eastern German city of Chemnitz in June 2008. Whether it is simply a fashion cycle or a sign of the times, books by communist icon Marx are selling well, German publisher Joern Schuettrumpf said on Friday.—INTERNET

Philippine jail attacked, four wounded

MANILA, 26 Oct — A band of armed men attacked a jail in the northern Philippines on Saturday night and managed to free at least seven inmates there.

The heavily armed men, alleged as members of the leftist New People's Army (NPA), attacked the Quezon Provincial Jail at about 6:15 pm local time (1015 GMT), a jail official said. The Quezon Province is located southeast of the Philippines' capital of Manila.

Two policemen and two civilians were wounded in the attack. —MNA/Xinhua

Australia scientists say bees can count to four

SYDNEY , 26 Oct — Researchers have discovered that honey bees can count to four, a report said here on Sunday.

A researcher from the University of Queensland put five markers inside a tunnel and placed nectar in one of them, *Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)* radio reported.

Honey bees placed in the tunnel flew to the

marker with the food, and would still fly to the same marker stripe when the food was removed.

“We find that if you train them to the third stripe, they will look subsequently in the third stripe,” researcher Mandyam Srinivasan said.

“If you train them to the fourth stripe, they will look the fourth stripe and so on. But their ability to

count seems to go only up to four. They can’t count beyond four.

“The more we look at these creatures that have a brain the size of a sesame seed, the more astonished we are. They really have a lot of the capacities that we so-called higher human beings possess.”

The research was carried out jointly with Swedish researcher Marie Dacke.—*Internet*



People look at a giant representation of an ‘alebrije’ during a parade in Mexico City, on 25 Oct, 2008. ‘Alebrijes’ are carved wooden statues, typical of Mexico’s Oaxaca state. Behind left is Mexico’s Fine Art Museum.—*INTERNET*



An Indian woman selects her purchases at a shopping mall in Mumbai, on 25 Oct, ahead of the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali.—*INTERNET*

Aggressive vaccine effort could cut cervical cancer

CHICAGO , 26 Oct — An aggressive strategy of vaccinating older women against cervical cancer could deliver a crippling blow against the disease, cutting rates for that type of cancer in half for women through age 45, US researchers said on Saturday.

Using a mathematical model, they showed that vaccinating women in the United States by ages 12 through 45 against the cancer-causing human papilloma virus, or HPV, could reduce cases of cervical cancer by 85 percent for 12-year-olds and up to 55 percent for

45-year-old women.

It could lower rates by 34 to 67 percent for 25-year-old women, Warner Huh of the University of Alabama told a meeting in Washington of the American Society for Microbiology and the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

The model assumed 100 percent vaccination rates, which would be difficult to achieve in the United States.

Most cases of cervical cancer are caused by the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus.

Internet

Strong quake shakes Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Oct — A strong earthquake of magnitude 5.6 struck northeastern Afghanistan on Sunday, but caused no casualties or damage, a government official said.

The US Geological Survey (USGS) said on its website the quake’s epicentre was at a depth of 208 km (130 miles).

The quake occurred at about 6 am local time and was also felt in the

capital, Kabul, some 260 km (160 miles) from the epicentre lying to the south of the city of Faizabad of northeastern Badakhshan Province.

Mountainous Afghanistan is an earthquake prone country.

Thousands of people were killed by earthquakes in northern Badakhshan province in the late 1990s.

Internet

Earthquake injures nine in southern Iranian port town

TEHERAN, 26 Oct — An Iranian official says a magnitude 5 earthquake has hit southern Iran, injuring nine people.

The director of Hormozgan province emergency department, Yasser Hazbavi, says the strong quake shook the port town of Kong late Saturday evening.

The quake is part of a series of tremors that have jolted the area in recent months.

Kong, on the Persian Gulf coast, has a population of 15,000 and is about 930 miles south of Teheran.

Iran is located on several seismic fault lines and is prone to earthquakes, experiencing at least one slight tremor every day on average.—*Internet*

Russia says Iran sanctions

‘counterproductive’

MOSCOW , 26 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday said unilateral sanctions against Iran would be “counterproductive” in efforts to force Teheran to suspend its nuclear fuel work.

Russia is of the view

that the “politics of adopting unilateral and anti-Iranian sanctions espoused by some countries is counterproductive,” the ministry said in a statement.

Lavrov articulated this view when he met with Howard Berman, chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the US House of Representatives, the statement said.

The US and its European allies had pushed for tougher sanctions against Teheran but ran into resistance from Russia — among the five permanent members of the UN Security Council — and China. Teheran insists its programme is strictly peaceful and solely aimed at generating electricity.

It has a right to enrich uranium to make nuclear fuel as a signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

Internet

Thai policeman, militants killed in gunfight

PATTANI, 26 Oct — A Thai policeman and two suspected militants died in a five-hour standoff at a separatist hideout in southern Thailand late on Friday, police said.

The two killed militants refused to surrender to about 100 government security personnel laying siege to their hideout in Pattani, one of three southern provinces facing a four-year separatist insurgency, they said. Government forces surrounded the house after its two heavily armed occupants shot at a police squad attempting to search the place, killing an officer and wounding four.

MNA/Reuters



A police officer organizes packages of seized cocaine as it is shown to the press in Barranquilla, Colombia, on 25 Oct, 2008. Ten tons of cocaine were seized by police during an anti-drug raid, according to police.—*INTERNET*

SPORTS

Star quality not enough for Hughes against Stoke



Mark Hughes

MANCHESTER, 26 Oct — Mark Hughes has told his Manchester City players to toughen up against Stoke if they are to get their Premier League campaign back on track. Despite a huge increase in expectation levels at Eastlands following September's takeover by the Abu Dhabi United Group, Hughes's team have been uninspiring in the Premier

League.

After a winless run of three league matches, they find themselves tenth in the table - but just three points above Stoke, who are in 18th place ahead of their trip to face the Blues.

The poor form of strugglers Tottenham and Newcastle has shifted attention away from City's recent results, But failure to pull off a convincing victory against Tony Pulis's newly-promoted team would surely be the cue for the muttering to start.

City manager Hughes knows that his team must be far more solid than they were in their 2-2 draw at Newcastle on Monday, where the hosts played the vast majority of the game with 10 men.

Internet

Scolari savours clash of the invincibles

LONDON, 26 Oct — Luiz Felipe Scolari believes Chelsea can win Sunday's clash of the invincibles against Liverpool and go on to become his dream team.

Scolari's side have yet to lose in 12 games since the Brazilian took charge, while Liverpool travel to Stamford Bridge undefeated in all competitions this season.

After the anguish of missing out on the Premier League and Champions League to Manchester United last season, Chelsea have started the campaign filled with a renewed sense of purpose by Scolari.

The Blues look the team most likely to end United's two-year reign as English champions, but Liverpool can make their own case to be taken seriously in the title race after their best start to a Premier League campaign.— Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea	0 - 1	Liverpool
Manchester City	3 - 0	Stoke City
Portsmouth	1 - 1	Fulham
Tottenham	2 - 0	Bolton
West Ham Utd	0 - 2	Arsenal
Wigan Athletic	0 - 4	Aston Villa



Chelsea's John Terry (R) chests the ball towards Liverpool's Steven Gerrard during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 26 October, 2008.—INTERNET



Manchester City's Robinho, right, scores against Stoke City during their English Premier League soccer match at The City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester, England, on 26 Oct, 2008.—INTERNET

Jankovic secures end-of-year top spot

ST PETERSBURG, 26 Oct — Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, who has yet to win a Grand Slam title, will finish the 2008 season as the world number one, the WTA announced on Saturday.

Currently holding 4,555 points in the rankings, 23-year-old Jankovic has a commanding lead over Dinara Safina (3,782) and Serena Williams (3,716).

Internet



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Arsenal seek to hammer home Euro form

LONDON, 26 Oct — One of Arsene Wenger's most dearly held tenets is that a domestic league, and not European competition, is the true litmus test of a team's talents.

There has always been a whiff of self-interest in that principle, given the Arsenal manager's failure to lift the Champions League is in painful contrast to his three English Premier League crowns, but do not be surprised to see Wenger revise his belief system as the season wears on.

It might still be October, but already Arsenal appear better placed to thrive on the continent than on their native turf.

The north Londoners



Arsenal's French manager Arsene Wenger

have progressed serenely through their Champions League group, rattling in 10 goals in three matches and making light of the supposedly fearsome Sukru Saracoglu stadium on Tuesday by thrashing Fenerbahce 5-2.

Internet

Sutherland leads Frys.com Open

Scottsdale, (Ariz), 26 Oct — Kevin Sutherland shot a 7-under 63 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over George McNeill after the third round of the Frys.com Open, the fifth of the PGA Tour's seven Fall Series events.

The 44-year Sutherland had a 14-under 196 total on Grayhawk's Raptor Course. McNeill followed his second-round 63 with a 66.

"I've played terrific all year," said Sutherland, who won the 2002 Accenture Match Play Championship for his lone PGA Tour title. "This is my last tournament of the year, so it'd be great to cap it off with a win."— Internet



Kevin Sutherland drives from the second tee during the third round of the Frys.com Open golf tournament on 25 Oct, 2008, in Scottsdale, Ariz.—INTERNET

Federer going for three in a row in Basel final

BASEL, 26 Oct — Roger Federer bids for his third consecutive title at the Swiss Indoors tournament in Sunday's final here against David Nalbandian.

In Saturday's semi-finals, Federer dispatched Spain's Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-2 in 61 minutes while Nalbandian, also a former champion, needed not much longer as he beat Argentine Davis Cup teammate Juan Del Potro 6-4, 6-4. Lopez has been suffering with a split toenail since the US Open but is unable to have it dealt with until after a long season ends for him in late November.—Internet

Killings increase Westerners' fears in Afghan capital

KABUL(AFP), 26 Oct—The gunning down of three Westerners in the Afghan capital in less than a week is a sharp reminder that Kabul is no longer a safe haven in a country gripped by violence, expatriates say.

Saturday's shooting of a Briton and a South African, along with an Afghan, outside the offices of the international shipping company DHL appears to have been the result of a dispute unrelated to a growing Taliban insurgency.

Nevertheless, it feeds a sense of insecurity with international residents already concerned by Monday's killing of a British-South African aid worker and a series of attacks against expatri-

ates this year. "It is the unpredictability of security incidents which is making it difficult," said Anu John, who has been in Kabul for 15 months employed by an international non-government organisation. "The security seems to have deteriorated significantly in the last three to four months... the changes are pretty visible," she said.

Kabul has long been a city of checkpoints, armed guards and razor wire, despite its attempts to find normality after decades of war and the harsh 1996-2001 Taliban regime. But for all that, it was seen as relatively safe when compared to the rest of the country.—Internet

Pakistani and Afghan elders to meet to ponder violence

ISLAMABAD, 26 Oct—Pakistani and Afghan political and ethnic Pashtun tribal leaders meet in Islamabad on Monday to try to agree on ways to tackle rising militant violence including the possibility of opening talks with the Taliban.

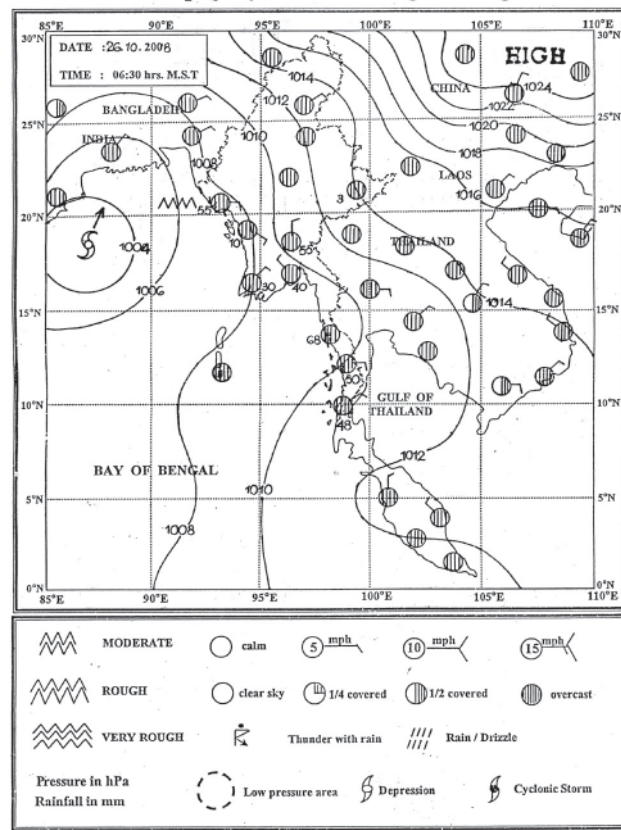
The meeting, dubbed a Pakistan-Afghanistan "Jirgagai," or mini-jirga, is a follow-up to a grand assembly in Kabul last year in which delegates called for talks with Taliban militants to end bloodshed in both countries.

A jirga is a consultative system the proudly independent Pashtuns have used for more than 1,000 years to settle affairs of the nation or rally behind a cause.

Around 50 political leaders, Pashtun elders and Muslim clerics from both countries will meet on Monday and Tuesday to ponder growing violence by al Qaeda and the Taliban militants on both sides of their disputed border.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 26 October, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy fall in Shan State and isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.63)inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygone) (1.57)inches, Pinlaung (3.78)inches, Thipaw (3.58)inches, Dawei (2.88)inches, Ye (2.44)inches, Sittway (2.29)inches, Taunggu (2.17)inches and Myeik (2.09)inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-10-2008 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-10-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 25-10-2008 was (Nil) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-10-2008 was (1.85)inches at Mingaladon, (1.69)inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.63)inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (104.80) inches at Mingaladon, (115.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (133.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 25-10-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (12:30)hrs MST today, the depression over West Central Bay has slightly intensify and centered at about (300)miles West Southwest of Kolkata (India). It is forecast to move slowly East Northeast wards and likely to cross Coast of Bangladesh with next (24)hours commencing noon today. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27th October 2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-10-2008: Some rain which may heavy at times.. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-10-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



A man testing a car with a navigation system. A Polish driver who was too sure of his GPS road navigation device ended up neck-deep in a lake after ignoring road signs warning of a dead-end ahead, Polish police said on Friday.—INTERNET

Transaction of TEI below Expectation

JAKARTA, 26 Oct—Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) 2008 reached a transaction of 77.6 million US dollars, lower than the expected target of 220 million US dollars amid the global monetary crisis, an official said here on Saturday.

"Until 13:00 hours today, the transaction value in TEI 2008 recorded 77.6 million US dollars. Furniture products were still at the highest position with a value of 25

million US dollars or 32.3 per cent," Bachrul Chairi, head of the Indonesian Agency for Export Development (NAFED) of Indonesian Trade Ministry said before the closing ceremony held on Saturday afternoon.

The annual Trade Expo Indonesia (TEI) at Jakarta fairground, which started on Tuesday (21 October), is the biggest trade expo in the country.

Internet



Monday, 27 October
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:55 am 5. Musical programme

- 8:10 am 6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 8:30 am 7. International news
- 8:45 am 8. Cute little dancers
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:10 am 2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm 3. Dance of national races
- 4:30 pm 4. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 4:40 pm 5. Dance Variety

- 4:50 pm 6. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာမှု ပညာ၊ အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ အထူးပြုများ)(အရှေ့တိုင်းပညာ)
- 5:05 pm 7. Song to uphold national spirits
- 5:10 pm 8. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်ဆိုင်ခိုင်းကြီး ဖျော်ဖြေတင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:20 pm 9. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm 10. တက်ညီလက်ညီရုပ်တည်နေပြီ တိုင်းစရာဝတီ
- 6:00 pm 11. Evening news

- 6:30 pm 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm 14. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:10 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စူပါမင်းနှင့်မာနရှင်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်"(အပိုင်း-၂၁)

Teachers to promote the quality of basic education schools in rural areas in order to narrow the gap of the education standards

Special Refresher Course No. 66 for basic education teachers concludes

YANGON, 26 Oct — The conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No. 66 for basic education teachers was held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township here this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered a speech.

Also present were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief



Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivers an address at concluding of Special Refresher Course No. 66 for basic education teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi).—MNA

and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, the deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, officials of the Ministry of Education, the rector of CICS

(Phaunggyi), course instructors and trainee teachers.

In his address, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung said regarding the education extensive reforms are being

made. Myanmar is also making endeavours for development of all sectors based on education and is carrying out the tasks for development of education sector in accord with the

requirements of the nation.

With the development of the nation, technological requirements and challenges make enormous demands on education, he said.

He said science and arts are to be enhanced through the education sector in accord with knowledge and technological needs. It is necessary for (See page 9)

Storm news

YANGON, 26 Oct— According to the observations at 4 p.m today, the depression over West Central Bay has slightly intensify and centered at about 175 miles South of Kolkata (India). It is starting to cross northeast coast of India and western coast of Bangladesh and will reach onshore within next 12 hours.

Due to this depression, rain are likely to be widespread in northern Rakhine State and Chin State and upper Sagaing Division with isolated heavyfalls.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Rakhine coast and offshore areas. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 to 40 mph.

MNA

World Hand-Washing Day held

YANGON, 26 Oct—A ceremony to mark World Hand-Washing Day, arranged by Ministry of Health, was held at Mariland rural health centre of Zalun Township of Ayeyawady Division on 15 October.

Officials explained the purpose of the ceremony and demonstrated washing with soap. Next, villagers collectively did the systematic washing.—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



The simple act of washing hands could save thousands of children's lives every day, mostly in Asia. INTERNET

Alonso's goal lifts Liverpool on top the table

STAMFORD BRIDGE, 26 Oct—Xabi Alonso's deflected 10th-minute goal gave Liverpool victory and shattered a Chelsea sequence stretching back to February 2004 on home turf.

It was a deserved triumph for Rafael Benitez's side achieved without Fernando Torres and the first setback for the reign of Luiz Felipe Scolari at Chelsea.

Chelsea enjoyed long periods of possession, but Liverpool never flinched and could have doubled their victory margin had Alonso's second-half free-kick not hit an upright.

Ashley Cole missed Chelsea's best chance af-

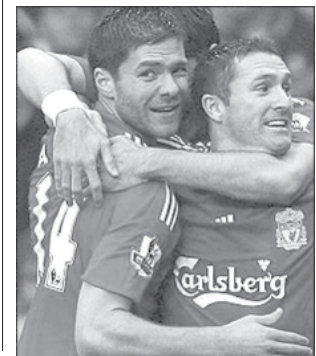
ter the break, allowing Liverpool to record a victory which is of huge significance in terms of their confidence and self-belief.

If this game was a measure of Liverpool's ability to finally mount a serious title challenge, then they will have left west London in the knowledge that they now appear to have the ability to finally challenge Chelsea and Manchester United in domestic battle.

Chelsea simply ran out of ideas in the face of a red wall of defensive resistance, with Liverpool's defence led magnificently by Jamie Carragher impenetrable.

Scolari's side opened with a surge of confidence, but took a real knock when Alonso gave Liverpool the lead. He latched on to a half-clearance, and while his effort carried little power, a deflection off Jose Bosingwa was enough to wrong-foot Petr Cech.

Internet



Scolari to recruit more English players



Scolari producing his typically animated facial expressions at a press conference.

LONDON, 26 Oct — Chelsea manager Luz Felipe Scolari has set his sight on bringing in more English players into his side as he looks to win trophies with the Blues.

Scolari took charge of the West London club in the summer after his stint as Portugal head coach.

Although the Brazilian is happy with the squad,

there could be arrivals in the future as Big Phil admitted. "I am very happy here with the players I have," he told Sky Sports News. "The players I have at the moment are good, but in the future I will look for more. "I know the English players and I want more English players in my team. I want to win in England."—Internet