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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attends Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 15 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning attended the opening of Myanmar Information and Communications Technology Exhibition 2009 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, here.

At the opening ceremony held in front of the hall, the President of Myanmar Computer Federation explained the purpose of holding the exhibition.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, the President of MCF and the Chairman of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association formally opened the exhibition.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force and party, ambassadors, diplomats and officials visited the exhibition.—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

Kyaukse, famous town for elephant festival



White elephant statues at the entrance to Kyaukse.

Kyaukse is located on Yangon-Mandalay Highway about 32 miles south of Mandalay. Singaing lies in the north of the town, Myittha in the south, TadaU in the west, PyinOoLwin, Ywangan and Yaksawk Townships of Shan State in

the east. It has an area of 725.28 square miles.

At the entrance to Kyaukse, we can see splendid white elephant statues welcoming the guests. The terms Kyaukse and white elephant cannot be separated. White elephant is designated as the

symbol of the town as the fact that the white elephant took a rest on Shwethalyung Mountain where Kyaukse is located while conveying tooth relic of Buddha by white elephant in the time of King Anawratha of Bagan. Up to now, elephant dancing

contest are held on a grand scale.

Senior Engineer U Kyon Lyan Boi of Township Development Affairs Committee explained to our news crew, "We are striving for keeping Kyaukse clean and beautiful. In addition, continued efforts are being made for better transport and supply of clean water in rural areas."

With respect to supply of clean water, the whole township could use

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Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

clean water since 2003 and it has completed on 26 April 2009 for the district as a whole. Since 2003, four wards in the west of the township are being supplied 360,000 gallons of clean water daily from Zeedaw and Zawgyi water pumping stations.

In the eastern part of the town, 500,000

gallons of clean water is distributed with gravity flow system through 60,000- and 20,000-gallon-capacity water tanks on Waibu Hill by pumping water from Zawgyi River. In order to supply more clean water, efforts are being made for 2009-2010 financial year.

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Town Hall and clock tower in Kyaukse.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 October, 2009

Develop agriculture and livestock breeding industries to ensure food security

Food and Agriculture Organization designated 16 October as World Food Day, aiming at food security, the most essential requirement for people to live.

Myanmar, as a member nation of the organization, has observed the day every year. Food security is a major challenge the whole world faces today and so the 1996 World Food Summit passed a resolution to try to halve the impoverished and undernourished population by the year 2015.

Health problems, shorter lifespan, decline in working capacity and limited access to education resulting from poverty and hunger can harm not only the present generation but also future generation.

Myanmar has been striving for development of agriculture and rural economy as agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry are the main industries of the seventy per cent of the nation's population.

Out of basic necessities, food is the most essential requirement for life. This being so, it is necessary to constantly increase agricultural production for the growing population. Myanmar, with excellent potential for extending the cultivation of crops, has been trying to boost production in the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors with the application of modern techniques.

According to the motto of this year's World Food Day : Achieving food security in times of crisis, the entire people of Myanmar, we believe, will work in concert to ensure abundant supply of food by making the best use of the nation's favourable aquatic, terrestrial and climatic conditions.

Respect-paying ceremony of EMBA on 23 October

YANGON, 15 Oct—The respect-paying ceremony of EMBA Programme 2009 of Yangon Institute of Economics will be held at Sedona Hotel here on 23 October.

The students from the 1st to 8th batch may attend the ceremony. For detailed information, dial 09 5144623, 09 5108287, 09 5000699, 09 5173368, 09 5110892, 09 5118861 and 09 5114536 of the students from the 7th Batch and contact the ECs of respective classes, not later than 19 October.—MNA

Tobacco Kills

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

Basic vocational training courses opened in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct —The Education and Training Department of Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs opened the vocational training basic course No.2 and the carpentry, mason and iron works basic course No.2 on 12 October in Pyapon.

The ceremony to open the courses was held at Thirianawa Hall in Pyapon and Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address at the ceremony.

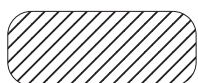
Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe delivered an opening address of the courses. Afterwards, the deputy minister went to Bogale and also delivered key note address at the opening of the vocational training basic course No.2 and the carpentry, mason and iron works basic course No.2 in Bogale.

The deputy minister also attended the opening ceremony of the two courses in Mawlamyinegyun.

A total of 60 trainees each are participating in each vocational training basic course No.2 and 50 participating in each carpentry, mason and iron works basic course No.2. Each course will last 5 weeks. — MNA



Deputy Minister
Col Tin Ngwe
delivers opening
speech.—MNA



Energy Dy Minister inspects Shwepyitha oil-field

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 11 October inspected production of petroleum and natural gas at Shwepyitha oil-field in Myanaung under Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

At the briefing hall, the deputy minister fulfilled the requirements after hearing the reports presented by the general manager on production, arrangements for new oil wells.

On 12 October, the



Deputy
Minister
Brig-Gen
Than Htay
inspects
construction
project site of
500-ton No. 5
Fertilizer
Factory.
ENERGY

deputy minister went to 500-ton No. 5 Fertilizer Factory construction project site (Pathein) undertaken by MOGE in Kangyidaunt Township,

Ayeyawady Division. The officials reported to the deputy minister on completed and ongoing tasks before he left necessary instructions. The deputy

minister later presented fruit basket to foreign experts working at the site.

Next, the deputy minister looked around the site.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Aung Than Oo Chief Engineer Power System Department Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No. 2	Managing Director Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No. 2
(b) Professor Dr Daw Mya Thu Professor/Head of Department Bio-chemistry Department University of Medicine (Mandalay) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Rector University of Nursing (Yangon) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(c) Dr Than Win Deputy Principal Bago Degree College Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education.	Principal Bago Degree College Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education

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Obama and aides debate options for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct —President Barack Obama held three hours of talks with top advisers on a new strategy for Afghanistan on Wednesday, with some aides emphasizing the main threat to US interests is al Qaeda, not the Taliban.

The administration's analysis of the threat posed by the Taliban could play a role in

whether Obama accepts part or all of US Army General Stanley McChrystal's request for 40,000 or more extra US troops for Afghanistan. Some of Obama's fellow Democrats in the US Congress oppose sending more troops, while Republicans favour deploying more and believe Obama should go ahead and make up his mind.

As US and NATO casualties have soared,

public support for the eight-year-old war has eroded. Obama gathered in the White House Situation Room with Vice President Joe Biden and other senior aides for a fifth session about Afghanistan with another scheduled for next week, as the president takes his time in deciding the future US course there. A decision could be weeks away, officials say.

Internet



File photo shows the first zero-emission, hydrogen-fueled public water taxi in San Francisco. A Japanese shipmaker has said it plans to launch the world's first large electric ferry—the latest innovation aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.—INTERNET

Central Europe hit by heavy snow, high winds

WARSAW, 15 Oct—Poland deployed troops and snow ploughs on Wednesday after snow and powerful winds cut off power supplies to as many as 700,000 people in storms which swept Central Europe. Tens of thousands of Ukrainians were also without electricity as wind and snow damaged power lines and generators, the emergencies ministry in Kiev said.

High winds whipped up huge waves along Poland's Baltic coast, damaging the pier at the seaside resort of Sopot and forcing the evacuation of families from a river island threatened by rising water levels." The snow is continuing to fall all the time. The situation is fast-moving. All our brigades are out in the field, trying to deal with the situation," Katarzyna Burda-Mazurek, a spokeswoman for Poland's PGE power company, told the PAP state news agency.

Internet



Iraqis inspect the site of a bomb explosion in Karbala, south of Baghdad. Eleven people were killed and 60 others wounded in attacks in Baghdad, the northern city of Mosul and Karbala on Wednesday, police and ministry officials said.—INTERNET

Taleban commander killed, three arrested in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Oct—A Taliban militant commander was killed and three others detained in Takhar province, north of Afghanistan as they came in contact with police Wednesday night, the provincial police chief said on Thursday. "A group of armed militants attacked police forces in Dasht-e-Qala and police returned fire, as a result militants' group commander Jamal was killed and three others detained," Ziauddin Mahmoodi told Xinhua. Jamal was believed to be responsible for providing and transferring weapons to militants.

"Some 35 RPG rocket propel, a machine gun, over 200 AK-47 bullets were also seized by police," the official added. No casualties were reported on police, Mahmoodi further said.—Xinhua



A recent spike in violence has shaken confidence in the Iraqi capital.—INTERNET

VA to ease way for vets to get stress disability

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — Female soldiers and others serving in dangerous roles behind the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan have long complained it was hard to prove their combat experience when applying for disability for post-traumatic stress disorder. That could soon change.

The Veterans Affairs Department has proposed reducing the paperwork required for veterans to show their experience

caused combat-related stress. Even just the fear of hostile action would be sufficient, as long as a VA psychologist or psychiatrist agreed.

The VA says the change would streamline claims and recognize the "inherently stressful nature" of war service. The agency is accepting comment until 23 Oct.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki told lawmakers on Wednesday he's committed to improving trust in the claims process between veterans and the VA, and to helping veterans receive benefits they are entitled to."We will change the culture," Shinseki said. "I will assure you of that."

Sen Patty Murray, D-Wash, called it a significant shift in policy.

Internet

Baghdad gold market hit in attack

BAGHDAD, 15 Oct — At least eight people have been killed and a number of others wounded in attacks on a market in a mainly Shia neighbourhood of north-west Baghdad. A number of explosions shook the Shula district, after which gunmen raided shops in the gold market.

Witnesses said the gunmen stole amounts of gold before they escaped, shooting wildly and throwing hand grenades. In Karbala, south of the capital, three bombings near shrines in the city killed one person and injured 30. Security officials say there is a link between criminal gangs and the still-active anti-US and anti-government insurgency.

A hospital official in Baghdad is quoted by Reuters news agency confirming that eight people died and another nine were injured at the market. Political and sectarian violence has diminished in Iraq since 2005-07 levels, but lawlessness remains a problem, and there has been a recent spike in violent incidents.—Internet

US missile hits Pakistan border; civilians flee

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 15 Oct—Streams of civilians jammed into cars and trucks to flee the militant stronghold of South Waziristan as the government pounded the area with air strikes ahead of an expected ground offensive against the Taliban along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. Early Thursday, a suspected US missile strike hit neighboring North Waziristan, killing four alleged militants as the Americans, too, kept up pressure on insurgents in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt, intelligence officials said. Separately, an explosion outside a police station rocked a district near the tribal regions, killing at least 10 people.—Internet

There have been frequent drone attacks in recent months.—INTERNET





Visitors view the pavilion models at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo and the World Expos history exhibition in Shanghai, east China, on 13 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Airports in Shanghai set for Expo upgrades

BEIJING, 15 Oct — Shanghai's city airport authorities are all systems go ahead of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. Officials said yesterday that they would step up check-in procedures and improve information flow on flight delays.

Both the city's airports — Pudong International and Hongqiao International— are confident of handling the flood of passengers during the event.

"We will try our best to ensure passengers have a more efficient and pleasant service," said Wang Guangdi, vice president of the Shanghai Airport Authority.

During the six-month Expo, the city's two airports are expected to receive between 11.55 million and 16.80 million more passengers. Average daily turnover will increase to nearly 250,000 from the present 158,000.

Wang said the expected Expo turnover was comparable to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, the second busiest in the world.—Xinhua

Bailout to keep Air India flying

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct— The Indian government has agreed to help keep the ailing national carrier, Air India, flying with an injection

of more than £689m (\$1.1bn). The large financial aid package would be paid out in phases, Aviation Minister Praful Patel said. In return the airline must agree to restructure the company.

It will have to boost its revenues with cost cuts that total £407m (\$650m) spread over the next two years, the minister added.

The airline reported a loss of \$875m in the fiscal year ending in March.

Internet

Mexico, Belize agree to cooperate on trade

MEXICO CITY, 15 Oct— Mexico and Belize have inked a deal to boost trade cooperation between the two sides, southeastern Mexican state Quintana Roo said on Wednesday in a statement.

In a deal signed late on Tuesday in Quintana Roo's capital Chetumal, both sides agreed to enhance cooperation on tourism and agriculture, mainstays of both Belize's and Quintana Roo's economy.

The two sides have recently set up a ferry service linking towns in northern Belize and southern Mexico across the Caribbean.—Xinhua

US retail sales dragged down by auto sales

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — US retail sales saw their biggest decline of the year in September as auto sales were dented by the end of government trade-in incentives, official data showed on Wednesday.

Sales fell 1.5 percent following a revised 2.2 percent jump in August. The figure was not as weak as a 2.1 percent drop expected by most analysts.

The September contraction, the biggest since December 2008, was attributed to tumbling auto sales after the government ended a rebate program in which car owners swap-ped old vehicles for new, more fuel-efficient models.

Auto sales fell dramatically by 10.4 percent, reflecting the end in August of the "cash-for-clunkers" programme.—Internet



Balloon dragon : Thai visitors look at a dragon made of balloons on display at the 2009 Balloon Art World challenge event in Bangkok.

INTERNET

UN Secretary-General's message on World Food Day "Achieving food security in times of crisis"

16 October 2009

Following is the text of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message for World Food Day, to be observed on 16 October:

Food and nutritional security are the foundations of a decent life, a sound education and, indeed, the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals. Over the past two years, volatile food prices, the economic crisis, climate change and conflict have led to a dramatic and unacceptable rise in the number of people who cannot rely on getting the food they need to live, work and thrive. For the first time in history, more than 1 billion people are hungry.

Throughout the developing world, food prices remain stubbornly high. We must respond to the needs of the hungry, first by ensuring adequate political and financial support for emergency food assistance. "Achieving food security in times of crisis" is the theme for this year's World Food Day and for the TeleFood campaign of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. It emphasizes the need for even greater efforts to respect the dignity of those affected by poverty and hunger, and to support the committed women and men who often risk their lives to deliver help.

Second, we must invest in food production and distribution. Last year, I set up a High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis. Its Comprehensive Framework for Action outlines a strategy to provide safety nets and assistance for smallholder farmers and to support longer-term agricultural productivity and resilience, social protection schemes, market access and fair trade.

Nations are mobilizing for action. In July, 26 countries and 14 multilateral organizations agreed to work together under the umbrella of the L'Aquila initiative on food security. Next month's World Summit on Food Security in Rome is a further opportunity to focus on country-led and regional strategies, country-level partnerships and increased levels of assistance.

The challenges of food security demand multilateral commitment, creativity and leadership. At this time of crisis, I encourage all nations to pursue coordinated and comprehensive strategies for agricultural development and effective social protection so that vulnerable people—women and children—in particular can get the food they need for nutritional security and well-being.

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Venezuela takes over Hilton hotel

CARACAS, 15 Oct — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has ordered the obligatory acquisition of a Hilton-run hotel on the resort island of Margarita, it has emerged.

The move was ordered just weeks after the hotel housed Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe during the Africa-South America Summit.

The hotel would help develop tourism projects in a "socialist framework", a decree signed by Mr Chavez said. Hilton Worldwide, which manages the hotel, said it was analyzing the move.

The hotel "remains a member of the Hilton system of hotels, and welcomes guests with the same level of service they have come to enjoy,"

spokeswoman Karla Visconti said in a statement from Miami, Florida.

The hotel complex, on the Caribbean resort island of Margarita in Nueva Esparta state, includes more than 450 rooms and suites, a casino, restaurants, shops and offices, as well as an adjoining marina.

Internet



The hotel is on the resort island of Margarita in Nueva Esparta state.

INTERNET

Luxury flat in Hong Kong sets new world price record

HONG KONG, 15 Oct—A luxury flat in Hong Kong has set the new world record by fetching a price of about 767,000 HK dollars (113,900 US dollars) per square meter, local media reported on Thursday.

The luxury duplex located on the 68th floor, which has five bedrooms and a total floor area of 572 square meters (6,158 square feet), was sold for 439 million HK dollars (56.3 million US dollars), developer Henderson Land said on Wednesday.

In terms of salable area, the price was about 121,000 US dollars per square meter, the *South China Morning Post* reported. A luxury flat in London had set the previous world record at 6,000 pounds for each square foot of salable area (105,090 US dollars per square meter). Luxury flats in the same project in West Mid-Levels, Hong Kong, have been fetching stunning prices in recent days. Another flat on the same floor with a floor area of 571 square meters went for 397 million HK dollars (50.9 million US dollars).

The real estate prices in Hong Kong was now back at their mid-2008 level after a brief period correction amid the global economic downturn, but they were still below the peak prices recorded in 1997. Luxury flats, however, were more expensive.—Xinhua



All items from Xinhua News Agency

A luxurious residential building named 'Conduit Road 39' is seen from the Peak in Hong Kong on 14 Oct, 2009. A five-bedroom duplex suite located in the building with as much as 6,158 square feet was sold on Wednesday to an unidentified buyer from mainland China, said the developer, Henderson Land Development, a major Hong Kong property company. It claims the apartment is the most expensive in Asia by square foot.—XINHUA

Four health aid workers freed by Afghan security forces in North

KABUL, 15 Oct—Afghan National Security Forces on Wednesday rescued four health workers who were held hostage by a group of armed militants in Afghanistan's northern Sar-e-Pul Province, provincial police chief said on Thursday.

"After searching an area in Kohistanat district, known to be used by a group of militants who believed to be responsible for kidnapping of health workers, hostages were released safely on Wednesday noon," Gen Balal Niram told Xinhua.

He also said that a militant was killed in the operation while militants' group commander Allah Brut was detained with his AK-47 assault rifles.—Xinhua

Black Eagle unmanned helicopter robotic observation system for military and civilian missions is displayed at the Israel Defence Exhibition in Tel Aviv on 14 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA



Apple's iPhone 3G to debut on Chinese mainland market on 30 Oct

BEIJING, 15 Oct—Apple's iPhone 3G will make its debut on the Chinese mainland market on 30 October as scheduled and aspiring users will have to sign a two-year contract with China Unicom, the country's No 2 telco said on yesterday. Getting users to sign a contract is one way for China Unicom to lure subscribers to its network and is a competitive edge in the battle with its bigger ri-

val, China Mobile, in the keenly-fought mobile phone market, analysts said.

"The iPhone is expected to help China Unicom grab market share in the high-end segment from rivals, especially China Mobile," said Wu Wenzhao, a telecommunications analyst at Analysys International, a Beijing-based IT consulting firm.

Xinhua

Nationwide A/H1N1 outbreak could devastate US businesses

HOUSTON, 15 Oct—A nationwide outbreak of A/H1N1 flu could devastate an already weakened US economy and leave understaffed companies in even more difficulties, according to news released on Wednesday by Challenger, Gray & Christmas, the oldest US outplacement firm.

"For an employer that has recently gone through a downsizing and already stretched thin in terms of

staffing, 40 percent absenteeism in a given month could be devastating," said John A Challenger, CEO of the Chicago-based consultant firm. Challenger pointed out that a recent survey by the Harvard School of Public Health found that only a third of US companies indicated that they could sustain their business with severe operational problems if half of their workforce was sud-

denly absent for two weeks due to the A/H1N1 flu.

Only 20 percent of companies felt they could keep operations running if they were staffed at 50 percent for a month, according to the survey. Earlier this year, the US Department of Homeland Security indicated that worker absenteeism rates could reach 30 to 50 percent if a pandemic influenza broke out across the country.—Xinhua

Malaysia launches new Diplomatic Identity Card

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Oct—Malaysian Foreign Ministry launched new Diplomatic Identity Card here on Thursday for members of foreign Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations based in Malaysia.

According to a Press release released by the Foreign Ministry on Thursday, the new card is an extension of the I-Kad system currently used by the Department of Immigration of Malaysia which has adequate security features and is embedded with micro-chips which contain the personal data of the card holder.

Xinhua



A visitor takes photo of Haibao, the mascot of Shanghai World Expo, at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo and the World Expos history exhibition in Shanghai, east China, on 13 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

China, Afghanistan vow to promote practical cooperation

BEIJING, 15 Oct—China will continue to support Afghanistan's reconstruction, and make efforts to expand bilateral cooperation, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Thursday.

Meeting with Afghan Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili, who attended Wednesday's eighth prime ministers' meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states as guest of host country China, Wen said China would continue to encourage qualified and reputable companies to invest in Afghanistan, and to strengthen bilateral practical cooperation in fields such as trade, economy and agriculture.

Wen said the mutually beneficial cooperation would not only serve the fundamental interests of the two peoples, but also be conducive to the regional peace and stability. Wen said China hoped Afghanistan could realize peace, stability and development soon. China always respected Afghanistan's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, he said.

Xinhua

Burning bunnies helps keep people warm and cozy

STOCKHOLM, 15 Oct — Forget bunny boiling jealous rages and rapacious butchers.

The biggest threats to Peter Rabbit's Swedish cousins are the cold, the cull and their flammable cadavers.

The city of Stockholm shoots thousands of wild rabbits spread across the green spaces of the Swedish capital and sends their bodies to be burned as heating fuel, a practice which has enraged animal rights groups.

City official Mats

Freij said Stockholm killed 6,000 wild rabbits last year and has culled 3,000 so far this year, but said a subcontractor decided to use the cadavers as fuel.

One should put this in the perspective that we (humans) are actually cremated ourselves and that generates a completely different reaction," Freij said in response to criticism.

Animal Rights Sweden spokeswoman Lise-Lott Alsenius questioned whether the practice was

humane or ethical and suggested neutering the male rabbits as an alternative method of holding down the population."

One at least has to evaluate what the alternatives are to just simply shooting them," she said.

Internet

Israel warns of Hezbollah threat

JERUSALEM, 15 Oct — Israel's president says Hezbollah has turned Lebanon into a "powder keg", after an explosion at a member of the group's house near Tyre on Monday. Shimon Peres said the Shia Islamist group was preventing the country making peace with Israel and possibly becoming "the Switzer-

land of the Middle East".

Earlier, Israel's army released a video purportedly showing munitions being removed from the house after the blast. Both Hezbollah and the Lebanese army have said one person was wounded.

The army and UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon are investigating whether the building

might have been used to store weapons in violation of UN Resolution 1701, which ended the war between Israel and Hezbollah in the summer of 2006. More than 1,200 Lebanese, mostly civilians, were killed during the 34-day conflict, as well as 160 Israelis, most of whom were soldiers.

Internet

Mumbai lands 2011 World Cup final

MUMBAI, 15 Oct — Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium will stage the final of the 2011 Cricket World Cup, which is being co-hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The Indian board has announced the eight venues for the 29 matches it is hosting — including Mohali, which will stage one of the semi-finals.

Eden Gardens in Kolkata, which has not hosted a one-day international since 2007, will stage four games. The other venues are Ahmedabad, New Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and Nagpur. Sri Lanka will host 12 games, while Bangladesh will stage eight matches, as well as the opening ceremony in Dhaka on 18 February.

Original co-hosts Pakistan were stripped of their scheduled games by the International Cricket Council earlier this year because of security problems in the country. The full schedule for the tournament is due to be announced in Mumbai on 9 November, while the two groups of seven teams were recently announced in a revised format following criticism of the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies. —Internet

Community clinics have key role in health reform

SAN JOAQUIN, 15 Oct — Francisco Lupercio has insurance for his house, his truck and the store he runs with his wife. But he can't afford health insurance, so he joined dozens of other people lining up for exams at a community clinic.

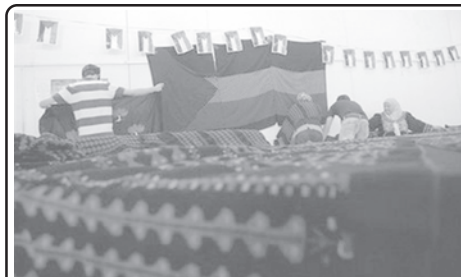
As the recession grinds on, more and more people are relying on taxpayer-supported health centers that offer care on a sliding fee scale. If Congress passes a law giving more Americans access to health insurance, the clinics will also be a critical element to ramping up capacity to care for millions of new patients.

"There is going to be a wave of chronically ill people," said Tanir Ami, executive director of the Community Clinic Consortium for Contra Costa and Solano counties, east of San Francisco. "We're well positioned to care for them." This year, federally qualified clinics are on track to handle more than 20 million patients — 2 million more than last year. Visits by uninsured patients jumped 21 percent from 2008 to 2009.

Internet



The Wankhede Stadium, pictured in 2001, is being renovated for the Cup. —INTERNET



Palestinian tailors work on hand-knitted pieces to create the largest traditional Palestinian dress in order to attempt to enter in the Guinness Book of World Records in the West Bank city of Hebron.

Chief Egypt archaeologist defends Louvre cut move

Egypt's decision to cut ties with the Louvre museum had nothing to do with the loss last month in the country's bid to head the Paris-based UNESCO, the country's chief archaeologist said Thursday.

Zahi Hawass of the Supreme Council of Antiquities said the spat with the Louvre started eight months ago, when the Paris museum refused to return painted wall fragments of a 3,200-year-old tomb from near the ancient temple

city of Luxor.

Hawass has been pushing to reclaim what he says are antiquities stolen from the country and purchased by some of the world's leading museums.

On Wednesday, he announced his council would no longer work with the Louvre, threatening the Paris museum's work in Egypt. The Louvre's excavation in the massive necropolis of Saqqara, near Cairo, was immediately suspended, and a lecture in Egypt by a former curator of the museum was canceled.

Within hours of the announcement, the Louvre said a national committee would take up the matter to decide whether to return the artifacts.

Elaborating on his decision, Hawass on Thursday issued a statement saying the severance of ties with the Louvre was unrelated to the failure of Egyptian Culture Minister Farouk Hosny to get the top post at the United Nation's culture agency.

A giant flag of Jerusalem's municipality is unfurled at Teddy stadium in Jerusalem on 17 September, 2009. According to the organizers of the event, the 43,404 square metres (467,196 square ft.) flag was certified as the world's largest flag by the Guinness World Records on 10 April, 2009 when it was first unfurled in the Philippines.

NEWS ALBUM

Lung stolen from Peru cadaver exhibition returned

The manager of a traveling exhibition of human cadavers says a lung stolen from the show has been returned.

Susan Hoefken said late on Thursday that her Lima-based production company found the lung in a plastic bag outside the exhibition after being tipped off by an anonymous phone call.

The caller did not attempt to claim the \$2,000 reward the company offered for the lung's return.

The lung was taken in Peru from "Bodies: The Exhibition." The US-owned show has traveled the globe displaying cadavers preserved through a process that replaces water in biological tissues with polymers.

The exhibition travels next to Colombia.



ND woman's 7-foot-long dog could be record holder

Boomer may be a buster: Measuring 3 feet tall at the shoulders and 7 feet long from nose to destructive wagging tail, he might be the world's tallest living dog. Owner Caryn Weber says her 3-year-old Landseer Newfoundland keeps all four paws on the floor when he drinks from the kitchen faucet in her family's eastern North Dakota farm house.

Boomer stares into car windows eye to eye with drivers. A 20-pound bag of dry dog food lasts the 180-pound canine a couple of weeks.

Weber says her furry black and white dog "comes into the house and his tail is so high everything gets knocked around."

Weber plans to send Boomer's

measurements to Guinness World Records. The previous record holder was a nearly 4-foot-tall Great Dane that died this summer.



In this photo, Boomer, a 180-pound Landseer Newfoundland dog, drinks water from the kitchen sink at Caryn Weber's home south of Casselton, ND.

Cambodia approves Law of NPN, Chemical Weapon

PHNOM PENH, 15 Oct—Cambodian National Assembly on Wednesday approved the law of non-proliferation of nuclear weapon, bio-chemical weapon, radioactive weapons and chemical weapon. “This law bans on producing, recycling, transferring, transporting the kinds of these weapons in the country, and we will create authority for controlling and investigating the chemical substances as well as a laboratory for observing these substances in the country,” said Tea Banh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence. “We do not want to see these substances destroying our people’s health and lives,” he added.

“We have purpose to set up a region of ASEAN without the nuclear weapon,” said Cheap Yeam, chairman of the audition, banking and finance. “When we have this kind of law, we will show other countries, United Nations, and IEAE (International Energy Agency) that we do not produce these weapons.”

“We also show them that we are not the threat of regional security and the war monger,” he said, adding that “our country is poor; we need the help from donor and other friend countries to develop the country and we do not have abilities to produce this kind of weapons.”—MNA/Xinhua



This undated photo provided Wednesday on 14 Oct, 2009 by Lumiere Technology in Paris shows a painting that art experts believe they have identified a new Leonardo da Vinci. Peter Paul Biro, a Montreal-based forensic art expert, said Tuesday that a fingerprint on what was presumed to be a 19th-century German painting of a young woman has convinced art experts that it’s actually a da Vinc.—INTERNET

Food, Eco. crises leave 1.02 bln people in hunger in 2009 US

ROME, 15 Oct—The food crisis in poor countries coupled with the global economic crisis had caused a spike in world hunger, with more than one billion people undernourished in 2009, the UN’s food agencies said in this year’s report on global food security issued on Wednesday.

The annual report was jointly produced by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP). “No nation is immune and, as usual, it is the poorest countries and the poorest people that are suffering the most,” said FAO chief Jacques Diouf and WFP head Josette Shee-

ran. However, the global financial turmoil has worsened an already grave situation. “Even before the food crisis and the economic crisis outbreak the number of hungry people had been increasing slowly but steadily, but with the onset of these crises world famine has increased sharply,” the Rome-based agencies reported. The FAO estimates that 1.02 billion people are currently undernourished, the highest since 1970. The largest population of the undernourished is in the Asia-Pacific Region (642 million people), followed by Sub-Saharan Africa (265 million), Latin America (53 million) and the Middle East and North Africa (42 million). Some 15 million people suffer from hunger in the developed world.

MNA/Xinhua

India signs N-Pact with Argentina, 7th since NSG Waiver

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—India and Argentina Wednesday signed an agreement in civil nuclear cooperation and nine other pacts with a desire to establish strategic partnership. The agreements were signed after wide-ranging talks between Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner here in Indian national capital New Delhi.

The Agreement for

Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy was signed by Vivek Katju, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs and Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Talana. Argentina became the seventh country with which India has signed a civil nuclear agreement after the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group lifted a 34-year-old ban on nuclear commerce in September last year.

India has already signed similar pacts with the US, France, Russia, Kazakhstan, Namibia and Mongolia. A joint statement issued after the talks said India and Argentina will make use of the synergies between the two countries and the vast experience of their nuclear scientists and technologists.

“Taking into account their respective capabilities and experience in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, both India and Argentina have agreed to encourage and support scientific technical and commercial cooperation for mutual benefit in this field”, it said.

MNA/Reuters



Santa O Clause from Australia runs in bare feet in the heats of the 80-84 year-old class of the men’s 100 meters during the Masters Games, in Sydney, Australia, recently.—INTERNET

S’pore, Indoneasia, Malaysia to promote Malacca Straits safety

SINGAPORE, 15 Oct—Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia joined hands on Wednesday to enhance safety in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

The three countries concluded a Joint Technical Arrangement (JTA) with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to institutionalize an IMO Trust Fund that supports cooperation among stakeholders towards enhancing marine environment protection, a statement from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore said. The Fund benefits from an initial contribution of one million US dollars

from Greece and marks yet another major step forward in operationalizing the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) provision for international cooperation in the maintenance of straits used for international navigation since the establishment of the historic Cooperative Mechanism in 2007.

The JTA was signed by the heads of the maritime administrations of the three littoral States and the Director of Maritime Safety Division of the IMO during the opening of the 2nd Cooperative Forum hosted by Singapore.

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Egypt, Saudi Arabia sign 2 security pacts

SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT), 15 Oct—Egypt and Saudi Arabia signed on Wednesday two security pacts about prisoners swap and fighting drug trafficking. Egypt’s Interior Minister Habib Ibrahim el-Adli and his Saudi counterpart Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz signed the pacts in the frame of cooperation between the two countries.

After the signing ceremony, el-Adli told reporters that the two pacts keep pace with international and regional efforts to fight different kinds of crimes.

The first pact is concerned with cooperation between the two governments in fighting drug trafficking on their territories in accordance with laws and rules applied in both countries while the second pact is to arrange prisoners exchange between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua



Gnomes showing the Hitler salute are seen in the installation ‘Dance with the Devil’ of German artist Ottmar Hoerl at a square in Straubing, southern Germany, on Wednesday, on 14 Oct, 2009. The exhibition with 1.250 gnomes will open on Thursday, 15 Oct, 2009. INTERNET

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views the booths on display at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Exhibition 2009.
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Shwe Lamin Nagar opens booth at Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 15 Oct— Shwe Lamin Nagar Co, the sole agent of Acer in Myanmar, sells Acer e-machines pc, notebook, netbook, Timeline series, Gateway Notebook, Projector and LCD Monitor

at Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009.

For its customers, Shwe Lamin Nagar Co will organize the lucky draw programme on one 23-inch Acer LCD monitor on 18 October. Moreo-

ver, the company presents gifts to its customers at the exhibition daily.

The showroom of the company is opened at the corner of Strand Road and Lanthit street in Lanmadaw Township and the service centre at 376 on Mahabandoola Street between 37th and 38th streets in Kyauktada Township.—MNA

Acer booth's displayed items in Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2009 in progress.

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Kyaukse, famous town for elephant festival

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As regards better transport of rural areas, 29 roads in the township-tarred road (24/6.5) miles, gravel road (23/0.98) miles and earth road (14/1) miles—have been constructed with DAC's funds during 2008-2009 financial year. In addition, four roads were opened on self-reliant basis. As for rural roads, village-to-village road (4/4) miles that links to Ashaengtoe, Shwedat, Yebawgyi and Thbyaywon villages have been constructed. With the emergence of district-to-district roads in the east and village-to-village roads in the west, the living standards of local people have improved, he added.

Being a core district, Kyaukse is abundant with modern buildings and good for trading.

In Kyaukse, there are two major markets

namely Myoma and Ayemyakyilin markets. Myoma is a crowded market. Ayemyakyilin market was built in 2005. The town was named for Kyaukse due to Minye

dam was built with stones at a time when dams were built only with toddy-palms. Nowadays, Kyaukse has gained development momentum.

Being a district

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Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)**

region included in 24 special regions, the town has been equipped with 200-bed hospital and

universities like Yangon and Mandalay.

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Zeedaw water purifying station in Kyaukse.

Indian goodwill delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 15 Oct—The Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife, who were in Mandalay, Mandalay Division, accompanied by Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Col. Manoj Mukund Naravane left Mandalay by car and arrived in Pyin Oo Lwin at

10.30 a.m. on 14 October.

They visited Defence Services Academy, Defence Services Technological Academy and National Kandawgyi Gardens.

In the afternoon, the Rector of DSA hosted luncheon in honour of the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army and wife and delegation members.

Next, the Indian delegation members left

Mandalay International Airport by Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived in Yangon in the evening.

The Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army and wife and party visited Commonwealth War Cemetery at Htaukkyan here this morning. Then they left here by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by senior military officers.—MNA



Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife visit Commonwealth War Cemetery.—MNA

Electric Power No. 2 Minister meets Thai guest

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Managing Director

Mr Jean Francois Belin of A.F Colenco (Thailand) Lt at the ministry here yesterday.

Also present at the

call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental officials.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives Managing Director Mr Jean Francois Belin of A.F Colenco (Thailand) Ltd.—EP-2



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TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 15 Oct—TV Guide, Volume 1, No. 15 comes out on 16 October.

It carries the news on broadcasting of ESPNEWS TV channel to be presented at MRTV-4 International TV channel, matters related to Scream Queens

of MTV, songs and liffe of Beyonce who stood fifth in V Countdown, FIA F1 Championship, ASEAN Basketball League, forecasts on matches of EPL, programmes on 1000 Places to see before you die: India, interview with singer-cum-actress Tun Eindra

Bo and the various programmes for a week.

The guide is available for K 500 per copy at City Marts, Sein Gay Har Centres, Shopping Centres and bookstores. TV Guide is being published by Novel Light Express (Tel: 391186 and 243893) on every Friday.—MNA

Tun Foundation Bank to hold talks on 24 Oct

YANGON, 15 Oct—An educative talks on Global Warming & World Climate Change sponsored by Tun Foundation Bank will be held at No. 2, Myanmar Banks Association building on Sibin Road,

Yankin Township, here, at 2 p.m. on 24 October. Retired Ambassador U Hla Maung (Eco) will give lecture. Those interested may attend the talks.

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Ministry of Forestry to conduct educative course and workshop

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—With the permission of the government of the Union of Myanmar, the Ministry of Forestry allowed 95 entrepreneurs to establish 245,429 acres of teak plantations starting from 2005.

The ministry will conduct a workshop and educative course at its training school in Hmawby Township in Yangon Division from 26 to 29 October 2009 so as to keep teak plantations thriving.—MNA

Cash donated to eye patients in Yesagy

YANGON, 15 Oct—Myitta Centre Association donated K3.5 million to eye patients in Yesagy Township through Ministry of Religious Affairs on 12 October.

Minister for Reli-

gious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the donation presented by Donor U Win Pe at the office of the ministry here and presented the certificate of honour to the donor.—MNA

Air Bagan Open Golf Championships kicks off

YANGON, 15 Oct—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, the opening ceremony of Air Bagan Open Golf Championships which is the second round of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010, took place at Bagan Resort Golf Club in NyaungU Township this morning.

Vice-President U Aung Kyi of MGF, Director U Min Thein of Air Bagan Ltd and Vice-Chairman U Ko Ko Lay of Myanmar PGA opened the golf tournament.

In professional golfers' event, Khin Zaw Win (CEPSA) and Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) lead the event

with 69 stokes each, followed by Min Naing (Srixon) with 71 stokes. In men's amateur event, Bo Bo stood first with 67 stokes, Linthe second with 72 stokes and Aung Kyaw Thu third with 72 stokes.

Air Bagan is main sponsor and International Beverages Trading Co (IBTC), KBZ bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Master Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort

(BOB), (INAX, T-Home), CEPSA Lubricant, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Impearl Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd and GP watch are co-sponsors.

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Director U Min Thein of Air Bagan Ltd tees off golf tournament.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects ...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected undertakings of road work of Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section and approach road work of Laneli Bridge (on Pinyinmana side).

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae inspected Lanili bridge construction project site in Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section from observation tower.

After that, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected construction of suspension structure in Laneli Bridge construction project, approach Bridge of Laneli Bridge (on Pinlaung side) and approach road.



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected maintenance of Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects approach road of Laneli Bridge on Pinyinmana side.—MNA

Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC accelerating sanitation of Yangon

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plays an important role in keeping Yangon neat and tidy to preserve the characteristics of a city.

An official of the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC explained, "The term participation and cooperation does not mean to work together with the sanitation workers but to follow the prescribed disciplines."

To build Yangon as the clean, beautiful and hygienic environment in accord with the town characteristics, the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC is undertaking 10 tasks including the preventive measures against environmental pollution around Yangon, the systematic disposal of

garbage, the carrying out of the tasks of cemeteries and cremation, and the control of the tasks of toilets and laundry.

To be able to do so, the department undertakes its tasks with 3000 sanitation workers and with the use of 234 garbage trucks, eight heavy machinery and 26 tractors daily.

The residences of Yangonites daily produce various kinds of garbage namely kitchen garbage, commercial garbage, residence garbage and construction garbage.

The residents may dispose of garbage in Yangon through various garbage collection systems.

In Lanmadaw, Latha, Pabedan, Kyauktada, Botahtaung and Pazundaung townships, the garbage truck col-



Nissan garbage truck carrying out sanitation task on 32nd Street in Pabedan Township.

lected over 3800 tons of garbage from 240 back lanes.

While giving these sanitation services with

might and main, the department levies the fair tax for sanitation from the dwellers less than the tax norms of international metropolis.

The department quarterly collects the sanitation tax from the residences. In six downtown townships, the department levies K 10 for each day from every residence or apartment, K 7.5 for nine related downtown townships and K 5 for the remaining townships.

For the collection of commercial garbage, K 300 in minimum and hundreds of thousands kyats are collected from shops, licensed shops, hospitals and clinics based on the licence rate. Tax thus collected is being spent on sanitation service in

Yangon.

As part of efforts to recycle the discarded plastic items, the YCDC manages to produce plastic pellets to be produced as rubbish bags and buckets in Ahlon Township. Under the arrangements of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, a total of 30.89 tons of polythene bags handed over by various townships were incinerated in previous years. As a private factory from Hlinethaya Industrial Zone plans to produce FO through the polythene bags, the department has sent 17.55 tons of polythene bags.

At present, the YCDC is holding discussions with foreign companies to generate electricity through methane gas from the gar-

bage.

The committee bought 12-ton 10-wheel Nissan garbage truck worth US\$ 75,000 with a view to keeping Yangon clean and pleasant and creating the hygienic environs. Moreover, the committee has placed an order of three similar vehicles from abroad to accelerate its tasks.

That is why the dwellers of the economic hub should uplift their prestige as good citizens by following the disciplines related to environmental conservation and sanitation without throwing garbage into the back lanes, drains, pavements and public areas of the city.

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Photo shows cleaned back lanes in one of the six downtown townships.

An Engineering Feat of the 19th Century

Thet Han Soe

Small bridges hanging from ropes were used in different cultures for centuries, and the first suspension bridge was built in England with a wooden pathway hanging from iron chains in 1741. Through the first half of 1800s, many suspended bridges were constructed, but several of them collapsed because the principles of this new type of construction were not well-understood. In 1845, John Roebling first applied his knowledge of structure theories to a series of four large suspension bridges in the eastern United States.

The whole new level of understanding suspension bridges was shown in his report on the proposed Brooklyn Bridge, formerly known as East River Bridge, in 1867. He knew that it would be very difficult to design a bridge strong enough to span the East River. But the requirements for such a bridge were daunting. The bridge had to stretch more than 3,000 feet from shore to shore. It had to be high enough to allow tall sailing ships to pass under, and strong enough to withstand the winds that whipped along the river during storms.

Roebling's practical development of the construction of wire cables for suspension bridge helped him design the Brooklyn Bridge successfully. Three methods were used in the design—the normal cables with vertical wireropes, the inclined ropes radiating from the towers and the deep heavy stiffening girder. Roebling's design called for two massive stone support towers, over 268 feet tall and weighing 67,850 tons, set deep into the river bottom. He also explained that the system of diagonals stays would assure stability of the bridge as a partner to the main cables: "If the cables were removed, the Bridge would sink in the centre, but would not fall." And he also stressed the fact that steel, never used before in suspension bridges, would increase the overall strength of the structure.

Many people believed that the bridge with such a daring span could never be built. Roebling was confident. "As a work of art, and a successful specimen of advanced bridge engineering, this structure will forever testify to the energy, enterprise, and wealth of that community which shall secure its erection," Roebling assured everyone. But, unfortunately, while surveying the bridge route, his foot, caught between pilings, was crushed, and he died of tetanus in a few weeks. Colonel Washington Roebling later took up his father's job as the chief engineer of the East River Bridge. At the time of his death, John Roebling had worked out the general specifications for his great East River Bridge, and when completed, it would look almost exactly like his drawing. But, Washington Roebling designated every single detail of structure, calculated every stress, and invented new techniques for its construction on such a vast scale.

Roebling first built pneumatic caissons to anchor the huge support towers beneath the riverbed as well as to provide solid footing resting on the river bottom. Each caisson, a shallow box, was constructed on shore by shipbuilders and launched into the East River. Each was towed to its bridge site like an immense barge and sunk to the riverbed. The caisson was then filled with compressed air generated by steam engine, forcing out the water and providing an air-space in which men could work. The stone towers were built on their tops. As stones were added, the caissons were pushed into the riverbed. At the same time, compressed air was pumped into the caisson, to keep water out and

allow workers inside to scoop out the mud and rocks at the bottom of the river.

Although it seemed simple in theory, each caisson was actually a complex structure. Thick side-walls tapered to a narrow lip covered in iron to act like the edge of a shovel, and the roof was constructed of many layers of solid timbers to support the stonework above. The roof was pierced by shafts of various sizes: small air shafts for lowering supplies, large shafts for hauling out the debris, and air locks for the crew to come and go. All was carefully calculated for maintaining the air pressure inside the caisson so that the river would not rush in and drown the workmen.

Roebling supervised a method for removing the rock and dirt from the river bottom upward through the caissons. But the progress was slow since the work inside the caisson was grueling and time-consuming. Workers broke the boulders by using steel bars and sledge-hammers to unblock the descent of the caisson. At one time, there were many larger boulders and the descent was too slow to reach a firm footing. Roebling came up with an idea of using explosives which had never been used in caisson and no one was sure of how the pressurized atmosphere would react to a blast. At last, Roebling decided to conduct experiments alone inside the caisson. He determined to put small charges inside the caisson which finally worked.

Workers worked around the clock under terribly dangerous conditions. Damp air and high temperature, which never fell below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, endangered the health of workers. For instance, in December 1870, workers found out that fire was smoldering deep in the roof timbers of the Brooklyn caisson. To put it out, they had to flood the structure and pump the water out again. The whole thing delayed the work for two days. It also took three months to repair the damage to the roof. Finally, only in March 1871, the entire structure was filled with concrete.

As the workers dug deeper, they had faced more

dangerous, even life-threatening conditions. The air pressure inside the caisson had to be raised higher and higher because the water pressure was so great. Therefore, when the workers returned to a normal atmosphere, they experienced several pain in their joints, terrible headaches, dizziness, and vomiting. They even named it as "caisson disease" or "the bends," since victims usually doubled over in pain. When the New York caisson was more than 70 feet down, there were already two workers who had died of caisson disease. Roebling then made one of his on-the-site impressive decisions. He ordered to stop the descent at 78½ feet, leaving a cushion of sand to distribute the pressure of the New York foundation and tower.

The situation, nevertheless, became worse. Even Roebling suffered a severe attack of Caisson disease. He became very weak and could not even go to the construction site. He still sent his instructions through his wife, Emily. At last, he decided to take a leave. At the site, three men fell from the tower tops and died and several others were also killed in other accidents such as crushed by falling stones. Despite these tragic accidents, the towers continued to rise according to the plans Roebling had left behind. Granite blocks were carried to the construction site, hoisted one by one, and guided into position. At 119 feet, the height of the bridge deck, the solid stone opened into soaring arches for the roadway. Then the towers continued to rise up for another 157 feet. The Brooklyn tower was finished in June 1875, and the Manhattan tower in July 1876.

Then the time to join the towers with wire began. First, the rope ends were hauled to the top of the Brooklyn tower, passed through a set of pulleys, and let down the other side. Then they were attached to the stern of a scow, which was pushed by tugboats to the Manhattan tower. Once again the ropes were hauled up and over, and then hauled 900 feet inland to the Manhattan anchorage.

(To be continued)



The Brooklyn Bridge.



The Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 14 / 2009
4th Waning of Thadingyut 1371 ME
(7 October 2009)

1. Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has issued an announcement of vacancies for male in the following positions-

Sr.No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Staff Officer (Civil)	31	B.E (Civil)
(b)	Staff Officer (Mechanical)	7	B.E (Mechanical)
		3	B.E (Mechatronics)

2. The applicants -
 - (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 5 November 2009.
 - (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
 - (d) must be male for above positions according to the nature of work.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 5 November 2009.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009 (Amendment).
5. For service personnel, his original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 5 November 2009. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
7. Examinations will be held on 5 and 6 December 2009. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 3 December 2009.
8. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of the Staff Officer (Civil) duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Irrigation Department (Headquarter) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Thitsar Road, Yankin Township, Yangon (Tel: 01 - 578119, 01 - 578100).
9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).
10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.



The Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 15 / 2009
4th Waning of Thadingyut 1371 ME
(7 October 2009)

1. The Department of Transport under the Ministry of Transport has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	2	M.A (English)/ M.A (English as a Foreign Language)

2. The applicants -
 - (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 5 November 2009.
 - (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 5 November 2009.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009 (Amendment).
5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 5 November 2009. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
7. Examinations will be held on 12 and 13 December 2009. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 10 December 2009.
8. The Ministry of Transport has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No (5) of the Department of Transport under the Ministry of Transport in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 - 411417).
9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).
10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (513)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOYNO (513) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR:
M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ASIA ACE VOYNO (7)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIA ACE VOYNO (7) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: EASTERN-CAR LINER
SINGAPORE PTE LTD
 Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGKAJA VOYNO (53)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKAJA VOYNO (53) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN
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The Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 16 / 2009
4th Waning of Thadingyut 1371 ME
(7 October 2009)

1. The Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No.(1) has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer (Civil)	3	M.E (Civil)

2. The applicants -
 - (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) must not be over 35 years of age(40 years if service personnel)on 5 November 2009.
 - (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board , Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service , or by registered letter not later than 5 November 2009.
4. With regards to filling in the application form , documents to be attached , mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee , subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview , candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009(Amendment) .
5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 5 November 2009. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached .
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
7. Examinations will be held on 12 and 13 December 2009. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 10 December 2009.
8. The Ministry of Electric Power No.(1) has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No (38) of the Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No.(1) in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel:067 - 411474).
9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).
10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

Two swine flu vaccine doses for kids under 10 likely



Patients are seen receiving nasal spray vaccine for the H1N1 virus at a health center in Silver Spring, Maryland. —INTERNET

WASHINGTON ,15 Oct — Test results of its swine flu vaccine suggest that children under 10 are likely to need two shots to be fully protected, vaccine maker Sanofi Pasteur said on Wednesday. Federal officials said the news is not surprising, since this age group needs two doses of regular seasonal flu vaccine the very first time they ever are given a flu vaccine for full immunity to

develop.

The new Sanofi results back up what government tests are showing, said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. For younger children, the protection from one shot is “modest but not sufficient to allow for one dose to do the trick,” he said. Sanofi is the only company licensed in the United States to make vaccine for children as young as 6 months old. The company tested two strengths of the vaccine, given as two shots 21 days apart. The vaccine was tested in 474 children ages 6 months through 9 years old.

Only half of children 6 months to 3 years old had enough protection after one shot of the higher strength vaccine, as did three-fourths of children 3 to 9 years old, Sanofi reported. For adults, one shot of the higher strength vaccine appears to be enough, Sanofi reported earlier.—*Internet*

Move to cut child diarrhoea death

LONDON ,15 Oct — An international initiative has been launched to cut the number of children who die from diarrhoea around the world. The World Health Organization and UNICEF said urgent action was needed to combat a disease which kills an estimated 1.5m children a year. They have drawn up a seven-point plan to tackle the problem, which is published in *The Lancet*.

It includes zinc treatment, promotion of breastfeeding and vaccinations. Diarrhoea is not a significant cause of death in developed countries, but is a major problem in the developing world. It is estimated that one in every five child deaths worldwide is due to diarrhoea — more than the child death toll from Aids, malaria and measles combined.

Ann Veneman, UNICEF executive di-

rector, said: “It is a tragedy that diarrhoea, which is little more than an inconvenience in the developed world, kills an estimated 1.5m children each year.” Inexpensive and effective treatments for diarrhoea exist, but in developing countries only 39% of children with diarrhoea receive the recommended treatment.”—*Internet*



Diarrhoea is a major killer in the developing world.—INTERNET

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 17th October 2009 (Depavali) Day being the public Holiday. Goods will be received shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.



A shop assistant arranges jars containing roots and herbs at a Chinese medicine shop in Singapore. —INTERNET

Chinese herbs show promise for diabetes prevention

NEW YORK, 15 Oct – A number of traditional Chinese herbs may help control blood sugar levels in people at high risk of diabetes, a new research review suggests. The review, which examined 16 clinical trials of 15 different herbal formulations, found that the herbs generally helped lower blood sugar levels in people with “pre-diabetes” — those with impaired blood-sugar control that can progress to full-blown type 2 diabetes.

When the researchers pooled data from eight of the studies, they found that adding an herbal remedy to lifestyle changes doubled the likelihood of participants’ blood sugar levels returning to normal. What’s more, people using the remedies were two-thirds less likely to progress to diabetes during the studies, which ran for an average of nine months.

The findings appear in the Cochrane Library, which is published by the Cochrane Collaboration, an international organization that evaluates medical research. The results, say the researchers, are “quite promising.” —*Internet*

Arctic will be ice-free in 20 years, new survey predicts

EDINBURGH , 15 Oct — The Arctic Ocean will be an “open sea” almost entirely free from ice within a decade, the latest data released today indicates. Ice cover during the summer months will have entirely disappeared within 20 years, but most of the decrease will happen before 2020, leaving the Arctic Ocean clear for marine transport.

The Catlin Arctic Survey, completed earlier this year by a team led by explorer Pen Hadow, is the latest research into the condition of Arctic ice. Drilling and observation

figures obtained during a 450km traverse of the northern part of the Beaufort Sea suggest the area is almost entirely made up of young, “first-year” ice. The region traditionally consists of older, thicker, “multi-year” ice.

Peter Wadhams, professor of ocean physics and head of the Polar Physics Group, has spearheaded the team analysing the results. He said: “The summer ice cover in the Arctic will completely vanish in 20 to 30 years time. There won’t be any sea ice there at all.”—*Internet*

SPORTS

Andre Agassi says Federer-Nadal era is ending



Andre Agassi.

INTERNET

HONG KONG, 15 Oct — Andre Agassi says Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal's domination of the men's game is coming to an end, tipping Scotsman Andy Murray as the most likely successor. "Now we have possibly the changing of the guard. You have those top two who are now losing ground to the likes of (Novak) Djokovic and Murray and (Juan Martin) del Potro," Agassi told reporters in Hong Kong by phone from Las Vegas.

Internet

Honduras reaches World Cup as Costa Rica stunned

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — Honduras qualified for the World Cup for the first time since 1982 and only the second time in history after a 1-0 victory at El Salvador and a heartbreaking draw for Costa Rica.

Carlos Pavon scored in the 63rd minute to give the Hondurans the triumph over their "Soccer War" rivals and join the United States and Mexico from North America for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

After civil unrest over a power struggle in Honduras, national team coach Reinaldo Rueda sees the World Cup qualification in unifying terms. "It's a contribution toward peace," he said. Victory alone was not enough and it appeared Costa Rica would cling to the last spot but Jonathan Bornstein's header in the fifth minute of stoppage time gave 10-man United States a 2-2 draw with the Ticos at Washington to deny them.

Internet

Argentina scrape into World Cup finals

MONTEVIDEO, 15 Oct — Argentina scraped into the World Cup with a 1-0 win over Uruguay as Diego Maradona finally celebrated mission accomplished after a stumbling, lacklustre qualifying campaign. The two-time champions needed a goal by substitute Mario Bolatti on Wednesday six minutes from time to earn the three points and secure the fourth and final qualifying spot from South America.—Internet



Argentina's Sebastian Dominguez (left), Lionel Messi (centre) and Javier Mascherano celebrate at the end of their FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier match against Uruguay at the Centenario stadium in Montevideo.—INTERNET

Serena, Monfils, Hewitt confirmed for Sydney ATP/WTA

SYDNEY, 15 Oct — World number one Serena Williams, Frenchman Gael Monfils and four-time champion Lleyton Hewitt have been confirmed to play in the WTA/ATP Sydney International in January, organisers said on Thursday.

Williams, the current Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, reclaimed the top world ranking last week. She will be joined in the women's draw by defending Sydney champion and world number five Elena Dementieva of Russia and world number eight Victoria Azarenka of Belarus. "Sydney is a good place to kick off the year," Williams said in a statement. "It's a great warm-up for the Australian Open."

Tournament officials have also secured French showman Gael Monfils and leading Australian player Lleyton Hewitt in the men's draw. Ranked 14, Monfils reached a career-high ranking of nine last March and claimed his second career ATP World Tour title in Metz last month. Two-time major winner Hewitt, ranked 23, is chasing fifth Sydney title in the 10-16 January tournament.—Internet

Capello tells Becks to start packing for S Africa

LONDON, 15 Oct — Fabio Capello has dropped the strongest hint yet that David Beckham will be on the plane to South Africa for next year's World Cup finals.



Beckham was only on the pitch for the last half hour of England's final qualifier, a 3-0 win over Belarus at Wembley which made it nine wins out of ten for Capello's squad in Group Six.

But he made enough of an impression to collect the man-of-the-match award, prompting Capello to compare him to Barack Obama, who picked up the Nobel Peace Prize earlier this month after just over nine months in office.

Capello was being light-hearted with that remark but he was serious in his endorsement of Beckham's ability to come off the bench and influence matches.

London.

INTERNET

Internet

Tiger Woods hangs out with Cowboys

IRVING, 15 Oct — Tiger Woods watched the band and hung out with Cowboys. Woods worked out in the Dallas Cowboys' weight room at their Valley Ranch facility on Tuesday, a day after watching the U2 concert at Cowboys Stadium in a suite shared by Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo and right end Jason Witten.

During the concert Monday night, U2 singer Bono mentioned Woods, Romo and Witten being there.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips says he enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Woods, who "talked about being a leader." On Sunday in San Francisco, Woods helped the United States win the Presidents Cup, becoming the third player to go 5-0 in the team event.

Internet

Switzerland make coach's World Cup dream come true

BASEL, Switzerland, 15 Oct — Switzerland stepped into the World Cup finals in South Africa and made German coach Ottmar Hitzfeld's dream come true on Wednesday with a tense 0-0 draw against Israel in Basel.—Internet



Switzerland's forward Eren Derdiyok (L) vies for the ball with Switzerland's midfielder Reto Ziegler during their World Cup 2010 qualifying football match in Basel.—INTERNET

Ibrahimovic to miss World Cup as Swedes fail to qualify

STOCKHOLM, 15 Oct — One of Europe's top stars, Barcelona striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, will not be taking part in the 2010 World Cup in South Africa after Sweden failed to qualify Wednesday. "When it's over it's over. It's been a great journey even though the end is bitter," Sweden coach Lars Lagerbaeck said after his team failed to qualify.

Ibrahimovic, who scored in each of Barcelona's first five matches this year after leading his previous team Inter Milan to three Serie A crowns, failed to work his magic for the national squad throughout the qualifiers.—Internet



Sweden's Zlatan Ibrahimovic (L) fights for the ball with Albania's Armend Dallku during the World Cup Group 1 qualifying football match at Rasunda Stadium in Stockholm.

INTERNET

Lippi says work begins now for World Cup

PARMA, 15 Oct — Italy coach Marcello Lippi said the work begins now for the team's defence of their title after finishing their World Cup qualification campaign with an unimpressive 3-2 win over Cyprus. Italy finished Group Eight undefeated after Alberto Gilardino scored a hat-trick in the last 12 minutes to turn around a 2-0 deficit into an unlikely victory.

It means the world champions will set off on the long preparation journey ahead of June's trip to South Africa in buoyant mood. But after changing

all 11 players from those who clinched qualification — thanks to a last minute equaliser from substitute Gilardino — with a 2-2 draw in Dublin on Saturday, Lippi said there was nothing to be learned from this game.

Internet



Italy's coach Marcello Lippi.



This undated photo released by BuyCostumes.com showing a dog modeling of the Halloween costumes advertised on their costume website. Ten years ago, it was hard to find a Halloween costume for a cat, dog or duck. Today they are everywhere from the dollar stores to Beverly Hills boutiques. Offline or on, there are costumes galore.—INTERNET

Aquino leading Philippine presidential race

MANILA, 14 Oct—The son of revered former Philippine president Cory Aquino has taken a commanding lead among potential candidates for the 2010 presidential elections, an opinion poll said on Wednesday. The poll by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) showed Senator Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino favoured by 60 per cent of respondents.

Senator Manuel Villar, in the lead in opinion polls before Aquino announced his candidacy last month, was second with 37 per cent. The election is due in May and the deadline for filing nominations is November 30. The polling agency said the survey was conducted between September 18-21 among 1,800 adults. The margin of error was plus/minus 2.3 per cent.

Former president Joseph Estrada’s support was measured at 18 per cent and Senator Francis Escudero came in with 15 per cent.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (16-10-2009) (Friday)

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

Local Transmission

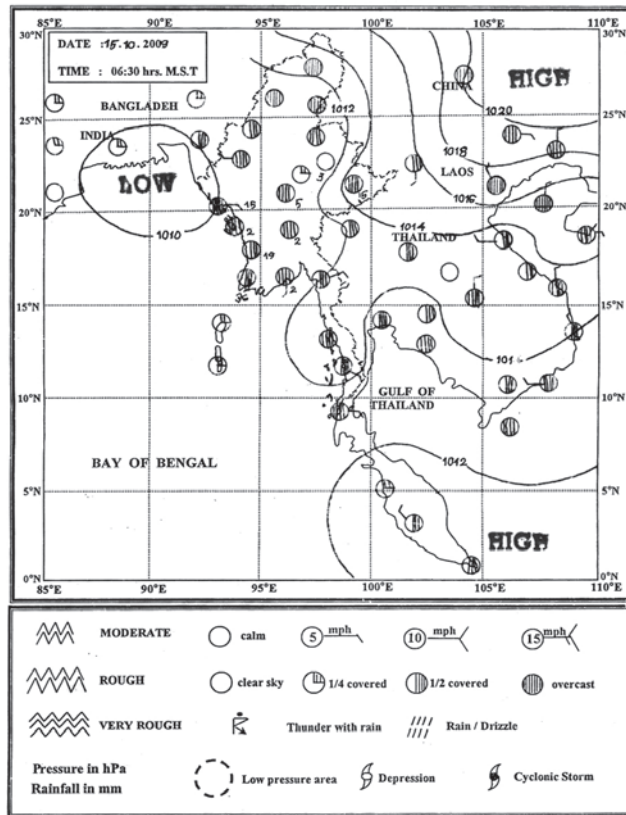
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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- * Going Together
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * A Visit to the Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw)
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
- * Kayah Traditional Museum
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Biological Expedition To Hponkan Razi Region (Awadam Village-Ziadam Village)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 15th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Mon States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.28) inch, PyinOoLwin (1.62) inches, Pathein (1.42) inches, Yamethin (0.83) inch, Thandwe (0.75) inch, Thayawady (0.71) inch, Mindat, Maungdaw and Sittway (0.95) inch each and Kyaukpadaung (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-10-2009 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 15-10-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-10-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 14-10-2009 was (8.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-10-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.83) inches at Mingaladon, (120.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (127.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 14-10-2009.

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

Special Feature: Yesterday, the tropical storm “PARMA” over the Gulf of Tonkin China Sea has crossed to North Coast of Vietnam and become unimportant.

Forecast valid until evening of 16th October 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 16 October View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. Song of National Races

8:30 am

8. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

12. “Connect with English” (Episode-16) (First Day of Class)

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာတေး

4:35 pm

4. Song of Yester Years

4:45 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. “DOTS” (ဖိုးဖြူ ကျော်ထူး၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ ကြူကြူသင်း၊ [ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖိုးနှစ်)])

5:20 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

9. ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:10 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၆၆)
18. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ပိုင်)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ 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

People's Desire

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

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence arrived at the briefing hall of Koegwe waterfall camp in Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section yesterday morning. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports presented by officials concerned on upgrading of roads. (See page 10)

Divapali Day falls on 17 October

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— The Government of the Union of Myanmar today announced that Divapali Day, which falls on 17 October 2009 (Saturday) (14th Waning of Thadingyut 1371 ME), is a public holiday under section 35 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.—MNA

Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC accelerating sanitation of Yangon

Article & Photos: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)



The 12-ton 10-wheel Nissan garbage truck collects garbage in six downtown townships daily.

In my locality, I have noticed the good characters of a youth who throws garbage at the designated place and dutifully removes rubbish on the road.

Yangon is home to over 6 million people. A total of 33 townships at an area of 292.426 square miles of Yangon City Development Committee daily threw 1450 tons of garbage in March 2005, according to the statistics in March 2005.

Therefore, it is evident that the active participation and cooperation of the city dwellers (See page 10)



A set of Elvis Pez dispensers, one of over 200 items in The Gary Pepper Collection of Elvis Presley Memorabilia, is seen at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, Monday, 12 Oct. 2009 in Chicago. The items will be up for auction on Sunday, 18 Oct.