



# The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

### 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

## Senior General Than Shwe sends UN Day message

**Myanmar has great faith in important role played by United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standards of living of citizens of the world**

**Myanmar will work towards vision of the United Nations**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—*The following is the full text of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.*

Today is the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. On this special occasion, we join the Member States of the World Organization in commemorating and celebrating this very significant and auspicious day for the international community.

Sixty-four years ago, the United Nations was established to bring peace and stability to the chaotic world devastated by scourge of two World Wars. Overriding concerns of the United Nations in its early part of history had been its peace agenda. In the height of cold war with an impending threat of

nuclear war and seemingly endless regional conflicts across the globe, it became imperative that peace and stability must prevail if development and progress are to be achieved. Over the decades, the United Nations has successfully maintained international peace and security. Moreover, the United Nations also made advances in the field of development, protection of the environment and promotion of international law, etc. These advances are made possible by the commitments of the Member States to work collectively and cooperatively within the United Nations.

The world again faces complex crises threatening development and security. At this juncture, we need to look to the founding principles of the United Nations to address the challenges. The world today is undergoing profound changes. We are living in a global and interdependent world. Never before in time of peace, have the members of the United Nations been presented with so many new challenges and opportunities. These have far reaching impacts on the entire international community.

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## Greater focus should be on economic and social development to meet internationally agreed goals including the MDGs

### Secretary-1 attends 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of the United Nations



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of United Nations.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations was observed at the City Hall, here, at 10 am today, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental

heads, ambassadors and wives, Charges d' Affaires of the foreign missions led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong,

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Beef up multilateral cooperation between Myanmar and China

Myanmar and the People's Republic of China are good-neighbourly nations, sharing the border. There have been goodwill visit exchanges between the leaders of the two nations and bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, paid a visit to Nanning to attend the Sixth China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held from 19 to 22 October at the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China.

The Secretary-1 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 on 20 October.

At the meeting, the Secretary-1 expressed his thanks for arrangements to open a Myanmar economic representative office in Nanning and said that opening the consulate general and economic representative office would facilitate multilateral cooperation between the two nations. The Secretary-1 also invited cooperation in agricultural, mineral, energy and hydropower sectors.

Mr Guo Shengkun replied that in the interests of both sides, cooperation in trade, education, industrial and transport sectors with Myanmar is to be promoted. Especially, the region wished to promote cooperation in mineral and agricultural sectors, he elaborated. He also pledged to send businesspersons of the region to Myanmar to promote economic cooperation between the two sides.

The friendship between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China has been cemented for generations. Therefore, the visit of the Secretary-1 to Nanning will surely promote bilateral and multisectoral cooperation between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China.

### CONCORDIA Int'l Co Ltd's Tazaungdine special sales on 27 Oct



YANGON, 24 Oct—Tazaungdine special sales of CONCORDIA International Co Ltd will be held at Thiriadana Market, No. (144) in Nay Pyi Taw from 27 to 29 October.

Topcon brand land-surveying materials, Garmin brand GPs, Fuji Xerox brand colour copiers, A3 A4

## 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

### Senior General Than Shwe sends UN Day...

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The imbalances in global economic, financial, and trade environment remain a major impediment for many developing countries. The emerging global issues of climate change, financial and economic crises, and food and energy crises threaten to undermine socio-economic progress gained, including the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals.

The United Nations is the best forum to tackle global challenges, as well as for guaranteeing international peace and security. The challenges that we are facing today can best be addressed by an integrated approach. The United Nations, the most universal institution has also on its agenda vast array of works that touch every aspect of the lives of people around the world. Therefore, full potential of the United Nations must be galvanized.

It is clear that no country can deal with the multitude of global problems alone. They can be

effectively resolved only through collective efforts within the most representative international mechanism. Myanmar has great faith in the important role played by the United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standards of living of the citizens of the world. Our hope for a better, more prosperous and peaceful world remains with the World Organization.

On this 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, let us reaffirm our support and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations which have proved timeless and universal. Together with the international community, Myanmar will work towards the vision of the United Nations that is a center of harmonizing the actions of nations for attainment of peace, security and prosperity for all.

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### Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee observes 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony

YANGON, 24 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the prize presentation for the exhibition and competition to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee at the National Theatre in Dagon Township this morning.

Patron of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win



Lt-Gen Myint Swe views rewarding photos, articles, poems and cartoons at exhibition.—MNA

Myint and the chairman of the Supervisory

Committee formally opened the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the exhibition and competition.

Next, he viewed automobiles manufactured by industrial zones of Yangon Division displayed in front of the National Theatre and prize winning works in the photo, short story, article, poem and cartoon competitions displayed in the hall of the National Theatre.

He signed in the record

book of the exhibition.

On the occasion, the commander delivered an opening address.

The chairman of the supervisory committee presented portraits to Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Officials also presented gifts to the guests.

Afterwards, the commander, the Yangon Mayor and officials awarded the winners and presented certificates of honour to them.—MNA

black/white laser printers, colour printers, multi-purpose digital copiers, NEBUNIZER machines produced by Italy and Bp Cuff and ECG machines produced by Germany, will be on sale at Tazaungtai special sales.

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Thanks for the gratitude to customers, special discount will be offered during the special sales period.

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## Japan Govt coalition partner rejects US base proposal

Tokyo, 24 Oct – A coalition partner of Japan's centre-left government on Saturday voiced opposition to a fresh proposal for keeping a controversial US base within the southern Japanese island of Okinawa. Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada said on Friday the Marine Corps Futenma Air Base should not be moved off Okinawa but could be merged with other US military facilities in the island.

But Mizuho Fukushima, head of the Social Democratic Party, one of the two minor coalition parties, rejected the proposal and insisted that the base must be moved off the island. "I oppose the hasty

and coercive proposal," Fukushima told reporters. "We should not be in a hurry even if it takes some time before reaching a final conclusion."

The government has previously said it will review a 2006 agreement to move the base from a crowded urban to a coastal area of Okinawa by 2014, and has even suggested the facility be moved off the island. A row over the planned relocation cast a shadow on the Japan-US security alliance ahead of the first visit by US President Barack Obama to Japan on November 12-13.

Internet



Unidentified BASE jumper leap from the height of 300 meters of Malaysia's landmark KL Tower, the 421-meter (1,381-foot) broadcasting tower, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 24 Oct, 2009.

INTERNET

### Two NATO members say no more troops to Afghanistan now

BRATISLAVA (Slovakia), 24 Oct – Two NATO members say they won't be willing to send new troops to Afghanistan until a presidential runoff election on 7 Nov delivers a legitimate government and President Barack Obama has decided on a new strategy there.

Dutch Defence Minister Eimert Van Middelkoop says his country is awaiting the final election results "because the legitimacy of the Afghan government is key" as well as a decision by Obama.

Van Middelkoop said on Friday "I think most countries are waiting for the American decisions."

Danish Defence Minister Soeren Gade said allies won't increase troop levels until they're assured the new government in Kabul is committed to the NATO goals. The ministers spoke at a meeting of NATO defence ministers in Slovakia.

Internet

*Three fuel tanks burn inside the gasoline warehouse and distribution center of Caribbean Petroleum Corp., owned by Gulf, in Catano, Puerto Rico, in the early hours of Friday, 23 Oct, 2009.*

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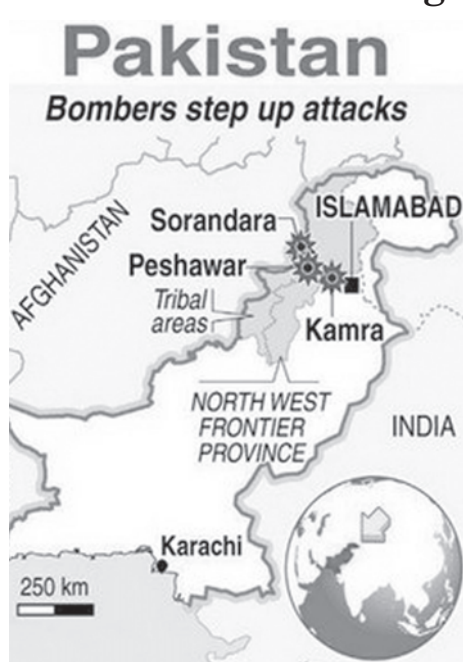
### Pakistan says anti-Taleban offensive succeeding

ISLAMABAD, 24 Oct — Pakistani leaders say the military offensive in a Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border is succeeding and have resolved to press ahead despite a ferocious wave of retaliatory attacks that have killed some 200 people this month.

The government statement came as a spate of bombings in northwest Pakistan on Friday killed 24 people, including 17 headed to a wedding. The onslaught appears aimed at sapping public support for the army's offensive in South Waziristan, a lawless tribal region under the sway of the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani declared that "failure is not an option despite the ferocity of these attacks," according to the statement, which was released on late Friday after a meeting of top government and military officials.

The army chief, Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, told participants that the offensive is moving ahead successfully and is trying to keep civilian casualties to a minimum, according to the statement.—Internet



*A map of Pakistan locating attacks in Kamra, Sorandara and Peshawar. A mine killed 16 wedding guests in Pakistan's tribal belt on Friday while a suicide bomber targeted an air force base, inflicting another reverse on the military in its war on the Taliban.*

INTERNET

### Afghans object to US hit list

KABUL, 24 Oct — US and NATO troops in Afghanistan have been given a hit list of 50 reputed drug lords, against the wishes of the government, *The Washington Post* reports. Afghan officials suggest killing suspects on the list could undermine respect for law in the country and anger local residents who already believe coalition soldiers are more concerned with killing Afghans than reconstructing the country.

Gen Mohammad Daud Daud, the deputy interior minister for anti-narcotics, said the United States should share its information. "They should respect our law, our constitution and our legal codes," Daud said. "We have a commitment to arrest these people on our own."—Internet



### UK navy forces to return to Iraq

LONDON, 24 Oct — British naval personnel are to return to Iraq to train local forces, Armed Forces Minister Bill Rammell has said.

The announcement comes after politicians in Baghdad passed legislation allowing their return. The six-year British military mission in Iraq ended on 30 April this year with all UK personnel withdrawn in July. The Ministry of Defence said that the navy personnel would be back in Iraq next month.

Mr Rammell told the Commons it was agreed "training activity should resume as soon as possible". In a written statement, he said: "The government intends to notify the Iraqi government within the next few days that the UK is ready to bring this agreement into force."

Between 100 and 150 British service personnel withdrew to Kuwait in July after the Iraqi parliament failed to ratify an agreement allowing them to remain. The MoD has indicated that about the same number of Royal Navy personnel would return.

Internet

### Explosion hits Gulf facility in Puerto Rico

CATANO (Puerto Rico), 24 Oct — An explosion at a Gulf gasoline facility Friday rocked a neighborhood outside Puerto Rico's capital, causing at least some minor injuries and forcing evacuations as firefighters raced to prevent additional blasts.

A column of black smoke and flames were rising from the Caribbean Petroleum Corp, a gasoline warehouse and distribution center on San Juan's bay that owns the Gulf brand in Puerto Rico. Authorities said the cause and the scale of the damage were not immediately clear.

FBI agents on the scene were among those investigating what caused the blast around 12:30 a.m. (0430 GMT), according to police chief Jose Figueroa Sancha. A police helicopter that flew over the area confirmed that 11 of more than 30 tanks had exploded, Figueroa Sancha said. Firefighters were planning to chill the remaining tanks in an effort to keep them from exploding. Dozens of fuel trucks were also being moved from the area.

"This is about containment," firefighter Brenda Rodriguez said. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said the agency put a temporary flight restriction in place over the area because of smoke.—Internet



## Truck maker Volvo posts 3Q loss as sales fall

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct—Swedish truck maker AB Volvo on Friday reported a third-quarter net loss of 2.9 billion kronor (\$423 million), due to a steep drop in sales in Europe and the US, but said demand was stabilizing, particularly in Asia. It was the fourth consecutive quarterly loss for the company and compares with a previous profit of almost 2 billion in the same three months a year ago.

Revenue in the period plunged more than 30 percent to 48.5 billion kronor from 69.8 billion kronor in the third quarter in 2008. The biggest drops were recorded in its truck and construction equipment units. Revenue for the truck division, Volvo's largest business area, fell 34 percent in the quarter, mainly because of weaker demand on the European market.—*Internet*



Customers use new 21.5-Inch and 27-inch iMacs at the Apple Store in San Francisco, on 23 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

## Malaysia expects larger budget deficit this year

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Oct—Malaysia expected a larger budget deficit this year, mainly due to the government's extra expenditure spent to boost the country's economy. In the Economic Report 2009/2010 officially released by the Malaysian Finance Ministry here on Friday, the country's budget deficit for 2009 is estimated at 7.4 percent of the year's gross domestic product (GDP).

Although a lower budget deficit of 5.6 percent of GDP is estimated for 2010, it is still higher than the deficit in 2008, which was 4.8 percent. The amount totaled to 67 billion ringgit (19.14 billion US dollars) was to be spent over two years to stimulate domestic consumption, given that the export-oriented country had suffered from lower demand from abroad.—*Internet*

## Cholera kills 70 persons in Nigeria's Borno State

LAGOS, 24 Oct—At least 70 people had been killed by cholera epidemic in northern Nigeria's Borno State in the past two weeks, an official announced. Zubairu Maina, state commissioner for health, told reporters on Thursday that Biu local government area recorded the highest casualties with 55 deaths, out of the 200 people being infected.

Maina said the disease had spread to other five local government areas in the state, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Saturday.

Earlier this month, some 113 people were killed in a cholera

outbreak in the state with nearly 956 others infected.

The state commissioner for health said the Adamawa State cholera outbreak had spread into Borno as the two areas share the state boundary.

He said the outbreak of the disease was compounded by the poor sanitary conditions of the affected communities, noting that throughout the rainy season, people failed to abide by the rules of personal hygiene and sanitation to avoid the rapid spread.

Cholera is an infectious disease that spreads through contaminated drinking water.—*Xinhua*

## In US, less education means more H1N1 concern

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—Low-income Americans with no more than a high school education appear more likely to get vaccinated against H1N1 swine flu than people with more money and better schooling, according to a poll released on Friday.

A telephone survey of 3,003 US adults conducted by Thomson Reuters found that 49.8 percent of people with

lower education levels were very concerned about H1N1, compared with only 29 percent of those with at least a four-year college degree. Forty-five percent of the less-educated said they and their families were likely to vaccinate, while only 36 percent of college-educated people expected to be immunized.

All told, 47 percent of those surveyed said they

were unlikely to seek vaccination. Flu fears also ran high among 43.3 percent of people with household incomes of \$25,000 a year or less, compared with just 30 percent of people with annual incomes of \$50,000 or more. Forty percent of poorer Americans said they intended to get vaccinated, versus just over a third of all respondents.

*Internet*

*A Chinese woman gets relaxing eye massage at a beauty expo in Beijing on 23 Oct, 2009. Chinese economy expanded by 8.9 percent in the third quarter, leaving urban Chinese with ever more disposable income to spend on beauty and leisure.—INTERNET*



## EU approves Merck, Schering-Plough tie-up

BRUSSELS, 24 Oct—The European Union on Friday approved the proposed tie-up of US drug makers Merck & Co and Schering-Plough Corp which would create the second-biggest global producer of prescription medicines.

The EU's antitrust authorities said in a statement Friday that the "transaction would not significantly impede effective competition" in Europe. The \$41.1 billion acquisition of smaller Schering-Plough will allow Merck to leapfrog to No 2 worldwide in prescription medicine, just behind Pfizer Inc, which last week bought Wyeth for \$68 billion. The new Merck-Schering company would have about \$42.4 billion in annual sales.

*Internet*

## Message of the UN Secretary General on UN Day (24 October 2009)

On this United Nations Day and every day throughout the year, the United Nations is at work — for the planet, for jobs, for "we the peoples".

We deliver more humanitarian aid than anyone — and to the toughest places. We vaccinate 40 per cent of the world's children. We feed more than 100 million people and are helping more than 30 million refugees, most of them women and children fleeing war and persecution. We are deploying more peacekeepers than ever — more than 115,000. In the last year alone, we provided electoral assistance to almost 50 countries. And the entire UN system has mobilized to face global economic turmoil and the social unrest it threatens.

People look to the United Nations to defeat poverty and hunger, to keep the peace, to expand education and stand up for human rights in every corner of the globe. They look to us to stop the spread of deadly weapons and disease, and to protect people and families hit by disasters. In December, they will look to us to seal a comprehensive, equitable and ambitious deal on climate change that will protect us all and pave the way toward a greener, more sustainable economy.

This is a unique moment in world affairs. Multiple crises — food, fuel, financial, flu — are hitting at once. Climate change looms larger every day. Each illustrates a 21st-century truth: we share one planet, one home. As people, as nations, as a species, we sink or swim together.

The United Nations is doing its utmost to respond — to address the big issues, to look at the big picture. We are forging a new multilateralism that can deliver real results for all people, especially those most in need. But I am also painfully aware of the distance to go and the gap between commitment and action. On this UN Day, let us resolve to redouble our efforts on behalf of the vulnerable, the powerless, the defenceless. Let us stand more united than ever — united in purpose and united in action to make the world a safer, better place.—*UNIC*





**A phalanx of ASEAN countries present their costumes during a parade in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 23 Oct, 2009. A total of 32 phalanxs and 22 floats featuring the Zhuang ethnic group attended the parade on Friday as part of the 11th Nanning International Folk Song Arts Festival which kicked off here on 20 Oct. —XINHUA**

## Malaysia to bridge trade between East, West

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Oct—Malaysia is well positioned to leverage on Asian growth prospects to bridge the trade flows between the East and the West, a report said here on Friday. The Economy Report 2009/ 2010 released by the Malaysian Finance Ministry stated that ASEAN, China, India and the Middle East would gain prominence in becoming the main source of consumption demand.

This was evident given their prospects for rapid gross domestic product

growth in the countries, added the report. The report said while the United States and Europe would remain the main markets for Malaysia, consumption was expected to shift towards Asia, encouraging companies to expand in the region and increase product mix.

Therefore, Malaysia needed to develop a

unique value proposition to attract foreign direct investment, added the report. According to the report, the Malaysian government already identified areas where the country has competitive advantages, including Islamic finance, halal industry, resource-based industries and tourism.

Xinhua

### All Items from Xinhua News Agency

## Study finds heavy video gaming can hurt attention spa

LOS ANGELES, 24 Oct—Playing video games too much affects people's ability to stay focused on tasks requiring close attention, says a study published this week in the US. The Iowa State University study, published in the latest issue of the professional journal *Psychophysiology*, found those who played video games for about 40 hours a week had more difficulty focusing their attention than those who played video games less than a couple of hours a week.

The study supports research published within the past year, which established a positive association between being addicted to playing video games and having Atten-

tion Deficit Disorder (ADD). Rob West, one of the authors of the study and Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Cognitive Psychology Programme at Iowa State University, said those individuals who played video game too much really had difficulty trying to maintain their attention independently over time.

“So if they are engaged in some activity that doesn't really capture their attention — like maybe a classroom lecture, or studying in a quiet space — they're going to have difficulty maintaining attention on their own,” said West. The study was led by psychology graduate student Kira Bailey.

Xinhua

## Danish soldier killed in Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct—A Danish soldier has been killed during a patrol in southern Afghanistan, according to reports reaching here from Copenhagen on Friday.

“A soldier of the Danish Royal Lifeguards has been killed in Afghanistan during a foot patrol in a bazaar area in the Green Zone close to the Sandford Camp near Rahim Qalay in the Gereshk Valley,” reported the Danish online newspaper Politiken.

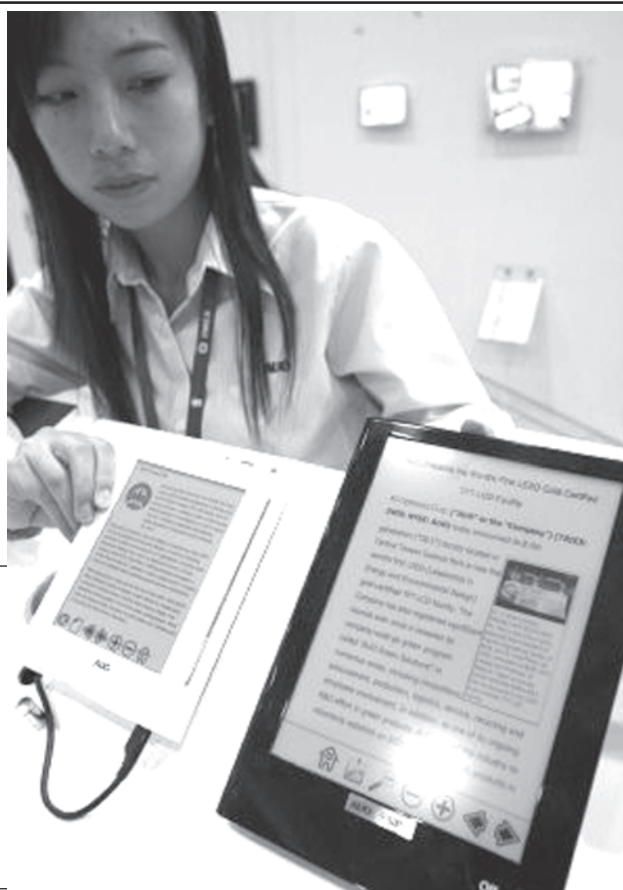
The soldier of the Royal Lifeguard Mechanized Infantry Company was dead upon arrival at the field

hospital at Camp Bastion, said the Politiken.

“This is a harsh blow to all of us, but particularly for his family. It is with the greatest compassion that we think of them at this difficult time,” Brigadier General Peter Harry Lund was quoted by the Politiken as saying.

Xinhua

**An exhibitor displays two electronic books during the 8th Suzhou Electronic Manufacturer Exposition in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 22 Oct, 2009. —XINHUA**



## Bolivia, China, ITU sign understanding statement for satellite construction

LA PAZ, 24 Oct —The Bolivian government, China's Great Wall Industry Corporation and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) signed an understanding statement on Friday to construct and set a satellite in orbit.

During the signing ceremony, Bolivian President Evo Morales said the understanding statement confirmed that Bolivia would have its own space satellite in three years. This would promote the country's economic, social and technological development. “It is a priority project to contribute to

Bolivia's development,” Morales declared.

The understanding, previous to a definite agreement expected to be signed in March 2010, was reached after a three-day meeting among the representatives of the three sides. Follow-up meetings would be held in China in November. The Bolivian delegation traveling to China

would not only discuss issues related to the satellite, but also joint investment programmes in various sectors.—Xinhua

**Black snub-nosed monkeys are pictured in the Baima Snow Mountain State Nature Reserve in Weixi, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 Oct, 2009. —XINHUA**



## 200 million A/H1N1 vaccines needed in Latin America

PANAMA CITY, 24 Oct —A representative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Alba Maria Ropero, said Fri-

day that there were 200 million people in Latin America who needed A/H1N1 vaccines. Ropero reported at the end of a

meeting regarding the purchase of A/H1N1 vaccines that they had held a poll among the governments to ascertain the specific amount of vaccines needed and had made an allotment in the PAHO.

The first vaccines were expected to be available at the end of November or early December, she announced. “Some countries are purchasing the vaccines through the Rotary Fund, and others are receiving donations from the World Health Organization, including the poorest countries of the Americas,” she added.—Xinhua



## Algae may be secret weapon in climate change war

MIAMI, 24 Oct — Driven by fluctuations in oil prices, and seduced by the prospect of easing climate change, experts are ramping up efforts to squeeze fuel out of a promising new organism: pond scum.

As it turns out, algae — slimy, fast-growing and full of fat — is gaining ground as a potential renewable energy source.

Experts say it is intriguing for its ability to gobble up carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, while living happily in places that aren't needed for food crops. Algae likes mosquito-infested swamps, for example, filthy pools, and even waste water. And while no one has found a way to mass produce cheap fuel from algae yet, the race is on.

University labs and start-up companies across the country are getting involved. Over the summer, the first mega-corporation joined in, when ExxonMobil said it would sink 600 million dollars into algae research in a



Children are seen playing on a beach covered with algae in Qingdao, China. It has turned out that algae — slimy, fast-growing and full of fat — is gaining ground as a potential renewable energy source.—INTERNET

partnership with a California biotechnology company. If the research pans out, scientists say they will eventually find a cost-effective way to convert lipids from algae ponds into fuel, then pump it into cars, trucks and jets.

"I think it's very realistic. I don't think it's going to take 20 years. It's going to take a few years," said chemical engineer George Philippidis, director of applied research at Florida International University in Miami. One of the factors fueling enthusiasm is algae's big appe-

tite for carbon dioxide — a by-product of burning fossil fuels.—Internet

## Bermuda 'world top 500' hotel to close partially

SAN JUAN (Puerto Rico), 24 Oct — A posh Bermuda resort named one of the world's top 500 hotels this year will close its century-old main building because the economic crisis has sapped tourism to the island.

Elbow Beach Hotel will lay off about 160 employees by the end of November as it shutteres 131 rooms and outsources food and beverage services, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group spokeswoman Danielle DeVoe said on Wednesday. "It's fair to say that current business levels are challenging globally," she said.

The hotel's 1908 pastel-yellow building will remain closed for several years. Hotel officials hope to renovate it during that time, although no details have been specified, DeVoe said. Premier Ewart Brown said he hopes the projected renovation will enable Elbow Beach to compete with other high-end brands. "The closure of any hotel property is difficult at any time," he said. "We never want to see Bermudians losing their jobs." —Internet

## First World War sub found after 93 years

EDINBURGH, 24 Oct — Sleek, silent and submerged, it was Winston Churchill's secret weapon against the Kaiser's navy. The British naval submarine *HMS E18* was the scourge of the Baltic during the First World War until it went missing, presumed sunk. Yet now, more than 90 years later the wreck has been found off the coast of Estonia.

The submarine was one of a handful dispatched by Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, to disrupt German deliveries of iron ore from Sweden and to provide support to the Russian navy. Yet *HMS E18* with its complement of three officers and 28 ratings went out on patrol in May 1916 and was never seen again. Now the submarine's wreck has been found by a Swedish survey vessel, the *MV Triad*, with the assistance of the great-grandson of one of the sub's former crew.

Internet

## Scientists seek origins of obesity in the womb

NEW YORK, 24 Oct — When Kathy Perusse had weight-loss surgery and shed 120 pounds, she may have done more than make her own life easier. She went on to have two daughters, and she may have boosted their chances of avoiding becoming obese, like her two older children are.

That's the implication of research suggesting that something in an obese woman's womb can program her fetus toward becoming a fat child and adult. It's not about simply passing along genes that promote obesity; it's some sort of still-mysterious signal. The idea has only recently entered conversations between doctors

and female patients, and scientists are scrambling to track down a biological explanation. That knowledge, in turn, may provide new ways to block obesity from crossing generations.

While there's some disagreement on how important the womb signal is, "the evidence is building and building that it is a substantial issue," said Dr Matthew Gillman of Harvard Medical School, who studies prevention of obesity. Others agree. "I think it could be a hugely significant factor," said Robert Waterland of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who studies the effect in mice.—Internet



**Meti Inc's Emergency Care Simulator (ECS) is seen during a demonstration at the Security and Safety Trade Expo in Tokyo. The ECS provides an anatomically correct mannequin, which allows for the physical demonstration of various clinical states including bleeding, breathing, blinking eyes and convulsions. The expo, with 277 participating exhibitors, showcases products and information from the fields of crime prevention, disaster prevention, and risk and crisis management in relation to terrorism and organized crime.**



## NEWS ALBUM

### 800,000 words in Historical Thesaurus

Britain's Oxford University Press said it is publishing the world's first historical thesaurus after 44 years of work on the project.

The publisher said the Historical Thesaurus of the Oxford English Dictionary is 4,000 pages long and includes more than 800,000 word meanings, along with the earliest recorded use of each word, starting at A.D. 700, when English was first used in Britain, *Sky News* reported Thursday.

A celebration of the book's publishing in Glasgow, Scotland, Thursday was attended by Professor Michael Samuels, 89, who started work on the reference volume in 1965.

Professor Christian Kay, 69, one of the four editors on the project, said she was surprised to discover the vast array of synonyms for many insults.

"So we have a huge list of words for stupid people, lazy people, contemptible people — they inspired people to create new words," she said.

**Visitors watch the light show set up to illuminate the Eiffel Tower for its 120 year anniversary, in Paris.**

### In-flight delivery: Malaysian gives birth on plane

An official says a Malaysian woman has given premature birth to a boy on a domestic flight, minutes before it landed in Kuala Lumpur.

Liew Siaw Hsia gave birth on budget carrier AirAsia's flight from Penang to Kuching on Wednesday.

AirAsia spokesman Nazatul Mokhtar said Friday that the flight was diverted to nearby Kuala Lumpur for an emergency landing when Liew started labour pains.

A doctor on the flight helped the 31-year-old deliver while the plane was still 2,000 feet (600 meters) in the air in its final approach to land.

Nazatul says both the mother and baby are healthy and will get lifetime of free flights. He says Liew was 27 weeks pregnant, 11 weeks short of the full term.



**The HRP-4C humanoid robot performs during a demonstration at the Digital Content Expo 2009 in Tokyo.**

### Cleveland museum's Earhart 'hair' just thread

A Cleveland museum has learned that what it thought was a lock of hair from Amelia Earhart is just thread.

A group looking for DNA evidence of the pioneer aviator on a Pacific island recently asked the International Women's Air and Space Museum for a sample of the "hair" for comparison. Museum executive director Toni Mullee says an analysis determined the specimen was thread that looked like hair.

Mullee says the museum acquired the artifact 20 years ago from the Smithsonian Institution, which had gotten it from a Pennsylvania man. The museum has had it on exhibit next to a book with an anecdote about a White House maid who saved some Earhart hair from a wastebasket.

Mullee says the thread will stay on display, with a full explanation.



## Secretary-1 and wife enjoy performance of Yangon Division troupe in Uggasena Drama Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Patron for Organizing the 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin enjoyed the performance of Yangon Division drama troupe in the Uggasena Drama Contest of the Performing Arts Competitions at the convocation hall of University of

Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin this evening. Among the audience were Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wife,

Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu and wife, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, officials of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges and those from States and Divisions.

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin enjoy performance of Yangon Division troupe in Uggasena Drama Contest.— MNA

### F&R Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the coordination meeting on undertaking tasks to meet the target in financial year at the hall of the ministry, here, yesterday.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered an address on the occasion.

The managing directors and directors-gen-

eral reported on progress of their respective organizations. Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe made a supplementary report.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

Also present at the meeting were Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.

After that, the min-



ister made a speech at the coordination meeting of

the ICT Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the ministry.

Chairman of the committee Deputy Direc-

tor-General Dr Lin Aung of Budget Department reported on task of ICT and future plans.

Departmental

heads gave supplementary reports. Later, the minister made concluding remarks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaking at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

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### AGM of MGEA held

YANGON, 24 Oct – The seventh annual general meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs' Association was held at Pearl Hall of Panda Hotel here this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

President of the Union of Myanmar Federation Chambers of

Commerce and Industry U Win Myint spoke on the occasion, and U Kyaw Win (U Hton Goldsmith), Secretary of MGEA, read out the report of executive committee and financial statement.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the association U Kyaw Myint (Shwe Myinpyan Gold Refinery) made concluding remarks.—MNA



Secretary U Kyaw Win (U Hton Goldsmith) of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association reads out EC report and financial statement at the meeting.—UMFCCI

### CPA (First Part) Course No. 35 to be opened

YANGON, 24 Oct—Certified Public Accountants (first part) Course No. 35, organized by Myanmar Accountancy Council, will be opened at the training school of Auditor-General Office (Yangon) at No 1/15, Thakhin Mya Park Street in Ahlon Township on 15 February 2010.

Those who passed B.Com and B.Act examinations held at Institutes

of Economics in 2007 may apply to attend the course.

The application forms are available from 19 October to 13 November. Candidates with necessary documents may apply to attend the course at the training school during office hours. For further information, please dial Tel-01-227246.

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### Gusto to conduct Applied Programming Course

YANGON, 24 Oct—Gusto Computer Technology Training School will launch an Applied Programming Course “Software Solution with JAVA” to enable those who are studying computer technology and who want to go abroad for further studies not only to access

programming techniques but also to apply their own knowledge.

Those who want to take the course are to enroll at Gusto Computer Technology Training School, No (26), 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Ph: 2228896, 224496 and 222052).—MNA



## Greater focus should be on economic and social ...

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Resident Coordinator of the UN Agencies Mr Bishow B Parajuli, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials, winners in the basic education level essay contest to mark the UN Day and guests.

On the occasion, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address. He said: At the outset, I wish to express our pleasure to celebrate with you today the occasion of the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Nations as the Union of Myanmar is a member of the United Nations.

During its term of 64 years, the United Nations has been leading the world with the noble purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter to maintain international peace and security, and to attain cooperation in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian issues.

The world today is witnessing new challenges and threats of contemporary time, while enjoying the new knowledge and technology. The financial and economic crisis that started last year is still being faced by countries, large and small. All countries are feeling the effects of those crises but developing countries are suffering the most. The crises have compounded

the problems we have been suffering in the last few years such as high food prices, high energy prices and the spread of pandemic diseases. Climate change is a major problem we are facing today. As we have well understood the pace and scale of climate change, it is time for all of us to urgently tackle this problem.

Since no single country can face these problems alone, we must work together under the leadership of the United Nations to overcome them. There should be greater focus on economic and social development in international cooperation and collaboration to meet internationally agreed goals including the MDGs. In this context, we welcome the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General to organize the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Summit in 2010 and his call on developed countries to help poor countries.

Myanmar is implementing its MDGs with the cooperation of the United Nations and international organizations. In the health sector, we are successfully making efforts for reducing the infant mortality and maternal death rates thanks to health education and health care system. And in preventing and eradicating of other



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets ambassadors, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials.—MNA

diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, the spread of HIV/AIDS is declining and there are some successes in the eradication of Malaria and Tuberculosis thanks to educating, effective prevention and cure.

In the education sector, the government has adopted the plans and implemented in the areas of campaign against illiteracy, building up of infrastructure, upgrading of teaching skills and promotion of quality education with the aim of building the “knowledge-based society”. With the active participation of the people, improvements are achieved in the entire nation including the villages and border areas. The literacy rate of Myanmar has reached almost 95 per cent and

Myanmar is on the right path to meet the goal “Education for All in 2015” set by the United Nations and UNESCO.

After Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar in May 2008, the government of the Union of Myanmar, the United Nations and ASEAN established the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) to undertake the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction works. The Government, through TCG Group, has been cooperating closely and fully with the international organizations.

The achievement of TCG has been given due recognition by the international community. It has also been referred to as a good example for future disaster relief and rehabilitation activities in the region. The Government has adopted the further plans to effectively respond to similar natural disasters in the future and will implement the projects diligently.

As the cooperation with the United Nations is the cornerstone of Myanmar’s foreign policy, Myanmar has been continuously cooperating with the United Nations in various fields. High level United Nations officials including Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon visited Myanmar. These visits reflect the spirit of



Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Bishow B Parajuli reads the message of UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon.—MNA

Myanmar Government to cooperate with the United Nations.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm that we will wholeheartedly do our part in the efforts led by the United Nations in addressing the challenges of international concern in order to secure peace and prosperity of the world. On this auspicious occasion, let us wish for the further success of the United Nations in its efforts to secure peace, security and prosperity for mankind.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint read the message to mark the 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe. UN Resident

Coordinator Mr Bishow B Parajuli read the message of UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented first, second and third prizes to 10<sup>th</sup> standard student Maung Sithu of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. 1, 9<sup>th</sup> standard student Ma Mya Cherry of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. 2 and 9<sup>th</sup> standard student Ma Shoon Le Myint Mo of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon BEHS No. 1 in the basic education high level essay contest.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung gave the first prize to 7<sup>th</sup> standard student Maung Chan Hein of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. 1, the second to 5<sup>th</sup> standard student Ma Phu Pyae Sone Maung of Nay Pyi Taw (See page 9)



Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Bishow B Parajuli presents prize to a winner.—MNA



## Greater focus should be on economic...

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Tatkon BEHS No. 1 and the third to 5<sup>th</sup> standard student Ma Thiri of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon BEHS No. 1 in the basic education middle level essay contest. UN Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow B Parajuli awarded first, second and third prizes to 4<sup>th</sup> standard student Ma Yamin Theingi of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Myoma BEPS No. 1, 4<sup>th</sup>

standard student Ma Saw Yu Nwe of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe BEHS No. 1 and 4<sup>th</sup> standard student Ma Nanda Myo Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Myoma BEPS No. 1 in the basic education primary level essay contest.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party greeted the diplomats led by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

Singaporean Ambassador, the resident representatives of UN agencies led by the resident coordinator of the UN.—MNA

**Deputy Minister U Maung Myint reads the message of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe.—MNA**



## 17th Performing Arts Competitions continue for seventh day

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competi-

and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of the Work Committee for organizing the competitions

10) girls' Maha Gita contest and 12 in the boys' Maha Gita contest. Five contestants took

song composing contest.

At the lecture hall of University of Veterinary Science, eight musicians participated in the amateur level (second class) men's guitar contest and three in the women's contest. Two students took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' guitar contest and three in the girls' contest. Four students competed in the higher education level men's guitar contest and three in the women's con-

test.

Four students took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' oboe contest, five students in the (aged 10-15) boys' contest and five students in the (aged 15-20) boys' contest at the hall of Agricultural Research Department.

At the hall of Forest Research Department, four boys competed in the basic education level (aged 15-20) mandolin contest and four girls in

the (aged 15-20) girls' contest. Eight contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men's mandolin contest and two in the women's contest.

Three students took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' orchestra troupe contest and nine in the amateur level (second class) men's orchestra troupe contest at the hall of Agricultural Research Department.

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**Mg Min Min Than of Shan State takes part in Maha Gita contest.**  
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tions continued for the seventh day at the designated places, here, today.

Among the audience were Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, Member of Civil Service Selection

U Yan Naing Oo and members, subcommittee members, members of the panel of judges (central) and judges from States and Divisions, contestants and supervisors.

At the assembly hall of University of Agriculture, altogether 12 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 5-

part in the narration contest (Kwetseik) for Temiya Drama at the amateur level (first class) at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science.

At No. 7 Transit Centre, 10 persons from States and Divisions competed in the amateur level (first class) men's and women's

**U Mya Aye of Ayeyawady Division takes part in amateur level (first class) men's and women's song composing contest.**  
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## Work committee for organizing performing arts competitions meets

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The work coordination meeting of work committee for organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the auditorium of Forest Research Department in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin

yesterday.

Secretary of work committee U Yan Naing Oo made an address.

Next, officials of Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee explained providing accommodations to contestants from states and divisions

at four places in Transit Center and two places in the compound of the University of Agricultural in Yezin and works to be done.

Then those present reported on their respective sectors, and the secretary fulfilled the requirements.—MNA



**Ma May Myat Tin of Ayeyawady Division takes part in basic education level (aged 15-20) mandolin contest.—MNA**



**U Sai Myo Aung of Shan State takes part in Narration (Kwetseik).—MNA**

**Tobacco Kills**



## Commander, Minister attend donation ceremony of Shwe Natural Gas Project

YANGON, 24 Oct — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 24 October attended the donation ceremony of Shwe Natural Gas Project for health and education sectors at Ramarwady Hall in Kyaukpyu of Rakhine State.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye spoke on the occasion, and Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave accounts of Shwe Natural Gas Project exploring oil and gas in Rakhine Offshore area. On behalf of shareholders, Vice President Dr Su Yeong Yang of Daewoo International Corporation explained purpose of the donation.

Next, Dr Su Yeong Yang handed over documents related to the donations for health and education sectors in Kyaukpyu to officials, and the head of township health department and township education officer presented certificates of honour to him.

It was also attended by Ambassador of the Republic

of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Park Key-Chong and officials of Daewoo International Corporation, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Authority, district/township level departmental officials, responsible persons of social organizations and local people.

Next, the commander, the minister, the ambassador and party visited Kyaukpyu Township People's Hospital, and inspected blood bank, drinking water supply system, intensive care unit and dental clinic donated by Shwe Natural Gas Project.

In the afternoon, they presented school bags and exercise books to students at the new school building of BEHS (branch) in Gonechain village donated by Shwe Natural Gas Project and cordially greeted them.

So far, Shwe Natural Gas Project, which conducts oil and gas exploration in Rakhine Offshore area, has spent US\$ 1.5 million on health, education and social sectors from 2006 to 2009.

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## Ambassador U Nyan Lynn accredited to Timor-Leste

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nyan Lynn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

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The best time to plant a tree  
was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

## Education Minister views activities of schools on School Environment Day

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, departmental heads and officials viewed activities of schools in Nay Pyi Taw to mark School Environment Day this morning.

The minister inspected sanitation works being carried out at Nay Pyi

Taw Basic Education High School No. (1), Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. (3) and Nay Pyi Taw BEMS No. (3).

According to the education calendar, all basic education schools in the country performed sanitation activities as the Saturday of the last week of October is designated as School Environment Day.—MNA



Minister Dr Chan Nyein views school sanitation works at No. (1) BEHS, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

## NetInfo to launch CCNA course

YANGON, 24 Oct—With a view to developing ICT in Myanmar, NetInfo training centre will conduct CCNA course that is networking certificate widely used in international stage.

It is essential to obtain CCNA for those observing computer networking. Booming job opportunities, those wishing to be a professional in a short time are in need of CCNA.

CCNA course is suitable for matriculation passed students, computer university students, technological university students, those who want to be

networking professional and wishing to be computer experts for their profession. The training centre will be opened on every Sunday for networking enthusiasts, departmental employees and networking engineers from private companies.

The course will be launched on 25 October and lasts four months. Any interesting persons may contact Building 2, Room 1 of NetInfo training centre, Myanmar Info-tech, Hlaing Township, here, (Ph: 507045 and 652248).

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## Labour Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador



Minister U Aung Kyi receives Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi received Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong at the hall of the Ministry of

Labour, here, this morning.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation on creating job opportunities abroad and workers' skills courses.—MNA

## Delegation of Indian Army Higher Command Course concludes visits

YANGON, 24 Oct—A delegation led by Brig GV Stayanarayan VSM of Army Higher Command Course of the Indian Armed Forces of India arrived here by air on 21 October to pay a visit in Myanmar.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Indian Defence Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Naravane and officials.

Accompanied by officials, the Indian delegation paid tribute to King Zafah Shah Tomb on Ziwaka Road in Dagon Township and then paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

On 22 October, the Indian delegation together with officials left here

and arrived at Heho Airport. Next, they visited Command and General Staff College in Kalaw.

Yesterday morning, the Indian delegation visited Inlay Lake of Nyaungshwe Township and arrived back here by air in the evening.

Together with officials, the Indian delegation paid tribute at Htaukkyant Commonwealth War Cemetery today. At noon, they left here by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the Commandant of Defence Services Medical Academy and senior military officers, the Indian Defence Attaché and officials.

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## Developing countries must boost broadband: UN

GENEVA, 24 Oct—Developing countries risk missing out on the benefits of information technology because of their lack of broadband infrastructure, a UN agency said.

Lack of broadband Internet access deprives countries of the possibility of building up offshoring industries, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a report late on Thursday.

It also prevents people from tapping into all the advantages of mobile phones, whose use is exploding in poor countries.

“The narrowing of the digital divide remains a key development challenge,” UNCTAD Deputy Secretary-General Petko Draganov said. “What is known as the broadband gap for example is becoming a serious handicap for companies in many poor countries,” he told a briefing to launch UNCTAD’s Information Economy Report.

Companies and consumers are 200 times more likely to have access to broadband in developed countries than in the poorest Least Developed Countries (LDCs), the report shows.

Internet



China holds a launching ceremony for its Nasdaq-style market, ChiNext, in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, on 23 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA



A man rides a horse during an exhibition at the horse's Show in El Jadida on 23 October, 2009.—INTERNET

## China to help Bolivia launch satellite by 2013

LA PAZ, 24 Oct—Bolivia signed a memorandum of understanding today with Chinese officials for the construction and launch of a communications satellite. President Evo Morales said the USD 300-million satellite, whose design is set to be completed by March 2010, would be named after Tupac Katari, a Bolivian indigenous

leader who fought against Spanish colonial rule.

A Bolivian delegation will travel to China to seal the deal and spur the satellite's construction, ready for a 2013 launch. The memorandum was also signed by representatives of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Internet

## Fire burns 930 hectares in Southland of New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 24 Oct—Four helicopters using monsoon buckets are tackling a blaze that has burned 930 hectares of scrubland on New Zealand's Tiwai Peninsula in Southland, including conservation land.

The front of the fire has been brought under control but a large area is still being tackled by 40 firefighters and the helicopters, and it will likely be several hours before the fire can be brought under control, Radio New Zealand reported on Saturday.

A contractor is believed to have accidentally started the fire at the Peninsula, near Bluff, about 4:30 p.m. Friday and it

quickly spread along a long, thin front, according to the Southern Rural Fire Authority.

Rural Fire Officer Sue Peterson said the flames had reduced in height from five meters on Friday to between three and four meters on Saturday. There was little wind and conditions were favorable to firefighters.

However she said the damage to protected flora on the peninsula would be extensive.

Xinhua

## Ten dead in Venezuela bus crash

CARACAS, 24 Oct—At least 10 bus passengers have been killed and another 12 injured when their vehicle collided with a truck on a main freeway in the Venezuelan capital, rescue officials said.

“Eight people died at the scene and another two” died at local hospitals, said Victor Lira, director of the area's Civil Protection agency, adding that some of the wounded were in a critical condition.

The head of the

city's firefighters, William Martinez, said the truck appeared to have lost control and struck the back of the bus, pushing it onto the median where it flipped over.

Authorities have launched an investigation to determine whether excessive speeding or a brake failure may have caused the crash.

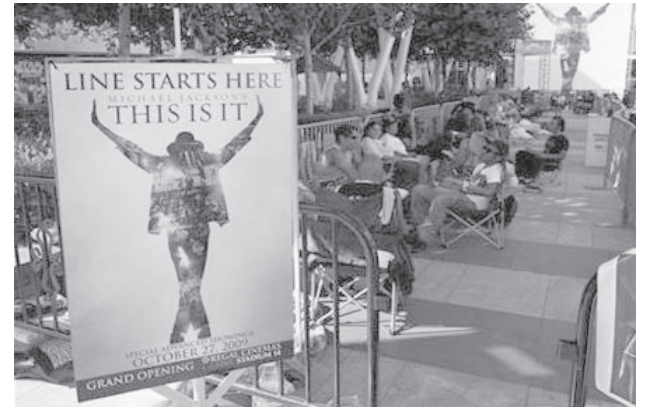
Last weekend, at least 24 people died in two traffic accidents on Venezuela's chaotic freeways.

Internet

## Sony looks for box office hit with “This Is It”

LOS ANGELES, 24 Oct—Heading towards its 28 October release, Michael Jackson movie “This Is It” looks like a box office winner for Sony's Columbia Pictures movie studio with one estimate saying it could make more than \$600 million (366 million pounds) worldwide in a limited two-week run.

Jackson's many fans are hungry for one last chance to see their idol sing and dance on screen, and the film's makers promise an image of him that is more like the pop star who ruled the charts in the 1980s, and less like the frail paparazzi target he seemed in recent



People line up and prepare to stay overnight at LA Live for the opportunity to purchase tickets for special showings of the “Michael Jackson's This Is It” movie in Los Angeles, California, on 25 September, 2009.

years. Industry watchers say the unique nature of “This Is It” — part documentary and part concert film starring a legend who is no longer living — make it

difficult to judge how successful it will be for Sony Corp unit Columbia Pictures because there are few, if any, comparisons to it.

Internet

## Lenovo expects big PC sales boost from Windows seven

SHANGHAI, 24 Oct—Lenovo (0992.HK), the world's fourth-biggest personal computer maker, expects a boost in its PC sales from the launch of Microsoft's (MSFT.O) new operating system, Windows 7, its chairman said on Saturday.

“It will have a big impact, and we have made a lot of preparations for it,” Lenovo Chairman Liu Chuanzhi said in remarks, translated from Mandarin, which indicated the impact would be positive.

Liu spoke to Reuters on the sidelines of an industry forum but declined to give a revenue contribution forecast.

Earlier this week, Lenovo launched two new laptops under its corporate line, both running the new Microsoft operating system.

Industry-watchers are betting on further recovery of computer sales next year as the global economy improves and businesses replace old machines. However, opinion is divided on how strong the impact of Windows 7 will be.

Microsoft Corp launched Windows 7 on Thursday, its most important release for more than a decade, aiming to win back customers after the disappointing Vista.

Internet



## WHO: nearly 5,000 swine flu deaths worldwide

GENEVA, 24 Oct—Nearly 5,000 people have reportedly died from swine flu since it emerged this year and developed into a global epidemic, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

Since most countries have stopped counting individual swine flu cases, the figure is considered an underestimate. WHO said there were 4,999 total deaths through 18 Oct, most of them in the Western Hemisphere. The figure was up 264 from a week earlier.

Iceland had its first swine flu death this week, and WHO said Sudan and Trinidad and Tobago also reported deaths from the virus for the first time this week. In London, drug maker

GlaxoSmithKline PLC said children may only need one shot of its swine flu vaccine to be protected. In its statement on Friday, Glaxo said one dose was enough to boost children's immune systems to fight the virus, based on data from a trial in Spain in 200 children aged six months to 3 years.

Glaxo's finding comes after experts said they expected children would need two doses, since their immune systems are weaker than those of adults. Last week, rival vaccine maker Sanofi Aventis said children would likely need two doses of vaccine against swine flu, or H1N1.

Xinhua



A visitor tastes sour soup of China's Miao ethnic group at the 10th Green Food Fair of China, in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 23 Oct, 2009. — XINHUA

## 21 missing as sand-laden trawler sinks in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 24 Oct—Twenty-one labourers went missing as a sand-laden trawler capsized in the Padma River, one of the biggest rivers in Bangladesh, following a collision with another vessel on Friday in Faridpur district, 101 km southwest of capital Dhaka. Police were quoted by private news agency UNB as saying that the trawler carrying sand and 41 labourers on board sank in the river at about 6 am local time when a passenger-carrying trawler coming from the opposite direction rammed into it.

Out of the workers, 20 managed to swim ashore while the rest remained missing. Being informed about the incident, divers rushed in and launched rescue operation with the help of local people.

Sources said the search operation was being hampered due to strong current and depth at the point of the river where the trawler sank after the violent collision.

Xinhua

## Earthquake hits Irian Jaya Region, Indonesia

HONG KONG, 24 Oct—An intense earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale occurred in Irian Jaya Region, Indonesia, at 7:22 pm (1122 GMT) on Friday, according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The epicenter was initially determined to be 0.9 degrees south latitude and 134.1 degrees east longitude, about 230 kilometers west of Biak, Indonesia.—Xinhua



Shigematsu Works Co's protective gears are displayed at the Security and Safety Trade Expo in Tokyo on 22 October, 2009.—INTERNET

Visitors look at a sample during the second phase of the 106<sup>th</sup> session of China Import and Export Fair in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 23 Oct, 2009.

The second phase of the fair which mainly display craftworks, daily commodities and toys etc. kicked off on Friday.—XINHUA



## Indian Air Force Mig-27 fighter crashes, pilot escapes

NEW DELHI, 24 Oct—A Mig-27 fighter of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed in a tea garden near New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal, east India, on Friday but the pilot managed to eject safely, reported the Press Trust of India.

The aircraft was on a routine training sortie from the Hashimara airbase and crashed at around 1:10 pm local time, nearly 15 kilometers from its take-off base, the report quoted IAF officials as saying.

The IAF has ordered an inquiry to investigate the causes behind the crash, which is the ninth so far this year involving the IAF, said the report.

Xinhua

Photo taken on Oct. 23, 2009 shows new variety plants at Guangxi Modern Agricultural Science and Technology Demonstration Zone, in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—INTERNET

## Nigeria to host airports exhibition in 2010

LAGOS, 24 Oct—Nigeria will host the Airports Council International (ACI)'s 2010 conference and exhibition, an official has said.

Ali Tounsi, secretary general of the ACI Africa Region, expressed his satisfaction with the level of facilities at the Nigerian airports.

He told a press conference held in Lagos on Thursday that Nigeria is prepared to host the conference billed to take place in Abuja, capital of Nigeria, and that the ACI would assist in the provision of quality service, particularly on the training and transfer of knowledge to its members.

Richard Ais-uebeogun, managing director of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), said the conference will be attended by over 500 participants and that it would foster opportunity of strengthening non-aeronautical revenue stream for FAAN through relationships and prospects from the event. "The exhibition will afford the aviation suppliers of goods and services and opportunity to showcase member airlines' products and services for the benefits of the industry," he added.—Xinhua





## Pilots missed Twin Cities by 150 miles - but how?

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—Were the pilots distracted? Catching up on their sleep? Federal investigators struggled to determine what the crew members of a Northwest Airlines jetliner were doing at 37,000 feet as they sped 150 miles past their Minneapolis destination and military jets readied to chase them. Unfortunately, the cockpit voice recorder may not tell the tale.

A report released late Friday said the pilots passed breathalyzer tests and were apologetic after Wednesday night's amazing odyssey. Authorities

said the pilots told them they had been having a heated discussion about airline policy. But aviation safety experts and other pilots were frankly skeptical they could have become so consumed with shoptalk that they forgot to land an airplane carrying 144 passengers.

The most likely possibility, they said, is that the pilots simply fell asleep somewhere along their route from San Diego. "It certainly is a plausible explanation," said Bill Voss, president of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va. One of the two pilots, first officer Ri-



chard I. Cole, said that wasn't the case. He also said an argument wasn't to blame.

"All I'm saying is we were not asleep; we were not having a fight; there was nothing serious going on in the cockpit that would threaten the people in the back at all," he told *The Associated Press* in an interview at his home in Salem, Ore.—*Internet*

**A Northwest Airlines jet sits on the tarmac at Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport on Friday, 23 Oct, 2009. Investigators are looking into a Northwest flight bound for Minneapolis from San Diego which overflew the airport by 150 miles.**

INTERNET



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## Strong quake strikes near Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 24 Oct—An earthquake struck near the north coast of Papua, Indonesia, Friday night, but no tsunami warning was issued, the head of nation's meteorological agency said. The magnitude-5.8 quake, considered a moderate one by US Geological Survey standards, was located at a depth of 35 kilometers (21.7 miles). The quake happened near Manokwari, the capital of West Papua Province, which has a population of about 800,000 people. The quake took place at 11:15 pm (7:15 am ET). "No reports of damage yet, no tsunami warning," according to Indonesian meteorologist Fauzi, who only uses one name. "We'll keep an eye on it."

Manokwari was struck by a series of powerful earthquakes in January — including two that measured over 7.0 in magnitude — that destroyed buildings in the remote area and reportedly killed four people. Indonesia is no stranger to major earthquakes. It is located on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of fault lines circling the Pacific Basin that is prone to frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.—*Internet*

## Light earthquake hits off Oregon

PORTLAND, 24 Oct—A light earthquake on Friday morning off the coast of Oregon was the second to rattle the region in 48 hours. The quake was centered more than 6 miles down and 245 miles west-southwest of Portland, The Portland Oregonian reported. On Wednesday, a quake struck 279 miles west of Salem at a depth of about 6 miles.

Friday's quake measured 4.1 on the Richter scale, the US Geological Survey reported. The is heavy enough to make itself felt near the epicenter, although significant damage is unlikely. John Bellini, an earthquake specialist with the USGS, said two offshore earthquakes in two days is not unusual in the region. "That area has quakes all the time," he said. "You get swarms of them a few times a year."

Internet

## Panel says NASA should skip moon, fly elsewhere

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—NASA needs to make a major detour on its grand plans to return astronauts to the moon, a special independent panel told the White House on Thursday. Under current plans, NASA has picked the wrong destination with the wrong rocket, the panel's chairman said. A test-flight version of the rocket, the new Ares I, is on a launch pad at Cape Canaveral, awaiting lift-off later this month for its first experimental flight.

Instead, NASA should be concentrating on bigger rockets and new places to explore, the panel members said, as they issued their final 155-page report. The committee, created by the



**This image provided by NASA shows the 327-foot-tall Ares I-X rocket, sitting on Launch Pad 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, on 20 Oct, 2009 awaiting it's on 27 Oct first experimental flight.**—INTERNET

White House in May to look at NASA's troubled exploration, shuttle and space station programs, issued a summary of their findings last month, mostly urging more spending on space.

On Thursday in a news

conference, panel Chairman Norman Augustine focused on fresh destinations for NASA, saying that it makes more sense to put astronauts on a nearby asteroid or one of the moons of Mars.

Internet

## Feds designate polar bear habitat in Alaska

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—The Obama administration said on Thursday it is designating more than 200,000 square miles in Alaska and off its coast as "critical habitat" for polar bears, an action that could add restrictions to future offshore drilling for oil and gas. Federal law prohibits agencies from taking actions that may adversely affect critical habitat and interfere with polar bear recovery.

Assistant Interior Secretary Tom Strickland called the habitat designa-

**This undated file photo from the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Alaska Image Library shows a polar bear.**

INTERNET

tion a step in the right direction to help polar bears stave off extinction, while recognizing that the greatest threat to the bear is the melting of Arctic sea ice caused by climate change.

"As we move forward with a comprehensive energy and climate strategy, we will continue to work to protect the polar bear and its fragile environment," Strickland said

at a news conference.

The total area proposed for critical habitat designation would cover about 200,541 square miles — about half in the rugged Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast. About 93 percent of the area proposed for the polar bear is sea ice, with the remaining 7 percent made up of barrier islands or land-based dens of snow and ice.—*Internet*





# SPORTS

## Stuttering Barca target response against Zaragoza

MADRID, 24 Oct—Reigning European and Spanish champions Barcelona will aim to put their first dip in form of the season behind them when they host Real Zaragoza in La Liga on Sunday. After losing their perfect league record with a 0-0 draw at Valencia, the Catalan side suffered a shock 2-1 Champions League home defeat by relatively unknown Russians Rubin Kazan in mid-week.

The Kazan loss was Barca's first since the end of May when they lost 1-0 at home to Osasuna having already wrapped up the league title. "I don't believe in positive defeats, nor that it gives us a reality check," said coach Pep Guardiola, whose side lead Real Madrid by a point.—*Internet*

## Rooney injury doubt for Man Utd's Premier match at Liverpool

LONDON, 24 Oct — England striker Wayne Rooney is doubtful for Manchester United's Premier League match at Liverpool on the day after his birthday due to a calf injury. "He is always desperate to play; that's the nature of the boy...It's

going to be important how he does in training on Saturday," said United manager Alex Ferguson.

The injury, being suffered two weeks ago while Rooney played for England, has kept him out of the Red Devils' last two games. Man United

## Soderling battles into Stockholm semi-finals

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct—Top seed Robin Soderling kept home title hopes alive when he defeated Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 7-6 (7/4),



Sweden's Robin Soderling

6-4 in the Stockholm Open quarter-finals on Friday. The Swede, who was runner-up to Argentina's David Nalbandian in 2008, shook off an early break before taking victory in 1hr 43min.

French Open runner-up Soderling is fighting for one of two remaining spots in next month's eight-man ATP World Finals in London, standing provisional ninth behind Nikolay Davydenko and Fernando Verdasco. The Swede can gain some ground this week, though not pass Verdasco, who will not play until Valencia in ten days' time.

*Internet*

## BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(24-10-2009)

Wolverhampton	1 - 1	Aston Villa
Birmingham	2 - 1	Sunderland
Burnley	1 - 3	Wigan Athletic
Hull C.	0 - 0	Portsmouth
Tottenham H.	0 - 1	Stoke C.
Chelsea	5 - 0	Blackburn



Gael Givet of Blackburn Rovers scores an own goal past goalkeeper Paul Robinson during their English Premier League soccer match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in London on 24 Oct.—*INTERNET*

## Friedrich rescues point for Bundesliga leaders Leverkusen

BERLIN, 24 Oct—German league leaders Leverkusen were held to a 1-1 draw at home to midtable Borussia Dortmund on Friday with ex-Germany defender Manuel Friedrich heading a second-half equaliser for the hosts. With second-placed Hamburg playing Schalke 04 on Sunday, Leverkusen missed a chance to underline their status at the top of the table when they were forced to share the points at home to their tenth-placed visitors.

"We put Dortmund under pressure in the second-half, but we didn't play well," admitted Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes. "However, I am not dissatisfied with the 1-1 draw, because Dortmund played with plenty of spirit and they are on an upswing. Dortmund deserved to take a point home with them."—*Internet*



Leverkusen's striker Stefan Kiessling (L) congratulates teammate Manuel Friedrich on scoring during the German first division Bundesliga football match against Borussia Dortmund in the northern German city of Leverkusen.

*INTERNET*

## Grand Slam winners Yan/Zheng advance into semis at tennis tournament of National Games

JINAN, 24 Oct—Top seeds and defending champions Yan Zi and Zheng Jie defeated their rivals for the women's doubles semifinals of the tennis tournament at the Chinese National Games on

Friday. Representing Sichuan, Yan/Zheng beat Zhang Shuai and Xie Yanze of Tianjin 7-6(2), 6-0.

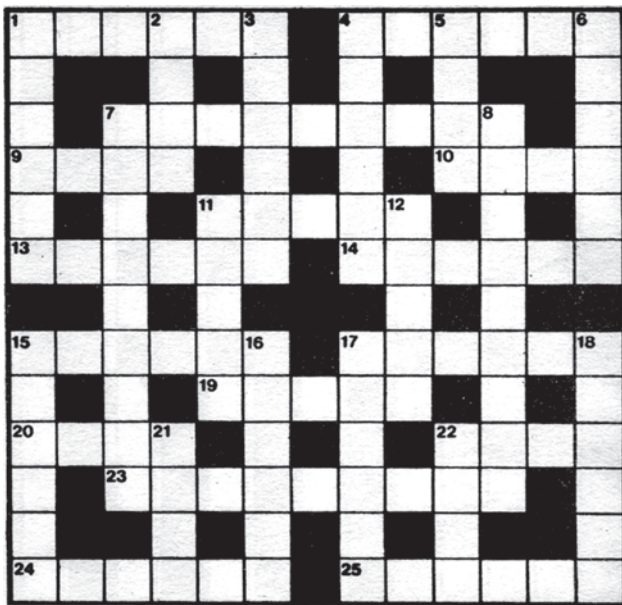
"Although young players posed serious challenges to us, we have prepared well," Zheng said after the match. "I can not concentrate at the beginning of the match, but I adjusted in time to the rhythm and won the match," said Yan.

*Xinhua*



Sichuan's Zheng Jie (R) and Yan Zi communicate with each other during the women's doubles quarterfinal match against Tianjin's Zhang Shuai and Xie Yanze at the 11th Chinese National Games in Jinan, east China's Shandong Province, on 23 Oct, 2009.—*Xinhua*

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Husky
- 4 Anger
- 7 To an outstanding degree
- 9 Pigeon
- 10 Sharp outcry
- 11 Remains
- 13 Rumour
- 14 Refrained from activity
- 15 Separated
- 17 Gasoline
- 19 Rider (anag.)
- 20 Situation
- 22 Allurement
- 23 Gracefully
- 24 Moveable partition
- 25 Vacillate

### DOWN

- 1 Obstruct
- 2 Frost
- 3 Boy's name
- 4 Sign of the Zodiac
- 5 Merely
- 6 Staggered
- 7 Disappear without trace
- 8 Recent past
- 11 Formed a curve
- 12 Cut
- 15 Goes by
- 16 Fire-breathing monster
- 17 Written
- 18 Missive
- 20 Otherwise
- 22 Blemish

## Returning Erding sets PSG sights on Marseille

PARIS, 24 Oct—Paris Saint-Germain striker Mevlut Erding aims to make his return to action with a bang at fierce rivals Marseille on Sunday, having seen his team struggle during his injury-enforced absence. The Turkey international, an 11 million-euro summer signing from Sochaux, began life at the Parc des Princes in impressive fashion, scoring twice in his first four games as the capital side climbed to second in the table.

But he was laid low after undergoing shoulder surgery at the beginning of September and PSG have since slipped to ninth, registering just one win in their last six matches. Sunday's trip to the 60,000 capacity Stade Velodrome is one of the marquee occasions in the French football calendar and Erding is already straining at the leash.

*Internet*



**Mr. Kwok Kwong Lau (Hawaii)**

Age (83) years

Mr. Kwok Kwong Lau from Hawaii, age 83, passed away peacefully on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2009 in Yangon, Myanmar.

Mr. Kwok Kwong Lau is survived by his beloved wife Ah-Hing Lau and sons Philip and Kevin, daughters Adorn and Pauline, son-in-law Martin Pun, daughters-in-law Vanessa and Trudie and 6 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2pm on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 at Htein Bin Mortuary, Hlinethaya Township.

Donation in lieu of flowers will be appreciated. Donations are to be sent to SPA head office, 10<sup>th</sup> floor FMI Centre attention Ms. Aye Thidar. All donation will be donated to Cyclone Nargis victims.

**Benitez needs Liverpool rally against United**

LONDON, 24 Oct—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez received the dreaded ‘vote of confidence’ ahead of Sunday’s clash against Manchester United but the Spaniard knows kind words alone cannot do much for his side. The Reds, who last won the English title back in 1990, go into this weekend’s Anfield fixture on the back of four straight defeats and are eighth in the table, already seven points behind arch-rivals and Premier League leaders United.

Another defeat will likely spell the end of Liverpool’s latest title challenge — a bitter pill for those fans who grew up lauding it over United during the Merseysiders’ decades of dominance in the 1970s and 1980s. And to make matters worse, Liverpool could well kick-off on Sunday without the star duo of Fernando Torres and Steven Gerrard, both battling to overcome groin problems.

Internet

**MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (25-10-2009) (Sunday)**

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

**Local Transmission**

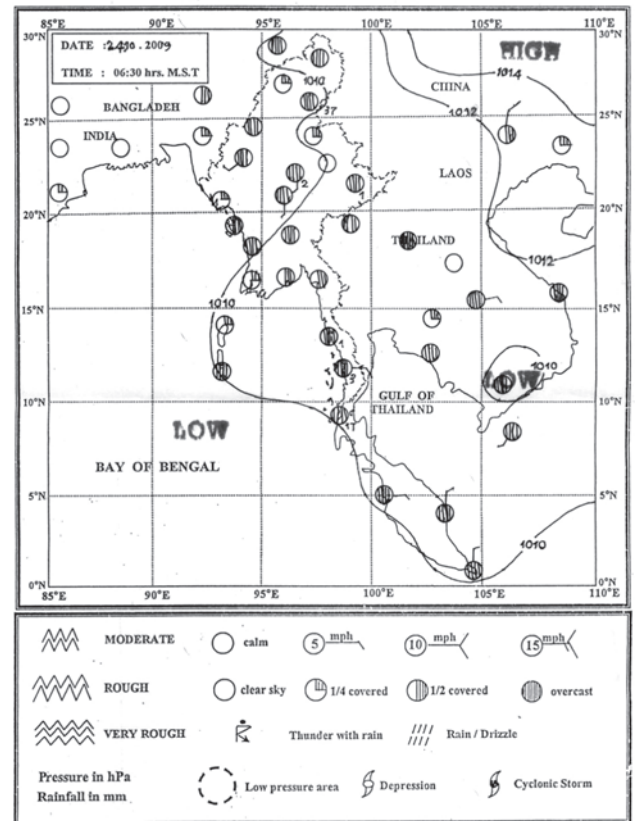
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival & Hot-Air Ballon Competition “Day-Time Hot-Air Ballons”
- \* Historical Kyaukse and its Environs (Part-II)
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Parallel Beauties of Twin Bridges Ngawun & Bago (Kawa)
- \* Smokeless Industry (Mandalay Zone)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

**Europe/ North America Transmission**

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* Taunggyi Tazaungdaing Festival & Hot-Air Ballon Competition “Day-Time Hot-Air Ballons”
- \* Hninzigone, Home For the Aged
- \* Historical Kyaukse and its Environs (Part-II)
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Patallel Beauties of Twin Bridges Ngawun & Bago (Kawa)
- \* Smokeless Industry (Mandalay Zone)
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Ginger Salad For An Acquaintance
- \* Our Coffee Town
- \* Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- \* National Dance
- \* Myanmar’s Jade Wonderland
- \* Songs on Screen
- \* Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (Part-I)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



**WEATHER**

Saturday, 24<sup>th</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 Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Mon State, scattered in Kayin State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (1.54) inches, Nay Pyi Tw (Lewe) (0.19) inch, Zaungtu (2.60) inches, Nyaunglebin and Kyeikkhame (1.50) inches each, Myitkyina (1.46) inches, Chaungzon (1.38) inches, Thandaunggyi (0.55) inch and Chauk (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-10-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 23-10-2009 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-10-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) 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 Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 23-10-2009.

**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 25<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 25-10-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-10-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-10-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 25 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ငြိမ်ဝပ်ပိတောက်တော်
- 7:15 am**  
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
- 7:25 am**  
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**  
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am**  
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

- 8:10 am**  
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**  
8. ကျိုင်းတုံလေယာဉ်ပြေးလမ်း
- 8:25 am**  
9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am**  
10. International News
- 8:45 am**  
11. Connect with English (Episode-25)
- 11:00 am**  
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**  
2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**  
3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်းနိုင်ငံတကာသတင်းစဉ်
- 11:40 am**  
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟာသကမ္ဘာ” (အပိုင်း-၄၀)
- 12:30 pm**  
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:40 pm**  
6. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် “ပုလဲအရောင်မမှိုနီ” (ကောလိပ်ဂျင်နေးရှင်း)

- ခင်မောင်ချင်းစမ်းစမ်းဝင်း၊ မေဝင်းမောင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးချစ်စိန်)
- 2:25 pm**  
7. Song of National Races
- 2:30 pm**  
8. ရင်မှာပွင့်လန်းစေတနာပန်း
- 2:40 pm**  
9. International News
- 3:45 pm**  
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်းနှင့် မကွေး FC အသင်း)
- 5:45 pm**  
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**  
3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**  
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**  
5. “မြေလတ်ဒေသဆီရထားလမ်းဖွင့်ပြီ”
- 6:40 pm**

- 6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ “ဗျူးရှာမလွယ်ပါလားနော်” (ဇွဲနောင်ထက်ထက်ဆူလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အဝမ်းသန်းထွဋ်)
- 7:00 pm**  
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မိုးမြေချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 8:00 pm**  
8. News  
9. International News  
10. Weather Report  
11. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ငြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၅၄)
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ” (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 14. ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်



- ★ 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

## Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Minister of Railways of PRC

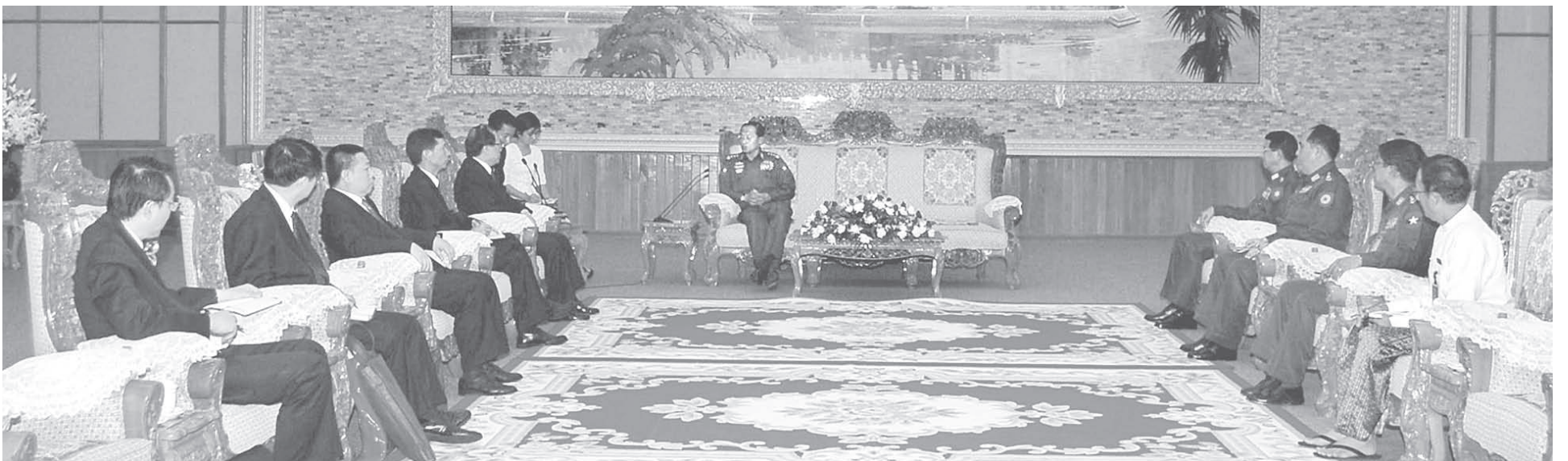
NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Minister of Railways Mr. Liu Zhijun of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 8.30 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Director-

General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and officials of the Government Office, Charge d' Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar Mr. Wang Zongying and senior officials of the Ministry of Railways of the PRC.

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*Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greets Minister of Railways Mr Liu Zhijun of People's Republic of China.—MNA*



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