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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Secretary-1 enjoys performance of contestants in dancing contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Patron of the Organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo this morning enjoyed the performance of the contestants in the dancing contest at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin.

On arrival at the convocation hall, the Secretary-1 was welcomed by Leading Committee for Organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw (See page 7)



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo enjoys the performance of the contestants in the dancing contest.

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## Secretary-1 meets Chairman of People's Congress Standing Committee in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of PRC Secretary of Guangxi Committee of Chinese Communist Party Mr Guo Shengkun

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo met Chairman of People's Congress Standing

Committee in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China Secretary of Guangxi Committee of Chinese Communist Party Mr Guo Shengkun at Liyuan International Conference Centre

in Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China at 5.30 pm on 20 October.

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo meeting with Chairman of People's Congress Standing Committee in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of PRC Secretary of Guangxi Committee of Chinese Communist Party Mr Guo Shengkun.—MNA





## PERSPECTIVES

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### Maintain and promote Paukphaw friendly ties between Myanmar and PRC

At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of China, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo arrived in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China on 19 October to attend the 6th China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.

During his stay in the PRC, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo conferred with Chinese Vice-Premier H.E Mr Li Keqiang, Member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of Communist Party of the People's Republic of China, at the International Conference Centre in Nanning in the evening of 19 October.

At the meeting, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that bilateral cooperation has expanded in various sectors, especially in the agriculture, hydropower, industrial, mining, oil and gas sectors and infrastructural building industry; and that the two countries are needed to jointly fulfil the requirements for soonest completion of current projects.

Chinese Vice-Premier H.E Mr Li Keqiang in his speech said that being a good neighbouring country that values Myanmar's interest, the PRC will continue to maintain and promote Paukphaw friendly ties between the two countries; and that the two countries will always help each other by promoting bilateral friendly relations.

Myanmar and the PRC have established friendly relations for many years, and the diplomatic ties between the two countries will be in its 60th anniversary next year. The friendly relations between the governments and peoples of the two countries have been mutually beneficial in the international arena.

Therefore, the two countries have been able to promote cooperation in various sectors.

It is sure that the visit of Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo to Nanning of the PRC will further strengthen Paukphaw relations between the two countries and constantly promote bilateral cooperation in political, economic and trade sectors.

### Fund-raising golf tournament held

YANGON, 23 Oct—Organized by Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM), the 16th fund-raising golf tournament took place at Pun Hlaing Golf Course from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 17 October. Dinner was hosted in the evening.

Funds will be donated to Kyaikwaing

Disabled Youths Training School in Yangon, it is learnt.—MNA

**SAM president Mr Teddy Chia presents prize to a winner.**

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## People's Desire

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

## Information Minister receives Philippine Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Ms Maria Hellen M. Barber at the ministry here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing-Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing-Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing-Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Pictures Enterprise and



Head of Office U Myint Htwe.

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**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Philippine Ambassador Ms Maria Hellen M. Barber.—MNA**

## INAX honours sale agents

YANGON, 23 Oct—At the 4th anniversary of INAX and ceremony to honour the sale agents

held at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday, Area Manager Mr Sakai of IANX of Japan said that INAX has

bought American standard shares along Asia-Pacific region.

Director Daw Wai

Thit Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd extended greetings. Next, Sale Director Mr Morita of Vietnam INAX and Area Manager Mr Sakai of Japan INAX also extended greetings.

The ceremony was also attended by in-charge Mr Thongchi of American Standard. On the occasion, responsible persons presented gifts to sale agents. Next, Zyper Band and Dream Boat Game Master performed entertainment to those present.

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**Fourth anniversary of INAX and ceremony to honour the sale agents in progress.—MNA**

## Notice to mariners issued

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Fisheries Department issued a notice to mariners recently that PTTEP International Ltd undertaking joint venture tasks of oil exploration together with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise will conduct 2D Marine Seismic Acquisition Survey at Block M-3 Mottama offshore by survey watercraft Dong Fang Kan Tan-1 from 1 November 2009 to 10 January 2010.

The area of 2D Marine Seismic Acquisition Survey is located at the

point A north latitude 15°24' 00" and east longitude 94°54' 25.67", at the point B north latitude 15°24' 00" and east longitude 95°36' 41.27", at the point C north latitude 15°41' 34.29" and east longitude 95°36' 39.03", and at the point D north latitude 15°41' 25.68" and east longitude 94°54' 19.36".

While conducting the survey, the notice to mariners mentioned that any watercraft must not pass through and anchor in the area of four kilometers radius.—MNA





This image made from video provided by KSL-TV shows, firefighters putting out a fire at an empty tin shack after an F-16 jettisoned two 500-pound bombs and two fuel tanks on the base just before making an emergency landing at the Hill Air Force Base in Utah on 22 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

## F-16 jettisons bombs at Hill AFB; no injuries

HILL AIR FORCE, 23 Oct—An F-16 pilot jettisoned two 500-pound bombs and two fuel tanks before making an emergency landing at Hill Air Force Base on Thursday, officials said.

No injuries were reported after the incident at the base about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. Col Scott J Zobrist said it appeared one bomb detonated and destroyed an

empty tin shack on base in an uninhabited area.

Hill spokesman Rick Essary said on Thursday night that explosive ordnance experts at the base were assessing the best method to recover a second bomb that did not explode.

Zobrist said both fuel tanks, weighing about 300 gallons each, were accounted for and the pilot was able to land safely

when his fighter jet had trouble after taking off Thursday afternoon.

Zobrist said the F-16 pilot was experienced and followed proper procedures, "which involve jettisoning the stores in order for him to reduce ... his gross weight so he can land safely on the base."

Zobrist said it was unclear what went wrong with the jet.

Internet

## Melting glaciers may be pollution sources

ZURICH, 23 Oct—Swiss scientists say pollutants being emitted from melting glaciers might help explain an increase in persistent organic pollutants in some lakes.

Researchers from the Institute for Chemical and Bioengineering, in Zurich, Switzerland, led by Christian Bogdal, focused on organic pollutants in sediment at glacier-fed Lake Oberaar in the Bernese Alps. The scien-

tists tested the sediment for persistent organic pollutants, including dioxins, PCBs, organochlorine pesticides and synthetic musk fragrances.

They said they found that while contamination decreased during the 1980s and 1990s due to tougher regulations and improvements in products, since the late 1990s the flow of all of the pollutants into the lake increased sharply. Cur-

rently, the flow of organochlorines into the lake is similar to, or even higher than, during the 1960s and 1970s, the scientists said.

The study attributes the most recent spike in the flow of pollutants into Lake Oberaar to the accelerated release of organic chemicals from melting Alpine glaciers, where contaminants were deposited earlier and preserved over decades.—Internet



An Iraqi police officer inspects a destroyed vehicle at the site of a bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 Oct, 2009. A bomb attached to a mini bus went off in the southeastern Zafaraniya neighbourhood of Baghdad, injuring four people.—INTERNET

## Strong earthquake strikes Afghanistan and Pakistan

KABUL, 23 Oct—A strong earthquake centered in the towering Hindu Kush mountains shook a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and Pakistan early Friday, swaying buildings in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals.

There were no initial reports of damage or casualties from the quake, which struck about 12:21 am Afghan time (1951 GMT, 3:51 pm EDT Thursday).

However, the temblor was centered in a remote mountain area where communications are poor and reports of casualties take time to reach the capital.

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.2 and was centered in the mountains about 167 miles (268 kilometers) northeast of Kabul and 140 miles (230 kilometers) west of Mingaora, Pakistan, according to the US Geological Survey.

Buildings shook in the Pakistani cities of Peshawar and the capital Islamabad, and the quake was felt as far east as Lahore near the Indian border, Pakistani television stations reported.

The Afghan Interior Ministry said it had no immediate reports of deaths or damage.

Internet



Pakistani residents stand outside a building in Islamabad following a strong 6.2-magnitude earthquake. A strong 6.2-magnitude earthquake hit the border area between northeast Afghanistan and Pakistan on Friday, shaking buildings in both countries, officials said.—INTERNET

## NATO aircraft crashes in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 Oct—A NATO-led forces aircraft crashed on mountain in Baghlan province north of Afghanistan, local police said on Thursday.

"An aircraft of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) crashed on a mountain in Bajgah valley of Khinjan district on Thursday afternoon," police chief of Khinjan district Mohammad Asif Qazizada told Xinhua.

Earlier, police chief of Baghlan province Mohammad Kabir Andarabi said that policemen had been sent into the area to find the wreckage.

However, a spokesman of ISAF when approached by Xinhua said, "ISAF cannot confirm at this time." —Xinhua

## Civilian killed, five injured in Baghdad bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 23 Oct—A civilian was killed and five people were injured in two bomb explosions in Baghdad on Thursday, a well-informed police source said.

A bomb planted in a civilian car detonated in the neighbourhood of Amriyah in western Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding another, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A second explosive charge attached to a minibus went off in the afternoon in the Jesr Daiyala district, in southeastern the capital, wounding four people, the source said.

Xinhua

## Roadside bomb kills two Afghans, wounds nine

KABUL, 22 Oct—A roadside bomb struck an army van in southern Afghan Zabul province leaving two persons dead, both civilians, and injured nine others including seven civilians, police said on Thursday.

"The gruesome incident occurred on Wednesday evening in Shahjoi district when device planted by militants hit a vehicle of Afghan soldiers killing two passersby and injuring nine others including two soldiers," Ghulam Jilani Khan deputy to provincial police chief told Xinhua.

The two were killed in the blast were innocent civilians, he stressed.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and the NATO-led forces have adopted suicide and roadside bombings as new military tactic which often claim civilian lives. —Xinhua





A citizen chooses commodities in a supermarket in Yinchuan, west China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 22 Oct, 2009. China's consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, dipped 1.1 percent year on year in the first nine months of this year, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Thursday.—XINHUA

## US Airways posts 3Q loss, says economy improving

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—US Airways joined formation with the other big carriers and reported a third-quarter loss on Thursday as it cut fares and flew less.

The carrier lost \$80 million as revenue fell 16.6 percent from the same period last year, to \$2.72 billion. However, the loss was smaller than analysts expected, and the company said it is seeing signs that business demand is picking up.

Businesses have put air travel on hold during the recession, prompting US Airways and other carriers to push down fares. That has kept seats full but hurt revenue.

The company said the dropoff in

both business travel and fares is slowing. President Scott Kirby said revenue from corporate contracts dropped 31 percent in the first quarter, but 17 percent in the third quarter. This month, corporate revenue is down about 7 percent, he said.

Similarly, pricing fell 20 percent in the second quarter, versus 8 percent so far this month.

"As we look out into an improving demand environment, we believe we are in excellent position to capitalize on a recovering economy," CEO Doug Parker said on a conference call.

All of the largest carriers lost money in the third quarter, although JetBlue, AirTran and Alaska airlines reported profits.—INTERNET

In this 22 April, 2008 file photo, a US Airways Airbus 319-112 takes off from the Tampa International Airport in Tampa, Fla. US Airways joined formation with the other big carriers and reported a third-quarter loss on 22 Oct, 2009, as it cut fares and flew less.—INTERNET



## Singapore companies expect increase in headcount

SINGAPORE, 23 Oct—A survey by recruitment firm Hudson found that some 34 percent of firms polled in Singapore expect to increase headcount in the three months to December.

According to local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia on Thursday, the hiring expectations is significantly higher than the 26 percent in the last quarter and cut across key business sectors.

Fewer firms are reducing headcounts. Overall, just five percent said they will shed staff this quarter.

Hudson Singapore country manager Gina McLellan said these figures confirm the strong upward trend in Singapore's employment market.

Xinhua

## Brazil's unemployment rate down to 7.7% in September

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Oct—Brazil's unemployment rate fell to 7.7 percent in September from 8.1 percent in August, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) announced on Thursday.

It was the lowest unemployment rate since the 6.8 percent registered in December 2008.

The unemployed population in the country totaled 1.8 million in September, down 4.8 percent from August and stable compared with September in 2008. The employed population totaled 21.5 million, stable if compared with both August and September 2008.

In most sectors, the employed population remained stable in September.—Xinhua

## Russia eyes new markets as Far East oil reaches terminal

NAKHODKA, 23 Oct—Russia's bid to diversify its energy markets by expanding into the Asia-Pacific advanced with the arrival on Thursday of the first trainload of Eastern Siberian oil at the Russian seaport of Nakhodka in the Primorsky Krai.

The 72-coach train loaded with more than 4,300 tons of crude oil set out from the Irkutsk region on 12 Oct. The oil will be transmitted via underground pipeline to Kozmino, the terminus of the Eastern Siberia-

Pacific Ocean pipeline (ESPO).

Igor Demin, spokesman of Russia's oil pipeline monopoly Transneft, told Xinhua that Russia expected to ship oil to Asia-Pacific clients by year-end.

Meanwhile, the construction of the ESPO pipeline's extension to China had been carried out smoothly, said Demin, with the major part of the pipeline stretching from Skovorodino in the Amur region to the Russia-China border completed.

He was confident China would finish the laying of the pipeline section across the Heilongjiang River as well as other construction work within China on time.

The ESPO pipeline, running from Taishet in Eastern Siberia to Nakhodka, is more than 4,000 km long.

In February, Russia and China signed cooperation deals on the construction of an ESPO branch toward China and long-term Russian oil supplies to China.

Xinhua



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## Malaysia, New Zealand to sign FTA

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Oct—Malaysia and New Zealand will sign the Free Trade Agreement here next week.

The agreement is scheduled to be signed on Monday when New Zealand Prime Minister John Key is here for a working visit, the Malaysian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

This will be Malaysia's third bilateral FTA signed with foreign countries after Japan and Pakistan, according to the ministry.

Malaysia and New Zealand agreed to negotiate a FTA in March 2005. So far, the two countries have undergone at least six round of negotiations for the agreement.

Last month, Deputy Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir said that the Malaysia-New Zealand FTA will come into force in January 2010.

The agreement was also in line with the ASEAN-New Zealand FTA that would come into effect in January next year, he said.

Mukhriz said the Government was also exploring the possibility of having bilateral FTAs with other trading partners. Malaysia is now negotiating bilateral FTA with India, Chile and Australia, he said.—Xinhua





Farmers arrange cotton in Korla, west China's Xinjiang Autonomous Region, on 22 Oct, 2009. The purchasing price of cotton in some places of Xinjiang raise from 5.6 yuan per kg in 2008 to 6.2 yuan per kg.—XINHUA

## Seashell, seashell; not by the seashore

BEIJING, 23 Oct—The Israel Pavilion will take the shape of a seashell with two parts hugging each other to illustrate the country's development "from creation to creativity" at the upcoming Shanghai Expo. To highlight the sub-theme "Innovation for Better Life", the pavilion will show how Israel compensates for its paucity of natural resources by making clever use of sophisticated technology.

"Israel is a country that

does not have enough land and water," said Yaffa Ben-Ari, the country's deputy commissioner-general to the Shanghai Expo. "But we do have a long history of development.

"We know how to utilize our intelligence and promote technological innovation to make a better life."

The innovative and futuristic structure spans 2,000 sq m, of which its main building occupies 1,200 sq m, and reaches

24 m in height.

The pavilion consists of three main areas: the Enlighten Garden, the Hall of Light and the Hall of Innovation. The three parts "join hands" with each other to represent the relationship between the country's past, present and future.

Ben-Ari said the appearance of the pavilion is similar to the yin and yang symbols of tai chi that feature so prominently in Chinese culture.—Xinhua

## S Korean state oil firm buys Canada's Harvest Energy

VANCOUVER, 23 Oct—South Korean state-run Korean National Oil Corp (KNOC) has signed a contract to buy Canadian oil and natural gas producer Harvest Energy for 4 billion Canadian dollars (3.74 billion US dollars), Harvest Energy said in a statement on Wednesday

night.

This will be South Korea's largest overseas energy deal and the second major acquisition of a Canadian energy firm by an Asian company in the last few months.

Harvest Energy, a Calgary-based operator in Canada's energy industry,

said KNOC will buy out all its issued and outstanding trust units for a total cash of approximately 1.8 billion Canadian dollars (1.68 billion US dollars) plus the assumption of 2.3 billion Canadian dollars (2.15 billion US dollars) of debt.

Xinhua



A girl is injected with anti-typhoid vaccine free of charge at an evacuation center in Muntinlupa city, metro Manila, on 22 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

## Chinese vice premier stresses peaceful, safe use of nuclear energy

BEIJING, 23 Oct—Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang said here on Thursday the peaceful and safe use of nuclear energy requires joint efforts of the international community.

Li made the remarks when meeting with heads of some of the delegations attending the third meeting of ministerial level officials of the executive committee of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) in Beijing.

Li said China is ready to

deepen international cooperation in this respect by promoting mutual benefit and win-win of all parties.

GNEP is an international organization aimed to accelerate development and use of clean fuel technology worldwide and reduce the risk of nuclear proliferation.

Li said GNEP provides a platform for relevant countries to carry out exchanges and cooperation. He expressed the wish that GNEP partners should ad-

here to the principle of equality and seeking common ground through consultation.

He hoped that the partners should reach consensus on the basis of thorough consultation so as to realize common development. Li said nuclear energy is a quality, highly efficient clean energy. The peaceful use of nuclear energy is an important task for the human kind to achieve sustainable development.—Xinhua



## Asia reports 26 piracy cases in Q3

SINGAPORE, 23 Oct—A total of 26 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported in the Asian region in the third quarter of this year, official data showed on Thursday.

Among all the incidents reported in the third quarter, 20 are actual incidents and six are attempted ones. Nineteen incidents occurred when the ships were anchored or berthed and seven incidents took place when ships were underway. Some 40 percent of the 20 actual incidents were moderately significant cases, according to data from the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP).

In the first nine months of this year, a total of 69 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported in the Asian region, two cases less than the same period last year.—Xinhua

### All items from Xinhua News Agency

## Guatemalan, US military forces detain submarine with 10 tons of cocaine

MEXICO CITY, 23 Oct—The air force of Guatemala and the US Navy had detained a submarine with a load of 10 tons of cocaine, local media reported on Thursday. The submarine, directed by three Colombian and one Mexican citizens, was detained on Wednesday at some 180 nautical miles (around 330 kilometers) off Puerto Quetzal in the southern department of Escuintla, the Guatemalan Interior Ministry said.

The commercial value of the cocaine was at 1 billion quetzals (some 120 million US dollars). This has been the first detention of a submarine loaded with drugs in Guatemalan territory.

Guatemalan ships from the Naval Base of the Pacific saw the submarine and requested backup from the US Navy and the Guatemalan air force, the ministry said. Guatemalan authorities said the submarine aimed to arrive in Guatemala and then in Mexico and the United States would be its final destination.—Xinhua

## ADB to fund eco-tourism in China's bio-diverse mountainous region

MANILA, 23 Oct—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Friday said it is helping China set up botanical gardens, wildlife parks and a giant panda center in the northwestern Qinling Mountains to protect the region's biological diversity.

The Manila-based development lender said in a press release that it will provide a 40 million-US-dollar loan to fund the Shaanxi Qinling Biodiversity Conservation and Demonstration Project which

aims to use ecotourism to generate a sustainable source of funds to protect and restore the environment.

About 300 giant pandas, along with other threatened species, can be found in the mountains, the ADB said, but destructive land use practices driven by poverty threaten the habitats of many rare plants and animals and previous conservation efforts were hampered by a lack of financial sustainability.—Xinhua



## France confirms aid worker kidnapped in Darfur

PARIS, 23 Oct — A French man working for the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) was kidnapped Thursday in Sudan's Darfur region, the foreign ministry confirmed later in the day and asked for an immediate release.

The ministry urged an unconditioned release of Gaughier Lefevre, a staffer for the ICRC, in a statement, saying the French embassy in Sudan kept in close contact with ICRC.

ICRC personnel should be protected by international treaties since their action is exclusively out of humanitarianism and in lines with principles of independence and neutrality, the statement stressed.

Xinhua

## EU posts 49.2-billion-euro current account deficit in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

BRUSSELS, 23 Oct — The current account deficit of the European Union (EU) fell further in the second quarter of this year to 49.2 billion euros (73.75 billion US dollars), official figures showed on Thursday.

According to the latest revisions, the external current account posted a deficit of 49.2 billion euros in the second quarter, compared with 76.3 billion euros (114.41 billion dollars) a year earlier and 54.6 billion euros (81.88 billion dollars) in the first quarter of 2009, said the EU's statistics agency, Eurostat.

The surplus recorded in the services account is mainly the result of surpluses in "other business services," which includes miscellaneous business, professional and technical services, financial services, transportation services, computer and information services, partially offset by deficits in travel and royalties and license fees.

Xinhua



A student drives a designed auto in Xiamen University of Technology in Xiamen City, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 22 Oct, 2009. An auto show was held during the auto design competition held by Xiamen University of Technology on Tuesday on which 11 varied newly designed vehicles attracted many visitors. — XINHUA

## Argentina to tighten control on import sales, cars, hotel operations

BUENOS AIRES, 23 Oct — The Argentine government announced a package of fiscal control measures on Thursday, including the use of electronic bills for sales of imported goods, second-hand car sales and hotel operations.

The announcement was made by the Director of the Argentine Federal Administration of Public Revenues (AFIP) Ricardo Echegaray, who was accompanied by Argentine Economy Minister Amado Boudou and Justice Minister Julio Alak.

The fiscal control includes the electronic control of car sales, sales of imported goods, and hotel operations as well as a new registration for entity owners, who currently do not pay tax on profits, to automatically renew their property value.

About 25,000 importers, 4,500 to 5,000 hotel operators and 32,000 NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) which did not pay tax on profits would be affected by the plan.

Xinhua

## Erratic typhoon keeps Philippines on edge

MANILA, 23 Oct — Living up to its name, Typhoon Lupit — meaning cruel in Filipino — zigzagged around the rain-soaked northern Philippines on Friday, keeping weary residents on edge and forecasters guessing about its next move.

The third successive storm in a month has been hovering for several days near the coast and inland mountains, sending thousands to seek shelter following two back-to-back typhoons that killed nearly 1,000 people, most of them buried in dozens of mudslides.

Lupit's erratic direction baffled forecasters and frustrated the local media who kept predicting its landfall every day. The weather bureau said in a nationally televised briefing on Thursday evening that Lupit would ram into northeastern Cagayan province early on Friday. — Xinhua

## Rags-to-riches tramp bags fortune in bottles

A 63-year-old homeless Russian man has gone from street life to stock market trader after collecting thousands of empty booze bottles for cash, a popular Russian tabloid reported.

Pictured in a majestic purple suit and matching violet jewelry, Leonid Kononov told the *Tvoi Den* paper he collected around 2,000 bottles a day over the past year since the economic downturn hit Russia last autumn.

"Russians are drinking a little bit more due to the crisis, and this helped me get out of the rubbish dump," said Kononov, an ex-engineer from the industrial city of Kemerovo in eastern Siberia who has spent the last 20 years living in a tip.

Russia's many homeless are often seen rooting through rubbish for bot-



A man looks at bottles of wine on display at the Vinitaly wine expo in Verona.

tles and tins, which they can trade for money. A glass bottle can fetch about 2 rubles (\$0.06).

The bearded former tramp said he was encouraged by his two grandchildren to take risks on the stock market and said his first transaction was a 50,000 euro (\$74,120) share-purchase.

## Man escapes injury under train

Authorities said a New York man who fell onto train tracks at a New Jersey transit station escaped injury when a train rolled over him.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey officials said the 32-year-old man, who appeared to be intoxicated, fell onto the tracks at about 9 pm Wednesday at the Pavonia PATH Station in Jersey City and rolled to the center of the tracks, *The Jersey Journal*, Jersey City, reported Monday.

Steve Coleman, a Port Authority spokesman, said a train pulled into the station and three-quarters of the vehicle went over the spot where the man had last been seen. Coleman said the man climbed out from under the train without a scratch when Port Authority police and Jersey City's Emergency Service Unit arrived at the station.

## Woman, 92, charged with smuggling cocaine

A 92-year-old woman was caught with over 9 pounds of cocaine strapped to her body after arriving in Spain on a flight from Brazil, authorities said.

The woman, who was in a wheelchair, and a female traveling companion, 44, both from Uruguay, were arrested Friday when they arrived in Madrid, Spain, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, CNN reported.

Details about the incident were not

released until after a judge had arraigned the women, neither of whom was identified, on drug-trafficking charges.

The judge entered an order sending the younger woman to prison. The older woman was sent to a senior citizens' home in Madrid.

A model poses on the Honda Motor Co U3-X "personal transporter" electric unicycle at the 41st Tokyo Motor Show in Chiba, east of Tokyo.

## NEWS ALBUM

### Calif toddler OK after 30-foot fall onto rocks

Talk about a tough kid: A California toddler is alive after falling 30 feet from an apartment window and landing on concrete and rocks. Contra Costa County Fire Capt Charles Thomas said the 22-month-old boy was alert and crying after the three-story plunge Sunday in Antioch that left him with just a cut on his abdomen, a bruised lung and a bump on his head.

The boy appeared to have climbed onto furniture near an open window and fell after pushing against the screen. He landed on concrete and a bed of rocks.



A plush toy model of the H1N1 swine flu virus is displayed at the Newbury Comics store in Boston, Massachusetts.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest commences

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest 2009 was opened at the gymnasium of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of

Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

It was also attended by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein

Nyunt, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, deputy ministers, departmental officials and spectators.

A total of 20 bowling teams are taking part in the contest up to 27 October.

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**Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest.—MNA**

## Secretary-1 enjoys performance...

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Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, the secretary of the work committee and members.

The Secretary-1 watched the participation of contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' dancing contest.

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## Cooperation on rail services with PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min received Minister of Railways Mr Liu Zhijun of the People's Republic of China at the ministry here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung

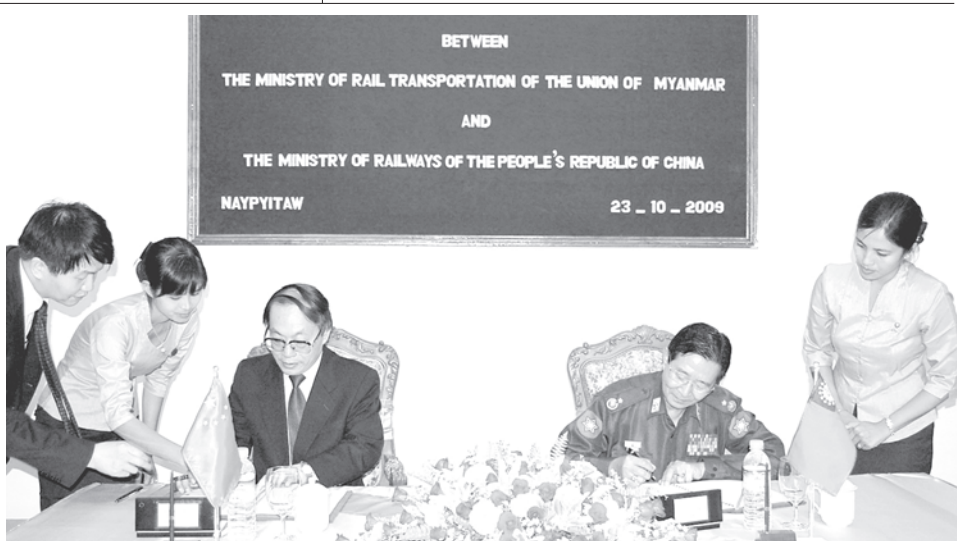
Lwin and U Pe Than, Managing-Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Railways, Charge d' affaires ai of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Myanmar Mr Wang Zongying and officials.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and the minister of Railways of the

PRC signed MoU on cooperation on rail services between two countries.

The memorandum contains railways project, railroads construction, rail system management, maintenance of locomotives and coaches, and courses for staff engaged in rail transportation.

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**Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and Chinese Minister Mr. Liu Zhijun signing MoU on cooperation on rail services between two countries.**

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**Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe attends China-ASEAN Customs-Trade Cooperation Forum.—F&R**

## Deputy F&R Minister attends Sixth China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Customs-Trade Cooperation Forum

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct – Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attended the Sixth China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Customs-Trade Cooperation Forum held in Nanning of the People's Republic of China from 20 to 21 October.

On 20 October, the deputy minister delivered a speech at China-ASEAN Customs-Trade Cooperation Forum and attended the opening of the Sixth China-ASEAN Expo and musical performances of China and ASEAN nations.

On 22 October, the

deputy minister arrived back here together with the delegation members Customs Department Director-General U San Thaung, Deputy Director U Min Thu of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Deputy Director U Sein Myint of the Customs Department.—MNA

## Chief Editor of Myanma Alin Daily donates books to libraries

YANGON, 23 Oct—A book and journal donation ceremony of Chief Editor U Ye Myint Pe of the Myanma Alin Daily for the libraries in Bahan, Ahlon and Dagon

Myothit (North) Township Information and Public Relations Departments under the Ministry of Information and Aung Khin Yi Library of Kankaung Village of Meiktila Town-

ship was held at the hall of the daily this morning.

The Chief Editor explained the purpose of the donations.

Director (Production) U Aye Kywe of IPRD, on

**Chief Editor U Ye Myint Pe presents books to a head of Township IPRD.**

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## Latest issue of TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 22 Oct—TV Guide Volume 1, Number 16 comes out on 23 October (Friday).

The guide with a cover story on Man U vs. L'pool match presents the forecasts on EPL matches and Kremlim Cup, facts about Hong Kong singer Gigi Leung to be aired through Channel V, James Morrison, Bali Island, 1400 years old Hanging monastery, Yuzana Bridal Show (1) of MRTV-4 and musical milestones of Playboy Than Naing and the programmes of 17 TV channels. The TV Guide is available K 500 per copy at City Marts, Sein Gay Har Centres, shopping centres and bookstores in Yangon and Mandalay.

Novel Light Express (Tel: 391186 and 243893) publishes the TV Guide on every Friday.—MNA

behalf of the responsible persons of Bahan, Ahlon and Dagon Myothit (North) Township IPRDs, and U Tun Aung of News and Periodicals Enterprise, on behalf of those

of Aung Khin Yi Library, spoke words of thanks. Chief Editor U Ye Myint Pe presented books and journals to Head of Bahan Township IPRD Daw Aye Hsint, Head of Ahlon

Township IPRD Daw Khin Ma Ma, Head of Dagon Myothit (North) Township IPRD Daw Hla Hla Htay and Aung Khin Yi Library through U Tun Aung.—MNA



## Secretary-1 meets Chairman ...

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Together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads. Together with Mr Guo Shengkun were members of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Communist Party Standing Committee Mr Wen Ka Hua and Mr Yu

Yuan Hui, Director-General Ms Fan Xiaoli of the Foreign Affairs Office in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Mr Guo Shengkun extended greetings. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Guo Shengkun said the region would carry out some of the tasks discussed between the Secretary-1 and Chinese Vice-Premier Mr Li Keiqiang the previous day to be implemented under bilateral cooperation. Cooperating in trade, education, industrial and transport sectors would serve the interests of both sides. Particularly, the region wished to promote

cooperation in mineral and agricultural sectors. Moreover, businessmen of the region would be sent to Myanmar to promote economic cooperation between the two sides, he said.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said the third consulate general was officially opened in Nanning today and this had built another milestone in the history of relations between China and Myanmar. In addition, it had opened a new chapter in relations between Myanmar and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The Secretary-1 expressed his thanks for arrangements to open a Myanmar economic representative office in Nanning.

Opening the consulate general and economic

representative office would facilitate multilateral cooperation between the two nations, he said. Myanmar invited cooperation in agricultural, trade, mineral, energy and hydro-power sectors and it would make all necessary arrangements, he added. The Secretary-1 also explained economic cooperation in multilateral sectors between the two countries. The Secretary-1 then wished the Chinese leaders, the leaders of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Chinese people health and happiness.

Later, Mr Guo Shengkun hosted a dinner in honour of the Secretary-1 and party at Banquet Hall No 11 of International Conference Centre.

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**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo shakes hands with Chairman of People's Congress Standing Committee in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Secretary of Guangxi Committee of Chinese Communist Party Mr Guo Shengkun.—MNA**

## Secretary-1 visits China Aluminium Co Ltd (Guangxi Branch)



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo visits China Aluminium Co Ltd (Guangxi Branch).**

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Aluminium Plant Co Ltd and manufacturing of aluminium cables by Guangxi Pingguo Bodao Al-MG Cable Co Ltd.

China Aluminium Co Ltd (Guangxi Branch), established in 1987, is located in Baise City of Pingguo District. After the re-establishments, the company can stand at the current position in July 2008. Over 7,000 employees are working at its branches and manufacturing 300,000 to 450,000 tons of aluminium yearly. It is the largest plant in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The Secretary-1 and party left there at 2 pm and arrived back at Liyuan Resort of Nanning in the evening.

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party visited China Aluminium Co Ltd (Guangxi Branch) in Pingguo District of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China on 21 October morning.

On arrival at China Aluminium Co Ltd (Guangxi Branch) at 10.00 am, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Baise Mayor Mr Xie Ze Yu, Deputy Chief Manager Mr Liu Ba Wei of the company and officials. Two girls presented bouquet to the Secretary-1.

They viewed production process from

the ore to aluminium ingot at the factory. Deputy Chief Managers Mr Liu Ba Wei and Mr Li Xiao Hui conducted the Secretary-1 and party round the factory.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party looked into the site where raw materials are being

produced and conservation of environment and the ore refining factory.

The Mayor of Baise hosted a luncheon to the Secretary-1 and party at Ming Dian Hotel. It was also attended by Secretary of the city Mr Zhang Qi Sheng and in-charge of

Pinnguo Township Mr Wei Zhou Fan. The mayor extended greetings and explained facts about the city. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win spoke words of thanks.

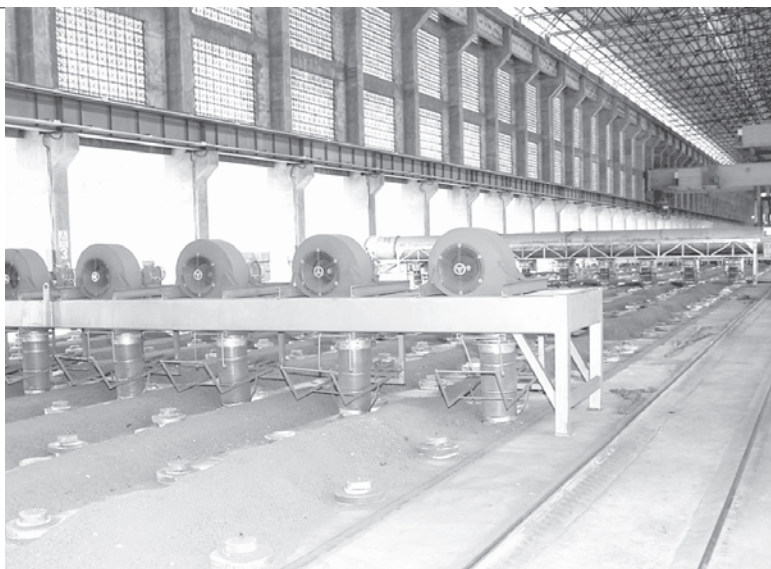
After the luncheon, the Secretary-1 and party and the Chinese mayor exchanged gifts.

In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 and party visited a private factory that produces carbon electrode for the aluminium refinery in Pingguo Township.

They viewed production of aluminium finished products of Guangxi Pingguo Copper

**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo observes production of carbon electrode in Pingguo District.**

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# Secretary-1 attends opening of Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening ceremony of the Consulate-General of the Union of Myanmar in the compound of consulate-general in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at 4.30 pm on 20 October.

Also present on the occasion were Minister

Wen Ka Hua, Secretary of the government of the Autonomous Region Mr Weng Yue Fei and officials.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Consul-General U Myint Swe, officials and local national race children at the Consulate-General.

The master of ceremonies introduced members of the Myanmar delegation led by the Secretary-1 to the governor of



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views Myanmar consulate-general in Nanning.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, ministers and officials formally open Myanmar consulate-general in Nanning. MNA

for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Ma Biao, member of the Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Communist Party Mr

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and party.

Governor Mr Ma Biao presented a car for the consulate-general through Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win.

Next, the Secretary-1, the ministers and officials, the governor of the Autonomous Region and local authorities formally opened the consulate-general.

Minister U Nyan Win and the governor unveiled the bronze plaque of the consulate-general.

The Secretary-1 sprinkled scented water on the plaque. The governor, Minister U Nyan Win and officials also sprinkled scented water on the

plaque.

Afterwards, they posed for a documentary photo in front of the con-

on opening the Myanmar consulate-general in Nanning of the Autonomous Region was held at

the hall of Liyuan Resort No. 13.

Also present on the occasion were Minister U Nyan Win, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, SPDC Office Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC Mr Wu Dawei, Vice-Governor of the Autonomous Region Mr Chen Wu, member of the Standing Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Communist

Party Mr Wen Ka Hua and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC and Foreign Affairs Office of the Autonomous Region.

Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin and Deputy Director-General Mrs Yang Jian of Asian Affairs Department of MOFA of the PRC exchanged notes of MoU for opening the Myanmar consulate-general.

Later, the ministers and officials, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC and party posed for a documentary photo.—MNA



Myanmar consulate-general in Nanning.—MNA

sulate-general.

The Secretary-1 visited the building of the consulate-general.

At 8.10 am, a ceremony to sign the MoU

## Labour Minister visits Thukhasusan Technical Training School

YANGON, 23 Oct – Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi visited Thukhasusan Technical Training School in Thakayta Industrial Zone

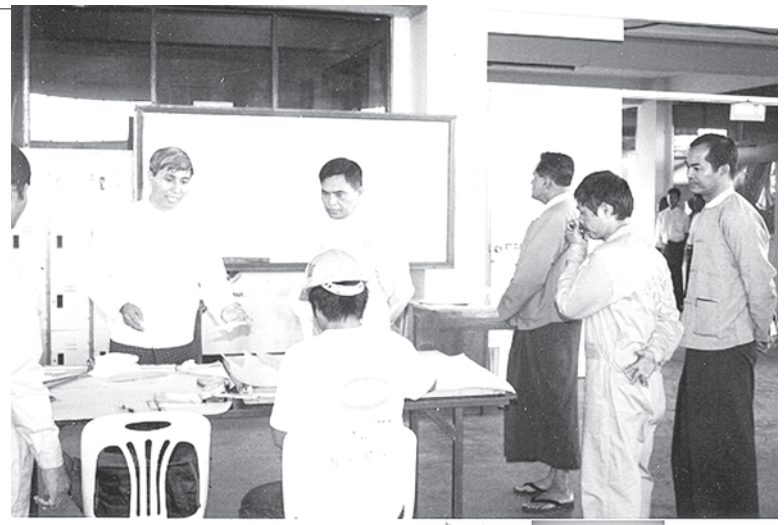
in Thakayta Township here on 16 October afternoon.

Thukhasusan Co Chairman U Chan Tha and Managing Director

Thudamma Theingi Daw Ohnma Myint explained facts about the school. Then the minister left necessary instructions.

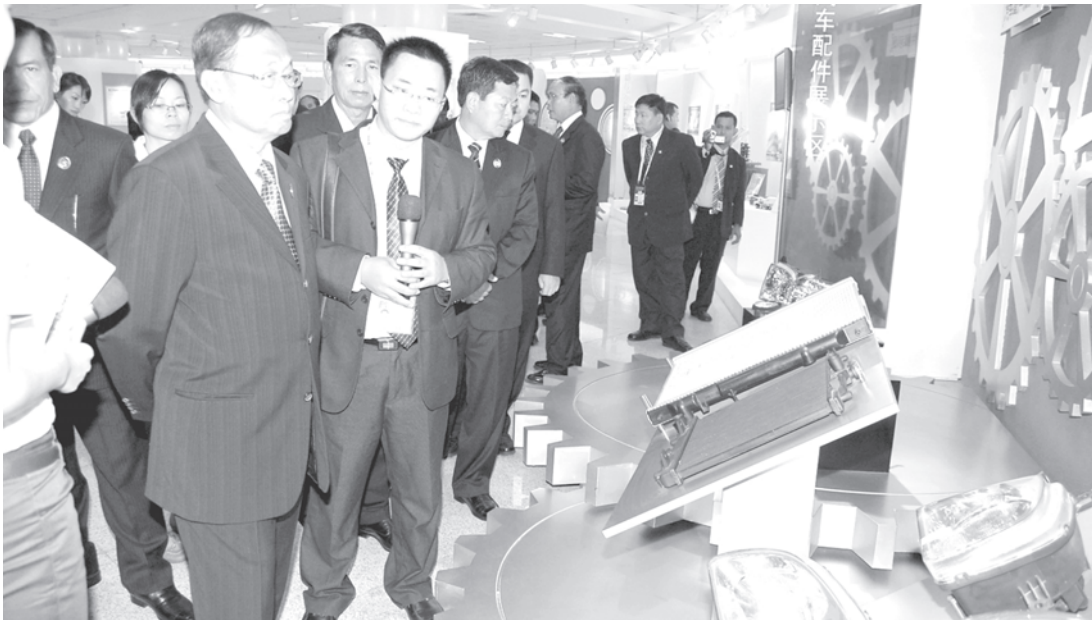
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Minister U Aung Kyi inspects Thukhasusan Technical Training School. MNA





## Secretary-1 visits Nanning Hi-Tech Development Zone in Nanning



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party at Nanning Hi-Tech Development Zone.**  
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Huang Shi Dairy Factory. Deputy Chief Manager Mr. He Hai Yan and officials welcomed them and explained kinds of dairy products, market share and background history of the factory.

The Secretary-1 and party observed the

production line of the factory and watched the video about the factory presented through projector.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented a gift to the deputy chief manager.

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**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party at Nanning Hi-Tech Development Zone.**

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NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party visited Nanning Hi-Tech Development Zone in Nanning on 20 October.

They were welcomed there by Deputy Director Mr. He Xiang of the zone and officials. At the hall of the zone, Joint Secretary Mr. Chen Ke Cheng of Nanning Administration Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and officials gave accounts on background history of the zone, area of the zone, kinds of products manufactured in the zone and production capacity of the zone.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed electrical appliances, computers and electronics, pharmacy and pharmaceutical equipments, biotechnological devices, foodstuff, spare parts of vehicles and machine tools produced



by the companies in the zone.

Nanning Hi-Tech Development Zone was established in 1988 and it was upgraded as National Hi-Tech Zone by the State Council in 1992. The zone provides companies that produce bioengineering and pharmaceutical products, foodstuff, spare parts of vehicles, mechanical devices and electronics with advanced technologies.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to

**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party at Nanning Hi-Tech Development Zone.**  
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## Secretary-1 visits Myanmar Economic Representative Office Construction Project

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo visited the construction site of Myanmar Economic Representative Office in China-ASEAN Economic Zone in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 21 October evening.

The secretary-1 and party were welcomed by the vice presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and responsible persons of the construction project at Myanmar Economic Repre-

sentative Office.

Vice President U Zaw Min Win of the UMFCCI explained ongoing tasks with projector.

Next, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and President of the UMFCCI U Win Myint made supplementary reports.

The Secretary-1 viewed the scale model of the buildings to be built in the project area and looked round MER Office being constructed by Guangxi-China-Myanmar Real Estate Development Co., Ltd.

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**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views scale model of construction site of Myanmar Economic Representative Office.—MNA**



## Secretary-1 receives Chairman of CNMC of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Chairman Mr. Luo Tao of China Nonferrous Metal Mining Group Co., Ltd (CNMC) of the People's Republic of China at the hall of Guest House No. (13) of Liyuan Resort in Nanning at 5.30 p.m. on 21 October.

Together with the Secretary-1 at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Chairman Mr. Luo Tao of China Nonferrous Metal Mining Group Co., Ltd (CNMC).—MNA**

Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development

Council Office and departmental heads. The CNMC Chairman explained

progress of mining and installation of electrical lines and works to be done. The Secretary-1

stressed the need to complete the works in time, to carry out the works with momentum

and to coordinate with departments concerned for work requirements. MNA



## Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo arrived at Nanning International Airport in a motorcade from Liyuan Resort to leave for

Myanmar at 8 a.m. on 22 October.

The Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted members of national races cultural troupe and national races, member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr. Wen Ka Hua, Director-General Ms. Fan Xiao Li of Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin and officials who saw them off at the airport.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party left the airport by special flight and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 a.m.—MNA

**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo being seen off by member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr. Wen Ka Hua at the airport.—MNA**

## 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated venues here today.

Among the audience were Chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas

and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Col Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min, Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong, departmental heads, Secretary of the organizing committee U Yan Naing Oo, committee members, sub-committee members, members of panel of judges and those who love Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts.

At the University of Agriculture, leader of the

panel of judges and members judged the performance of 16 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men's modern song contest.

Leader of the panel of judges and members supervised the participation of 19 contestants in the basic education level (Aged 5-10) boy's dance contest and 13 contestants in the higher education level women's dance contest at the University of Veterinary Science.

The amateur level (second class) men's and women's song composing contest also took place. A total of six contestants participated in the amateur level (second class) men's

and women's song composing contest while four contestants took part in the amateur level (first class) women's

xylophone contest and eight contestants in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boy's xylophone contest.

Other leaders of the panel of judges also supervised the contestants at the designated palces. MNA



**U Tin Maung Nyein of Mon State takes part in song composing contest.—MNA**



**Ma Wint Shwe Yi Win of Yangon Division takes part in dance contest.—MNA**



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV XIANG XIU VOYNO (9052)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOYNO (9052) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 24.10.2009 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.

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**MV LUNA AZUL VOYNO (EAL03)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV LUNA AZUL VOYNO (EAL03) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 24.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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**MV GOLD MENAM VOYNO (97)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GOLD MENAM VOYNO (97) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 25.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 5 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.

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**INVITATION**

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

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

Interested contractors may come to the Embassy during office hours (09.00am-04.00pm) on 26-27 October 2009.

The proposals are to be submitted by 29 October 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, 23 October 2009

**US may lose AAA-rating,  
Moody's warns**

NEW YORK, 23 Oct—The United States may lose its AAA-rating if it can not control its deficit hike, rating agency Moody's Investors Service warned on Thursday. Steven Hess, Moody's lead analyst for the United States, said in a TV interview that the AAA rating of the United States is "not guaranteed." He said if the US deficit does not drop to a sustainable level in the next three to four years, the US rating will be "in jeopardy."

The US government posted a record deficit of 1.417 trillion US dollars in the fiscal year ended on 30 Sept. Stimulus package to combat the severe recession and a series of bailout rescues to banks and automakers have put a heavy burden on government spending.

The Obama administration has predicted that deficits would top 1 trillion dollars through fiscal year 2011. Currently Moody's has a stable outlook on the US rating, an indication that there will not be a change in the next 18 months.—Xinhua

**Nokia sues Apple for  
patent infringement**

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—The world's top cellphone maker Nokia Oyj filed a lawsuit on Thursday against smaller rival Apple, claiming the US firm's iPhone infringes ten technology patents of Nokia.

Nokia continues to dominate the global cellphone market, but it has lost some ground to new entrants like Apple since it entered the market with its iPhone in mid-2007. Ten patents in the case — filed in Delaware, United States — relate to technologies fundamental for devices using GSM, UMTS and or local area network (LAN) standards, Nokia said. The patents cover wireless data,

speech coding, security and encryption and are infringed by all Apple iPhone models shipped since the iPhone was introduced in 2007, Nokia said.

Nokia said 40 main handset vendors have licensed its technologies, but it has not reached agreement with Apple.

"By refusing to agree appropriate terms for Nokia's intellectual property, Apple is attempting to get a free ride on the back of Nokia's innovation," Ilkka Rahnasto, Vice President for Legal & Intellectual Property at Nokia, said in a statement.

Internet

**Alaska files lawsuit challenging  
federal polar bear protections**

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—The state of Alaska filed suit in federal court asking that the US government's designation of the polar bear as a threatened species because of climate change be overturned.

The state filed a motion 20 Oct in a federal district court in Washington, Governor Sean Parnell, a Republican, told reporters yesterday at a press conference in Anchorage. The state opposes the designation because of the potential limits it would cause on resource development and economic activity in the state, Parnell said.

The Bush administration in 2008

proposed listing the polar bear under the Endangered Species Act. The administration cited the effect of global warming in the projected decline in sea ice that polar bears depend on for survival. "If the legal theory underlying the polar bear listing is accepted and becomes widespread," it would mean "any species that lived in an Arctic environment could be listed under the Endangered Species Act," said Alaska Attorney General Dan Sullivan. Such a decision, said Sullivan, a Republican, could make "Alaska the world's largest zoo."

Xinhua

*A man plays his bagpipe in front of a decorated house during the presentation of Windows 7 in the small village of Sietes, on 22 Oct, 2009.*

INTERNET

**14 al-Qaeda suspects arrested in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 23 Oct—Iraqi security forces arrested 14 suspected al-Qaeda members in western and northern Iraq, including three who were formerly detained by US troops in the country, local police officials said on Thursday.

Six men arrested in Fallujah were wanted for allegedly planning attacks in and around the city, which is located 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad, said the city's police chief, Col Mahmoud al-Isawi.

"The group is believed to be behind many murders and attacks against the citizens and the police forces," al-Isawi told *The Associated Press*, without

specifying when the arrests or the attacks took place.

Fallujah is a city in western Anbar P rovince that was a hotbed of Iraq's Sunni-dominated in-

surgency and the scene of some of the most intense US fighting with militants, before becoming a model of security gains in the country.

Internet

**Eyes to the skies for the 'Galilean Nights'**

PARIS, 23 Oct—Astronomers around the world are gearing up for three days of intense sky-watching in honour of Galileo, whose observations 400 years ago revolutionised our understanding of the cosmos.

The "Galilean Nights" promoted by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) aim at giving hundreds of thousands of people the thrill of looking through a space telescope for the first time.

More than 1,000 public events in over 70 countries are being staged on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, according to the website [www.galileannights.org](http://www.galileannights.org).

In October 1609 Galileo Galilei began observations with a two-lens telescope that eventually led him to discover the four main satellites of Jupiter and realise that Earth's Moon was pitted with craters and not a perfect sphere.—Xinhua





## H1N1 alarm, vaccine fears both rise

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — Americans are increasingly alarmed about the global swine flu pandemic, but most say they won't get vaccinated against the disease, a national poll indicated.

Fifty-two percent said they were "a great deal" or "somewhat" worried they or someone in their household would become infected, up from 39 percent of those polled in August, the *Washington Post-ABC News* poll sug-

gested.

Fears are growing fastest among young adults, among the most vulnerable to the flu, with 47 percent of those ages 18 to 29 worried, up from 26 percent in August, the poll said. But more than six in 10 said they wouldn't get vaccinated.

Barely 52 percent of parents said they'd have their children vaccinated, another high-risk group, even though parents tend to be more worried about

the flu than the population at large, the survey indicated.

The H1N1 flu — different from seasonal flu and declared a global pandemic on 11 June — has infected more than a million people in the United States and caused more than 600 deaths and more than 6,000 hospitalizations.

Two-thirds of those polled said they were confident the vaccine was safe, but only 22 percent said they were "very" confident it was.

Internet



A woman is taken to a hospital after she was injured during shelling in Somalia's capital Mogadishu, on 22 October, 2009. Mortar bombs killed at least 30 people in Somalia's capital Mogadishu on Thursday after rebels launched shells at the president's plane and African Union (AU) peacekeepers responded with heavy artillery fire.—INTERNET

*In this photo provided by the San Francisco Zoo, a chimpanzee goes through a Halloween-theme bag of treats, on Wednesday, on 21 Oct, 2009 at the San Francisco Zoo in San Francisco. On October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, visitors can watch zoo keepers provide animals with Halloween-theme treats and will be able to get close to spiders, snakes and other animals associated with Halloween.—INTERNET*



## Study finds protein directing DNA repair

CHAMPAIGN, 23 Oct — US scientists say they've found the first protein that randomly moves along a single strand of DNA, selectively allowing other proteins access to the DNA.

Researchers from the University of Illinois and Washington University noted the double-helix of DNA unwinds into single strands for replication and other purposes.

Scientists had assumed the single-stranded DNA binding protein SSB they studied attached to a site on the DNA and later detached.

But in a series of experiments, the researchers discovered SSB moves along single-stranded DNA, and its movement is independent of the sequence of nucleotides comprising the DNA.

They said they also found a protein involved in DNA repair in the bacterium *E. coli* grows along the DNA in response to the movement of SSB, and prevents the backward movement of the binding protein.

The researchers, led by Professor Taekjip Ha, posit SSB modulates the activity of many proteins that have a role in DNA repair, recombination and replication.

"SSB may be a master coordinator of all these important processes," said Ha.

The study is detailed in the journal *Nature*.

Internet

## Nigeria has most of world's polio

ATLANTA, 23 Oct — Nigeria had the world's highest burden of wild poliovirus in 2008, with 798 — 48 percent — of the 1,651 cases reported globally, US health officials say.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report said on Thursday during 2008-09, Nigeria was the source of transmission of poliovirus to 13 nearby countries.

Despite increasing commitment by the government of Nigeria to eliminating wild poliovirus transmission and some indicators of progress, all three

types of poliovirus are still being transmitted and resulting in paralytic disease among children.

However, with increased activities to interrupt wild poliovirus transmission during 2008, the number of type 1 wild poliovirus dropped substantially in the first seven months of 2009, as did the proportion of children who were reported to have never received oral polio vaccine.

But type 3 wild poliovirus cases rose and vaccine-derived poliovirus cases also increased, the report said.

Internet

## Biosensor may help in cancer therapy

MUNICH, 23 Oct — German scientists say they have developed a microchip biosensor that can assist in determining how effective a cancer drug might be in individual patients. The scientists at the Technical University of

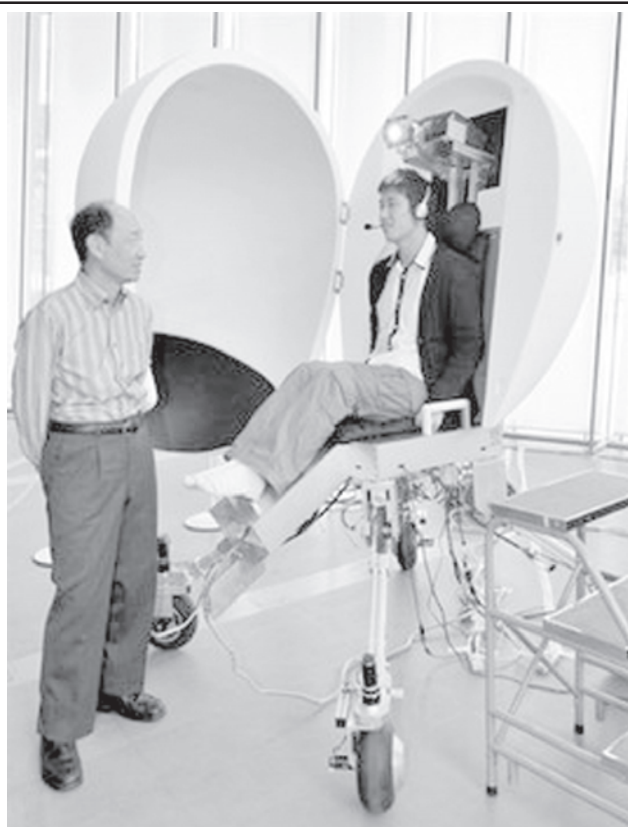
Munich said it's very difficult to predict whether a cancer drug will help a patient since only approximately one third of drugs will work directly in a given patient.

So the researchers developed a new test

process for cancer drugs. With the help of microchips, they said they can establish in the laboratory whether a patient's tumor cells will react to a given drug. The sensor could help in the future with the rapid identification of the most effective medication for an individual patient.

As part of another research project, the scientists said they are also developing a sensor chip intended to control tumor growth. The chip, implanted in the vicinity of a tumor, would release cancer drugs or pain medication only when the tumor grows.

Internet



A professor at Japan's Tsukuba University, presents his virtual reality machine "Media Vehicle" at the Digital Contents Expo in Tokyo. A monster-slaying bad breath blow gun and a rain-simulating "funbrella" are two of the bizarre gadgets that went on display at the Digital Content Expo, a fair showcasing futuristic gaming, arts, medical and other technologies.—INTERNET

## Sumatran tigers population declines

JAKARTA, 23 Oct — The population of the Sumatran tigers (*Panthera Tigris Sumatrae*) in the forests of Sumatra has decreased to over 500 due to hunting and opening of plantations, local media reported here on Friday.

Head of the Gunung Lauser National Park, Area I in Sumatra Island, who goes with single name, Rusman said that opening of new plantations for palm oil narrowed the species area for hunting preys.

"There are now only 500 left of them, and their number is constantly declining," Rusman was quoted by *Antara* news agency as saying.

"The opening of plantations is still posing a serious threat to the Sumatra tigers," he said.

He said South Aceh regency is one of the areas in Gunung Leuser which is most prone to disturbances by the tigers and other wild animals, like elephants and bears.—Internet



## SPORTS

## Chelsea appeal against transfer ban

LONDON, 23 Oct—Chelsea asked Thursday for the transfer ban imposed upon them by world football governing body FIFA to be suspended in a bid to sign new players during the January transfer window.

English Premier League side Chelsea have appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne against a ban which prevents the London club from signing any new players until January 2011. They have also requested the ban be suspended until the outcome of the appeal is known, with a decision expected



in November.

The ban was imposed by FIFA in August when its Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC) concluded the Blues had induced promising French youngster Gael Kakuta to break his contract with his first club Lens.

Internet

## Arsenal coy over Kroenke plans

LONDON, 23 Oct—Stan Kroenke kept quiet at Arsenal's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday as Gunners officials refused to discuss the American billionaire investor's plans for the club. Kroenke is now the largest individual share-

holder in the Premier League side's holding company, with a stake of 28.86 percent.

Should Kroenke or the likes of Alisher Usmanov, the Russian industrialist who has the second largest stake in Arsenal, reach the 29.9 percent threshold that would trigger a formal takeover offer for the remainder of the club. Kroenke remained silent when the question of his future involvement with Arsenal was raised at the AGM, with the London club's chairman Peter Hill-Wood saying: "I don't think we are looking for a change in custodian."

Internet



Stan Kroenke

## Robinho facing extended Manchester City lay-off

MANCHESTER, 23 Oct—Manchester City are set to be without Robinho for at least a further fortnight after the Brazil star suffered a setback in his bid to recover from an ankle injury.

City manager Mark Hughes had hoped the striker would be fit for Tuesday's League Cup tie at home to Scunthorpe. But, having already spent two months on the sidelines, it now appears the 25-year-old will not be available until the home English Premier League match against north-west rivals Burnley on 7 November.

"He's had a little bit of a setback, and the likelihood is it will be another 10 to 14 days," said Hughes. "The area where the stress fracture is hasn't healed as

quickly as we anticipated." He could probably join in with the group, but the fear would be if he got a direct bang on that area there's a chance he may re-break the leg.

Internet



Manchester City's Brazilian forward Robinho

## Vancouver torch starts its journey

BEIJING, 23 Oct—The torch relay for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics got underway yesterday, with the sun's rays igniting the flame during a brief break in the clouds at the ancient Olympic stadium.

It was the first time in the last four winter Games torch-lighting ceremonies that the back-up flame from the previous day's dress rehearsal at the site of the ancient Olympics did not have to be used. Actress Maria Nafpliotou, playing a High Priestess calling on sun God Apollo, knelt in front of a parabolic mirror reflecting the sun's rays that seconds later ignited the silver torch as the clouds parted above the site of the ancient Games and the Temple of Hera.

The ceremony, watched by hundreds of school-children and tourists as well as dignitaries, kicked off an eight-day torch relay throughout Greece, including the country's ski resorts, before a handover to Vancouver Games organizers in the Panathenian stadium in Athens, site of the first modern Olympics in 1896. On October 30 the flame will arrive in Canada for the biggest-ever domestic relay, covering 45,000 kms and ending in Vancouver on 12 February.—Xinhua



Greek actress Nafpliotou, playing the role of High Priestess, lights the Olympic torch during the official lighting ceremony for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics in ancient Olympia on 22 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

## Benfica, Shakhtar on song in Europa League, Andreoli saves Roma

PARIS, 23 Oct—Everton sank to a first Europa League defeat of the season with a 5-0 loss at Benfica on Thursday, while reigning champions Shakhtar Donetsk thrashed Toulouse and Roma rescued a draw at Fulham.

An injury-time goal

earned 10-man Lazio a 2-1 win over Villarreal, Spanish heavyweights Valencia were held 1-1 at home to Slavia Prague and struggling Scottish giants Celtic went down 1-0 to Hamburg. Everton were 1-0 behind at half-time at the Estadio da Luz after Javier Saviola volleyed the home side in front before three goals in seven minutes put the game beyond the visitors.

Paraguayan international Oscar Cardozo scored twice from close range after pin-point left-wing assists from Saviola and man-of-the-match Di Maria, before Brazil centre-back Luisao headed in the fourth. Saviola touched home his second late on from another Di Maria assist as the hosts drew level with their opponents on six points at the Group I summit.—Internet

## Schnyder ends Clijsters Luxembourg hopes



US Open champion Kim Clijsters

LUXEMBOURG, 23 Oct—US Open champion Kim Clijsters suffered a midnight defeat at the 220,000-dollar WTA Luxembourg tournament when Swiss veteran Patty Schnyder won their second round clash 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (8/6).

Clijsters, the second seed, was bidding for a sixth title in this event,

and second tournament victory since her return from two years of retirement. Schnyder, the world number 47, had beaten Clijsters just twice in their eight prior meetings, and one of those was because of an injury retirement.

But she battled for almost two hours, recovering from a lost 5-3 lead in the third set and then regrouping after letting go a 4-0 lead in the tie-break. "Patty played extremely smart. It's tough to force errors on her and break through her game," said Clijsters.

Internet

## Japanese teen Ishikawa to play in HSBC Champions

TOKYO, 23 Oct—Japanese teenager Ryo Ishikawa will participate in next month's HSBC Champions tournament in a field that includes Tiger Woods. The 18-year-old Ishikawa was scheduled to play in a smaller event on Japan's domestic tour but was given permission by his sponsors to take part in the \$7 million event in Shanghai.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how I perform in such a strong field," Ishikawa said on Thursday. Spain's Sergio Garcia is the defending champion at the Nov. 5-8 event at Sheshan International Golf Club.

Ishikawa has won four domestic events this year and currently leads the Japanese money rankings. He has played three majors this year, missing the cut at the Masters and the British Open and finishing tied for 56th at the US PGA Championship.

Internet

## Bulgarian qualifier ends Zvonareva bid for Doha berth

MOSCOW, 23 Oct—Top seed Vera Zvonareva's bid for the last remaining berth in the season-ending WTA championship in Doha was scuppered on Thursday as she fell in straight sets to Bulgarian qualifier Tsvetana Pironkova at the Kremlin Cup. The Russian was shocked 6-0, 6-2 in her first meeting with 126th-ranked Pironkova handing Serbia's Jelena Jankovic the eighth and final spot in the 4.55-million dollar Doha championships.

Defending champion Jankovic, the second seed here, breezed into the quarter-finals with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 win over



Top seed Vera Zvonareva

Czech Lucie Safarova. Zvonareva, meanwhile, put a brave face on the defeat which means she will now travel to Doha but only as a singles alternate with Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska.

Internet



### C. Ronaldo to miss Real's La Liga match due to injury



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo

MADRID, 23 Oct—Injured Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo will miss Real Madrid's La Liga match at Sporting Gijon on Saturday.

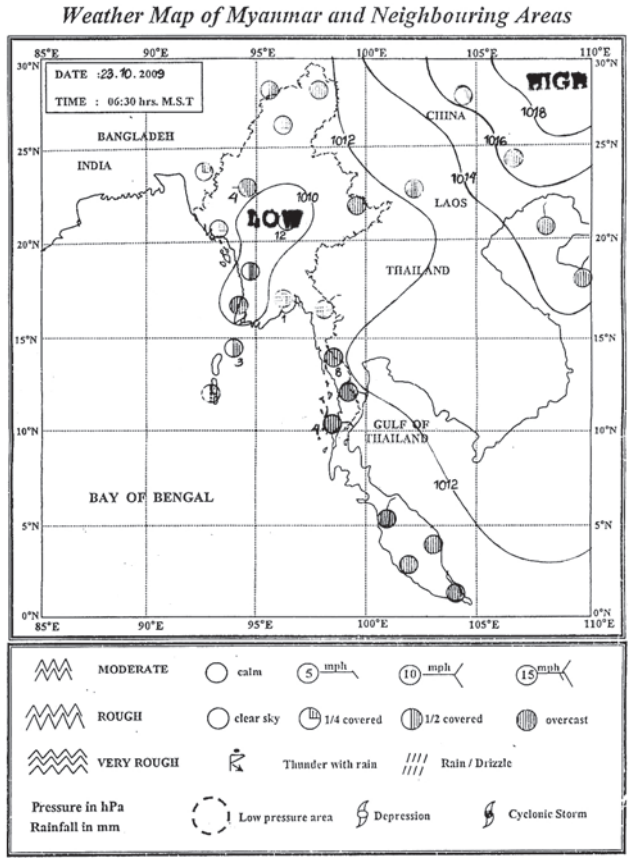
The record 80 million pounds (88 million euros) signing, who previously played for England Premiership's Manchester United, is still recovering from a right ankle injury sprained against Olympique Marseille last month.

He aggravated the injury playing for Portugal against Hungary two weeks ago and is expected to be out for another two weeks. Real lost at home in European Champions League with a 3-2 reverse against AC Milan but have the chance to go above Barcelona, top La Liga with a one-point lead, as Real are in action first on Saturday. French midfielder Lassana Diarra is likely to miss the game after being given permission to return home to attend to a family matter on Thursday.—Xinhua

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24-10-2009) (Saturday)

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
  - \* Fossilized Wood Garden
  - \* Travelogue (PyinOoLwin)
  - \* Harmful Shopping Bag
  - \* Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival & Hot-Air Balloon Competition "Travelling Lights of the .....Festival"
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Tachilek
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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  - \* Tachilek
  - \* Honourable Composer Myoma Nyein "Healthy and Elegant Lady"
  - \* Hand Fastening Festival of Kayin Nationals
  - \* Myanmar Movies Impact
  - \* Wonderful Tofu
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* A Collection of Rakhine Cultural Heritages
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



### WEATHER Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nyaunglebin (4.02) inches, Pyu (2.48) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.18) inches, Shwegyin (1.10) inches, Minkin (0.79) inch, Yamethin (0.67) inch, Machanbaw (0.63) inch, Magway and Taungoo (0.59) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 22-10-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 23-10-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-10-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 22-10-2009 was (6.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 23-10-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (110.90) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.06) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 22-10-2009. **Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009:** Rain or thundershower will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-10-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-10-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-10-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Saturday, 24 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am**
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:15 am**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
8. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်
- 8:30 am**
9. ကမ္ဘာ့ကုလသမဂ္ဂနေ့တေးများ
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Connect with English (Episode-24) (The Phone Call)
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Game for Children
- 11:50 am**
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 12:20 pm**
5. Yan Can Cook
- 12:40 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၉)
- 1:40 pm**
7. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ
- 2:00 pm**
8. ဘဝသစ်ရောင်ခြည်ထွန်းလေပြီ မြို့ရွှေတောင်သာဆီ
- 2:15 pm**
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:25 pm**
10. ဝမ်းပုံရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 2:30 pm**
11. Dance of National Races
- 2:40 pm**
12. International News
- 3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Southern Myanmar FC အသင်းနှင့် ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်း)
- 5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
5. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ အလှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:40 pm**
6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "အဆင်ပြေစေချင်တယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂) (အိချော့ပို၊ ဖိုးဝတ်မုံ၊ ချမ်းသာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းဇေယျာလင်း)
- 7:00 pm**
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
  9. International News
  10. Weather Report
  11. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
  12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၅၃)
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၅)
  14. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး



- ★ 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 Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence and wife enjoy Uggasena drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Uggasena drama contest of the 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the second day with the participation of the drama troupe representing Mandalay Division at the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin today.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine,

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, departmental heads, officials of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central) and those from states and divisions.

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### Strong earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—The Hydrology and Meteorology Department announced that a strong earthquake of intensity (6.2) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Afghanistan) about 2100 miles north-west of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 02 hr 27 min 30 sec M.S.T today.

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*Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife enjoy competition of Mandalay Division troupe in Uggasena drama contest.*

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