



The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence attends conveying ceremony of Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images to Sankyaungdaw

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and officials,

yesterday morning, attended the ceremony to convey the Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images to Yadana Sankyaung held in conjunction with the prize presentation to winners in the Intha traditional boat race in Namhu Village of Nyaungshwe Township.

Intha boats demonstrated their skills.

Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images were conveyed with the use of 28 boats and 2500 participants to Yadana Sankyaung through Namhu Creek. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party paid homage to the
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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence presents prizes to winners in Intha traditional boat race.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Ma Sein-Kyauk Sin suspension bridge in Kalewa of Sagaing Division contributing to smooth transport for local people

Article: *Kyawt Maung Maung*; Photos: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

Our media crew of Myanma Alin daily were on our way to Kalewa from Kalay. Both sides of the road were green and lush paddy fields, some under transplanting, and some under ploughing. On the motorway were a stream of bicycles, three-wheelers and vehicles running to different directions.

Myitha river was flowing at the right side under the motorway on Yesangyun road. We had passed an enormous number of iron frame iron truss bridges and iron frame wood truss ones on our way to Kalewa.

We interviewed Chairman of Kalewa Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Zin about development undertakings of the region. He took us to Ma Sein model village to witness the progress of the village.

It was a 1:45 hr-boat ride to Ma Sein model village from Kalewa jetty upstream Chindwin river. We drove past the houses on the banks, enjoying the stunning views of mountain ranges under the bright sunshine.

As soon as we arrived at Ma Sein model village, we saw Youth Hostel on the bank. Ma Sein model village, which is situated on the east bank of Chindwin river, has an area of 34 acres and is 18 miles north of Kalay. Waterway is the major transportation mode for the village to the town.

As we passed through the village to our destination, we saw bazaar, playground, garden, police station, residence of the doctor of the station hospital built by the village on self-reliance basis.

When asked about the purposes of erecting the bridge, Chairman U Maung Wai of Ma Sein-Kyauk Sin suspension bridge construction committee said
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Ma Sein-Kyauk Sin suspension bridge in Kalewa.

PERSPECTIVES

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Nurture the youth to become precious gems of the nation

Being a member nation of ASEAN, Myanmar is working in concert with other member nations in education, culture, economic and social fields.

A ceremony to open the meeting of the 15th ASEAN Youth Day, organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, was held at Shwenantaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on 4 October.

Regional peace, stability and development have been gaining a good momentum thanks to the united efforts of the Association. Moreover, due to the emergence of the ASEAN community, ASEAN people are now able to enjoy the fruits of peace, stability, prosperity and social and cultural development.

The 15th ASEAN Youth Meeting plays an important role in implementation of ASEAN social culture, and the ASEAN youth are a major force in the present as well as in the future.

Prize presentation ceremonies are held every year for the emergence of brilliant youth in the ASEAN region. It is necessary for the ASEAN youth to try to be the architect of their own life by promoting their self-esteem, discernment and capacity, realizing their full potential and respecting and recognizing one another.

Myanmar is creating a sound foundation and a modern network system for education so that its future generations will become a major force of the nation.

Myanmar will always participate actively in ASEAN youth affairs and nurture its youth in order that they will become precious gems of the nation.

All this needs to be known

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

Prize winning books in circulation

YANGON, 7 Oct—Sarpay Beikman under Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information published the prize-winning books recently.

These were the Sarpay Beikman manuscript award winning book in the youth literature genre written by Maung Kyi Thant,

the first prize winning book in the collective short stories genre by Thwe Htar Nyo (Thakkala), the third prize winning book in the novel genre by Myaylatt Min Lwin and the second prize winning book in the youth literature genre by Maung Soe Htaik (Thonze).

The above books are

available at Sarpay Beikman bookshops at Ta-55, Thabyegon Market, Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 067-414681, at 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon, Tel: 01-249031 and in Mandalay, Tel: 02-62931 and book agents from the countryside of Sarpay Beikman.

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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

Minister supervises rural development tasks in Twantay Township

YANGON, 7 Oct — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met with local people in Twantay Township at Peikswe Village-tract yesterday and fulfilled the requirements for renovation of classrooms

and presented sewing machines to local people.

At the meeting, he stressed the need for cooperation of the departments and social organizations with local people for the regional development while the government is making efforts for

the development of rural areas.

At the meeting, he also said it is important to know the fact that only a nation and its citizens have rights to safeguard the sovereignty of the nation.

The minister gave in-

structions to officials concerned on construction of the buildings which were damaged by the storm Nargis, renovation of lakes and schools, paving of roads and installation of public phones in the village-tract.—MNA



Minister U Soe Tha meeting with local people at Peikswe village in Twantay Township.—MNA

I & P Dy Minister attends 60th meeting of UNHCR in Geneva

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein participated in the 60th annual session of UNHCR's Governing Executive Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, from 28 September to 2 October.

The meeting of UNHCR was opened on 28 September at General Assembly of the UN Office in Geneva, and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein attends 60th annual session of UNHCR's Governing Executive Committee held in Geneva, Switzerland. MNA

Win Sein read the report of Myanmar on 29 September.

The meeting was attended by delegates from 72 member countries of the executive committee, and delegates from 42 countries including Myanmar as observers, representatives from UN agencies and 35 NGOs.

Led by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein, the Myanmar delegation to the meeting comprised

Counsellor of Myanmar office at UN in Geneva U Win Thein, Director of Immigration and National Registration Department U Htay Hlaing, First Secretary Daw Khin Thida Aye and First Secretary Dr Htoo Maung.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein held a meeting with High Commissioner Antonio Guterres on 29 September. Also present at the meeting were Charge

d' affaires ai U Kyaw Myo Htut, U Win Thein, U Htin Lin, Dr Htoo Maung and U Htay Hlaing.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chief of UNHCR on 2 October after the new executives were selected and approved at the meeting.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein arrived back here yesterday. — MNA

Militant rocket hits Afghan civilian bus, kills two

KABUL, 7 Oct—An militant rocket ripped through a bus driving on a highway in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing two people aboard and wounding about 25, the government said.

The militants appeared to have been aiming for a nearby police checkpoint, but the rocket fell short of the target and hit the busload of civilians instead, the Interior Ministry said.

The deaths in Ghazni

province's Qarabagh district are part of a growing civilian toll from roadside bombs, battles and suicide attacks this year.

A UN report issued last month said August was the deadliest month of 2009 for civilians because of violence from the insurgency. A total of 1,500 civilians died in Afghanistan between January and August, up from 1,145 for the same period of 2008. About 68 percent of the deaths were

due to the militants, the report said.

Military clashes have also intensified. On Wednesday, American and Afghan forces battled militants in neighboring Wardak province, killing a number of insurgents. US forces spokeswoman Capt Regina Gillis declined to say exactly how many militants were killed, but said it was fewer than 10. No casualties were reported among American or Afghan forces.—Internet

Nine killed, 31 injured in car bombing in west Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct—At least nine people were killed and 31 others injured in a car bomb explosion at a busy marketplace in Iraq's western city of Fallujah on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A booby-trapped car ripped through an outdoor popular market at sunset in the town of Amriyat al-Fallujah, near Fallujah city, some 50 km west of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The powerful blast destroyed several nearby cars and many stalls selling vegetables and fruits, the source said.

The attack came a day after a suicide car bomb blast killed six mourners and wounded 15 others at a funeral in the city of Hadithain Iraq's once insurgent stronghold of Anbar province, where Fallujah is located.

Xinhua

At least nine people were killed and 31 others injured in a car bomb explosion at a busy marketplace in Iraq's western city of Fallujah on 6 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA



Soldier killed in Afghanistan to be named

LONDON, 7 Oct—A soldier killed in an explosion while on patrol in southern Afghanistan will be named on Wednesday, a report said.

The soldier, from 1st Battalion The Grenadier Guards, was killed Monday on a foot patrol in the Nad Ali area of Helmand Province, the Press Association said MoD said.

The death brings to 220 the number of British troops who have died since operations against the Taliban extremists began in October 2001. Of these, at least 188 were killed as a result of hostile action.

Task Force Helmand

spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Nick Richardson said: "Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies go out to his bereaved family, to his friends and to the many comrades of this proud and brave Guards soldier."

Next of kin have been

informed. The announcement comes after The Sun newspaper reported General Richard Dannatt, the former head of the army, as saying the government turned down a request for 2,000 more troops in Afghanistan this year.

Internet

Six militants killed in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Oct—Afghan and NATO-led forces have killed six militants, including three Arabic trainers, in Herat Province of western Afghanistan, military spokesman in the region Abdul Basir Ghorri said Tuesday.

"A joint operation of Afghan and NATO forces was kicked off in Gazara district since Monday to clean up the area from rebels and so far six militants including three Arabs have been eliminated," Ghorri told Xinhua.

These Arabic fighters, he added, had provided military training to Taleban insurgents in the area. The military official also stressed that the operation will go on until all the militants are swept out and the durable peace is ensured.

Taleban militants who are fighting the Afghan government and international troops, have yet to make comment.—Xinhua

Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 7 October reached 698,883 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1,259,853 according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	698,883
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,259,853

Internet

A wounded man is attended to by his relative after a suicide bomb attack at a funeral in Haditha, 190 km (120 miles) northwest of Baghdad on 5 Oct, 2009. A suicide bomber walked into an Iraqi funeral tent and blew himself up on Monday, killing at least six mourners and wounding 15, Iraqi police said. The toll from the attack in the town of Haditha, 190 km (120 miles) west of Baghdad, could rise, police said.—INTERNET



Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 7 Oct—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32,268 Afghan people were killed and 37,881 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 7 October.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32,268
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	37,881

Internet



Afghan men, who have lost their legs to the war, exercise during a physiotherapy session at the International Committee of the Red Cross orthopedic center in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 6 Oct, 2009. INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills 10 Afghan soldiers in South

KABUL, 7 Oct—Militants in the militancy plagued southern region of Afghanistan detonated a roadside bomb, leaving 10 soldiers dead, a senior military commander said Tuesday.

"The rebels detonated a remote-controlled mine in Popalzai area, a suburb of Laskkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province Monday afternoon, damaging three vehicles and killing 10 soldiers," General Shir Mohammad Zazi told Xinhua.

Xinhua



British Airways jets are parked at London's Heathrow airport, 2006. British Airways (BA) is facing the threat of a strike action after angry workers protested against the airline's plans to cut 1,700 jobs and freeze pay in order to stem losses.—INTERNET

Unions protest British Airways job cut plans

LONDON, 7 Oct—British Airways (BA) is facing the threat of a strike action after angry workers protested on Wednesday against the airline's plans to cut 1,700 jobs and freeze pay in order to stem losses.

"This inevitably brings a strike closer. We have been working flat out to find a negotiated solution with this company but they are clearly not inter-

ested in compromise, preferring conflict instead," a senior union leader told the *Press Association*.

"They are holding a gun to the heads of our members.

We will not stand by while they push fewer and fewer people to do more and more work on less pay and turn our premier airline into a low-cost operator," he added.

The cuts will reduce

the total number of cabin crew-related jobs from 14,000 to 12,300, it said, noting that the move involves cabin crew managers rather than cabin crew themselves.

"These changes will take place from the end of November.

They will not reduce the number of working crew on board," said a BA statement of the job cuts.

Internet

World economy on road of recovery but still precarious

ISTANBUL, 7 Oct—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank concluded their annual meetings here on Wednesday, calling for continuous policy support as the world economy is still precarious.

"Recovery" became the main theme of delegates' speech in this year's annual meetings. In its latest World Economic Outlook (WEO), the IMF predicted that the global economy would grow by 3.1 percent in 2010, 0.6 percent higher than its prediction in July, saying the global recession "is ending."

Global financial stability has also improved following unprecedented policy actions and signs of economic recovery, the IMF said in the Global Financial Stability Report (GFSR).

The IMF lowered its estimate of losses from the global financial and

economic crisis to 3.4 trillion US dollars, around 600 billion dollars lower than its last report in April, largely due to rising securities values, the report said.

Asia is leading the world economy out of the crisis, Anoop Singh, director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department, told reporters.

Xinhua

Palestinians to sign reconciliation agreement late October

AMMAN, 7 Oct—Feuding Palestinian factions will sign a reconciliation agreement in Cairo on 25 Oct, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said in Amman, according to the report of *Jordan News Agency Petra* on Tuesday.

In a joint press conference with his Jordanian counterpart late Monday, Abul Gheit said after the

factions sign the agreement on 25 Oct, another meeting will take place on 26 Oct between the Arab Follow-up Committee and heads of Palestinian factions to sign on the agreement as witnesses.

He said representatives of non-Arab countries are also scheduled to attend the October 26 meeting as witnesses to the signing of the reconciliation charter.

Swiss unemployment rate climbs in September

ZURICH, 7 Oct—Switzerland's unemployment rate climbed to 3.9 percent in September, up from 3.8 percent a month earlier, official figures showed Wednesday.

The number of people registered as unemployed reached 154,409, or 3,578 more than in August, said the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs in a statement.

Unemployment among 15 to 24 year-olds also continued to swell,

with some 29,999 youths registered as jobless in September, up 701 compared to a month ago. Against September 2008, the month's jobless numbers was a jump of some 74.9 percent.

The Swiss government expects overall unemployment rate to reach an average of 3.8 percent in 2009 and 5.2 percent in 2010 due to the economic crisis, up sharply from 2.6 percent in 2008.

Bern approved a third

stimulus package in June which includes measures to tackle growing unemployment.

Internet

Job seekers entering an employment agency in Cologne. Germany says it is poised to recover faster than originally thought from a crippling recession, revising up a forecast for output this year in Europe's top economy.—INTERNET



China urges intensified int'l efforts in nuclear non-proliferation

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Oct—China on Tuesday called on the international community to intensify its efforts to address the potential threat posed by nuclear non-proliferation.

Speaking at the General Debate of the First Committee of the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Wang Qun, Chinese ambassador for disarmament affairs, said that nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament are

mutually reinforcing and supplementary to each other.

"To achieve complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons for a nuclear-weapon-free world, the international efforts in nuclear non-proliferation must be vigorously intensified in eliminating the risk of nuclear weapon proliferation," Wang said.

The ambassador called for the international nuclear non-proliferation re-

gime to be consolidated and strengthened, and emphasized that non-proliferation issues be resolved peacefully through political and diplomatic means and within the framework of existing international law. Wang said that China has made unremitting efforts in seeking peaceful resolution to the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula and Iranian nuclear issue through dialogue and negotiation.—*Xinhua*

Iran to launch research rocket into space

TEHRAN, 7 Oct—Iran's Aerospace Research Center official announced on Tuesday that the country will launch its research rocket called Kavoshgar (Explorer) into space by the end of March 2010, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported.

"Iranian Kavoshgar rocket will be sent into the

space by the end of the current (Iranian) year (ending on March 20) to do research studies," Head of Iran's Aerospace Research Center Mohammad Ebrahimi was quoted as saying.

Talking at a ceremony marking the World Space Week, Ebrahimi said that "The rocket can be sent to altitudes at the height of 50km to 150km which is

not a fly zone for aircraft and satellites ... it can be employed in different researches and studies."

Earlier in February, Teheran announced that the Omid lightweight telecommunications satellite, its first home-made satellite, was successfully sent into space by the Iranian-produced satellite carrier Safir 2, evoking the West's concern over its potential military purposes.

In last November, Iran launched successfully a space rocket which was called "Kavosh 2" (Explore 2). "The rocket was launched into the space and after completing its mission returned to the earth using parachute," Iran's state TV IRIB said.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 5 Oct, 2009 shows the exterior view of the terminal of Montevideo international airport in Montevideo, capital of Uruguay. The launching ceremony of the terminal of Montevideo international airport was held in Montevideo on Monday. —XINHUA

Brazil, Belgium sign space cooperation agreement

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Oct—Brazil and Belgium signed a cooperation agreement on space technology in the Belgian city of Liege on Tuesday, the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology announced.

The accord was signed between the Brazilian Space Agency and the Belgian Space Center of Liege, ministry sources added. A ministry statement quoted Brazilian Space Agency President Carlos Ganem as saying that “despite not producing rockets or satellites, Belgium is an important partner of countries with space programs for its quality of the services offered in its universities and of its optic and space projects.”

The four-year agreement also includes cooperation in education of space science and techniques, apart from cooperation in such fields as earth observation, conception and proof of space instruments, satellite payloads, university nano-satellites, optic techniques and specific technologies for the space sector.—Xinhua

Italy's floods death toll finally rises to 35

ROME, 7 Oct—Italy's civil protection chief Guido Bertolaso said on Tuesday that final death toll from floods in northeastern Sicilian town of Messina finally reached 35 since there was no hope of finding survivors from 10 people still missing. “We know the full names of the people who are missing and are at work to find their bodies,” Bertolaso said during an address to the Italian Senate, where he was asked to give an assessment of the tragedy.

Some 730 evacuees had been moved into hotels while over 2,300 workers were involved in 24-hour relief efforts, Bertolaso told parliamentarians. The civil protection chief said he had no information regarding reports of unregistered immigrants also said to be missing after the floods.—Xinhua

Boeing expects billion dollar charge

CHICAGO, 7 Oct—Chicago-based Boeing Company announced Tuesday it is expecting to report a one-billion dollar charge because of a delay in producing a new version of the 747 freighter jet.

In a written statement, Boeing blames most of the billion-dollar charge on increased production costs of one of its freighter airplanes. The company adds the market conditions are not helping either.

Business analysts here believe that Boeing's problems are not limited to just the freighter plane program. Boeing is having problems across almost its entire commercial aircraft operations as it looks like the 787 program is absorbing a lot of the resources in the company.—Xinhua



Zhoima fills a basin with water at the yard of her house at Yangyi village of Damxung County in the north of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 6 Oct, 2009. —XINHUA

Indonesian journalist Kustiyo Kustiyo, who was the first to sign in for the World Media Summit, shows his press card in the press center at the Beijing News Plaza Hotel in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 Oct, 2009. —XINHUA



Economists warn of hot money danger in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 7 Oct—Economists said that Indonesia should be alert to incoming hot money to its financial instruments amidst uncertain global economic situation, *Kompas daily* reported on Wednesday.

Indonesia's central bank, Bank Indonesia, reported that the country's forex reserves as of third quarter 2009 have reached 62.3 billion US dollars.

Meanwhile, positive economic growth, controlled inflation and relatively high portfolio return have been triggering foreign fund to enter Indonesia. According to Bank Indonesia, as of the third quarter, foreign fund to the Cer-

tificate of Bank Indonesia reached 1.58 billion dollars or equal with 15 trillion rupiah and to the country's bonds worth 620.25 million dollars or about 6 trillion rupiah.

In the capital market, foreign investors recorded net buy of 608.7 million dollar, pushing the market index to climb to level of 2,528.

Economist Iman Sugema from the Institute for Development Economy and Finance (INDEF) said that flood of short term foreign fund (hot money) to Indonesia and other developing countries is due to recovering global economy.

Xinhua

Vietnam unlikely to meet economic growth target for 2006-2010 period

HANOI, 7 Oct—Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment said the country would not meet the average economic growth target of between 7.5 percent and 8 percent a year in the 2006-2010 period, local newspaper the *Vietnam Investment Review* reported on Wednesday.

The ministry forecast that Vietnam's economic growth rate would be about 6.9 percent a year during this period, said the newspaper.

The negative impacts of global economic downturn and the country's internal difficulties from 2008 to 2010 were to blame for the failure, said the ministry.

Xinhua

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Kuwaiti oil minister expects oil prices at \$60-80 per barrel till year end

KUWAIT CITY, 7 Oct—Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah said on Tuesday he expected the oil prices to range between 60 to 80 US dollars per barrel till the end of this year, the official *KUNA* news agency reported.

It was premature to speculate on the oil prices of next year, the minister said after addressing Kuwait's Third International Energy and Petrochemicals Exhibition.

Kuwait sits atop 10 percent of the world's proven oil reserves and contributes three million barrels of crude

per day.

Due to higher-than-expected oil prices, Kuwait has earned around 80 percent of its projected annual income in the first five months of this fiscal year and is expected to witness the 11th straight year of budget surplus.

The oil minister added on the same occasion that the ambition to lift the daily output to four million barrels by 2020 was amended to 2030.

The Gulf Arab emirate is the fourth largest exporter of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Xinhua



General view taken during the opening day of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World 2009 exhibition, on 5 October, in Geneva. According to the UN's International Telecommunication Union, some 450 exhibitors and 40,000 participants are expected to attend the five-day trade show.—INTERNET

Iran to sue US over illegal treatment of detained Iranian diplomats

TEHRAN, 7 Oct — Iran's Majlis (Parliament) Speaker Ali Larijani said on Tuesday that the parliament will sue the United States over the illegal treatment of detained Iranian diplomats in Iraq, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

Majlis will take the complaint to the international bodies and to the United Nations, Larijani was quoted as saying.

"The Americans have

committed crimes due to the physical and spiritual pressures they have inflicted on the Iranian diplomats and due to the long and lonely imprisonment of them, the Foreign Policy and National Security Commission of Majlis will sue (the US) by taking the complaint to the

United Nations," said Larijani.

He made the remarks in a meeting with the freed Iranian diplomats who were captured by the US troops after a raid of the Iranian Liaison Office in Iraq's Kurdish city of Arbil on 11 Jan, 2007.

Xinhua

Brazil to continue reducing deforestation

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Oct —Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Tuesday that Brazil will continue its effort to reduce deforestation rate by 70 percent by 2017, and by 80 percent by 2020. Lula made the remarks during a one-day EU-Brazil Summit in Sweden, the country holding the EU presidency. But Lula said the goal of zero deforestation was impossible to achieve in Brazil.

"It is a goal which will demand an incommensurable effort from the Brazilian society," Lula said, adding that in 2009, Brazil would register the lowest deforestation rate in two decades.

Jose Manuel Barroso, president of the European Commission, considered Brazil's deforestation target ambitious, and urged other countries with tropical forests to commit to the same effort.

Xinhua

Tonga provides aid to tsunami-hit neighbours

APIA, 7 Oct—Tonga is to provide financial aid to Pacific neighbours of Samoa and American Samoa following last week's devastating tsunami, media reports reaching here said.

The confirmed death toll from the disaster stood at 183 on Tuesday, including 142 people in Samoa, 32 in American Samoa and nine in Tonga.

Seven people are still missing in Samoa and two still missing in American Samoa.

The Tongan government said the country has links going back 800 years with the Samoans and it is time to show the true Polynesian spirit of love, ofa and talofa, Radio New Zealand International reported.

The New Zealand Defence Force says it now has 102 people in the area, including 18 medics, five engineers and six divers who have been repairing water pipes.

Three Iroquois helicopters are helping to distribute aid. HMNZS Canterbury is on stand-by at Devon port in Auckland.

Xinhua

36 people killed in landslides, floods in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 Oct—At least 36 people were killed in western parts of the country on Tuesday due to landslides and floods triggered by incessant rain since the last couple of days, *The Kathmandu Post* reported on Wednesday.

According to the daily, 12 people, including seven children, were killed at the Gorkhagaon settlement in Dadeldhura district, some 525 km west of Kathmandu, when

a landslide buried two houses in the area.

The landslide has rendered the settlement inhabitable, said police personnel involved in the rescue. Besides Gorkhagaon, the other parts of Dadeldhura were also struck by landslides but no human casualties occurred.

The unceasing rain, meanwhile, destroyed a large area of farmland in different villages. Similarly, floods at the Rangoon River and Pantura

River have deluged three inner-tarai Village Development Committees (VDCs) in the district. Hundreds of people have been displaced.

In Achham district, some 330 km west of Kathmandu, 18 people in three VDCs were killed in landslides. At least two people died in Bajhang district, some 450 km west of Kathmandu, when a house was buried in a landslide, police said.

Xinhua



This on 7 June, 2007 file photo shows Italian speleologist and sociologist Maurizio Montalbini just after exiting the Grotta Fredda di Acquasanta cave where he spent 236 days in total isolation, near Ascoli Piceno, central Italy, on 7 June, 2007. Maurizio Montalbini, who spent months dwelling in caves to study how the mind and body cope with complete isolation, has died of a heart attack.



Man wins lottery prize during embezzlement case

A former Kansas radio executive who admitted that he embezzled to support an addiction to scratch-off lottery tickets won a \$96,000 lottery prize.

Prosecutors say the prize money will go toward paying restitution to Paul W Lyle's former employer, American Media Investments.

Lyle pleaded guilty on Thursday to felony theft for embezzling an estimated \$88,000 from American Media.

It was during his preliminary hearing 21 Sept that Lyle was notified he had won a prize in a second-chance lottery drawing. The prize includes a boat, cash and tickets to a NASCAR race at the Kansas Speedway.

Lyle will be sentenced 30 Nov.

His conviction carries a sentencing range of five to 17 months in jail or prison. But prosecutors say Lyle likely will get probation because he has no previous felony convictions.

British archaeologists work at the discovered ruins of an arena built early in the third century BC outside Ostia, the ancient imperial port 25 kilometres (16 miles) from Rome.



This image released by the journal *Science* shows the probable life appearance in anterior view of *Ardipithecus ramidus* ("Ardi"). In a special issue of *Science*, an international team of scientists has for the first time thoroughly described *Ardipithecus ramidus*, a hominid species that lived 4.4 million years ago in what is now Ethiopia.

Two arrested with 'cocaine sandwiches' at Dutch airport

Dutch police have arrested two people at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport for allegedly having hidden three kilograms (6.6 pounds) of cocaine in sandwiches, authorities said on Thursday. Inspectors found the drugs last week in 33 sandwiches in the luggage of the two, a 30-year-old man from Suriname and a Dutch woman, 56.

"With the unpacking of the sandwiches ... it transpired that they were not fit for consumption," said a military police statement. "They were filled with about 100 grams of cocaine each."

NEWS ALBUM

Woman finds US Capitol officer in her bed

Arlington police say a US Capitol Police officer was arrested when a woman came home to find the stranger passed out drunk in her bed. Police said the 34-year-old man was still sleeping when officers arrived at 1 am. Spokeswoman Crystal Nosal said the officer was charged with unlawful entry.

Police don't know why the officer, who lives in Reston, picked the woman's apartment to sleep, but investigators believe he came in through the front door.

Capitol Police spokeswoman Kimberly Schneider said the officer is on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of the criminal charges. Schneider said the agency will also conduct an investigation.

Energy Minister inspects progress of laying natural gas pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 5 October viewed the laying of 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline across Twantay Canal being undertaken by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

Officials of MOGE reported on matters related to laying the natural gas pipeline. The minister gave necessary

instructions.

Over 2,010 feet long natural gas pipeline will be laid under 31 feet underground of Twan-tay Canal.

In Kungyangongale Village of Kawhmu Township, the minister

inspected stockpiling of 24-inch diameter pipelines to be used in laying of natural gas pipeline at Kungyangon-Twantay Tawgyitan and left necessary instructions.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong at the reception to mark National Day and Armed Forces Day of ROK on 7 October.—MNA



HK food test shows 13 unsatisfactory samples

HONG KONG, 7 Oct—Hong Kong's Center for Food Safety Wednesday announced its monthly food test results for August, revealing that among the 4,800 samples, 13 were found unsatisfactory. According to the center, 3,200 samples were taken for chemical tests and 1,600 for microbiological and other tests. The overall satisfactory rate was 99.7 percent.

Most of the unsatisfactory chemical test results involved excessive or illegal use of food preservatives, veterinary drug residues or coloring matters. The unsatisfactory samples included lettuce, five fresh beef samples, ready-to-eat wine chicken, a frozen shrimp, two chilled threadfin, a "poon choi" sample, soup vermicelli with pork satay, and a chilli sauce.—Xinhua

Singapore firms urged to further enhance corporate governance

SINGAPORE, 7 Oct—Singapore firms must take in lessons to be learnt from this global crisis and keep up the efforts to enhance corporate governance, a Singapore official said on Wednesday. Singapore's Minister for Finance Tharman Shanmugaratnam said that during the Asian financial crisis and the recent global financial crisis, it is the companies with robust standards of corporate governance that are better placed to keep the loyalty of investors when the flight to safety and quality occurs.

Speaking at the 10th anniversary of Singapore's Securities Investors Association, he said that the recent financial crisis has highlighted various weaknesses in corporate governance arrangements in the business of finance in the advanced economies especially.

"In many instances, the combination of accounting standards based on fair market

value, market competition and internal remuneration structures had the effect of rewarding risk-taking aimed at short-term returns," he said, adding that discussions are underway to refocus banks on the long term interests of their clients. He said that Singapore firms have demonstrated strong corporate governance

standards and practices, but there is still ample room for improvement.

He also noted that every investor should be guided by the simple and universal principles of investing. He urged financial institutions and advisors to make the downside risks perfectly plain and clear to the retail investor when selling any investment product.—Xinhua



Ushering in the next generation of desktop computing and leveraging the advanced multi-touch capabilities of Microsoft Windows 7, Gateway today introduced the Gateway One ZX Series, all-in-one desktop PCs with multi-touch displays.—INTERNET

Parcels are automatically packed at a distribution centre of Amazon.de, the German branch of US online retailer. The firm has announced it is releasing an international version of the e-reader Kindle while also trimming prices of the coveted gadget.—INTERNET



Ugandan military says Somali official in hands of UPDF

KAMPALA, 7 Oct—The Ugandan military said on early Wednesday that the Somali state minister for defense was in the hands of the Uganda People Defense Force (UPDF).

It was revealed by Ugandan military spokesman Felix Kulayigye.

Kulayigye dismissed the allegation that Somali State Minister for Defense Sheikh Yusuf Mohamed Siyad was kidnapped in the Ugandan capital of Kampala by unidentified gunmen. "He was in the hands of the UPDF," the spokesman told Xinhua

by phone. No further details were available so far.

Somalia has not had strong functioning national government since the ouster of former ruler Mohamed Siyad Barre in 1991.

The development came after three aid workers kidnapped two months ago have been released by their captors last week in Somalia.

Mohamed Osman Arus, spokesman for the Islamist Hezbul Islam faction, said the humanitarian workers were released and flown out of the faction-controlled southern town of Luq.

Arus denied his group was involved in the abduction of the three aid workers in a cross border raid into Kenya in July, but said the group "facilitated" the negotiations to release them.

Xinhua

World's first batch of artificially bred sturgeon born in China

YICHANG, (HUBEI PROVINCE), 7 Oct—More than 20,000 artificially propagated acipenser sinensis, Chinese sturgeon, were born in an institution in central China's Hubei Province, experts here said on Wednesday.

The institution announced successful breeding of the first sturgeon on Monday.

Acipenser sinensis, better known as Chinese sturgeon, one of the oldest living things on earth, has so far existed for more than 140 million years. The species had been listed as a wild creature under state top protection.—Xinhua

Three countries confirm participation in Zambia's swimming gala

LUSAKA, 7 Oct—Three countries have confirmed their participation in this month's Independence Invitation Swimming gala in Zambia, the Zambia Daily Mail reported on Wednesday.

Zambia Amateur Swimming Union (ZASU) vice-president David Thompson said in an interview with the paper that Malawi, Tanzania and Zimbabwe have confirmed participation at the Swimming gala to be

staged in Lusaka.

Zambia will be represented by 40 swimmers, Malawi 35, Tanzania 20 and Zimbabwe 18 at the gala to be held from October 23 to 25, Daily Mail said.

Xinhua

Profound evidences of Myanmar's drug elimination tasks

Aung Shin

These days, a hot news item is the US's possible new direction for its relations with Myanmar. Media are broadly reporting that economic sanctions cannot fulfill the political requirements, so the US will impose economic sanctions and engage with Myanmar simultaneously as its new policy towards Myanmar. It has not been clear yet how it will do to achieve its goal. My opinion in this context is that **economic sanctions against Myanmar have adverse effects on the people, from all strata of life and they will not be able to bring their objectives to fruition.**

It is not fair that economic sanctions are imposed as a tool to put political pressure on Myanmar. Economic sanctions do not contribute to the drive for ensuring human rights and democratic process, but they hurt economic and social development of the people on a large scale. Myanmar, a small nation, still has to cope with internal armed insurgency triggered by the evil legacy of the colonialism. So, economic sanctions also disrupt the projects for progress of border areas. In consequence, far-flung areas were behind other regions in development, and that has a direct strong impact on ongoing anti-narcotic drugs campaigns which are very demanding.

Economic sanctions are more of a hindrance than a help in anti-narcotic drugs programmes. However, the government is determined to keep on trying hard with self-reliance basis to be able to ward off the menace of narcotic drugs that pose dangers to the whole mankind and that should not be associated with political issues. Certain western powers have not viewed Myanmar's objective conditions as they really are, and instead they on purpose show total disregard for the dramatic success Myanmar has achieved in a fight against narcotic drugs.

According to the broadcasts aired by some radio stations, the US government issued the list of 20 narcotic drugs producing and distributing countries on 15 September 2009, claiming that in the last 12 months, Bolivia, Venezuela and Myanmar failed to cooperate with the international community in a fight against narcotic drugs production and illicit trafficking, and it might impose sanctions against the three.

If it puts its words into deeds, there will be nothing more than its imprudent pressure, turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to Myanmar's anti-narcotic drugs campaigns. Imposing sanctions under the pretext of narcotic drugs elimination for political gains instead of

rendering assistance is like fueling the problem. Although our government constantly issue news stories with profound evidences, attacks are made against Myanmar unusually regarding her anti-narcotic drugs programmes. So, that can be considered strange. **What it should do in this regard is that it should render as much assistance as it can to Myanmar because Myanmar shows a sense of responsibility by putting great efforts into preventive and control measures to wipe out the dangers of narcotic drugs in the interest of the entire human beings.**

Despite economic sanctions, Myanmar is trying to the best of its ability to combat narcotic drugs, using its all possible sources to the highest degree. It is global knowledge that the country is cooperating with the international community through friendly relations to expedite the onerous tasks. For instance, Myanmar takes an active part in the drive jointly implemented by five Mekong Region countries and the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes (UNODC). In addition, she is working together with China, Thailand, Laos, India, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Vietnam and the Philippines through a large number of agreements, memorandums of understanding and bilateral cooperation deals on anti-narcotic drugs.

Besides, Myanmar has joined the ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) and shares news on narcotic drugs and experiences of drug elimination with other members. Due to its active cooperation and agreements with international organizations and neighbouring countries, Myanmar recently won recognition of the UN agencies that her anti-narcotic drugs campaigns worked beautifully. It also managed to expose worldwide famous cases got involved by international drug lords such as Operation "Soe San Zone" in which it seized 591.05 kilos of heroin blocks and the operation in which it seized 496 kilos of heroin blocks.

Thanks to cooperation for exchanging narcotics-related information with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), China, and Thailand, Myanmar anti-narcotic drugs squads managed to seize 761.95 kilos of heroin blocks and 340,000 stimulant tablets with a street value of 7877.55 million kyats at Lwe Taw Kham checkpoint in Tachilek Township on 10 July 2009. Moreover, they exposed 10.368 million stimulant tablets, 819.35 kilos of heroin and 10 kilos of ICE and precursor chemicals and arms and ammunition

with a total face value of 39,068.15 million kyats.

Recently, servicemen and members of the Myanmar Police Force launched an operation at risk to life to storm Laukkai for narcotic drugs, and seized 10.168 million stimulant tablets, 86.57 kilos of stimulant powder, 0.131 kilos of heroin, 0.19 kilos of ICE, 1371.37 kilos of ephedrine, 0.24 kilos of morphine, 600 Sado ephedrine tablets, 34.32 kilos of caffeine, 0.8 kilo of raw opium, 3211.4 kilos of chemical powder, 2818.19 gallons of acid, 1392.89 gallons of chemical liquid, and 170 gallons of spirit with a current value of 16,149.58 million kyats and a lot of arms and ammunition.

Those events show that Myanmar has achieved great success in a fight against narcotic drugs, and that should not lose international attention. Such an impressive achievement is largely due to the government's correct policy and decisive aims.

In order to achieve such great success, the government formed the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, and laid down two strategies, three tactics and two methods. The two strategies are to fight narcotic drugs in all aspects as a national duty, to improve socio-economic life of national races in border areas, and to eradicate poppy growing. The three tactics are supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement. In order to speed up the two strategies and three tactics, the government is applying the three methods: to uplift the belief, concept and morale of poppy growers and drug users; to ensure easy communication between hill and plain regions and between national races; and to improve the livelihoods and socio-economic life of local residents in far-flung areas.

Furthermore, Myanmar is in pursuit of the 15-year narcotic drugs elimination plan (1999-2014) with the target of freeing from narcotic drugs by 2014 in it. Under the plan, the government is encouraging cultivation of poppy-substitute crops apart from the supply elimination, reduction of demand, and law enforcement. In 2008-2009 poppy season, Myanmar could destroy 101,000.65 acres of poppy fields. In the meantime, it rendered assistance to the highlander poppy growers to engage in growing of alternative crops and other businesses. Farming of poppy-substitute crops is necessary for establishment of narcotic drugs-free zones, and that calls for huge funds. The government accelerates giving educative talks on dangers of narcotic drugs to artless, poor poppy cultivators, improving their living conditions, implementing poverty alleviation work to fulfil their basic needs, and bridging the development gap between hill regions and plains. The nation needs a great deal of international aid to realize those tasks. Nevertheless, **it is the West Bloc countries that are imposing economic sanctions instead of providing assistance, thus forcing former poppy farmers to relapse into the bad livelihoods.**

Now, the 15-year plan is in its third phase. The government is seeking all possible ways and means to mobilize international cooperation in the supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement tasks. However, the drug production and trafficking has not met its end yet in border areas where

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insurgents are still active. The government prioritizes combating narcotic drugs in line with the law in cooperation with international community in the tasks in order that the whole nation becomes a drug-free one on schedule.

No one shall be privileged on any ground and action will be taken against anyone according to the law if he gets involved in drug-related crimes. The government has to give punitive punishment to any organizations or individuals in terms of

narcotic drugs crimes. That reflects the policy the government adheres to in connection with drug elimination tasks. Like other countries, Myanmar is effectively tackling such cross-border crimes as narcotic drugs production and distribution, and laundering the money gained through such businesses.

A review of the government's policies and approaches and cooperation with international organizations in respect of narcotic drugs have made it very clear whether Myanmar is ignoring narcotic

drugs crimes, or is constantly implementing the tasks with a sense of national duty. Therefore, the accusations associated with political issues are totally unreasonable. In conclusion, I would say that instead of lodging groundless accusations against Myanmar, they should all participate in and encourage the tasks Myanmar is implementing for drug elimination, reduction of poppy growing, provision of technical assistance and aid for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, and the programmes to alleviate poverty of poppy growers.

Translation: MS

Cash donated second time for 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— On behalf of Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2009 Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Subcommittee for Raising Funds and Prize Presentation Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe attended the second-time cash donation ceremony for the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts

Competitions. Also present on the occasion were Secretary of Subcommittee for Organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, Secretary of Sub-committee for Raising Funds and Prize Presentation Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Tun Kyi and officials of 12 ministries, 24 private companies and four banking services.

First, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe made a speech on the occasion, saying that the government

held Myanmar traditional performing arts competitions spending a large sum of money every year with the aim of turning out polite and gentle citizens who valued Myanmar traditions. The competition has now turned the 17 times. The deputy minister expressed thanks to wellwishers. He stressed the need to make efforts paying special attention to realizing the objectives of the competition.

Next, the wellwishers donated cash and then the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee and the secretary of Sub-



Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe accepts cash donated by a donor at second-time cash donation ceremony for 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

committee for organizing the competitions presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Afterwards, a wellwisher Managing Di-

rector of KTM Purified Drinking Water U Kyaw Tun Maung explained the purpose of the donation.

The secretary of Nay Pyi Taw DC spoke words

of thanks. Today's donations made by 12 ministries, 24 private companies and four banking services totalled K 51.95 million in total.—MNA

Chief Justice, Attorney-General receive Vietnamese delegation



Chief Justice U Aung Toe receives goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly Office and Chairman of Vietnam-ASEAN Congressperson group Mr Ngo Duc Manh.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct— A visiting delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly Office and Chairman of Vietnam-

ASEAN Congressperson group of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Ngo Duc Manh arrived at here by air at 9.30 am today.

They were welcomed

by CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Next, Chief Justice U Aung Toe met the delegation led by Mr Ngo Duc Manh at Supreme Court, here, at 10.00 am today.

Also present at the meeting were Director-General of Supreme Court U Mya Thein, Director (Research) of the court U Myint Thein and Head of Office U Myo

Nyunt.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung received the delegation led by Mr Ngo Duc Manh at the Attorney-General's Office (Nay Pyi Taw), here, at 11.00 am.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Deputy Director-General Daw

Kyin San, Director U Kyaw San and Head of Office U Wishu.

Afterwards, the delegation left for Yangon at 1.20 pm by air and were seen off by CEC member of USDA Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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Attorney-General U Aye Maung receives goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly Office and Chairman of Vietnam-ASEAN Congressperson group Mr Ngo Duc Manh.—MNA



Stimulant tablets, chemicals seized in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct—The security force in Laukkai Township, Shan State (North), confiscated stimulant tablets, drug powder and chemicals used in making drug yes-

Stimulant tablets, chemical substances and related materials seized in Laukkai Township.—MNA

terday.

The security force found 450,000 brown Methamphetamine tablets, 18,000 Ephedrine tablets, 5,300 red stimulant tablets, 14.5 kilos of sodium hydroxide, 11 kilos of caffeine, 15 kilos of phosphorous powder, 4.5 kilos of white powder, 3 litre of Lysol, 2 kilos of red stimulant powder, 45 kilos of ammonium chloride, 4.5 kilos of red dye powder, 21 moulds, two ce-

ramic funnels and two glass steamers at the ravine west of Parkyawshwe Village and in a cave west of Yanshin Village.

The seizures were handed over to Laukkai mobile team of Kunlong Special Anti-drug Squad and arrangements are being made to arrest those involved in the case. The seizures are related to the fugitive drug traffickers.

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Kyaukse District, greening with trees

Byline and Photos : Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

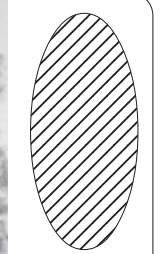
Kyaukse District of Mandalay Divisions is formed with Kyaukse, Myittha, TadaU and Singaing Townships. Kyaukse Township is located on Yangon-Mandalay motor road and rail road. It is well-known as nine farm districts where four Panlaung districts and five Zawgyi districts were constituted in the time of King Bodawphaya, who founded Amrapura in Konbaung Period. Kyaukse is situated in the arid zone. In the time of King Anawratha, dams were built to ensure that there was no a shortage of irrigation and drinking water. Nowadays, with the

emergence of Kintar, Minye, Zetaw and Thinkwe dams the township is in a position to grow a variety of crops.

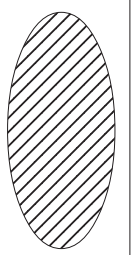
Kyaukse District is one of the 13 districts under the arid zone greening project. Efforts are being made for greening Mt Shwetharlyaung in Kyaukse Township. Mt Shwetharlyaung is located in the east of Kyaukse Township and in the north of Kyaukse-Phyaukseikbin motor road. It is 975 feet in height and has an area of 1,136 acres.

We, Kyemon news crew took train from Nay Pyi Taw to Kyaukse in order to observe greening

tasks of Kyaukse District. On arrival at Kyaukse District Dry Zones Greening department, the assistant director of the department explained our news crew about dry zone greening tasks in Kyaukse District. The road snakes itself to the summit of Mount Shwetharlyaung and in many sites the road goes downhill and uphill steeply. We saw Banyan trees along the road. The Dry Zones Greening Department designated 936.5 acres of forest as the protected forest in 1999 and various species of trees are grown there. A total of 120,000 have been grown on the southern part of the



Forest plantation in Kyaukse District.



Natural forest in Kyaukse Township.

mountain. More than 50,000 trees were also planted.

Altogether 427 trees were grown from 2000 to 2005 and more than 100 plants in 2006-2007.

During the period of 1998 to 2004, 1,435 acres were put under plants in Kyaukse Township, 2,229 acres in Myittha Township and 2,260 acres in TadaU Township. Up to 1995, altogether 6,644 acres were covered with various species of trees.

In 2005-2006, 13,000 acres in Kyaukse, 13,000 acres in Myittha and 11,000 acres in TadaU have been preserved as natural forests. Powered-stove is being used in an effort to substitute firewood with fuel. Small lakes were dug in the district in order to supply water and there are 69 small lakes in three townships. In addition, altogether 78 sediment-filtering dams have been built for exploration of underground water.

Kyaukse and Kyaukse District was abundant with dams, creeks and lakes since the past. It stood at the highest position in paddy growing in Mandalay Division. Kyaukse District is now greening due to growing trees on the plains and hills, preservation of natural forests, supplying water and use of firewood substitute fuel.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence attends ...



Dhammayon, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and wife, the commander and officials offered robes, umbrellas, slippers and fans to Presiding Nayaka of Heyaywama Shwebontha Monastery member of State Sangha Maha

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing conveys Buddha images to altar of Sankyaungdaw along stairways.

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Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa and members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party watched semifinals and finals of Intha traditional 46-oar, student 46-oar, women's 26-oar and over 100-oar boat races.

Officials presented consolation prizes to the winners in the respective boat races. The commander presented first and second prize winners in 46-oar boat

races.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing awarded first prize winning Kelar Village boat team and second prize winning Ywagyi Village boat team in the men's over-100 oar boat race.

After the ceremony, they cordially greeted the winners.

Later, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party paid homage to Presiding Nayaka of Nyaungshwe Sasana Weiponla Shwegu Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Vilasabhivamsa.—MNA

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images at the archway of the stairways.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and officials conveyed the images to the altar of the Sankyaungdaw along the stairways.

The congregation paid homage to the images and made cash donation.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing donated alms and gold foils to the Buddha images.

At Inlay Phaungdaw U



Intha traditional boat race in Inlay lake in progress.—MNA

Ma Sein-Kyauk Sin suspension bridge in Kalewa of Sagaing Division contributing to smooth transport for local people

Article: *Kyawt Maung Maung*; Photos: *Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*



Chairman U Kyaw Zin of Kalewa Township Peace and Development Council.

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“As Ma Sein has got 16-bed station hospital, BEHS (Branch) and police station, we had the bridge constructed so that health, education and social matters of the 12 village-tracts could be without delay and accident. He said that water flow Ma Sein creek is rough, and it would be unwise to cross the creek in hastiness;

that sometimes, it is difficult to get to the other bank even with boat that they had to form bridge construction committee and had wooden bridge constructed; that the 7-foot wide and 570-foot long bridge was funded by cash assistance of wellwishers and grant of the government.

Chairman U Aung San of Balaktha village PDC said “We had to cross the creek on foot previously. And we found that when it comes to rainy season, adults could manage to cross the creek. But, children and school boys faced difficulties in crossing the bridge alone. I am very glad to see the bridge.”

We also had an opportunity to observe the customs of the villagers who live on

either sides of Ma Sein creek that is if somebody fall ill, every household sends its one family member to take care of the patient. Soon, as the bell rung, we saw students walking back home through Ma Sein-Kyauk Sin suspension bridge, and interviewed a student who said he

of Balaktha village studying at eighth grade. The boy also said that they have to cross the creek in water before the existence of the bridge: that they crossed the creek with boat when water level is rising; that they do not have to worry the tide now as the bridge had emerged.

Local people of



Maung Thein Zaw Student Balektha village.

Kalewa now are enjoying better transportation owing to the emergence of Ma Sein-Kyauk Sin suspension bridge resulted from assistance of the State and goodwill of wellwishers.

Translation: TKK

Myanma Alin:

7-10-2009



Picturesque view of Kalewa in Sagaing Division.

INVITATION

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified engineering companies/contractors to submit their best cost proposal for renovation of the Indonesian Compound 1 and the Indonesian Compound 2 and send it to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

For further information, please contact Mr. Rahman Priaelmu or Mr. Gopokson T. Situmorang at Indonesian Embassy Office (Ph. 01-254465, 254469 or fax. 01-254468).

Interested Companies/ Contractors are allowed to come and examine both compounds during office hour from 8th October 2009 to 13th October 2009.

Company proposal must be submitted on 16th October 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, 7 October 2009

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The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified planning and monitoring consultants to submit their best cost proposal for the Ambassador's residence furniture work.

For further information, please contact Ms. Sri Dewi Dyah Iskatonningsih or Mr. Gopokson T. Situmorang at the Embassy by phone: 254465, 254469 or fax: 254468.

Interested consultants may come to the Embassy on weekdays during office hours (09.00 am-04.00 pm) from 7 to 14 October 2009.

The proposals are to be submitted by 19 October 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, 6 October 2009

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Three Cambodians die of flu A/H1N1

PHNOM PENH, 7 Oct—The Cambodian Health Ministry said on Tuesday that two more Cambodians died of A/H1N1 virus so far, raising the total death number to three in Cambodia.

A 24-year-old pregnant woman and a 41-year-old Cambodian man became the second and third person that died of the flu A/ H1N1 after a 40-year-old woman died late last month.

"We all regret for those persons who died of the disease," Mum Bun Heng, health minister said in a news conference at the Calmette Hospital here.

He also appealed to all local people to take care of themselves from this flu and to live with hygiene and sanitation.

"We should be cautious in the upcoming Royal Water Festival which falls on 31 Oct to 3 Nov because people are crowded at that time, he said, calling on people who have infected with the flu should not go out this festival to avoid spreading it to other people.

Xinhua

About 400 children die annually in Fiji from preventable diseases

SUVA, 7 Oct—It was revealed this week by health authorities in Fiji that about 400 children under the age of five died from preventable or curable diseases annually.

In 2008 alone there were 259 cases of syphilis in children according to statistics released Tuesday from the Ministry of Health.

This was mainly attributed to the fact that most mothers failed to attend ante natal clinics in their initial stages of pregnancies.

Fiji Ministry of Health official and national adviser for family health, Josaia Samuela, made this revelation based on annual statistics.

He said because some mothers had not undergone the pregnancy checks in the first three months, conditions developed which could have been prevented if detected sooner.

An emerging issue in the island nation with the potential of becoming a major public health problem is sexually-transmitted infections such as HIV/AIDS, syphilis and gonorrhea.

The infection of so many newborns with syphilis is because infected mothers booked very late or simply ignored antenatal care resulting in the passing of the infection to the unborn child, Dr Samuela said.

Internet

New findings about brain proteins suggest possible way to fight Alzheimer's

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct—The action of a small protein that is a major villain in Alzheimer's disease can be counterbalanced with another brain protein, researchers at University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center have found in an animal study.

The findings, available online this week in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggest a promising new tactic against the devastating illness, the researchers said.

The harmful protein, called beta-amyloid, is found in the brain and, when functioning properly, suppresses nerve activity involved with memory and learning. Its normal function can be likened to a red traffic light, restraining nerve cells from getting overexcited when they receive stimulating signals from neighboring cells. People with Alzheimer's disease, however, accumulate too much beta-amyloid — the traffic light gets stuck on "red" and nerve cells become less responsive.

Another brain protein, called Reelin, acts as a "green light," stimulating nerve cells to respond more strongly to their neighbors' signals.

The new study shows that applying Reelin directly to brain slices from mice prevents excess beta-amyloid from completely silencing nerves.

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NASA space telescope discovers largest ring around Saturn

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct—NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope has discovered an enormous ring around Saturn — by far the largest of the giant planet's many rings, the US space agency said on Tuesday.

The new belt lies at the far reaches of the Saturnian system, with an orbit tilted 27 degrees from the main ring plane. The bulk of its material starts about six million kilometers (3.7 million miles) away from the planet and extends outward roughly another 12million kilometers (7.4 million miles). One of Saturn's farthest moons, Phoebe, circles within the newfound ring, and is likely the source of its material. Saturn's newest halo is thick, too — its vertical height is about 20 times the diameter of the planet. It would take about one billion Earths stacked together to fill the ring.

Xinhua

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3M locates first Asian drug delivery R&D lab in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 7 Oct—3M, an American multinational conglomerate corporation, opened here on Wednesday a drug delivery R&D lab, also its first in Asia.

Officiating at the opening ceremony for the lab on Wednesday, Singapore Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang said that it is also Singapore's first drug formulation lab, which will introduce new drug delivery device capabilities that will enhance and strengthen the fast growing base of biomedical research here.

He also stressed that pharmaceutical and biotech companies can now leverage 3M's R&D presence here to co-develop innovative drug delivery products for global markets. He said that today, more than 50 global biomedical sciences companies carry out cutting-edge R&D in Singapore, and that through Singapore, they can take their innovations beyond the laboratory into clinical testing and commercial development.—Xinhua

Moms-to-be can pass on asthma to baby

MONTREAL, 7 Oct — Expectant mothers, who have asthma but are not treated during pregnancy, heighten the risk of their babies having asthma, Canadian researchers said. Lead author Dr Lucie Blais, a professor at the Universite de Montreal and researcher at the Hopital du Sacre-Coeur de Montreal and colleagues at the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research Center examined a decade of health records for 8,226 children — from birth to age 10 — born to asthmatic moth-

ers.

Parents of these children were also mailed questionnaires requesting additional facts concerning familial medical history, lifestyle habits and environment.

The study, published in the European Respiratory Journal, found 32.6 percent of children born to mothers who neglected to treat their asthma during pregnancy developed the respiratory illness themselves.

“Uncontrolled maternal asthma during pregnancy could trigger a tran-

sient yet important reaction in the fetus that affects lung development and could subsequently increase the likelihood of a baby developing asthma in later childhood,” Blais said in a statement.

“It is of great importance for physicians to adequately treat asthmatic mothers during pregnancy, not only for the favorable outcome of pregnancy but also for the benefit of the child.”

Internet



A paramedical worker sprays influenza H1N1 vaccine into Brundan Marty's nose at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore during an event marking the beginning of the city-wide H1N1 vaccination program in New York, the US, on 6 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Flexibility test may indicate heart risk

DENTON, 7 Oct— Whether someone can reach his or her toes from a sitting position on the floor may be an indicator of heart risk, US and Japanese researchers said.

Among people age 40 and older, performance on the sit-and-reach test could be used to assess the flexibility of the arteries. Arterial stiffness often precedes cardiovascular disease and the results suggest that this simple test could become a quick measure of an individual's risk for early mortality from heart attack or stroke, researchers said.

Study author Kenta Yamamoto, of the University of North Texas and the National Institute of Health and Nutrition in Japan, and colleagues in Japan said it is not known why arterial flexibility would be related to the flexibility of the body in middle age and older people. However, the study authors said that one possibility is that stretching exercises may set into motion physiological reactions that slow down age-related arterial stiffening.

“Our findings have potentially important clinical implications because trunk flexibility can be easily evaluated,” Yamamoto said in a statement. “This simple test might help to prevent age-related arterial stiffening.”—Internet

Whooper swans swim at Qinghai Lake near Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province on 6 Oct, 2009. Whooper swans arrived at the lake to live through the winter weeks earlier than past years. —XINHUA



Fast-food ban unlikely to cut obesity

SANTA MONICA, 7 Oct — An ordinance to restrict fast-food chain restaurants in South Los Angeles is unlikely to cut obesity, officials of a non-profit research organization said.

Researchers at Rand

Health, part of the Rand Corp., found that the South Los Angeles region has no more fast-food chain establishments on a per capita basis than other parts of the city, but rather many more small food stores and other food out-

lets.

The report, published online by the journal Health Affairs, said these small food stores and outlets are more likely to be the source of high-calorie snacks and soda consumed substantially more often by residents of South Los Angeles as compared to other parts of the city. “The Los Angeles ordinance may have been an important first by being concerned with health outcomes, but it is not the most promising approach to lowering the high rate of obesity in South Los Angeles,” lead author Roland Sturm, a senior economist at Rand, a nonprofit research organization, said in a statement.—Internet

Healthiest foods some of the riskiest

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct — Greens, eggs, tuna, oysters, potatoes, cheese, ice cream, tomatoes and berries are the riskiest foods the US government regulates, a non-profit says.

Sarah Klein, staff attorney for the Center for Science in the Public Interest and lead author of the report on food regulation said more than 1,500 separate, definable outbreaks were associated with the top 10 riskiest Food and Drug Administration-regulated foods, causing nearly 50,000 reported illnesses.

However, since most food-borne illnesses are never reported, these out-

breaks are only the tip of a large hulking iceberg, Klein says.

Manure, contaminated irrigation water, or poor handling practices are all possible culprits in those outbreaks, Klein says. “It is clearly time for FDA's reliance on industry self-regulation to come to an end.

Internet

Exercise advised for rheumatoid arthritis

LEIDEN, 7 Oct — Exercise programs designed to improve strength and stamina are safe and effective treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, a review by Dutch researchers found. Lead researcher Emalie Hurkmans of the Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands and colleagues reviewed dynamic exercise program trials in rheumatoid arthritis patients and found moderate benefits associated with this type of treatment.

“Based on the evidence in this study, we would recommend aerobic capacity training combined with muscle strength training as routine practice for RA patients,” Hurkmans said in a statement. “But we need more research to establish the recommended length and type of exercise programs, whether patients need to be supervised and if these programs are cost effective.” The researchers combined data from eight trials involving a total of 575 patients. The results, published in the Cochrane Library, reaffirm the previous studies' findings that dynamic exercise programs are safe and have positive effects on aerobic capacity and muscle strength in rheumatoid arthritis patients, and when performed long-term also have a positive effect on functional ability.—Internet

Nanoparticles give solar cells a boost

COLUMBUS, 7 Oct— Ohio State University scientists say they are using silver nanoparticles in research designed to lead to lighter, cheaper and more flexible solar cells.

The scientists say they're experimenting with polymer semiconductors that absorb the sun's energy and generate electricity. They report discovering that adding tiny bits of silver to the plastic boosts the materials' electrical current generation.

The team, led by physics Professor Paul Berger, said it measured the amount of light absorbed by an experimental solar cell polymer with and without silver nanoparticles. They also measured the solar cell's current density — the amount of electrical current generated per square centimeter.

The scientists said without silver, the material generated 6.2 milliamps per square centimeter. With silver, it generated 7.0 milliamps — an increase of nearly 12 percent.

Berger said the small silver particles help the polymer capture a wider range of wavelengths of sunlight than would normally be possible, which in turn increases the current output.

Internet

SPORTS

England turn to Cahill and Hart



Centreback Gary Cahill

LONDON, 7 Oct—Goalkeeper Joe Hart and centreback Gary Cahill have won late call-ups to England's squad for the upcoming World Cup qualifiers against Ukraine and Belarus.

The duo replace Blackburn goalkeeper Paul Robinson, who has a hip injury, and Everton defender Joleon Lescott (calf), respectively.

For Hart, currently on loan at Birmingham from Manchester City, the call-up represents a chance to force his way into contention for a trip to the World Cup finals in South Africa next year. He joins fellow keepers Portsmouth's David James and West Ham's Robert Green in a squad from which Ben Foster was conspicuously absent.—*Internet*

Gulbis upsets Stepanek at Japan Open tennis

TOKYO, 7 Oct—Unheralded qualifier Ernests Gulbis of Latvia showed his potential by upsetting sixth seed Radek Stepanek in the first round at the Japan Open tennis tournament on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old Latvian, ranked 98th against Stepanek's 16th, used his serve to score a solid 6-4, 6-4 victory over the Czech player.

Gulbis fired a total of 13 aces and saved all five break points against him in the 65-minute match.

Gulbis said he struggled with a left knee injury during the season, but regained his confidence

after playing Britain's Andy Murray in the US Open last month despite a three-set loss.—*Internet*



Latvia's Ernests Gulbis pictured during his game against France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga during their second round of ATP Thailand Open in Bangkok on 1 October.—*INTERNET*

Queiroz counting on fit Ronaldo for World Cup qualifiers



Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz

LISBON, 7 Oct—Portugal coach Carlos Queiroz expressed his confidence on Tuesday that Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo would be fit for key World Cup qualifiers against Hungary and Malta on October 10 and

14 respectively.

Ronaldo missed Real Madrid's first Liga loss of the season at Seville last weekend with an ankle injury.

But Queiroz believes he will be fit and included him along with Rangers midfielder Pedro Mendes and Malaga striker Edinho among his 24-man squad.

Queiroz put his side through their paces at Obidos on Tuesday with six players missing because of fitness worries.

Internet

FIFA chief to discuss Russian 2018 World Cup bid

MOSCOW, 7 Oct—FIFA chief Joseph Blatter is to visit Moscow on 14-15 Oct to discuss the Russian bid to host the 2018 football World Cup, local media reported on Wednesday.

Blatter will hold talks with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Russia's application for hosting the 2018 World Cup, Russian Sports and Tourism Minister Vitaly Mutko said.

The sport's world governing body FIFA highly values the government's support during a country's bid for the world championship, Mutko said.

Blatter has already met with senior officials from most candidates, and we have now set a date for his visit to Russia and his meeting with Putin, Mutko said.

Xinhua

Serena reigns supreme as Nadal survives tennis scare

BEIJING, 7 Oct—American tennis superstar Serena Williams regained the world number one ranking on Tuesday with an easy win at the China Open, while Rafael Nadal survived a scare in his opening match.

Defending champions Andy Roddick and Jelena Jankovic were both upset at the 6.6-million-dollar tournament, a combined ATP/WTA event aimed at bolstering China's position as a key tennis marketplace.

Internet

Maradona talks of quitting Argentina job

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Oct—Under-pressure Argentina coach Diego Maradona has announced that he might quit after must-win World Cup qualifiers against Peru and Uruguay.

"After the qualifiers, I will talk to (Argentine football federation chairman) Julio (Grondona)," Maradona told reporters Tuesday.

"I'll see if I carry on, and it will be on my conditions," he said.

"When Julio offered me this job, I was the happiest man in the world, but since there have been things that I have not liked," Maradona said, without further explanation.

Internet

Hungary in U20 World Cup quarterfinals



Hungary's Jan Vosahlik celebrates his goal during the match between Hungary and Czech at the 17th FIFA U-20 World Cup in Egyptian coastal city of Alexandria, on 6 Oct, 2009. Hungary won the match 6-5 to step in the top 8.—*XINHUA*

ALEXANDRIA, 7 Oct—Hungary beat Czech Republic 6-5 after playing two extra periods and resorting to penalties on Tuesday to reach the quarterfinals of FIFA U-20 World Cup.

At the 15th minute of the match, Mate Kiss, midfielder of Hungary, scored through a powerful shot to put his team ahead.

Czech Republic tried hard to equalize when its forward Jan Vosahlik scored the first goal for his team at the 26th minute.

The second half-time ended when the result was 1-1, so the referee gave two periods of extra time.

At the second minute of the first extra period, forward of Czech Republic, Micheal Rabusic, scored the second goal for his team.—*Xinhua*

Ghana in U20 World Cup quarterfinals

CAIRO, 7 Oct—Ghana overcame South Africa 2-1 on Tuesday to reach the quarterfinals of FIFA U-20 World Cup.

The first half-time ended with a goalless draw despite efforts from both sides.

Then South Africa scored first when its forward Kermit Erasmus succeeded to score at the 60th minute of the match.

However, Ghana tried hard to equalize until its midfielder Andre Ayew scored the first goal for his team about ten minutes later.

The second half-time ended when the result was 1-1, so the referee gave two periods of extra time.

At the first extra time, at the 99th minute of the match, Dominic Adiyiah, forward of Ghana succeeded to score the second goal for his team through a



Ghana's Andre Ayew (R) vies with South Africa's Ace Bhengu during the round of 16 match at the 17th FIFA U-20 World Cup in Ismailia, Egypt, on 6 Oct, 2009. Ghana won the match 2-1.—*XINHUA*

powerful shot.

The match witnessed eleven yellow cards and one red card. South Africa was yellow carded five times while Ghana was yellow carded six times and red carded once.—*Xinhua*

Costa Rica in U20 World Cup quarterfinals

CAIRO, 7 Oct—Costa Rica stunned Egypt 2-0 on Tuesday to reach the quarterfinals of FIFA U-20 World Cup.



Costa Rica's David Guzman Perez (R) vies with Egypt's Afroto during the round of 16 match at the 17th FIFA U-20 World Cup in Cairo, Egypt, on 6 Oct, 2009. Costa Rica won the match 2-0.—*XINHUA*

At the 21st minute of the first half-time, Defender of Costa Rica, Jose Mena, succeeded to score to put his team ahead.

After the goal, Egyptian players tried hard to equalize but in vain to end the first half-time 1-0 for Costa Rica.

One minute before the end of the match, midfielder of Costa Rica, Diego Esrrada, succeeded to score the second goal for his team, to end Egypt's hopes and to end the match 2-0 for his country.

The match witnessed seven yellow cards. Costa Rica was yellow carded three times while Egypt was yellow carded four times.—*Xinhua*



Argentina coach Diego Maradona pictured during a training session in Ezeiza, Buenos Aires, on 6 October.—*INTERNET*

Real estate trading in Jordan down 38% during January-September

AMMAN, 7 Oct—Trading in real estate sector in Jordan during the first nine months of 2009 plummeted by 38 percent compared with the same period in 2008, according to figures by the Lands and Survey Department on Wednesday.

The figures showed trading in the sector during the January-September period dropped to 3.1 billion Jordanian dinars compared with 5 billion dinars in the same period of 2008. Of the total amount of transactions during the first nine months, 3,595 deals were registered by non-Jordanians with a total value of 185.5 million dinars. Iraqis came first in the list of investors in terms of the total value of transactions with 89.99 million dinars, followed by Americans and Saudi Arabians. Head of Jordan's Housing Investors Society Zuhair Omari said the drop is no surprise because of the global financial crisis, noting that the decline is much better than expectation. "We expected a decline by 50 percent during the first three quarters of 2009 and the 38 percent drop is less than what expected. This is good and ushers in a imminent recovery in the sector," Omari told Xinhua.—Xinhua



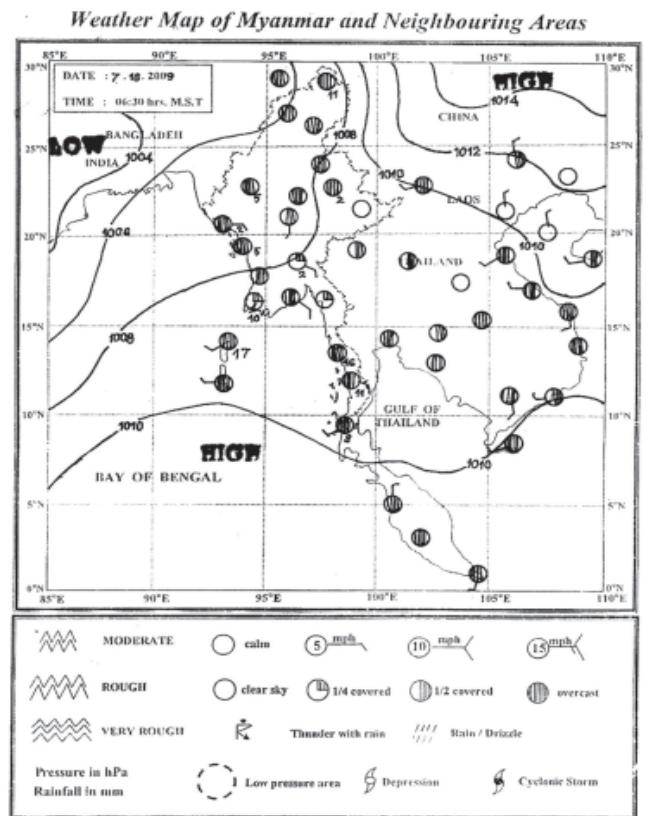
Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat marches with tens of thousands of people at the Jerusalem March October 6, 2009. Jews and visitors from all over the world gathered in Jerusalem on Tuesday and staged a massive and festive parade across the holy city.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8-10-2009) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * A Day In Yangon (Myanmar's Shwedagon)
 - * School for the Blind
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Sightseeing around Mandalay and Sagaing (Amarapura, Inn Wa, Sagaing, Mingun)
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * The City of Kalay to Tamu, border Town
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * A Sector of Taninthayi's Economy Marine Products
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Dawei Traditional Longyi Weaving Art
 - * Hunter's Hill
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-I)
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Wednesday, 7th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.08) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (0.31) inch, Dawei (1.81) inches, Gangaw (1.50) inches, Mogok and Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.83) inch each and Mingin (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-10-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 7-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-10-2009 was 79%. Total sun shine hours on 6-10-2009 was (5.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 7-10-2009 was (0.82) inch at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (108.62) inches at Mingaladon, (119.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (125.00) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (18:45) hours MST on 6-10-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and Central Bay and monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8th October 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Chin State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 8 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဣတိဝဏ္ဏိဋ္ဌိတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. အဝှံဇယမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am**
6. Dance Variety
- 8:10 am**
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
8. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့”
- 8:25 am**
9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အဓိကသမီး)
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Connect with English (Episode-8) (The Stranger)
- 9:00 am**
12. Dance Variety
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Song of National Races
- 4:15 pm**
3. Cute Little Dancers

- 4:25 pm**
4. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ခုတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)
- 4:55 pm**
6. Song to Uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
7. “ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောက်ရွက်လျှင်အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေ့မိခင်”
- 5:10 pm**
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:20 pm**
9. အလင်းတံခါးဖွင့်လှစ်ခဲ့ပြီ အညာဒေသဆီ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 5:35 pm**
10. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အဓိကသမီး)
- 5:45 pm**
11. Musical Programme

- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
14. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ “ပန်းပေးနည်း” (ဇာတ်သိမ်း) (သူရလင်း၊ချစ်စနိုးဦး၊ကစ်ကစ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)
- 6:35 pm**
15. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း
- 7:00 pm**
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်”(အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
 18. International News
 19. Weather Report
 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၆၃)
 21. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည် “မြိတ်ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
 22. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မြုဒိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်” (တတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

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- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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- We favour peace and stability
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- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles



Relations Minister U Aung Kyi meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 7 Oct— Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, who is assigned

duties as Relations Minister to communicate with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha Guesthouse, here, from 1 pm to 1.26 pm today.

Relations Minister U Aung Kyi meeting with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha Guesthouse in Yangon.

MNA

Relations Minister U Aung Kyi met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for the first time on 3 October 2009 and the current meeting was the second one in 2009.—MNA

Publications donated to village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct—Donor U Maung Maung Lwin-Daw Aye Aye Hla (Ministry of Rail Transportation) and family presented various kinds of publications totalling 365 books to Director U Than Tun of Information and Public Relations De-

partment (Head Office), here, for village libraries yesterday.

Those publications will be distributed to village libraries in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Townships.—MNA

Profound evidences of Myanmar's drug elimination tasks

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Instead of lodging groundless accusations against Myanmar, they should all participate in and encourage the tasks Myanmar is implementing for drug elimination, reduction of poppy growing, provision of technical assistance and aid for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, and the programmes to alleviate poverty of poppy growers.

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