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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends special meeting of heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the special meeting of heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries held at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (B) of Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin, Thailand, on 24 October morning.

On arrival at Dusit Thani Hotel, the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries were welcomed by the Thai Prime Minister. Before the meeting, they had a documentary photo taken.

The meeting started at 8 am and it was attended (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein participates in special meeting of heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries at Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin of Thailand.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 12th ASEAN+3 Summit and 7th ASEAN-India Summit



Prime Minister General Thein Sein poses for a documentary photo together with heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries during ASEAN+3 Summit in Hua Hin, Thailand.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended the 12th ASEAN+3 Summit and 7th ASEAN-India Summit held in Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A) of Dusit Thani Hotel, Hua Hin, Thailand in the afternoon and evening on 24 October.

Present on the occasion were leaders of ASEAN countries, heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Build more dams for bringing about equitable development

In an effort to bring about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation the government has been building dams and reservoirs, embankments and sluice gates for supply of water.

Phayagon Dam built near Phayagon Village in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South) by the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened on 22 October.

Situated in Nyomee Village, six miles away from Taunggyi, and surrounded by the Shan mountain ranges, the dam is unlike other dams for its water resources are rainwater as well as streams and creeks flowing from ridges and ravines.

The aim of building the dam is to store 686 acre-feet of water for Phayagon Village, to irrigate 201 acres of arable lands in Limaung Village-tract in Taunggyi Township and to supply drinking water to Htiphaung Village-tract and Taunggyi.

With the emergence of the dam local people will be able to enjoy the full supply of drinking water and extensively engage in the cultivation of pulses and beans, potato, chilli and onion.

Phayagon Dam is the 227th of its kind in the nation. The dam with a storage capacity of 686 acre-feet is 42 feet high and 900 feet long.

At a time when the government is fulfilling all the requirements including irrigation facilities for harmonious development across the nation it is incumbent upon the entire national people to strive together with the government for regional and national development.

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

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Antonio Guillermo VILLEGAS VILLALOBOS as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr. Antonio Guillermo VILLEGAS VILLALOBOS was born on 9th September 1947. He obtained Master degree in International Law, Majored in Economic International Law, from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. He joined the Mexican Foreign Service in 1972 and he received the rank of Ambassador in 1986. He has also served as Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of the El Salvador and the Kingdom of Norway. He was Consul General of Mexico in Osaka, Japan and Alternate Representative to the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Antonio Guillermo VILLEGAS VILLALOBOS will be concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of the United Mexican States to the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Singapore. He is married with five children.—MNA

Appointment of Finnish Ambassador agreed on

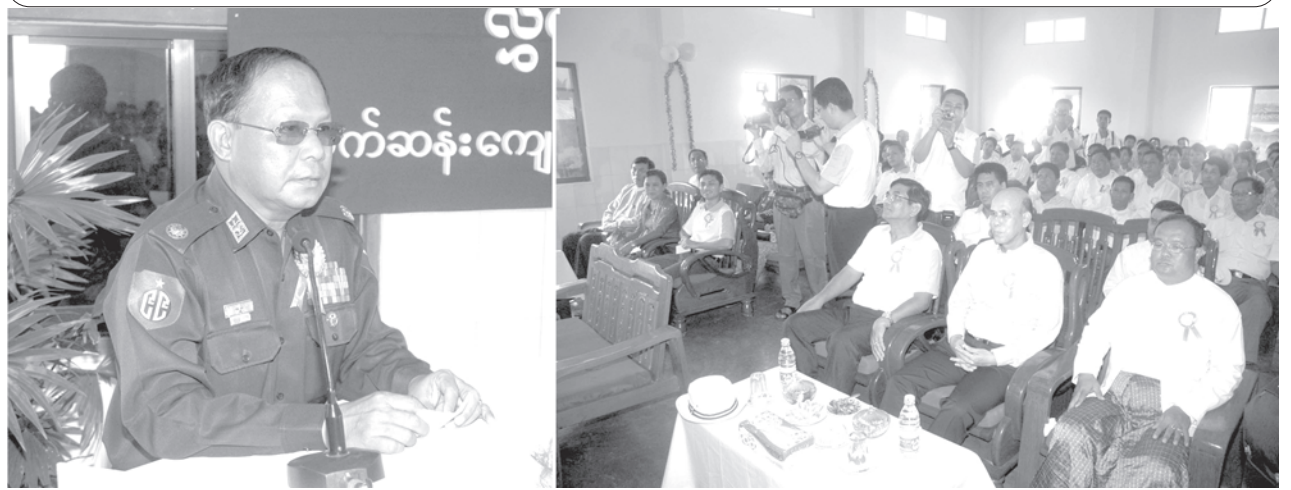
NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E Ms. Sirpa MAENPAA as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Finland to the Union of Myanmar.

Ms. Sirpa MAENPAA was born in 1957. She graduated from the University of Helsinki with a degree of Master of Science. She joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland in 1983 and since then, she served in various capacities at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland and also at the Finnish embassies in Nairobi and Managua from 1983 to 2007. She is currently serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Finland to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Ms. Sirpa MAENPAA will be concurrently accredited as the Ambassador of the Republic of Finland to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok, Thailand.

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Forestry Minister attends ceremony to hand over station hospital



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses the ceremony to hand over the 16-bed station hospital donated by Diethelm Co Ltd.—FORESTRY

Prizes presented for 9th paper reading session of MAAS

YANGON, 26 Oct—The prize presenting ceremony for 9th paper reading session of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science of the Ministry of Education was held at the arts hall of the Yangon University here today, with an opening speech by President of the academy U Than Oo. Vice-President of the academy Dr Hla Wai read out the list of award winners.



President U Than Oo delivers an address at the prize presenting ceremony for 9th paper reading session of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences.—EDUCATION

President U Than Oo awarded cash, medals and certificates to the winners of Arts Dr San Myint and Dr Mu Mu San, winners of Science Dr Kyu Kyu Swe and Dr Tun Lwin and winners in Social Studies Dr Thida Kyu and Dr Daw Hla Nyunt.

Next, Executive U Sein Min revealed the best paper award winners and officials presented prizes to 22 winners.

On behalf of award winners in 2008 and 2009, Dr Tun Lwin and Dr May Myo Hla spoke words of thanks.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected the construction site of the township hall in Bogale on 25 October.

In the afternoon, the minister addressed the ceremony to hand over the 16-bed station hospital donated by Diethelm Co Ltd to the Ministry of Health in Setsan village in Bogale Township. General Manager Mr Prenar of Diethelm and DKSII (Myanmar) explained the purpose of donation and Director-General Daw Khin Pyone Kyi of Medical Research Department expressed thanks.

The donor handed over the documents related to the hospital and a townselder spoke words of thanks.—MNA

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First US official resigns to protest Afghan war

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct—A former Marine who fought in Iraq, joined the State Department after leaving the military and was a diplomat in a Taliban stronghold in Afghanistan has become the first US official to resign in protest of the Afghan war, the *Washington Post* reported on early Tuesday.

Matthew Hoh said he believes the war is simply fueling the insurgency.

"I have lost understanding and confidence in the strategic purposes of the United States' presence in Afghanistan," Hoh wrote in his resignation letter, dated 10 Sept but published General says on early Tuesday. "I have doubts and reservations about our current strategy and planned future strategy, but my resignation is based not upon how we are pursuing this war, but why and to what end."

Internet

China military growth the 'minimum requirement'

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct—Beijing's rapid military modernization, including the development of advanced weapons in the Pacific, merely meets its minimum defence requirements, a top Chinese general said ahead of meetings on Tuesday at the Pentagon.

General Xu Caihou, the highest level Chinese

military official to visit in years of rocky relations between the superpowers, holds talks with Defence Secretary Robert Gates amid US concerns over China's emergence as a potential high tech military rival.

But Xu, who is Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission, set out on Monday by trying to allay US

suspensions, insisting that Beijing harbours no expansionist ambitions and wants collaborative international relations.

"We will never seek hegemony, military expansion or an arms race," he told an audience of foreign policy experts at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.—Internet



Visitors look at a bus system component product during the 6th Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) International Trade and Investment and International Eco-city Construction Fair in Tianjin, north China, on 26 Oct, 2009. Nearly 300 government organs, industrial associations and enterprises from more than 20 countries and regions attended the fair on Monday.—XINHUA

Poland denies sending more soldiers to Afghanistan

WARSAW, 27 Oct—Polish Defence Minister Bogdan Klich denied on Monday that Polish president and prime minister had declared to enlarge

the Polish contingent in Afghanistan.

On Saturday US Ambassador to Poland Lee A Feinstein told TVN24 television that Polish President Lech Kaczynski and Prime Minister Donald Tusk had offered to maintain the present number of Polish soldiers in Afghanistan or even to increase it.

"The president and prime minister declared that not only would they be keeping Polish soldiers in Afghanistan, but they would also enlarge the con-

tingent. This is something for which we are very grateful," said Feinstein. The US ambassador made a diplomatic gaffe as neither the Polish prime minister nor the foreign and defense ministers declared that Poland would enlarge its contingent in Afghanistan, Klich said.

Last week the *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily wrote that Poland would send 600 extra soldiers to Afghanistan next year but Klich stressed that such decision had not been made.

Xinhua

Qaeda-linked group claims Baghdad bomb attacks

DUBAI, 27 Oct—An al Qaeda-linked group has said it carried out the twin suicide bombings that killed 155 people in Baghdad on Sunday and revived doubts about security in the run-up to Iraq's elections in January.

The statement dated 26 October was posted by the Islamic State in Iraq group on a website often used by militants to announce responsibility for such attacks.

"Suicide bombers targeted the dens of infidelity and pillars of the rejectionist Shi'ite state in the land of the caliphate," the statement said.

Internet



A staff member of Chinese Embassy to Iraq measures the size of the broken window at the embassy, Baghdad of Iraq, on 26 Oct, 2009. Offices of Chinese embassy and Baghdad bureau of Xinhua News Agency were partially damaged during Sunday's deadly suicide truck bombings in Baghdad.—XINHUA

One Malaysian schoolgirl has died and an unknown number of others are missing after the collapse of a bridge they were crossing during a camping trip, police have said.—INTERNET

Malaysian girl drowns, two others missing in river

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Oct—A new footbridge across a Malaysian river collapsed while schoolchildren crossed it during a camping trip, killing one girl and leaving two missing and feared drowned in the currents below, officials said on Tuesday.

Police, firefighters and emergency services personnel were scouring the Kampar River in northern Malaysia where the 12-year-old students disappeared late Monday, said district police chief Aziz Salleh.

An error in registration records of the 300 students on the trip caused authorities to earlier estimate that 22 had disappeared, Aziz said. At least 20 students were walking on the 160-foot-long (50-meter-long) bridge when it collapsed, but most managed to cling to it or were pulled to safety by their teachers.

Internet

UN food agency says 200 million more people hungry

CANBERRA, 27 Oct—Most of the developing world is paying more for food despite drops in commodity market prices during the global economic slowdown, with 200 million people joining the ranks of the hungry in the past two years, the UN World Food Programme said on Monday.

The agency's executive director Josette Sheeran blamed climate change, escalating fuel costs and falling incomes. She said the number of "urgently hungry" had now reached its highest ever — 1.02 billion.

"One out of six people in humanity will wake up not sure that they can even fill a cup of food,"

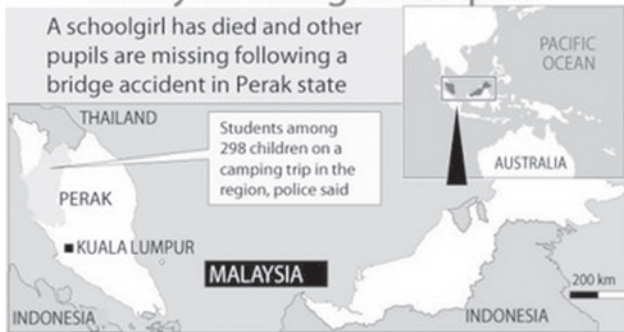
Sheeran told reporters. "We have to make no mistake that hunger is on the march."

She said while prices had tumbled on global commodities markets due to the financial crisis, the prices of most food staples in the developing world have soared.

"The food crisis is not over. We have an anomaly happening where on global, big markets, the prices are down, but for 80 percent of commodities in the developing world, prices are higher today than they were a year ago, and the prices a year ago were double what they were the year before that," she said.

Internet

Malaysia bridge collapse



Indonesian, Malaysian power firms to link Sumatra-Malaysia power

JAKARTA, 27 Oct— Indonesian government-run power firm PLN and its Malaysian counterpart Tenaga Nasional intended to build inter-connection power from Sumatra to Malaysia's territory, a PLN senior official said here on Tuesday.

"We had signed the initial terms we would agree in the agreements late last week," said Bambang Praptono, Technology and Planning Director at the PLN.

Under the initial agreement, Indonesia would supply 300 Megawatt of power to Malaysia in night time through its Sumatra power transmission network. Meanwhile, Malaysia would supply electricity to Indonesia's Sumatra on day time at similar capacity, Bambang said.

According to Bambang, the inter connection power agreement with Malaysia would benefit Indonesia as it would save

its operation cost during peak hours.

To build the power transmission linking Malaysia peninsula and Sumatra island, Bambang said that it would require at least 300 million US dollars. Bambang added that PLN and Tenaga Nasional would establish a joint firm to carry out the project, expected to be completed in 2015.

Bambang said that PLN and Tenaga Nasional are yet to attain the price for the power exchange programme.—Xinhua



Foreigners make and taste kimchi at Gwangju Kimchi Cultural Festival. The foreigners and hundreds of other volunteers made two tonnes of the fermented vegetable, Korea's famous side-dish, for charity.—INTERNET

Caterpillar cuts 2,500 jobs, ends some layoffs

NEW YORK, 27 Oct—US heavy equipment maker Caterpillar said on Monday it was cutting about 2,500 jobs and had started to bring more than 500 laid-off employees back to work, in a sign of improving economic conditions. About 550 furloughed US employees have returned or will return to work before the end of 2010, including support, management and production employees, the company said in a statement.

"We are pleased that signs of recovery in the global economy allow us to return a selected group of laid-off employees to work," said Caterpillar chairman and chief executive Jim Owens.

"But it's important to remember that we are not close to the record-breaking demand we experienced from 2004 through 2008," he said.

Also Monday, Caterpillar began notifying about 2,500 laid-off US employees that they would not be returning to work, without giving details.

"The company is offering a separation package for those employees. A breakdown of impacted employees by location will not be provided."—Internet



Heavy Caterpillar machinery stands at a Caterpillar dealer, in January 2009 in City of Industry, California. US heavy equipment maker Caterpillar said on Monday it was cutting about 2,500 jobs and had started to bring more than 500 laid-off employees back to work, in a sign of improving economic conditions.—INTERNET

Nigeria signs 875 mln dollar railway deal with China

ABUJA, 27 Oct—Nigeria on Monday signed a deal worth almost a billion dollars with a state-owned Chinese engineering firm to resuscitate part of its dilapidated railway system, the transport minister said.

The 875-million-dollar (588-million-euro) con-

tract was signed by Transport Minister Ibrahim Isa Bio and the managing director of the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), Zhou Tianxiang, in Abuja.

The deal constitutes the first phase of the country's railway moderniza-

tion plans.

As part of it, a railway track will be rebuilt between the administrative capital Abuja and the northern city of Kaduna — a distance of roughly 200 kilometres (125 miles) — over the next three years.—Internet



Brazil to post car production, sales highs in 2009

BRASILIA, 27 Oct—Brazil's central bank chief on Monday predicted records for both the country's car production and sales this year thanks to a recovering economy.

Central bank governor Henrique Meirelles told a National Association of Credit, Financing and Investment Institutions meeting in Sao Paulo that the credit costs had been back to levels prior to the international financial crisis and that the auto market would probably expect good sales and production records this year.

So far this year, according to the central bank chief, the car production and sales figures have been better in each and every month compared with last year.

"All this happened because proper measures have been taken at the right time and restricted to specific segments of the economy", he said.

Internet

Commuters sit on coaches of a train on the rail track at Oshodi district of Lagos, in 2007. Nigeria on Monday signed a deal worth almost a billion dollars with a state-owned Chinese engineering firm to resuscitate part of its dilapidated railway system, the transport minister said.—INTERNET

Vietnam to see FDI capital down 73% in first 10 months

HANOI, 27 Oct—Vietnam's foreign direct investment (FDI) is expected to go down 72.9 percent year-on-year to 18.9 billion US dollars in the first ten months of this year, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Tuesday.

In this period, Vietnam has approved 658 projects with a total registered capital of 14 billion US dollars so far, down 78.3 percent year-on-year, said the ministry.—Xinhua

Peru to sell carbon credits to APEC economies

LIMA, 27 Oct—Peru plans to sell carbon credits worth about 8.4 billion US dollars to fund environmental protection, and the economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) would be potential buyers, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism said on Monday.

"In the APEC, the carbon issue and the climate change are led by New Zealand, but Australia and Peru follow it closely, because they are countries with a relevant participation in this aspect," Peruvian Vice Minister of Tourism Pablo Lopez said.—Xinhua

China urges US commission to stop interfering in its internal affairs

BEIJING, 27 Oct — China urged on Tuesday the US Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) to stop interfering in China's internal affairs with issues concerning Tibet.

Asked to comment on

the special report on Tibet released by the commission, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said the so called report by the commission "ignores facts, calls white black and is full of bias".

"Issues concerning Ti-

bet are China's internal affairs," Ma said, urging the commission to stop interfering in China's internal affairs and undermining China-US relations. —Xinhua

Brazilian police detain 279 people, seize 1.2 tons marijuana in anti-drug raids

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 Oct — The Brazilian police said on Monday that it had arrested 279 people and seized 1.2 tons of marijuana during anti-drug raids in the southern state of Parana.

The operations were conducted by 1,180 police officers, the Brazilian Division Anti-drug of the Civil Police of Parana (Denarc) said.

In a statement, Denarc said among the detainees were six teenagers, adding it seized 1.238 tons of marijuana, 3.5 kg of cocaine, 3.7 kg of crack, 52 weapons and different vehicles.

A local police com-

mander Luiz Fernando Delazari said the raids struck a heavy blow to drug trafficking bands in Parana, which borders Argentina and Paraguay.

Xinhua

School children arrive at school after they were transported from the neighbourhoods by a boat rowed by a Cambodian boy in Kamdal province, 25 km (15 miles) east of Phnom Penh on 19 Oct, 2009, after a deadly typhoon hit the country last month. — XINHUA



Four killed in crash of small plane in US state of Texas

HOUSTON, 27 Oct—A small plane crashed in south Texas on Monday, and all four people aboard were killed, aviation officials said.

Before the crash, the pilot reported having difficulties in maintaining the plane's altitude due to turbulence, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford.

The wreckage was found on a private ranch near Benavides in Duval County. "Law enforcement officials reported that the crash was unsurvivable," Lunsford said.

The plane was en route from Uvalde, Texas, to Leesburg, Florida, when controllers at FAA's Houston Centre noticed it was losing altitude.

Xinhua

Moderate earthquake jolts southern Philippines

COTABATO (Philippines), 27 Oct—A magnitude-5.6 quake struck in the southern Philippines on Tuesday morning, the United States Geological Survey reported.

The quake was recorded at 8:05 am with the epicenter at 40 miles (65 km) northwest of southern Philippine city of General Santos.

It was also felt in the cities of Davao, Cotabato and in Manila but no casualty or damage was reported. There was no tsunami alert either.

The Philippines sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where continental plates collide causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.

The worst earthquake in the country happened on 16 Aug, 1976 after a tsunami caused by a quake killed between 5,000 and 8,000 people in the Moro Gulf region in southern Philippines.

Xinhua



Dr Greg Zagaja, centre, prepares to perform a robotic prostatectomy on a patient at University of Chicago Medical Centre using a da Vinci Si robotics system, left, on 13 Oct, 2009 in Chicago. A study, appearing in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association suggests the less-invasive keyhole surgery for prostate cancer may mean a higher risk for lasting incontinence and impotence when compared with traditional surgery.—INTERNET

Mexico City to fight climate change with biogas plant

MEXICO CITY, 27 Oct — Mexico City plans to fight the emission of methane, a greenhouse gas more than 20 times more powerful than carbon dioxide, by using German made equipment to capture gas produced by rotten liquid and waste, city officials told media on Monday.

The measure will prevent toxic liquid from affecting aquifers and bottle the gas produced by the liquid to be used for cooking and heating at homes, officials said.

The project will be implemented in 2010 at the Bordo Poniente Landfill, a massive dump that receives 2,500 tons of

city waste daily.

The city government will import equipment that is already used in similar projects in the German city of Wolfsburg.

Currently Mexico City is separating recyclable waste from organic waste at the site.

Xinhua

Reconstruction in Indonesia quake area likely to cost \$745 mln

JAKARTA, 27 Oct — The rehabilitation and reconstruction programme in Indonesia's quake-stricken province of West Sumatra is estimated to cost 7 trillion rupiah (about 745 million US dollars), local media the Jakarta

Post reported on Monday.

"We have not set the actual budget for the rehabilitation and reconstruction programme, but for the time being it may cost 7 trillion rupiah," Agung Laksono, Coordinating Minister for People's Wel-

fare, was quoted as saying.

He made the remarks after he inspected the ongoing emergency response programme with five other ministers in Padang, capital of West Sumatra, according to the report.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency



Firefighters search for survivors after a building collapsed in Palma de Mallorca, in the Spanish island of Mallorca 26 October, 2009. At least five people were killed when the four-storey building collapsed shortly after midnight. —XINHUA

Japan mulls anti-piracy naval plan

TOKYO, 27 Oct—Japan may send a naval refuelling mission now backing the NATO-led Afghan campaign to support anti-piracy efforts off Somalia next year, the defence minister said on Tuesday.

Japan has since 2001 deployed a refuelling ship and an escorting warship in the Indian Ocean to aid the coalition fighting in Afghanistan, but a new centre-left government

has said it will end the mission in January.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's party, which swept to power in August elections, has in the past spoken out against abetting "American wars" and promised alternative measures to help war-torn Afghanistan.

Defence Minister Toshimi Kitazawa, asked on Tuesday whether the Indian

Ocean mission could be redeployed to help the international anti-piracy mission in the Gulf of Aden, said: "That is entirely possible."

It was likely that Japan would "use the skills and experience from the refuelling mission somewhere else," he told reporters.

The Indian Ocean mission has a combined crew of more than 300.

Internet



Japan may send a naval refuelling mission, currently backing the NATO-led Afghan campaign, to support anti-piracy efforts off Somalia next year, the defence minister has said.—INTERNET

New owners take control of Chicago Sun-Times

CHICAGO, 27 Oct—The sale of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the 15th largest newspaper in the United States, and its sister publications to a group of local businessmen was completed on Monday, the newspaper said.

The *Sun-Times* said its parent company, which filed for bankruptcy in March, is now owned by a group of investors led by Chicago investment banker James Tyree.

The Tyree-led group purchased the *Sun-Times*, seven other suburban dailies and 51 weekly newspapers for five million dollars in cash and the assumption of 21.5 million dollars in liabilities in a deal approved by a US bankruptcy court on 8 October.

"Our investor team believes there is tremendous opportunity and untapped potential in the *Sun-Times* Media portfolio of newspapers and websites," Tyree said.

Internet

Collapsed mines kill three, trap three in Rwanda

KIGALI, 27 Oct—Three Rwandan miners remained trapped underground near the capital Kigali after part of the gallery they were working in collapsed on Saturday, the government said on Monday.

In a separate incident a week earlier, three others were crushed to death in a cassiterite and coltan mine in Rutongo, northern Rwanda, said natural resources minister Vincent Karega.

The Rwandan government and foreign companies are investing heavily in the central African country's nascent mining sector, hitherto dominated by small-scale artisanal mining.

Eurotrade International and Gatumba Mining Concessions are conducting surveys of old Belgian concessions and are poised to begin industrial mining of cassiterite, coltan and wolfram next year, Karega has said.

Internet

Mothers' smoking causes newborn discomfort

PARIS, 27 Oct—French researchers say they have tied maternal smoking to an increased risk of discomfort in newborns.

The study, published in *Biological Psychiatry*, suggests significantly more discomfort among newborns of smoking mothers may be related to having less monoamine oxidase A an enzyme, which degrades chemicals involved in brain message-sending.

Monoamine oxidase A activity was reduced both in the pregnant smokers and in their newborns when the researchers tested for blood biomarkers of monoamine oxidase A activity in smoking and non-smoking pregnant women and in the cord blood of their newborns.

Internet

DPRK unearths remains of Paleolithic Age

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has unearthed more than 14,000 historical relics and remains dated back to the Old Stone Age, the official *KCNA* news agency said.

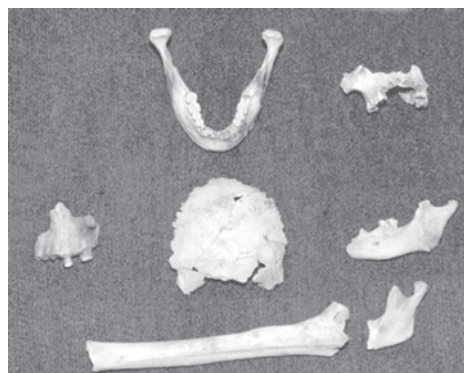
Two layers of culture were found in the natural limestone Chongphadae Cavern, Hwangju County, North Hwanghae Province.

More than 30 pieces of stone tools, including a cutter, a hand-taking axe, a thrusting tool, and a scraper from the middle of the Old Stone Age were discovered in the first layer of culture.

Meanwhile, more than 2,000 pieces of stone tools, such as a pusher, a carving tool and a stone blade belonging to the latter term were unearthed in the second layer of culture.

Two upper jaw-bones and three lower jaw-bones of Modern men

who lived nearly 20,000-60,000 years ago were also discovered, the *KCNA* added.



This picture released by Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) shows the relics discovered by archaeologists of Kim Il Sung University. More than 14,000 pieces of historical relics and remains belonging to the Paleolithic Age have been unearthed in the Chongphadae Cavern, Hwangju County, North Hwanghae Province by archaeologists of Kim Il Sung University.

Lebanese chefs celebrate around a large plate of hummus after setting a new world record in Beirut. A Guinness representative was on hand to certify the record set by 250 Lebanese chefs and their trainees, who joined efforts to mix over two tonnes of the chickpea-based dip.



Maine girl with 'mermaid syndrome' dies at 10

Shiloh Pepin, a girl who was born with fused legs, a rare condition often called "mermaid syndrome," and gained a wide following on the Internet and national television, has died. She was 10.

Doctors had predicted she would only survive only for days after her birth at the most, but the girl, described by her mother as "a tough little thing," died at Maine Medical Center, hospital spokesman John Lamb said. She had been hospitalized in critical condition for nearly a week.

Being born with "mermaid syndrome," also known as sirenomelia, meant that the Kennebunkport girl had only one partially working kidney, no lower colon or genital organs and legs fused from the waist down.

In this on 20 Dec, 2007 photo, Shiloh Pepin laughs with her parents while sitting on a counter in the family's Kennebunkport, Maine home Pepin, who was born with fused legs, a rare condition often called 'mermaid syndrome,' died. She was 10.

NEWS ALBUM

Police: Man stole 21 Toyotas

Authorities in Portland, Ore., said a man stole 21 older-model Toyota Camrys in a single month to sell the owners' belongings for meth.

Investigators said Kirk Leon Pierce, 28, would steal the Camrys while the owners were shopping in grocery stores or asleep in their homes and empty them of belongings including tools, clothes and a \$3,000 set of dentures. The (Portland) Oregonian reported Friday.

"He'd go looking for his next car while he was driving the stolen car, dump that stolen car he was in, grab the next car and drive away," Portland Officer Jack Gillintine Jr said.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein met with his counterpart of Thailand Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva at BOR FAI (1) in Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin, Thailand, on 23 October.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Ambassador of Myanmar to Thailand U Aung Thein, Ambassador of Myanmar to Indonesia and permanent representative of Myanmar to ASEAN U Nyan Lin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of the Protocol

Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of the Political Department U Kyaw Tin and high-ranking officials. The prime minister of Thailand was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister H.E Mr. Kobsak Sabhavasa, Minister of Foreign Affairs H. E Mr. Kasit Piromya and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, the two prime ministers cordially discussed matters on friendship between the two countries and bilateral economic cooperation.

After the meeting, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party left Dusit Thani Hotel and arrived back at Springfield@Sea Hotel.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva at BOR FAI (1) in Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin of Thailand.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao at Napalai Ballroom (A) of Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin of Thailand. (News on page 16)—MNA



Stakes driven for Shwe Pyi Soe (1) self-reliant library

YANGON, 27 Oct—Stake driving and cash donating ceremony for Shwe Pyi Soe (1) self-reliant library was held in Watyoke village of Yekyi Township on 25 October.

District staff officer U San Win of Information and Public Relations Department, members of township library supervisory committee U Soe Thein (Fisheries), U Soe Hlaing (Forestry), U Myint Soe (Agriculture Mechanization), Daw Mya Si (Township IPRD) and village library supervisory committee members drove the stakes. The district staff officer extended greetings and the township officer explained the benefits of opening library and discussed how to implement in compliance with the five standards.

The District staff officer gave the first installment K0.5 million out of the state's allotted fund K 1 million to the township officer and Chairman of village library supervisory committee U Thein Lwin expressed thanks.—MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence enjoys marionette contest of Sagaing Division troupe.—MNA

Sagaing Division troupe participates in Illisa Dvicitta marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Sagaing Division troupe competed in the Illisa Dvicitta marionette contest of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for the second day at No (7) Transit Centre here tonight.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the leading committee for organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha and wife, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, departmental heads, secretary of the organizing committee and members, responsible personnel from the sub-committees, members of the panel of judges (central), judges from the states and divisions, observers and fans.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends special...

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by King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Mohd Najib Bin Tun Hj Abdu Razak, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and high-ranking officials of Indonesia and the Philippines.

The Myanmar Prime Minister and the heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries cordially discussed matters related to and exchanged views on the 15th ASEAN Summit, cooperation in prevention of cross-border crimes and combatting terrorism continued participation of ASEAN in G-20, disaster management and regional and international issues.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 7th ASEAN-India Summit at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A).—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 12th...

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Before the summit, ASEAN leaders including Myanmar, heads of State/Government of China, Japan and ROK posed for a documentary photo.

The 12th ASEAN+3 Summit started at 1.30 pm

and ASEAN Alternative Chairman Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva made clarifications on the agenda of the meeting.

At the ASEAN+3 Summit, heads of State/Government of ASEAN

countries and China, Japan and Korea exchanged views on the establishment of East Asian Free Trade Area, food and energy security, preventive measures against Influenza A(H1N1), development of infrastructures, plan to be implemented for emergency food reserve for ASEAN+3, cooperation in

preventive measures against natural disasters, climate change, arrangements to address global financial crisis, fight against terrorism, cooperative measures for Korean peninsula to be free from nuclear weapons.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein

informed the meeting matters on developments in Myanmar, the election, the most important step of the seven-step Road Map in transition to a democratic nation, would be held in 2010 and efforts for introducing democracy.

Afterwards, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva chaired

the 7th ASEAN+India Summit held at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A) at 4 pm. Before the summit leaders of ASEAN countries and Indian Prime Minister Mr Manmohan Singh posed for a documentary photo.

At the summit, Indian Prime Minister discussed matters on boosting trade and investment between ASEAN and India, information sharing in the preparedness against natural disasters and narrowing development gap among ASEAN countries.

Next, heads of ASEAN countries frankly discussed extensive measures in cooperation of ASEAN and India, arrangements to be made for food and energy security and environmental conservation at the 7th ASEAN-Indian Summit.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 12th ASEAN+3 Summit at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A).—MNA

Donation ceremony for doyen literati held

YANGON, 27 Oct—The donation ceremony to pay respect to doyen literati, annually organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association to mark Sarsodaw Day, was held yesterday. Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairman (1) U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo)

and officials accepted cash donated by well-wishers and presented certificates of honour.

Those wishing to donate cash and offertories may contact MWJA at Sarpay Beikman (second floor) at No. 529/531 at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street (Ph: 01-252471 and 01-385273).

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Teak plantation workshop and implementation of teak plantation course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—The Forest Department under Ministry of Forestry organized the workshop on private teak plantation and opening ceremony for course on establishment of teak plantations at the hall of Central Forest Development Division in Hmawby yesterday with an opening address by Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department.

Director Dr Nyi Nyi

Kyaw accepted 1.5 million Kyats donated by U Ko Ko of Phyto Sithu Co Ltd.

At the workshop, resource persons read the paper on advice on implementation of teak plantation, conservation of teak species and growing quality seeds, prospects for the market of teak plantation

and establishing teak plantation, deforestation and reducing carbon emissions.

A total of 70 trainees are attending the three-day course.

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Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung addresses the workshop on private teak plantation.—FOREST

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 12th ASEAN-China Summit, 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit and 12th ASEAN-Korea Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended the 12th ASEAN-China Summit, 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit, 12th ASEAN-Korea Summit held in Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A) of Dusit Thani Hotel, Hua Hin, Thailand on 24 October morning.

Present at the 12th ASEAN-China Summit were King of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdach Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Mohd Najib Bin Tun Hj Abd Razak, Singaporean

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao touched on cooperation of ASEAN and China and assistance provided by China for the integration of ASEAN. After that heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries discussed strengthening relationship between ASEAN and China, promotion of ASEAN-China trade and investment, establishment of free trade area, fight against international terrorism, elimination of illegal drugs and further cooperation in other development sectors.

At 10.30 am, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva chaired the ASEAN-Japan Summit held at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A).



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 12th ASEAN-China Summit at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A) of Dusit Thani Hotel, in Hua Hin, Thailand.—MNA

photo.

Next, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Yukio Hatoyama discussed pre-

tween ASEAN and Japan.

Afterwards, leaders of ASEAN countries discussed energy security, Ja-

Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva chaired the ASEAN-Korea Summit held at Royal Dusit Grand

a documentary photo.

Next, Korean President Mr Lee Myung Bak frankly discussed matters on enhancement of ASEAN-Korea relations, establishment of East Asian Community, cooperation in fight against international terrorism, and environmental conservation. Afterwards, heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries discussed promotion in trade and investment sectors between ASEAN and Korea, peace and stability, further cooperation in development of greening environment and food and energy security.

After that heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries attended a working luncheon hosted at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (B) at 1 pm.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A).—MNA

Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and high ranking officials of Indonesian and the Philippines.

At the outset, heads of ASEAN State/Government and Chinese Prime Minister Mr Wen Jiabao posed for a documentary photo.

Next, Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva chaired the ASEAN-China Summit held at 9.15 am and made a speech on the occasion.

Before the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit, heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and Japanese Prime Minister H.E Mr Yukio Hatoyama posed for a documentary

vention and fight against infectious diseases, preparedness and prompt response for natural disasters, reduction of green house gas and boosting trade and investment be-

pan's assistance to be provided for the development of human resources, fight against international terrorism, and trade and investment.

At 11.45 am, Thai

Ballroom (A).

Prior to the 12th ASEAN-Korea Summit, heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and Korean President Mr Lee Myung Bak posed for



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the 12th ASEAN-Korea Summit at Royal Dusit Grand Ballroom (A).—MNA

17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue for tenth day

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—The 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for tenth day at the designated places here today.

Among the audiences were Chairman of leading committee for organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai

Lwin, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Min Zaw, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khine, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) Brig-Gen Win Myint, Secretary of the organiz-

ing committee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo and members of sub-committees, members of the panel of judges (central), judges from states and divisions, participants, observers and those who love the traditional fine arts.

At the auditorium of the University of Agricul-



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin watching performance of contestants.—MNA



Ma Ei Phyoo That Naing Oo from Yangon Division in basic education level xylophone contest. MNA



Myanmarpyi Sein from Ayeyawady Division in amateur level (second class) solo orchestra contest.—MNA



Mg Zeya Paing from Kachin State in basic education level singing contest.—MNA

ture, leader of the panel of judges U Min Naung and members judged the participation of 13 contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girl's old and modern song contest, 14 contestants in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boy's old and modern song contest and 16 contestants in the amateur level (second class) women's modern song contest.

At the convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science, Leader of the panel of judges Rector of the National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) U Tin Soe and mem-

bers supervised the participation of five contestants in the amateur level (second class) narrative contest (Kwetsaik).

At the lecture hall of the University of Agriculture, altogether nine contestants competed in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girl's xylophone contest and eight contestants in the amateur level (first class) boy's xylophone contest.

At the auditorium of the Forest Research Department, a total of four contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's violin contest, four contestants in the basic education

level (aged 5-10) girl's violin contest, five contestants in the higher education level men's violin contest and four contestants in the higher education level women's violin contest.

At the lecture hall of the Agriculture Research Department, four contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girl's Myanmar orchestra contest (single), three contestants in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girl's Myanmar orchestra contest (single) and four contestants in the amateur level (second class) women's Myanmar orchestra contest (single).—MNA

Boosting cultivation of summer paddy and winter crops in Mon State discussed

YANGON, 27 Oct—Members of the state agricultural boosting committee led by Mon State Peace and Development Council member-2 U Htay Aung, accompanied by Mawlamyine District PDC Chairman district agricultural boosting committee Chairman U Than Win went to Ye, Thanphyuzayat and Mudon townships and met township agricultural

boosting committees. During the meeting, they gave instructions on systematic harvesting, minimizing loss and wastage and making plans to undertake multiple cropping in harvested areas.

Next, Myanmar Agricultural Service of Mon State Manager U Kyaw Myint explained undertaking of double and mixed oil cropping, boosting cultivation of

groundnut and sesame and methods of growing of various beans and pulses.

Mon State will grow 150,000 acres of summer paddy, 116,100 acres of winter oil crops and 120,000 acres of beans and pulses. The state agricultural boosting committee will make more trips to remaining townships in Mon State.

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Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Foreign Minister U Maung Myint holding discussion with Russian delegation headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Mr Alexey N. Borodavkin at Fourth Round of Consultation between MOFAs of Union of Myanmar and Russian Federation held in Moscow, Russia on 19 October. (News reported)—MNA

Turkey to invest \$4 bln in Iran's southern gas field

TEHERAN, 27 Oct— Turkey is to invest around 3.5 to 4 billion U.S. dollars in Iran's southern gas field, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Tuesday, quoting an official from Iran's Oil Ministry.

"The investment will be made in phases 6 and 7 of South Pars gas field," Ibrahim Radafzoun, Iran's deputy oil minister for planning, was quoted

as saying.

Iran is to discuss Turkey's investment in the two phases of South Pars gas fields as well as other mutual issues with visiting Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his high-ranking delegation, the official said.

Erdogan arrived in Teheran on Monday night. He is scheduled to meet with Iran's

supreme leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani and Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki.

South Pars gas field is estimated to hold about 14 trillion cubic meters of natural gas, or 8 percent of total world reserves, according to the report.

Xinhua

Multiple roadside bombings kill eight US soldiers in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Oct— Eight US service members and one Afghan civilian were killed on Tuesday in multiple IED (Improvised Explosive Device) attacks in southern Afghanistan, said a statement of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

"Eight US service members and an Afghan civilian working with the ISAF were killed today in multiple

complex IED attacks in southern Afghanistan," the statement said.

It added "several service members were wounded in these incidents and were transported to a regional medical facility for treatment."

Nearly 20 US soldiers have been killed in two straight days in riot Afghanistan as three US helicopters went down on Monday, leaving 11 troopers and three civilians dead, all

Americans.

Conflicts and violence have claimed at least 436 international troops so far this year in war-torn Afghanistan.

Xinhua



A total of 342 local people gather together for a grand collective pestling of the Nian Gao Rice Cake, a dainty snack of pastry made of the flour of glutinous rice, on a grand folk performance of Inheritance of Filial Piety and Happy Celebration of Chongyang Festival, an integral part of local China Filial Piety Festival, in Cicheng Town, Ningbo City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 26 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Two British tourists survive ship fire off Greek coast

ATHENS, 27 Oct— Greece's coast guard found alive two missing British tourists early

Tuesday morning after their boat burst into flames on Monday night off the coast of Zakynthos in the western Ionian Sea.

They were sent to hospital while the boat they were travelling on

was towed to a nearby port.

A passing cruise ship spotted the boat which was on fire near Laganas, and approached it to put out the fire.

Xinhua

Highway collision kills five in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 27 Oct—Five people were confirmed dead in a highway auto crash in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, a local official said on Tuesday.

The accident occurred at 8:50 am when a Santana sedan and a truck collided head-on on the No 218 national highway in Yining County, said Gao Cuixia, deputy head of the government of the Kazak Autonomous Prefecture of Ili.

The driver and four passengers aboard the sedan were killed at the scene, she said.—Xinhua



Contestants doodle their creations during a contest held in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 25 Oct, 2009. Teams from all over the nation took part in the final of the "Wall Loads" doodle contest in Hankou of Wuhan on Sunday.

XINHUA

Japan's MSDF destroyer collides with S Korean ship in Kammon Straits

TOKYO, 27 Oct—A Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force (MSDF) destroyer collided late Tuesday with a South Korean container ship in the Kammon Straits in Fukuoka Prefecture, local media reported.

A crew member on MSDF destroyer Kurama was injured in the accident, which occurred at around 8 p.m. (1100 GMT) and caused fires on both

vessels, the Kyodo News reported, citing the defense ministry.

No one was injured on the commercial vessel and the fires were soon got under control.

A liaison office has been set up at the prime minister's office and investigation is underway to determine the cause of the accident.

Xinhua



Fire and smoke spew from the bow of Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) destroyer Kurama as a ship crew tries to fight the fire in the Kammon Straits in Fukuoka prefecture, south of Japan on 27 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET



Visitors show interests in a pendent lamp at a booth during the Hong Kong International Lighting Fair (Autumn Edition) in Hong Kong, south China, on 27 Oct, 2009. As the largest of its kind in Asia, the four-day fair opening here on Tuesday attracted 1,788 exhibitors from 31 countries and regions.

XINHUA

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New butterfly ear structure discovered

BRISTOL, 27 Oct—UK and Canadian scientists say they've found a structure on a tropical butterfly's wing that allows it to distinguish between high and low pitch sounds.

The team of researchers from Britain's University of Bristol, Carleton University in Canada and Scotland's University of Strathclyde believes the structure in Blue Morpho (Morpho peleides) butterflies might be associated with the detection of

predators, in particular birds.

The Blue Morpho, native to Central and South America, famous for their wing coloration, now turn out to have ears on their wings. The scientists said the ear is located at the base of the wing and looks like a sheet of stretched rubber. The oval-shaped tympanal membrane, with an unusual dome in the middle, is attached directly to sensory organs and is responsible for con-

verting sound waves into signals that can be picked up by nerve cells.

Using a tiny laser beam, lead researcher Katie Lucas scanned the surface of the membrane while it was in action, and found lower pitch sounds cause vibrations only in a part of the outer membrane, while higher pitch sounds caused the entire membrane to vibrate.

The study appears in the Journal of Experimental Biology.—*Internet*

Five killed by landslide in Indonesia's Central Java

JAKARTA, 27 Oct—Five people died and two others were injured after a landslide hit Indonesia's Pati regency of Central Java province at dawn on Tuesday, the Elshinta online news reported here.

The landslide hit a cliff that collapsed on three houses at Kedungwinong village of Sukolilo sub regency, Pati regency.

The report said that the sudden incident prevented the victims from running for their lives.

One of the victims' relative, Suyadi, told Elshinta that he heard a strong noise and people screaming for help when the accident happened.

Xinhua

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

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Birth defects in boys, DDT linked

PRETORIA, 27 Oct—Researchers in South Africa have linked urogenital birth defects in boys to spraying of the pesticide DDT, especially indoors.

Lead author Riana Bornman of The Univer-

sity of Pretoria in South Africa said urogenital birth defects included missing testicles or problems with the urethra or penis.

The study, published in the Journal of the British

Association of Urological Surgeons, found women who lived in 109 villages sprayed with DDT to reduce malaria gave birth to 33 percent more boys with urogenital birth defects than women who lived in 97 unsprayed vil-

lages. Of the 3,310 boys included in the study about 11 percent had urogenital defects. The women who stayed in sprayed villages and never left to attend school or to go to work had 41 percent more baby boys with urogenital defects. The researchers suggested this is because they spent more time in homes where domestic DDT-based sprays are still commonly used.—*Internet*



Young models present creations by Russian designer Natali Kvon during Moscow Fashion Week fashion show on 26 Oct, 2009. XINHUA



A staff member introduces a giant glossy ganoderma at the Mushroom Museum in Shanghai, east China, on 26 Oct, 2009. The museum is the very first base to introduce integrative information of mushroom in China.—XINHUA

officials say Pilots on wayward US jetliner using laptops

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct—Pilots of a Northwest Airlines jetliner that overshot its destination by 150 miles last week told US investigators they became distracted during an extended discussion of crew scheduling that included their use of personal laptops, officials said on Monday.

“The pilots said there was a concentrated period of discussion where they did not monitor the airplane or calls from (air

traffic controllers) even though both stated they heard conversation on the radio,” the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said after interviewing the pair on Sunday.

“Both said they lost track of time,” the safety board said in a report on its investigation, which included disclosures

about the nature of the conversation and the use of laptop computers.

The two veteran commercial pilots said they were not fatigued during the evening flight on October 21 from San Diego to Minneapolis, countering speculation they may have fallen asleep.

MNA/Reuters

Two die from A/H1N1 flu in Mongolia

ULAN BATOR, 27 Oct—Mongolian authorities announced two people were killed by the A/H1N1 epidemic in the country.

The Mongolian health ministry issued a report on Monday about the A/H1N1 flu. It said the two died of the flu after suffering from a fever for seven or eight days without seeing a doctor.

Mongolia’s health departments have taken a series of measures against the spread of the A/H1N1 virus from 12 Oct, when the first A/H1N1 case was registered in the country.

A total of 1,681 people in Mongolia were diagnosed as infected with influenza and influenza-like diseases. A group of 28 doctors has been organized in the country. Under orders of the health minister, they are required to work 24 hours a day.—Xinhua

S Korea reports three additional deaths related to A/H1N1

SEOUL, 27 Oct—South Korean authorities on Tuesday reported three additional deaths related to A/H1N1.

According to the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs, three kids, a 76-year-old woman, an 84-year-old man, and a 26-year-old woman died after having infected with the A/H1N1 virus.

The exact cause of their death, including whether the virus has actually caused the deaths, is still under investigation, the authorities said.—Xinhua

1,095 A/H1N1 flu cases reported in Turkey

ANKARA, 27 Oct — Turkish Health Ministry said on Monday that a total of 1,095 A/H1N1 flu cases have been reported in Turkey so far, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The ministry said that the first case was seen on 15 May, 2009 and the first Turk died of A/H1N1 flu in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Saturday.

Five people were under treatment at hospitals, and one of them was in serious condition and in intensive care unit, added the ministry.

National Education Ministry stated earlier Monday that all the education institutions—including pre-schools, elementary and secondary schools, private schools, courses and study centres— across Turkey would be recessed on 30 October to keep students protected against A/H1N1 flu.

Xinhua

Weather helps predict dengue fever

GUANGZHOU, 27 Oct—Chinese scientists say they’ve determined weather conditions such as temperatures, humidity and wind speed can help predict dengue fever outbreaks.

Dengue fever — one of the most widespread insect-borne diseases found in humans — is a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes in tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Being able to predict the trend of dengue fever can facilitate early

public health responses.

The research team led by Qiyong Liu of China’s Centres for Disease Control and Linwei Tian of the Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases at Chinese University in Hong Kong correlated weather conditions, including minimum and maximum temperature, wind velocity, humidity and rainfall, with the number of cases of dengue fever in the city of Guangzhou from 2001 until 2006.—Internet

A few drinks have negative health impact

LUND, 26 Oct—Swedish researchers are calling into question the assumption that low alcohol consumption is good for health. The study, published in the journal *Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation*, found with the exception of people age 80 and older — men who consumed up to five units of alcohol a day and women who consumed up to 2.5 units a day cost the health service more than those who do not drink.

The study also questions the untested theory that people with low alcohol intake are more highly paid because the protective effect of alcohol on some diseases allows them to spend more time at work, the researchers say.

“In this study, however, we found that, when including also those diseases where low consumption increases the risk of morbidity and mortality, low-to-moderate alcohol intake actually has a net negative health impact,” study leader Johan Jarl of Lund University in Sweden says in a statement. “It is therefore doubtful if the common explanation of health as the link between alcohol consumption and increased wages is valid in its existing form.”

Internet

Exercise makes smoking less attractive

EXETER, 27 Oct—A small study found exercise can help smokers quit because it makes cigarettes less attractive, British researchers suggest.

The University of Exeter study involved 20 moderately heavy smokers, who had abstained from cigarettes for 15 hours before the trial.

Lead author doctoral student Kate Janse Van Rensburg says during two visits to the laboratory participants began by being shown smoking-related

and neutral images, and then spent either 15 minutes sitting or exercising on a stationary bike at a moderate intensity. Then they were shown the images again. As the participants were shown the images, the research team used eye tracking technology to

measure and record precise eye movements. The study, published in the journal *Addiction*, shows an 11 percent difference between the time the participants spent looking at the smoking-related images after exercise, compared with the after sitting.—Internet

Researchers at a Ranbaxy lab in India. Ranbaxy Laboratories, a unit of Japan’s Daiichi Sankyo, said on Monday it switched into profit in the third quarter after a loss in the same period a year earlier.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Ugandan coach confident of beating Rwanda in U-20 World Cup qualifier

KAMPALA, Oct. 26 (Xinhua) — Uganda's national team coach Majidah Nantanda has said that the hurdle against Rwanda in the U-20 Women World Cup qualifiers is virtually conquered, local media reported on Monday.

Uganda beat Rwanda 2-1 in the first leg preliminary round at Nakivubo in Kampala over the weekend with Nantanda's side absorbing second half pressure and scoring a late winner.

"Unless they change their team for the second leg, my girls are genuinely young with high flexibility unlike them. They can't catch up with our speed," Nantanda was quoted by the state-owned New Vision as saying.—*Internet*

New date for Marseille-PSG to be set on Thursday

PARIS, 27 Oct—A new date will be set on Thursday for the match between Marseille and Paris Saint-Germain that was postponed due to an outbreak of swine flu at PSG, the French Professional League (LFP) announced on Monday.

Marseille had requested that the match — originally scheduled for Sunday — be played this Wednesday, which they termed "the only intelligent date" in view of their Champions League commitments.

But the league's Competitions Commission ruled out Wednesday as premature and an emergency meeting has now been called by the LFP for Thursday.

"The experts have strongly recommended a minimum isolation period of 72 hours, at least until Wednesday morning. This was accepted by PSG," the LFP said in a statement.

"As a result it's not feasible, unless our experts change their minds, to put the team in the plane on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.—*Internet*



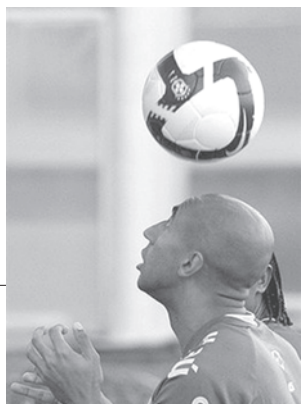
Paris Saint Germain's Jeremy Clement (left), Ludovic Giuly (centre) and Mamadou Sakho (right) have all contracted swine flu.—*INTERNET*

Luisao extends Benfica stay

LISBON, 27 Oct—Brazilian international defender Anderson Luis da Silva, better known as Luisao, has agreed to extend his contract with Portuguese side Benfica until 2013, the club confirmed on Monday. The 28-year-old Benfica captain has played at the club since 2003.

"Everything is agreed

Brazilian international defender Anderson Luis da Silva



Milan confirm Beckham January arrival

ROME, 27 Oct—AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani on Monday confirmed that former England captain David Beckham would again join the club in the January transfer window.



Former England football team captain David Beckham holds his new AC Milan's jersey as he poses during his official presentation at the San Siro stadium in Milan, 2008.—*INTERNET*

Los Angeles Galaxy player Beckham arrived at the Serie A club on a similar deal earlier this year, playing out the second half of the season at the San Siro before returning to the United States.

And Galliani has claimed it is 100 percent sure the former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder will be back.

"I've never spoken about buying players in January. I've read several newspapers that have written that but I never said it," Galliani told Sky Sport.—*Internet*

Ecuador to compete with 438 athletes at Bolivarian Games

QUITO, 27 Oct—President of the Ecuadorian Olympic Committee (COE) Danilo Carrera said on Monday that Ecuador will compete at the 17th Bolivarian Sports Games with 438 athletes in 33 sports.

The Bolivarian Games will be hosted from Nov. 14 to 24 in Sucre, Bolivia, however the weightlifting competitions will start on 30 Oct and some competitions will be hosted also in Bolivian cities of Santa Cruz, Cochabamba and Tarija. Ecuador will be the alternative-host, hosting competitions in Quito, Guayaquil and Salinas, while Peru will be the other alternative host, with competitions in Lima.

Ecuador will compete in athletics, basketball, pool, bowling, boxing, rowing, cycling (BMX, MTB, trail and route), equestrian, fencing, soccer, soccer indoors (futsal), artistic and rhythm gymnastics, judo, karate, weight lifting, wrestling, swimming, racquetball, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, archery, triathlon and volleyball (sand and room).—*Internet*

Totti goes under knife for another knee operation

ROME, 27 Oct—Roma captain Francesco Totti on Monday had surgery on his right knee for the second time in 18 months, his club said in a statement.

The 33-year-old forward previously suffered a ruptured cruciate ligament in his right knee a year and a half ago but following training on Monday he went to see the club doctor, when it was decided that he would need surgery. No details were given about long he will be on the sidelines but he is due to start his rehabilitation on Tuesday, according



AS Roma captain Francesco Totti

to the club statement, at which point an assessment will be made on when he may be available again.

—*Internet*

Old rivals braced for Clijsters, Henin challenge

DOHA, 27 Oct—The mouth-watering double return of Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin in 2010, as well as a shorter playing season, could guarantee a new golden era in women's tennis.



Belgium's Justine Henin signs autographs at the WTA Luxembourg Open tennis tournament on 21 Oct, 2009.—*INTERNET*

That's the feeling of the eight players who have made it through to the 4.45 million dollar WTA Championships which get underway here on Tuesday.

Clijsters made a stunning return to the sport after a two-year absence to start a family by winning the US Open.

Fellow world number one Henin, who sensationally quit on the eve of the 2008 French Open, has also announced her return, a decision adding extra spice to next year's Australian Open where old rival Serena Williams is defending champion.

—*Internet*

Tennis aces Venus, Serena not ready for retirement

DOHA, 27 Oct—Venus and Serena Williams, ghetto-kids turned multimillionaire senior citizens of women's tennis, go into the WTA Championships here insisting that retirement is not an option.



Serena Williams

In the last two years, the American sisters have seen former rivals Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin both quit before deciding to return to the tour.

Venus, a year older than her sisters at 29 and the holder of seven Grand Slam titles, and Serena, with 11 majors to her name, are still such an impressive combination that they have also qualified for the four-team doubles here.

—*Internet*

Slimmed-down tennis star Jankovic hopeful

DOHA, 27 Oct—Jelena Jankovic, who started 2009 as world number one, but only squeezed into the WTA Championships as the eighth and last qualifier, believes a drastic weight loss programme has helped her cause.

The Serbian is also convinced her mother Snezana's improved health, after a worrying scare during the claycourt season, is also a factor behind her more optimistic outlook.

"I'm much skinnier than I used to be. I maybe

had seven to ten kilos more than I have now," said the 24-year-old.

—*Internet*



Defending champion Jelena Jankovic of Serbia

Fergie accepts FA charge Red Devils boss requests personal hearing regarding Wiley rant



Sir Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 27 Oct—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has accepted a charge of improper conduct after his comments regarding referee Alan Wiley.

In his post-match interview after the Red Devils' late draw with Sunderland at Old Trafford at the beginning of October, the Scot

suggested Wiley was not physically fit.

The Football Association, which has been running a respect campaign, therefore decided to take action against the United boss.

Ferguson has admitted the charge and has requested a personal hearing, for which a date has yet to be set.

The referees' union, prospect, has called for the 67-year-old to be handed a lengthy touchline ban and fine. Ferguson was also critical of referee Andre Marriner following United's defeat to Liverpool on Sunday, suggesting the match official lacked the necessary experience.

Internet

Benitez eyeing Gerrard return

LONDON, 27 Oct—Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez believes talismanic captain Steven Gerrard could return in Saturday's clash at Fulham.

The England midfielder has not featured in the Premier League since suffering a groin injury while on international duty earlier this month.

He did start in the 2-1 UEFA Champions League loss against Lyon on 20 October, but had to be substituted after only 25 minutes following tightness in his groin.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (28-10-2009) (Wednesday)

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

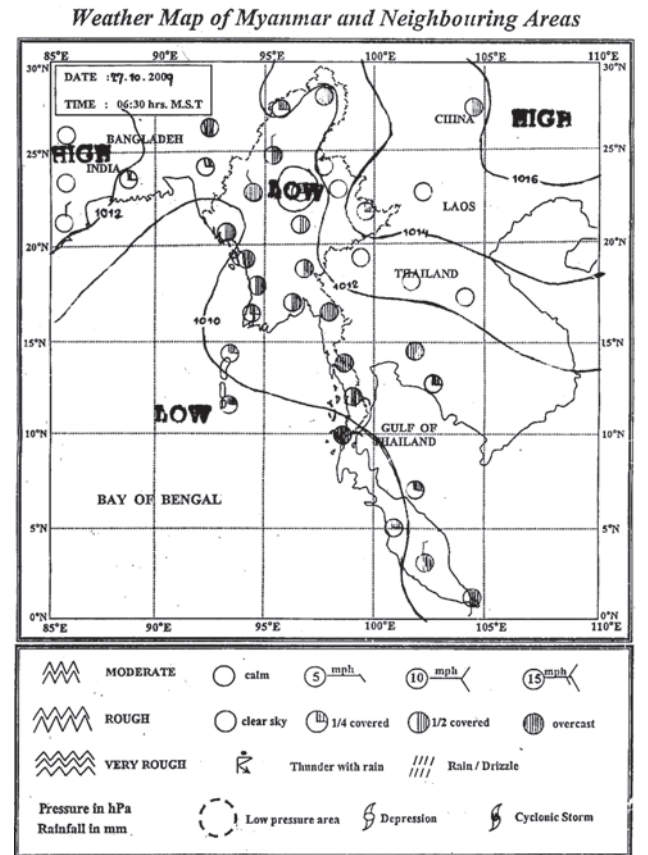
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Day Scene of Tazaungdaing Festival in Pine land
- * Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- * Ancient Buddha Images Carved on Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
- * Beauty of Myanmar Fashion Among Various Fashion Designs
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * The Power where Nature and Science come Together (Part-I)
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- * Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
- * Planting Lemon on Commercial Scale
- * Fabulous Glassware Decoration
- * Culture Stage
- * Mounzann Maywae
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting In Fresh And Seawaters (Part-4)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Tuesday, 27th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been scattered in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Ayeyawady Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (1.61) inches, Ye (1.02)inches, Pinlaung (0.79)inch, Dawei (0.36) inch and Zaungtu (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-10-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 27-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-10-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 26-10-2009 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-10-2009 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, Tr at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.06) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (08:30) hours MST on 27-10-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28th October 2009: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-10-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-10-2009: Possibility of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-10-2009: Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, 28 October
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
6. မြန်မာ့ကြွေကြွယ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am**
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
8. ဝန်ကြီး(မြို့တွင်း)တံတား
- 8:30 am**
9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Connect with English (Episode-28) (Brothers)
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Song of National Races
- 4:20 pm**
3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:30 pm**
4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

- 4:40 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရှုပဗဒ အထူးပြု) (ရှုပဗဒ)
- 4:55 pm**
6. Song to Uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
7. Classical Song
- 5:10 pm**
8. “သတင်းကောင်း”
- 5:25 pm**
9. Musical Programme
- 5:35 pm**
10. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm**
11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm**
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
14. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရှိရာလက်တွေ့
- 6:30 pm**
15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

- 7:00 pm**
16. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 7:20 pm**
17. နွဲ့လိုက်စို့တူပျော်ပျော် တောင်ကြီးမြို့ တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ပွဲတော်
- 7:30 pm**
18. အဝမ်းစိုးမြင့်ပိုင်း သံစုံတူရိယာအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 8:00 pm**
19. News
- 20. International News**
- 21. Weather Report**
- 22. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ**
- 23. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မြို့ရိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်” (တတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၇)**
- 24. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း “ပျော်ပါရစေ” (လွင်စိုး၊ နဝရတ်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုဇော်(အရက်ဦး)]**

- ★ 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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar met Premier of the State Council of the People's

Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao at Napalai Ballroom (A) in Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin of Thailand at 5 p.m. on 24 October.

Together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Na-

tional Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand

U Aung Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to Indonesia and permanent representative to ASEAN U Nyan Lin, Director-General Col

Thant Shin of the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department and high-ranking officials and together with Premier Mr Wen Jiabao were Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Yang Jiechi and officials.

Both sides cordially discussed matters on strengthening friendly ties between the two countries, promotion of cooperation in multi-sectors such as economic, trade and science and technology between two countries and cooperation for ensuring stability and peace of border areas through mutual understanding.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with Premier of the State Council of the PRC Mr Wen Jiabao at Napalai Ballroom (A) in Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin of Thailand.—MNA