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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

## Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence inspects developments of Hsipaw, Lashio

NAYPYI TAW, 29 Oct—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence heard the reports presented by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and

Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials on progress of work at the briefing hall of extended

building of Hsipaw People's Hospital of Shan State (North) and staff quarter construction site on 27 October. (See page 7)



Photo shows University of Computer Studies (Lashio).—MNA

## Myogyi Diversion Weir in Kyaukse Township



The main canal of Myogyi Diversion Weir.

**Byline & Photos:**  
**Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)**

The government is exerting all possible ways and means to utilize all water sources necessary for greening the whole country and growing paddy and other crops.

In the process, the government has been constructing dams, diversion weirs, regulating dams, sluice gates, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations. Myogyi Diversion Weir inaugurated on 29 August 2009, for example, benefits local farmers significantly.

Upon arrival at the diversion weir, nine miles east of Hanmyinmo Village feeder road junction at Mile Post No 395 of Meiktila-Mandalay Road, our media team was given a warm welcome by Staff Officer U Tun Tun Win and Staff Officer U Win Ko Ko, and briefed on the irrigation facility. Myogyi Diversion Weir lies at (See page 7)



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Further strengthen friendly ties among East Asian countries

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 4<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit and closing ceremony of the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit held at Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin, Thailand on 25 October.

Also present at the 4<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit were the President of the Republic of the Philippines, the King of Brunei Darussalam, the Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of Singapore, Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

At the summit, leaders of East Asian countries discussed and exchanged views on matters on cooperation for Korea peninsula to be free from nuclear weapons, overcoming global financial crisis, ensuring success of Copenhagen Environmental Summit, preventive measures against climate change and natural disaster, natural disaster management, food and energy security, collectively addressing financial crisis and establishment of East Asian Community.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with the heads of State/Government from East Asian countries attended a working luncheon held at Napalai Ballroom (A). The Australian Prime Minister over working luncheon presented a proposal to establish Asia-Pacific Community in 2020. Having discussed frankly the proposal, the East Asian leaders recognized it as the long-term vision.

We firmly believe that the discussion, exchange of views and cooperation among the leaders of East Asian countries will further strengthen friendly relations between those countries and bring about success in multilateral cooperation.

### Outstanding students honoured

YANGON, 29 Oct—The prize presentation for outstanding students in the Dhamma examination, organized by Hindu Dhamma Examination Conducting Committee of Thanantana Dhamma-



*Chairman U Maung Thein explaining the purpose of holding the ceremony.*

NLM

### CPT Minister supervises development tasks in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended a ceremony to introduce CDMA 450 in Phakant-Seikhu-Lonkhin region held at Seikhu village in Phakant township, Kachin State on 26 October.

Next, Col Than Aung of the Local Battalion and Chief Engineer U Thein Oo of Mobile Communications formally opened the ceremony.

After inspecting a newly-installed CDMA 450 room, the minister tried on trunk calls. After meeting with departmental officials, townselders and members of social organizations at Uryadana Hall in Phakant township, he looked into a communication station in Lonkhin village.

Next, he attended a ceremony to open new digital auto-exchange held at Hsarhmaw and Pinball villages, formally opened the ceremony and oversaw an auto-exchange

room.

Having met with townselders and members of social organizations in Hopin town and responsible persons of townships and villages and townselders in Mohnyin town, the minister inspected Mohnyin People's General Hospital.

Upon arrival at Yadanarpon Myothit near PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Division on 27 October, the minister looked into progress in construct-



*Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inaugurating new digital auto-exchange in Pinbaw Village in Hpakant Township.—MNA*

palaka Organization, was held in conjunction with the ceremony to honour the students who passed the matriculation examination 2009 at No. 22/A on Aung Dhamma Yeiktha Street near Thamaing Junction on

Yangon-Insein Road on 25 October afternoon.

Chairman of the organizing committee U Soe Myint made a speech.

Chairman of the Committee for Conducting the Hindu Dhamma U Maung Thein explained the purpose of the ceremony. Secretary of the organizing committee U Soe Hlaing spoke words of thanks.

Officials presented prizes to 82 students in the Hindu examination and 46 distinction winners in the matriculation examination.

Later, those present were entertained with Hindu traditional dances.

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## People's Desire

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

### MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Col Nyi Phyu Hla of the Ministry of Defence as Managing Director of Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

MNA

ing buildings and roads in Yadanarpon Myothit (North) housing project area, and factories and workshops built by companies in the place of Soft Base Factories of Yadanarpon Myothit and gave instructions on timely completion of construction tasks to be able to produce mechanical

gadgets.

At the meeting hall of Yadanarpon teleport, the minister met with officials of Yadanarpon teleport company, departmental officials and entrepreneurs, and gave necessary instructions and viewed a test on Wi Fi network.

MNA

### Defence Services C-in-C's Shield Volleyball C'ship concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The final matches of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Volleyball Championship took place at Flying Training Base in Meiktila on 23 October.

It was attended by the commander of Flying Training Base, senior military officers, servicemen and guests.

The airbase commander and officials presented prizes to the respective winners.—MNA

### Delta United FC honoured

YANGON, 29 Oct — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe presented K 2 million to Delta United on 27 October to honour the unbeaten football team.

U Tun Yin of the Delta FC accepted the cash and pledged to achieve success for the Ayeyawady Division. —MNA

## Lebanon stops fresh rocket attack

HULA, 29 Oct — Lebanese troops have deactivated four rockets ready to be fired at Israel, a day after a rocket attack caused Israel to respond with artillery fire. The Lebanese military said three of the rockets were set with timers and left in

a half-built house in Hula village, where Tuesday's attack was launched.

There were no casualties in the earlier exchange but it sharply raised tension on the volatile Israel-Lebanon border. It was the fourth time rockets have been fired over the border

this year. The commander of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) Maj Gen Claudio Graziano has inspected the area where the rockets were found and where the nine Israeli artillery shells landed.

"The military has discovered this morning four rockets... in a house under construction belonging to the mayor of Hula," said a Lebanese military spokesman quoted by AFP. The military said three Katyusha-type warheads were left on improvised wooden launchers in the garden of the house. One was left on a balcony.

Internet



The commander of UN peacekeepers inspected the scene after the discovery.—INTERNET

## Venezuela arrests 'Colombia spies'

CARACAS, 29 Oct—Venezuela says it has captured two Colombian security agents suspected of planning to destabilise the government, further heightening tensions in a

diplomatic spat between the two sides.

The men, allegedly agents of Colombia's security agency DAS, were caught trying to bribe Venezuelan officials for

information on the country's military and insurgents, Venezuela's president said during a televised cabinet meeting on Tuesday. Describing Colombia as a "hostile government" Hugo Chavez said he believed that "the hand of the CIA and the government of the United States" were behind the alleged plot.

"They will be judged according to Venezuelan law and will be granted their rights... they were captured red-handed, practicing espionage and it's not the first time... we will not release them," he added. The arrest follows reignited tensions after the weekend murder of 10 members of an amateur Colombian football team in Venezuela, an incident the government promised to investigate. Chavez said officials believe the agents were using fake names and were purportedly helping investigate the killings, adding that a lone survivor was assisting in the investigation.

Internet



Hugo Chavez said the men were caught trying to bribe Venezuelan officials.—INTERNET

## Death toll rises to 155 in twin Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 29 Oct—The death toll from two suicide bombs in Baghdad, one of Iraq's bloodiest attacks in years, has risen to 155 with more than 500 wounded, police said. The October 25 bombings, near the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad provincial government building, ripping through

cars and people, was the bloodiest in Iraqi capital since mid-2007.

An al-Qaeda linked group claimed responsibility for the twin suicide bombings in the heart of Baghdad that killed at least 155 people as Iraq's political leadership on Tuesday stepped up efforts to agree on new voting guidelines

ahead of January elections.

Massive vehicle bombs and suicide attacks have been the hallmark of al-Qaeda, and Iraq-based Sunni insurgents have used similar means and style of attacks with an aiming to overthrow the country's Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad.

Internet

The site of the bomb attack in central Baghdad seen on 25 October.—INTERNET



## Car bomb blast kills up to 106 in N-W Pakistan's Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 29 Oct — A huge car bomb explosion killed at least 106 people in a crowded market in northwest Pakistan's city of Peshawar on Wednesday, a senior official said.

The bomb exploded at a crowded market at Chowk Yadgar locality in Peshawar, senior minister Bashire Bilor said.

District Coordination Office Sahibzada Aness said that 106 people have been confirmed dead and 150 others were injured.

He said that the death toll may rise as rescue operation continued and there is possibility that some people are still under the rubble of collapsed buildings.

Hospital sources said that scores of the injured are in critical condition. Several women and children are among the injured, hospital sources said. Shops caught fire and fire fighter were called to extinguish the blaze.

Sahibzada Aness said that

the rescue teams were facing difficulties as several shops caught fire and the fire fighter can not easily enter the narrow markets.

Senior official of the bomb disposal squad Shafqat Malik said that the blast was carried out through a car and at least 150 kilograms of explosives were used.

MNA/Xinhua

## UN workers scramble over roofs during Kabul attack

KABUL, 29 Oct—Terrified UN workers scrambled over the roof or leaped from windows to escape choking smoke and gunfire after being awakened at dawn Wednesday when three Taliban militants wearing police uniforms stormed a residential hotel packed with foreigners.

The assault, which killed 12 people including three militants, was one of a series of brazen attacks aimed at under-

mining the 7 Nov presidential election runoff. It underscored the risks facing UN and Afghan officials in organizing the vote and the massive challenge for the US-led military force in curbing the determined insurgency. Six UN employees, including an American, were among those killed at the guest house in Kabul. The attack was condemned by the United Nations Secretary-General. In another attack, a rocket landed

near the compound of the presidential palace near Serena Hotel, but no one was injured.

Internet

Taliban suicide gunmen stormed a UN guesthouse in Kabul, killing 12 people in an attack.

INTERNET



People rush an injured person to a hospital after an explosion in Peshawar, Pakistan on 28 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET



### Tears as Ares I-X Mars mission hopes lift off

CAPE CANAVERAL, 29 Oct — NASA launched the world's tallest rocket, the Ares I-X, on a two-minute test flight yesterday.

NASA successfully launched the prototype for a new generation of space rocket, advancing its plans to return man to the Moon by 2020.

The Ares I-X, the tallest rocket ever built, blasted off at 11:30am (02:30 AEDT) from Cape Canaveral in Florida, carrying with it the US space agency's lofty ambitions for human space flight.

The rocket is the prototype of the Ares I, designed to carry a new capsule-shaped crew module called the Orion into low Earth orbit for missions to the International Space Station, the Moon, and beyond.

"I can't say enough about this team," NASA spokesman Doug Cooke said.—Internet

*A cone of moisture surrounds part of the Ares I-X rocket during lift off on 28 Oct, 2009, on a sub-orbital test flight from the Kennedy Space Centre's Launch Pad 39-B in Cape Canaveral, Fla.*

INTERNET

*Cooling towers are demolished in an attempt to save energy and reduce emissions, at a power plant in Xinxiang, Henan province, on 28 October, 2009.*

INTERNET



### Thai cargo ship seized off of Somalia coast

NAIROBI, 29 Oct — Suspected pirates have hijacked a Thai cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden off the Somali coast, a regional maritime official confirmed on Thursday. Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), said the MV Thor Star, was hijacked on Thursday with unknown number of crew members on board.

"The Thai ship was hijacked some 200 nautical miles north of Seychelles. There are still

conflicting reports as to where the vessel was heading to and the nationalities of the crew members onboard," Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

The Thai-flagged ship is owned by Bangkok-based Thoresen Thai Agencies. Earlier reports said the Somali pirates had seized a Thai fishing boat.

Somali pirates have seized dozens of ships

over the last two years, taking in tens of millions of dollars in ransom money. The pirates are believed to be holding seven ships in all.

The Somali pirates, who come from specific regions and clans far away from the war-ravaged capital, have been challenging the coalition of warships patrolling the world's most dangerous waters to end the menace.

Xinhua

### Swiss to tackle 'suicide tourism'

GENEVA, 29 Oct — The Swiss government has laid out the details of proposals to ban or severely restrict assisted suicide as part of plans to tackle "suicide tourism". More than 100 Britons with terminal or incurable illnesses have used the Swiss centre Dignitas to kill themselves.

Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf has called for organisations like it to face stricter controls.

The proposals will now be subject to consultation, with a draft law due to be sent to parliament in March. Ms Widmer-Schlumpf said groups like Dignitas would face prosecution if the proposals are passed into law and they do not comply.

As part of the proposals, patients would have to provide two separate medical opinions proving that they have a terminal illness and are expected only to have months to live. Those who are chronically or mentally ill would find it more difficult to get help in ending their lives. Ms Widmer-Schlumpf said: "We have no interest, as a country, in being attractive for suicide tourism." —Internet

### Cuba's ex-leader Castro 'strong'

HAVANA, 29 Oct — Cuba's ex-leader Fidel Castro is looking strong and remains on top of developments at home and abroad, says a world health chief Dr Margaret Chan, head of the World Health Organization, was granted an audience with Mr Castro this week.

Mr Castro has not been seen in public for more than three years, since a series of major intestinal operations.

The only updates on his health come from visiting dignitaries who have been able to meet him.

Exactly what he suffers from, and where he is recuperating, remain state secrets.

Dr Chan spent more than two-and-a-half hours with Mr Castro on Tuesday evening, when she had a "long talk" with him. "He walked me



*Fidel Castro has not been seen in public for three years.*

INTERNET

out of the house, that's quite a distance, so pretty strong. And don't forget, I'm younger than him," she said, without discussing specific health issues.

Internet

### LA homelessness declines despite economic crisis

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct — The homeless population of Los Angeles fell sharply during the past two years, a study released on Wednesday found confounding expectations that the recession would drive more people into the city's streets and shelters.

Some credit went to better programmes to keep people off the streets, but experts say the worst economic slump since the Great Depression may also have played a role as rents declined and created more affordable housing.

Others disputed that notion asserting that recent waves of foreclosures invariably drive more people into homelessness.—MNA/Reuters

### Tuna ban 'justified' by science

LONDON, 29 Oct — Banning trade in Atlantic bluefin tuna is justified by the extent of their decline, an analysis by scientists advising fisheries regulators suggests.

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' (ICCAT) advisers said stocks are probably less than 15% of their original size.

The analysis has delighted conservation groups, which have warned that over-fishing

risks the species' survival.

ICCAT meets to consider the report in 10 days' time.

The analysis was triggered by Monaco's recent proposal to ban international trade in the Atlantic bluefin under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) — a proposal that has gathered support from several other European countries.

"What's needed to

save the stocks is a suspension of fishing activity and a suspension of international commercial trade," said Sergi Tudela, head of fisheries with the environmental group WWF for the Mediterranean region.

"We must stop mercilessly exploiting this fragile natural resource until stocks show clear signs of rebound and until sustainable management and control measures are firmly put in place."

Internet



*The bluefin is highly prized for many dishes, notably sushi.—INTERNET*

## Chinese President meets DPRK delegation

BEIJING, 29 Oct—President Hu Jintao met here on Wednesday with a delegation of the Workers' Party of Korea of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), headed by Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Party's Central Committee. Hu, also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), welcomed the delegation's visit to China on behalf of the CPC Central Committee. He said, since the two countries established dip-

lomatic ties 60 years ago, China-DPRK relations have weathered the tests of international vicissitudes and been further consolidated and developed.

In the new century, top leaders of both countries have attached great importance to bilateral ties, which have thus gained new vigor and vitality, he said. In particular, the celebrations and exchange activities marking the 60th anniversary of bilateral relations and the China-DPRK friendship

year, have helped deepen traditional friendship, expand mutual-beneficial cooperation, and the cooperative friendly relations have been pushed to a new level, Hu said. He said the friendship between China and the DPRK, which was established and carefully fostered by leaders of older generations, has been precious wealth for the two peoples and "it is our shared responsibility and mission to continuously consolidate and develop the friendship."—Xinhua



**Crocodiles are on sale at Walmart's first Sam's Club after the opening ceremony in China's southern city, Guangzhou on 27 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET**

### All Items from Xinhua News Agency

## UNGA calls for end to US embargo on Cuba

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Oct—The UN General Assembly on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to call for an end to the US embargo on Cuba. The vote was cast at the 192-member General Assembly with 187 in favour, three against and two abstentions. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that the General Assembly voted to urge an end to the US embargo.

Only the United States, Israel and Palau voted against the non-binding resolution, while Micronesia and the Marshall Islands abstained. Over 17 consecutive years since 1992, a majority in the United Nations General Assembly have supported lifting the unilateral US embargo.

The United States imposed the trade embargo on Cuba in early 1960s when both countries severed diplomatic ties. Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, while taking the floor at the General Assembly, said that US embargo was "an absurd policy that causes scarcities and sufferings."

Xinhua

## UN Mine clearer dies in accident in cyprus

NICOSIA, 29 Oct—A UN mine clearer from Mozambique died in an explosion on Wednesday morning in a minefield some 10 kilometres south-east of Nicosia, said the UN Press office in Cyprus.

The dead mine expert was Femisberto Novele, a member of the Mine Action Centre Cyprus (MACC). It was the group's first fatality in five years of work on the island. The incident took place at about 8:00 am local time (0600 GMT) in a minefield inside the 180 kilometres long buffer zone under UN control.

Taye-Brook Zerihoun, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and head of UN Peacekeeping Forces In Cyprus (UNFICYP), said he was saddened and shocked to learn of the accident, which he called "a tragic reminder of the dangers landmines still pose in Cyprus".—Xinhua

## Mexico city, Japan's Nissan set for electric cars in 2011

MEXICO CITY, 29 Oct—Mexico City Wednesday signed an agreement with Japanese auto giant Nissan to deliver recharging infrastructure for electric vehicles in 2011, a measure officials said will help fight climate change.

The government will set up a series of buildings similar to gas stations for

electric car owners and Nissan will respond by importing 500 units of its Leaf electric vehicle in 2011. Mexico City has at least two electric car showrooms, but the vehicles sold there have to be recharged from the domestic supply.

The city was once one of the world's worst polluted, but has been imple-

menting a series of measures to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other emissions including only allowing electrical public transport on key city center routes.

Earlier this week, the city government announced plans to fight climate change from a different source starting next year, by using Germany-made equipment to capture greenhouse gas methane that is produced by rotting liquids at a huge city dump.—Xinhua

## Indonesia holds UNESCO's anti-discrimination conference

JAKARTA, 29 Oct—Indonesia on Thursday held the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s International Anti-discrimination Conference in West Java provincial capital of Bandung, attended by 107 delegations from 15 countries, Elshinta online news reported here.

The event opened by the UNESCO's assistant director general Pierre Sane accompanied by vice governor Dede Jusuf is the first anti-discrimination conference in the world. In his opening speech, the vice governor said that in 1955, Indonesia held the first Asian-African Conference in the same building, the biggest conference in the two continents' countries against eastern bloc.

Xinhua

**Japanese miniature craft artist Rieko Tanaka shows off her 18mm tall wooden handmade "Gundam" character from the popular Japanese television animation series at Design Festa in Tokyo on 24 Oct, 2009. —INTERNET**

## Japans's auto production down 21.6%

TOKYO, 29 Oct—Japan's auto industry produced 830,140 units in September, 21.6 per cent less than the same period of 2008, according to statistics released on Thursday by the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association.

In a sign of the lack of

investment in businesses under current economic conditions, production in September of trucks fell by 30.7 percent, while bus production dropped by 26.3 per cent. Cars fared slightly better, posting a fall of 20.1 per cent.

It was the ninth consecutive month that pro-

duction has fell year on year in Japan's auto industry. Demand within Japan, however, posted a slight rise of 0.2 per cent when compared with September last year. Demand for cars rose by 4.2 per cent, while demand for trucks dropped by 38.8 per cent, and buses 28.8 per cent.—Xinhua

## World's largest cruise ship delivered in Finland

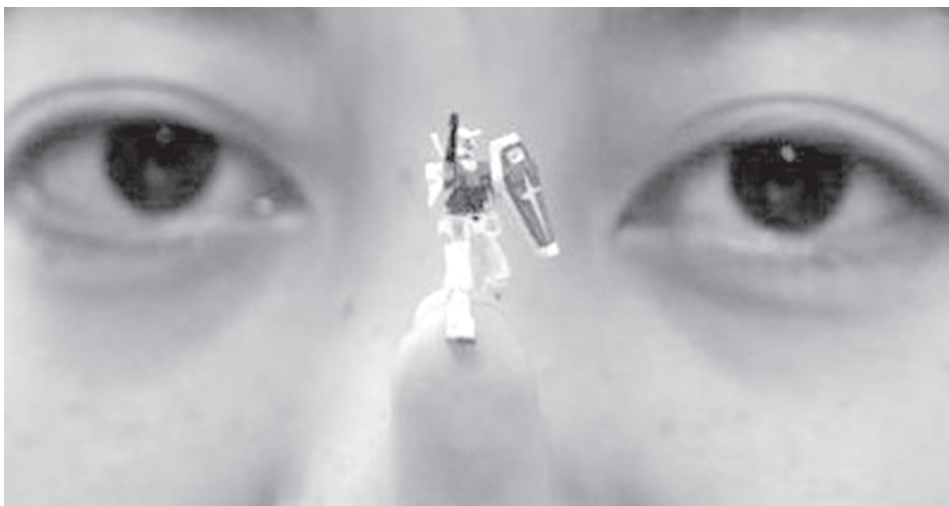
HELSINKI, 29 Oct—Finland's Turku shipyard delivered the world's largest cruise ship *Oasis of the Seas* to the US cruise line Royal Caribbean International on Wednesday after the completion of construction.

The *Oasis of the Seas* is 360 metres long, 66 metres wide and 72 metres high above the water level. The gross register tonnage (GRT) of the ship is 225,000. It has 16 passenger decks and over 2,700 staterooms, displacing the *Independence of the Seas*, which is also owned by Royal Caribbean as the world's largest passenger vessel carrying 5,400 passengers and over 2,100

crew.

The cruise ship offers passengers with seven so-called "neighbourhoods" areas classified by functions, including Central Park, an open-air atrium with live trees; Boardwalk, a family-friendly amusement area; the Royal Promenade, an indoor mall-like zone with bars and shops; Sea Spa and Fitness Centre, gathering different workout studios and a beauty salon; Pool and Sports Zone, featuring pool areas and places for basketball and mini-golf; Entertainment Place and Youth Zone, a space dedicated to youth activities.

Xinhua



## Curry spice 'kills cancer cells'

LONDON, 29 Oct — An extract found in the bright yellow curry spice turmeric can kill off cancer cells, scientists have shown.

The chemical — curcumin — has long been thought to have healing powers and is already being tested as a treatment for arthritis and even dementia.

Now tests by a team at the Cork Cancer Research Centre show it can destroy gullet cancer cells in the lab.

Cancer experts said the findings in the *British Journal of Cancer* could

help doctors find new treatments.

Dr Sharon McKenna and her team found that curcumin started to kill cancer cells within 24 hours.

The cells also began to digest themselves, after the curcumin triggered lethal cell death signals.

Dr McKenna said: "Scientists have known for a long time that natural compounds have the potential to treat faulty cells that have become cancerous and we suspected that curcumin might have therapeutic value."

Dr Lesley Walker, director of cancer information at Cancer Research UK, said: "This is interesting research which opens up the possibility that natural chemicals found in turmeric could be developed into new treatments for oesophageal cancer." —*Internet*

## Bad driver? Blame your genes

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — No need to curse that bad driver weaving in and out of the lane in front of you — he cannot help it, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

They found that people with a particular gene variant performed more than 20 percent worse on

a driving test than people with a different DNA sequence.

The study may explain why there are so many bad drivers out there — about 30 percent of Americans have the variant, the team at the University of California Irvine found. "These people make more errors from the get-go, and they forget more of what they

learned after time away," Dr Steven Cramer, who led the study published in the journal *Cerebral Cortex*, said in a statement.

Cramer and his team tested 29 people — 22 without the gene variant and seven who had it — asking them to drive 15 laps on a simulator and then repeat the task a week later.

*Internet*

## Russia warned about HIV epidemic

MOSCOW, 29 Oct — A top international HIV/Aids expert has told the BBC that the epidemic in Russia is now out of control.

Robin Gorna, head of the International Aids Society, urged Russia to do much more to prevent the spread of HIV among an estimated two million drug users.

Ms Gorna was speaking ahead of a major international conference on Aids which is taking place in Moscow.

It is believed there are now at least a million people infected with HIV in Russia.

This represents a dramatic increase over the past decade.

The vast majority are people under the age of 30. Most were infected because they share needles for injecting heroin.

According to some estimates, there are almost two million intravenous drug users in the country — the result of the large quantities of heroin flowing from Afghanistan into Russia.

*Internet*

## Indiana man dies of rabies after bat bite

LOUISVILLE, 29 Oct — A 43-year-old Indiana man has died of rabies after being bitten by a rabid bat, authorities say.

His death marked the state's first from rabies since 2006. The victim — authorities did not identify him — died on 20 Oct at Norton Health Care Hospital in Louisville, WLKY-TV, Louisville, reported.

Tests confirmed the infection came from a bat bite, though the man had not reported any concerns about possible exposure and had no apparent wounds or bite marks, family members said.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention says less than 1 percent of bats in the wild are rabid.

Mac Spainhour, a spokesman for Indiana Conservation, said people can be exposed to bats in places like attics, on porches or in parks.

Along with bats, raccoons, foxes and skunks can transmit rabies.

*Internet*



The yellow spice gives curries their bright colour.—INTERNET

## 980-pound man once lost 140 in prison

A 980-pound British man believed to be the world's heaviest once lost 140 pounds during a yearlong prison sentence, his family says.

Paul Mason, 48, of Ipswich, England, who recently said he requires emergency surgery to reduce his weight, was sent to jail in 1990, when he weighed 420 pounds, and lost 140 pounds during his year of incarceration, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

People look into a crater in field near Mazsalaca, about 170 km (106 miles) from Riga, on 26 October, 2009. The object, a possible meteorite, fell from the sky on Sunday and a geological survey has started at the site and would probably last the next three days, according to press release from the Latvia's Ministry of Environment.

Local media reported the crater to 5-metres-deep and about 10-metres-wide, and said last registered meteorite landed in Latvia year 1890, but did not leave a crater.



Lebanese chefs chop tomatoes as they prepare a giant serving of tabbouleh, a salad made of chopped parsley and tomatoes, in an attempt to set a Guinness World Record, in Beirut, Lebanon, on 25 Oct, 2009. Lebanese chefs prepared a massive plate of tabbouleh weighing over three tons on Sunday that broke a world record organizers said was previously held by Israel, a bid to reaffirm proprietorship over the popular Middle Eastern dip.

## Australian man spends 12 hours up tree as crocs circle

An Australian man described spending 12 hours clinging to a tree branch "like a koala bear" as crocodiles circled beneath him after his boat ran aground in the country's north.

Stan Martell said he climbed the tree after he fell asleep while out on a boat on the crocodile-infested Lynne River in the north of Western Australia state, and awoke to find the boat jammed under a

tree and filled with water.

Martell said he spent on Friday night in fear that the tree branch would break.

"I crawled up as high as I could, and just sat there like a koala bear all night," he told a reporter. He said he was "a bit wary about the crocs."

I saw two crocs right where I was, one was a big one, and one was about 10 foot (three metres).

## How Mussolini once worked for British intelligence

He formed part of the Nazi axis that nearly brought Britain to its knees in World War Two, but historical papers have revealed that Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was once on the payroll of British intelligence.

During World War One, the then socialist journalist was running popular newspaper *Il Popolo d'Italia* in Milan and Italy was allied with Britain and France in the fight against Germany.

British secret services desperately needed Mussolini to print pro-war propaganda to keep Italy on board, said Cambridge historian Peter Martland, who uncovered details of weekly payments of 100 pounds by MI5 to Mussolini in 1917.

## NEWS ALBUM



Chinese sailor Liu Juncheng, 54-year-old, waves to friends and relatives as he starts his global voyage alone with his "Ho Yo" unpowered sailing ship from a pier of the Yalujiang River in Dandong, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 25 Oct, 2009.

## Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence inspects developments of Hsipaw, Lashio...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected progress in construction of extended building of People's Hospital of Shan State (North), staff quarters and Hsipaw Bridge.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected progress in construction of University of Computer Studies (Lashio).—MNA

**Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into progress of University of Computer Studies (Lashio).—MNA**



# Myogyi Diversion Weir in Kyaukse Township

*Byline & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*

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the foot of Bodawgyi mountain, adding to the natural beauty of the region's geographical features covered with lush, green vegetation. Being located on the border of Mandalay Division and Shan State (South), the region has a cold weather and wonderful views.

Myogyi Dam is being constructed at the site about five miles upstream Myogyi Diversion Weir. Only after some nearby dams had been constructed, was the diversion weir project launched with the aim of irrigating nearby farmlands

through main canals. Myogyi Dam Project has not been completed yet, but Myogyi Diversion Weir has been constructed and it has begun its irrigation water supply. According to the staff officers, Myogyi Dam was being constructed upstream Myogyi Diversion Weir; that Zawgyi Dam was upstream the two irrigation facilities; that upstream Zawgyi Dam was Kengkham Dam being constructed by damming the Nant-et Creek; that Myogyi Diversion Weir was the last irrigation facility on the Zawgyi River; and that Myogyi Diversion

Weir was designed to supply 700,000 acre feet of water to Zawgyi Irrigation Pattern in Kyaukse District and 445,605 acre feet of water for greening Meiktila Plain.

Myogyi Diversion Weir is constructed in the narrowest part of the Zawgyi River to divert the current of the river to the 12-mile main canal designed to supply water to Kindah Dam. Myogyi canal will be able to irrigate 4150 acres of farmlands, Pyaungpya canal, 18,550 acres of farmlands, and Ngalaingzin canal, 12,800 acres of farmlands with the use of water from Myogyi



**Myaungmadaw Canal of Myogyi Diversion Weir.**

Diversion Weir.

The catchment area of Myogyi Diversion Weir is 760 square miles. It is of broad crest type. It is 160 feet wide and 6.5 feet high. Its water flow rate is 12,000

cubic feet per second. It has five sluice gates to filter sand, rubbish and silt. Myaungmadaw canal is 26 feet wide and 12 miles long with 41 related structures. It is to support Kindah Dam, from which water is supplied through the right canal for greening Meiktila Plain. Previously, the irrigated area was 31,350 acres. But it will reach 35,500 acres if it is added with 4150 acres of Myogyi Myaungmadaw canal irrigated area. If so, the project will further benefit some farmlands in Kyaukse and Myittha townships.

Myogyi Diversion Weir Project was launched before the completion of Myogyi Dam Project with the aim of ensuring all-year round cultivation of paddy and other crops through

multiple cropping system. Kyaukse District gets average annual rainfall of about 40 inches. Since the times of Myanmar monarchs, Kyaukse District has been green with a large number of dams, canals and creeks and fertile soil. Thanks to new dams and diversion weirs, Kyaukse District is in a position to grow paddy and other crops on a broader scale.

Without doubt, Myogyi Dam, upon completion, will be able to make significant contribution towards regional greening, local food security, and increasing per capita income of local farmers.

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**Translation: MS Kyemon: 29-10-2009**



**Water is released from Myogyi Diversion Weir into the right main canal of Kindah Dam.**

## Commander inspects regional development tasks in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win inspected sea prawn farm in Thanbyuzayat, construction of Pangakayopepi bridge and rubber plantations of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Mudon on 28 September. He then met the rubber growers.—NLM



Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win inspects sea prawn farm.—NLM

## Energy Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Aloke Sen at the meeting hall of the Ministry here yesterday. They cordially discussed matters on energy sector. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Indian Ambassador Mr Aloke Sen. MNA

## AGM, respect paying ceremony of MHAA (Mon State branch) held

YANGON, 28 Oct—The annual general meeting of Myanmar Health Assistant Association (Mon State branch) was held in conjunction with the respect paying ceremony at General Hospital in Mawlamyine on 18 October. It was attended by medical officer Dr Zaw Win and staff, Chairman U Kayin of MHAA (Mon State branch), CEC members, outstanding health assistants and retired health officers from ten townships of Mon State.



Dr Zaw Win presents a certificate to an outstanding staff.—NLM

First, Dr Zaw Win made an opening speech and later presented recognition certificates to 12 outstanding staff. So did Secretary U Min Naing to retired health assistants. It was followed by respect paying ceremony.

The officials read out the reports on 2008-2009 fiscal year and elected new CEC members for 2009-2010 fiscal year.—NLM

## Winners awarded in 2nd Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The final matches of the 2nd Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest 2009 took place at the bowling pitch of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, here, yesterday morning.

After the final matches, officials presented first, second and third prizes to the respective winners in the singles and doubles events.

President of Myanmar Bowling Federation U Thein Zaw gave prizes and cash awards to the top scorers—Zaw Lin Tun (Nay Pyi Taw DC) and Aye Mya Thu (Nay Pyi Taw DC), Than Zaw Oo (CSSTB) and May Myinzu Lwin (CSSTB).

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented first prize trophies to Nay Pyi

Taw Development Committee men's and women's teams in the men's and women's events and championship shield and duplicate shield to Nay Pyi Taw DC team.

Among the spectators were CSSTB members U Soe Oo and U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw DC U Tun Kyi and officials.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint awards winning team.—MNA

## TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 29 Oct—TV Guide Vol 1 No 17 has been in circulation on 30 October.

The guide features Europe Music Awards to be on air over MTV channel, Ever jolly song album of Sai Sai Kham Hlaing to be included in 5 Music of 5 Movies, match previews of English Premier League to be shown over ESPN and STARSPORT channels, Grand Prix de Tennis Lyon, Asian Amateur Championship, meat eater Jellyfish over Animal Planet channel, detestable behaviors of Peter Schmeichel, Man-U hero, over

Discovery channel, EPL football matches to be broadcast over Mandalay FM, Yuzana Birdal Show-2 to be on air over MRTV-4, weekly detailed programs of 17 TV channels and a FM and highlights not to be missed.

TV Guides are available at the price of K 500 at City Marts, Sein Gay Har Centres, Shopping Centers, bookstalls, journal shops. door-to-door system is being introduced in Yangon and Mandalay.

Novel Light Express (Tel-391186, 243893) distributes TV Guides every Friday.—MNA

## Sarpay Beikman manuscript winning books in circulation

YANGON, 29 Oct—The Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information has started distributing Sarpay Beikman manuscript winning books.

The winning books

are written by Maung Ni Hmine (Kyauktan), Myat Wai Toe (University of Education).

The books are available at Sarpay Beikman Bookstall No (Ta-55), Thabyaykon market, Nay Pyi Taw

(Tel-067-414681), Sarpay Beikman Bookstall No (529/531), Merchant Street, Yangon (Tel-01-249031), Sarpay Beikman Bookstall, Mandalay (Tel-02-62931).

MNA

# Tobacco Kills.



## Contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national race study group on Nay Pyi Taw sightseeing

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national races study group from states and divisions who had participated in 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions together

with the officials made a study tour of Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) in which they observed Myanmar beauty and scenic sights, King Fergo and planets, and the universe shows this morning and after-

noon. Next, they paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda and donated cash. They also visited Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Junction Center, Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), Nay Pyi Taw Fountain Garden.—MNA



Contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national races study group at Nay Pyi Taw Fountain Garden.—MNA



Contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national races study group observe Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

MNA

## MGEA holds annual meeting



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses 1st AGM of MGEA.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Oct — Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association held its 1st Annual Meeting at Sedona Hotel here on 27 October.

Patron of Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered an opening address at the meeting.

The president of the association extended greetings and the director-general of Myanmar Gems Enterprise reported on mining and gem sales in Myanmar.

The association donated K 90 million to rehabilitation and recon-

struction in the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division through Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

The meeting approved the annual report and financial statement of the association and ended with concluding remarks of the president of the association. — MNA



Responsible persons from Golden Power Technology present K 300,000 to Chan Nyein Aung who stood first, K 200,000 to Kyaw Kyaw Moe who stood second and K 100,000 to Ye Hein who stood third in ROG Pro Street game at ICT Exhibition 2009 held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.—MCIA

## Air Bagan Open Golf Championships continues

YANGON, 29 Oct— Air Bagan Open Golf Championships (PyinOoLwin), the third leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010) organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, took place at PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PhyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, this morning.

Patrons of PyinOoLwin Golf Association: Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Brig-Gen Zeya Aung, Principal of Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Chairman of PyinOoLwin Golf Association and Principal of Defence Services Ad-

ministration School Brig-Gen Zarni Win, Vice-President of MGFU Aung Kyi and Vice-Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Min Thein tee off to open the tournament.

In the first-day 18-hole event, Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) fired 68 strokes to take the lead. Yan Aung Lat and Zaw Zaw Lat (Srixon) shared the second position with 70 strokes.

In the men's amateur level, Maung Maung Oo stood first on 67 strokes, followed by Maung Me on 71 strokes and Naing

Ye Lin on 73 strokes.

The main sponsor of the tourney is Air Bagan Ltd, and co-sponsors are International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC), KBZ Bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), (INAX'T-Home), CEPESA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch, and PyinOoLwin Golf Association.—MGF



Vice-Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Min Thein tees off to open the golf tournament.—MGF

## Myanma Railways serving as bridge between...

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Kyaw-Yemyetni railroad section of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad and Ponnyataung Tunnel, built by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, were commissioned on 27 January 2007. As a result, the people in the area are enjoying the fruits of secure and smooth transportation and speedy flow of commodities.

Ponnyataung Tunnel is 5610 feet long, 15 feet and four inches wide and 19 feet and four inches high. A total of 12 places for pedestrians were constructed in the reinforced concrete type facility.

Thanks to construction of the tunnel, the national people have easy access to the plains from the hilly regions and vice versa.

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Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin: 29-10-2009

## Commander's Shield Volleyball Tournament concludes in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct— Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin enjoyed the final match of the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander's Shield Volleyball Tournament at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports ground here on 23 October.

The commander watched the final match of the tournament and awarded the winners at the presentation ceremony.

MNA

*Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents championship shield to the winning team.*

MNA



## Talks on business ethics and affluence on 31 Oct

YANGON, 29 Oct—With the sponsorship of the WISE International, Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) will give talks on business ethics and affluence at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 31 October. The talks will be followed by the introduction of abe courses. Those wishing to attend the talks may dial 556183 or 09-5157032.—MNA

## Finals of Tennis tournament 2009 and prize presentation ceremony held

YANGON, 29 Oct—The final matches of Tennis tournament 2009 and prize presentation ceremony took place at Theinbyu Tennis Court, here, yesterday evening.

At the prize presentation ceremony, the officials presented prizes to winners.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education

Department U Thaug Htaik presented prizes to winners in men's event (singles and doubles) and first prize to Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Myo Thein Htwe, second prize to U Tun Ngwe and Yazar, and third prize to Aung Thein and Tin Htoo in open men's event (doubles) for October.—MNA

## Toungoo distributing great variety of local goods

*Byline: Maung Swe (Toungoo)*

Approaching Toungoo, a passenger from Yangon can see a large bridge "Khabaung", the magnificent Independence Monument and Township People's playgrounds, and a passenger from Nay Pyi Taw can see the entrance signboard with flower beds, and the bronze statue of King Bayintnaung, the founder of the Second Myanmar Empire.

Now, the Moat Circular Road Project is being implemented in order that visitors can observe

the archaeological heritages of Toungoo also known as Kaytumati including the walls and moats of the old palace.

When I was on a visit to Toungoo, Executive Officer (Deputy Director) U Min Lwin Soe explained the process of making organic fertilizers to me, saying, "The process of making natural fertilizers from garbage has proved successful."

Under Toungoo Township Development Affairs Committee are six markets including Myoma

Market and Kyaylet Market. Of them, Toungoo Myoma Market is the largest and the busiest one offering jewellery, a wide range of garments and textiles, personal goods, cosmetics, local products, meat and fish. It is boisterous with trade activities every day. Bayintnaung Market has many wholesales centres of agricultural produce from Kayin State such as areca nut, cardamom, durian, mangosteen, mango, djenkol bean, lychee, and banana, and distributes the local products to other re-

gions around the nation.

Betel leaf, areca nut, coconut, banana, pineapple, durian, lychee, djenkol bean and mangosteen are produced on a large scale in Thandaung, Thandaunggyi, Leiktho and Bawgali in Kayin State. Kayinchaung corn and Bogadaw corn from Kayinchaung Village are soft with sweet flavour. Areca nut from Toungoo, wet tea and dry tea from Thandaunggyi are in demand. Rubber is also grown on a commercial scale. Italian marble tiles from the region are marketable.

Toungoo is bounded by the Sittoung River, the Khabaung Creek and a large number of small creeks and fishery lakes, from which multifarious species of freshwater fish and prawn are caught, especially in the rainy season. So, fishing is a source of income for local people. In the greens, meat and fish market, beef, pork, mutton, chicken, duck, meat and fish of diverse species of farm animals, and fruit are abundant. It also has wholesale centers of areca

nut, banana, djenkol bean and cardamom. Indaing Market, a rural market, is crowded with dealers, and is close to Southern Command Headquarters.

The Township Development Affairs Committee is pursuing the 16 programmes to keep Toungoo clean and pleasant. As part of the drive, it has set up bed of colourful flowers and landscaping plants around the signboards of the entrance and the exit of the township. It has established the downtown Triangle Island Park, and flower beds and shade trees along Yangon-Mandalay Highway. It has a target of tarring 10 urban roads and upgrading 16 urban roads. So far, it has tarred seven roads and upgraded six roads. And it has built one earth road and three gravel roads against the target of two earth roads and three gravel roads. It has reconstructed five urban and 11 rural bridges. It is gearing up to repair the remaining bridges.

Toungoo Township Development Affairs

Committee is working hard to shape the township into a model township in the division. From 1988 to date, it has built 99 tarred roads, 24 gravel roads, and 40 earth roads with a total length of 178 miles, thus helping improve the socio-economic life of locals.

In addition, it has built fine pavements with a total length of 60,000 feet on both sides of Major Po Kun Road, Yangon-Mandalay Highway and main urban roads.

Under the 10-year rural water supply project, the committee has sunk 41 two-inch diameter deep tube-wells and 192 two-inch diameter shallow tube-wells which benefit 210 surrounding villages. So, Toungoo Township Development Affairs Committee well deserves recognition and honour for brilliant performances it has showed for regional development in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Translation: MS

Kyemon: 21-10-2009



*The signboard of the entrance to Toungoo Township is decorated with flower beds and landscaping plants.*

## More Asia-Pacific shoppers turn to online shopping: Visa survey

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct—More Asia-Pacific shoppers have taken to shopping online, according to results released on Thursday by the Visa e-Commerce Consumer Monitor.

When asked how much they had spent shopping online in the past 12 months, respondents in the March 2009 Monitor reported an average spend of 3,743 US dollars, an increase over the past three Monitor periods.

The Visa e-Commerce Consumer Monitor tracks quarterly online spending trends of internet

consumers in six key countries and regions in Asia-Pacific.

In addition, more internet users (87 percent) made online purchases in the March 2009 quarter than in the preceding quarter (72 percent).

South Korea, Japan, Australia and China are the top online spenders with respondents from South Korea (96 percent) being the most likely to have bought products and services from the internet in the past 12 months, followed by Japan (94 percent), Australia and China (89 percent

respectively).

From January to March 2009, 2,380 online interviews were conducted on behalf of Visa with internet users, namely those who access the internet at least once a week.

These respondents were aged 18 to 49 years from six countries and territories including China, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia and India.

Internet



Children view a parterre on the theme of Shanghai 2010 Expo during the 5<sup>th</sup> Autumn Chrysanthemum Fair in Shanghai, east China, on 29 Oct, 2009. The parterres, made up of 50,000 pots of chrysanthemums, were display on the Fair.—INTERNET

## Vietnam to promote ASEAN Community building process as next ASEAN chair

HANOI, 29 Oct—Vietnam will actively promote the building of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Community as it serves the ASEAN Chair next year, said Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem in a recent interview with *Xinhua*.

Vietnam officially assumed the ASEAN rotating presidency for next year at the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit which has successfully ended in

Thailand recently, said Khiem. "ASEAN countries must cooperate actively in order to enhance regional capacity to address global challenges to ensure the sustainable development of member countries," said Khiem.

Vietnam would focus on pushing the ASEAN cooperation and integration, deepening the comprehensive cooperation between ASEAN and dialogue partners, strengthening ASEAN's role as the

driving force for cooperation and dialogue processes of the region, improving the efficiency of cooperation schemes, and taking steps to mobilize suitable resources for realizing ASEAN's development goals, said Khiem.

Vietnam hopes that as the ASEAN Chair in 2010, it will help add to the momentum of ASEAN toward the goal of the ASEAN Community by 2015, according to the Deputy Prime Minister.

*Xinhua*

## Iran 'reply' on nuclear fuel deal

TEHERA, 29 Oct—Iran has delivered a response on a UN-backed proposal seen as crucial to easing diplomatic tensions over its nuclear programme, Iranian media say.

Under the plan, most of Iran's enriched uranium would be sent abroad to be turned into fuel rods for research use. Iran's president said earlier his country was ready to co-operate with the proposal. Iran says it is enriching uranium for fuel, but the US and its allies have accused it of seeking nuclear weapons. A report on Al-Alam TV on Thursday said Iran had given its response on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) plan, but gave no details.

Internet



The Centre for Biological Diversity has published an inventory of 350 species threatened by climate change. The list includes the polar bear, which is suffering a loss of habitat as the Arctic sea-ice melts.—INTERNET

## Singapore expects gradual economic pickup

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct—The Singapore economy is expected to grow gradually, with gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2010 expected to be lower than previous post-recession periods, local media reported on Thursday.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) said in the Macroeconomics Review that compared to six months ago, the outlook for the second half of 2009 and for 2010 is "markedly more optimistic," adding that the GDP growth in 2010 will likely shift to a more sustainable trajectory, underpinned by a modest turnaround in final demand in Singapore's key external markets, local broadcaster *Channel News Asia* reported.

There remain concerns about the resilience of global demand, given the lingering weakness in the financial sectors and labor markets of developed economies.

The MAS added that Singapore's job creation could be modest in 2010 as the relatively small job losses resulting from this downturn means that firms may be carrying surplus labour. It also expects inflation here to come in at around 0 percent in 2009, before rising to 1 to 2 percent in 2010. The Singapore government earlier this month upgraded the country's economic growth forecast for 2009 to minus 2.5 to minus 2.0 percent, up from its previous forecast of minus 6.0 to minus 4.0 percent.—Internet

## Bangladesh can achieve over 6% GDP growth in 2009-10 fiscal: IMF

DHAKA, 29 Oct—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) sees bright economy of Bangladesh and believes that the South Asian country can achieve more than 6 percent growth in domestic product in the current 2009-10 fiscal year (July 2009-June 2010) with strong efforts in reforming infrastructure, tax system, banking and service sectors.

"Bangladesh has the potentials to achieve more than 6 percent GDP growth and it needs to accelerate various reforms for it," Masaito Miyazaki, the IMF mission chief, was quoted as saying by national news agency BSS Thursday.

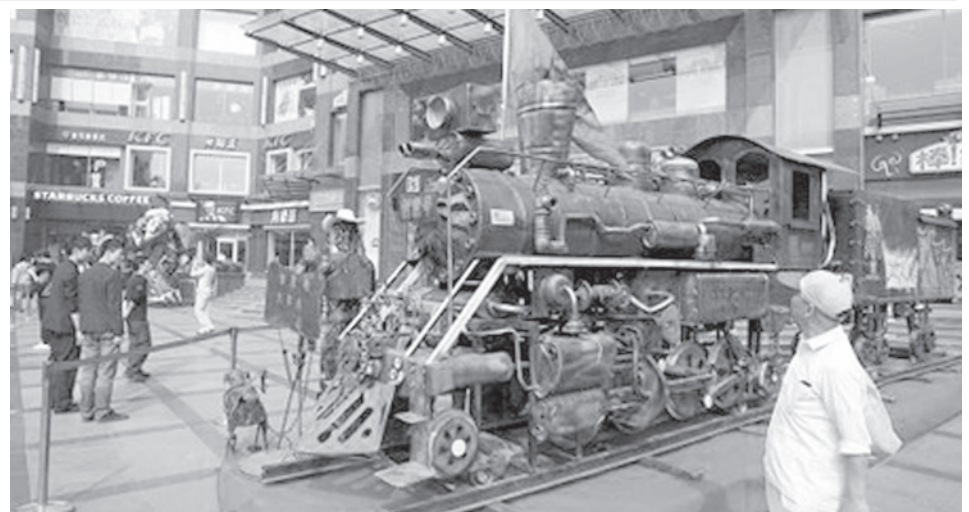
Like previous years,

the IMF mission came to Bangladesh on their routine annual visit to assess the country's economic situation and recommend the government some measures for further

improvement.

He said improving communications, gas and power supply and making tax and financial sectors more efficient are vital to boost the economy.

Internet



Citizens view a steel sculpture works in the shape of a locomotive at Huijin Plaza in Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 Oct, 2009. A creative steel sculpture show, displaying nearly 40 steel sculpture works, was held in Wuxi on Thursday.—INTERNET

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV MILLENNIUM VOYNO ( )**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MILLENNIUM VOYNO ( ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 30.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S KM INTERTRANS CO., LTD**  
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

**(TENDER NO. 5 (T)/LBO (3) 2009-2010)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of 782±10% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.

2. Tender Closing Date : 10-11-2009 at (12:00) noon.

3. Tender Opening Date : 10-11-2009 at (13:00) hrs.

4. Delivery Time : January 2010

5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 30-10-2009 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.

6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director  
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

**Ministry of Information  
News and Periodicals Enterprise  
Invitation to Tender to buy  
spare parts for rotary offset**

1. Spare parts for rotary offset will be purchased for News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information.

No.	Title	Number of spare part
(a)	Goss Community SSC 798 (4 unit Web Offset)	15
(b)	Goss Community SS-1230 (4 unit Web Offset)	12
(c)	Bandhu Pacer 36 Lyno Type (4 unit Web Offset)	13

2. The tender closing day will be at 16.30 hours on 13-11-2009.

3. The tender applications and detaile information are available at the following address.

Procurement Committee  
Ministry of Information  
Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise  
No. 28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street,  
Bahan Township, Yangon.  
Tel: 534574, 536029

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV JIAO CHENG VOYNO (97)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV JIAO CHENG VOYNO (97) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 30.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO., LTD**  
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV FREE ENVOY VOYNO (901)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FREE ENVOY VOYNO (901) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 29.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

**AGENT FOR: KOOK YANG SHIPPING CO., LTD**  
Phone No: 256924/256914

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 (Full Moon Day Of Ta Soung Mone) Day and 11<sup>st</sup> November 2009 (National Day) being the public Holiday Goods will be received, shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

**EU force arrests seven  
suspected pirates**

LONDON, 29 Oct—A European Union counter-piracy force arrested seven suspected pirates after a French fishing boat was attacked in the Indian Ocean, it said on Wednesday.

Pirates in two skiffs opened fire on the French vessel on Tuesday, 350 nautical miles (650 kilometres) east of Somalia's capital Mogadishu, EU Navfor said in a statement. The pirates broke off their attack after security guards on board the French boat fired warning shots, it said.

A helicopter, from a Spanish warship that also forms part of the EU force, *ESPS Canarias*, spotted two skiffs fleeing the area and fired warning shots, stopping the skiffs. Crew from a German warship, the *FGS Karlsruhe*, then boarded the skiffs, detaining the seven suspected pirates.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters

**MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS  
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1 Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro:

Tender No	Description	Quantity
12(T)10/MR(ML) 2009-2010	Spare Parts for Locomotives (EMS Module, Connector, Receptacle Assembly(Tee), Terminal Resistor, Cable, Socket, Heat Shrink Tube, Traction Motor Isolation Switch, Shunt for Traction Motor Current & Compressor Ammeter, DC Power for Engine, Power Supply Module, Time Relay, Bolts, Traction Motor Pinion ZD 110 & Kits	1 - Lot 25-Items

Closing Date/Time - 27.11.2009 (Friday)(12:00)Hours

2 Tender documents are available at our office starting from 28.10.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 95-1-291994.

**S Korean Govt says A/H1N1  
related death toll hit 33**

SEOUL, 29 Oct—South Korea's death toll from the A/H1N1 flu has increased to 33, as four additional death cases were confirmed linked to the new flu on Wednesday, the government said.

According to the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs, an 89-year-old woman, a 60-year-old man and a 75-year-old woman died on Wednesday after having infected with the A/H1N1 virus.

Meanwhile, the health authorities also confirmed that the new flu has been the direct cause of death of a 59 year-old-man who died on Friday.

Earlier in the day, the ministry said the death of a 42-year-old woman who died on Sunday was also directly caused by the A/H1N1 flu.

MNA/Xinhua

**Chinese Mainland report fourth death  
case of A/H1N1 flu**

BEIJING, 29 Oct—Beijing has reported its first death case of A/H1N1 flu, also the fourth on the Chinese Mainland, health authorities said Wednesday. The patient, a freshman at the Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, had tested positive for A/H1N1 flu and died Tuesday, a spokesman with the Beijing Municipal Health Bureau said. The young student and some other schoolmates developed fever and other flu symptoms during a military training — a compulsory training for freshmen at Chinese universities — in the past week in Daxing District in suburban Beijing. The student was sent to a district hospital Monday as the physical condition deteriorated, but died Tuesday.

More than 3,000 freshmen from the university attended the military training starting 22 and 28 October, out of 71 who had temperatures above 38 degrees Celsius had tested positive for A/H1N1 flu, the health bureau spokesman said.

MNA/Xinhua

**British Govt cuts blamed for military plane crash**

LONDON, 29 Oct—British Government cost cuts fatal hazards, accusing it of "incompetence, complacency and cynicism". The crash in Afghanistan, in which a *Nimrod MR2* reconnaissance plane caught fire and exploded minutes after mid-air refuelling, killed all 14 military personnel on board in the worst single incident for British forces since the Falklands War. "There was a shift in culture and priorities in the Ministry

of Defence (MoD) towards business and financial targets, at the expense of functional values such as safety and airworthiness," said aviation lawyer Charles Haddon-Cave, who conducted the 20-month review. Haddon-Cave said his report had identified "manifold shortcomings in the UK military airworthiness and in-service support regime".—MNA/Reuters

## UN official heads to Iraq after Baghdad bombings

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Oct — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Wednesday he was sending a senior official from the world body to Iraq soon to discuss a series of recent deadly bombings in Baghdad.

Earlier this week Iraq renewed a previous request for a UN inquiry into the support given by foreign countries to insurgents after twin suicide blasts against government buildings in Baghdad on

Sunday killed more than 150 people.

“In response to a request from the government of Iraq, I will send (UN) assistant secretary-general Oscar Fernandez-Taranco to Iraq for preliminary consultations related to Iraq’s security and sovereignty,” Ban told reporters. He made clear that the Fernandez-Taranco would not be launching an investigation. For a formal probe Ban said he would need “a clear mandate by

the Security Council.”

Iraq has blamed on Sunday’s attack against the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad provincial governorate, and bombings on 19 August that devastated the Foreign and Finance Ministries, on al Qaeda and supporters of Saddam Hussein’s outlawed Baath party. The government has accused neighbouring Syria of providing a safe haven for Baathists plotting attacks.—Internet



Guests attend the “Discover Music!” event at Capitol Studios in Hollywood, California on 28 Oct, 2009. Google Inc partnered with Web services Lala and MySpace’s iLike to give music fans an easier way to find, sample and buy songs on the Internet.—INTERNET

*Snow piles up on the frame of a bicycle parked in downtown Denver as an autumn snowstorm sweeps over the intermountain West on 28 Oct, 2009. Forecasters predict that up to 10 inches of snow will fall on the Denver metropolitan area while some places in the mountains could see up to two feet of snow before the storm finally moves out on Thursday.—INTERNET*



## Dieting ‘keeps diabetes at bay’

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct —A period of careful eating and regular exercise can stave off diabetes for a decade, a study suggests.

US researchers followed up nearly 3,000 overweight people who had taken part in a three year diabetes prevention programme.

The group had initially been divided into three — assigned either to a diet and exercise programme, the diabetes drug metformin or a placebo.

The *Lancet* report notes it was the dieters who reaped the most benefit.

All three groups were given access to ongoing lifestyle coaching once the initial three year trial had ended.

That trial, carried out by the US-based Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group, had shown a diet aimed at achieving 7% weight loss, combined with half an hour of exercise five days a week, reduced the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by 58% compared with the placebo group.

The group on metformin, a drug which has been used to treat the condition since the 1950s, saw their risk decline by nearly a third.

Internet



Diabetes disrupts blood sugar levels.—INTERNET

## Harare detains UN torture expert

HARARE, 29 Oct — A United Nations expert on torture was detained at Harare airport last night by Zimbabwean security agents and may be deported to South Africa today.

Zimbabwe earlier barred a week-long visit by Manfred Nowak, who had been invited to the country by the government.

The Austrian academic was only told his visit had been postponed as he arrived in Johannesburg on his way to Zimbabwe. The foreign ministry cited as a reason for the cancellation the visit of three ministers from the regional Southern African Development Community grouping to hold talks on Zimbabwe’s stalled power-sharing deal.

But the special rapporteur said he was not convinced that the SADC talks were a “valid reason” to cancel his trip.

His mission coincides with a surge in violence in the crisis-riddled country following prime minister Morgan Tsvangirai’s decision to disengage from the government two weeks ago.

Internet

## Man jailed for illegal gold futures operation in east China

HANGZHOU, 29 Oct — A man in east China’s Zhejiang Province was sentenced to 9 years in jail for the crime of illegal gold futures operation involving more than 58 billion yuan (8.49 billion U.S. dollars), a local court ruling said Thursday. It was believed to be the biggest ever case of illegal gold futures dealing.

Zhang Yong, legal representative of the Zhejiang Century Gold Product Company, was accused of illegal operation and flight of capital contribution and was fined 1.2 million

yuan, a Shangcheng District People’s Court ruling said. Wang Jianping, a staff of the company, was sentenced to three years in jail with a four-year reprieve for the crime of illegal operation and was fined 100,000 yuan.

The company was also accused of illegal operation and was fined 71 million yuan, it said. Zhang began to advertise on the Internet and in the media to attract clients since July 2005. The company developed an online trading platform and the registered clients reached 1,217 as of June 2008.—Xinhua

## Study says combined therapy helps head, neck cancer

LONDON, 29 Oct — Patients with non-operable head and neck cancers should be given chemo- and radiotherapy at the same time, as it more than doubles the time they live without the disease getting worse, British scientists said on Wednesday.

Researchers from the UK Head and Neck (UKHAN) cancer group said their study offered doctors a cheap and simple way of treating a high risk category of patients, many of whom continue to drink and smoke even during treatment.

About 400,000 cases of head and neck cancer are diagnosed globally each year, including some 45,000 in the United States and 7,500 in Britain. Heavy smokers and drinkers are at highest risk of developing head and neck cancers, which can be difficult to operate on. More than half of patients die from the disease.—MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

## Ancelotti won't get carried away by free-scoring Chelsea

LONDON, 29 Oct — Ancelotti played down Chelsea's recent scoring run that has brought 13 goals in three games and warned his side will face a much sterner test at Bolton this weekend.



**Chelsea's Didier Drogha celebrates after scoring a goal against Bolton Wanderers during a Carling Cup Fourth Round match at Stamford Bridge in London.**

INTERNET

Ancelotti's team cruised into the last eight of the League Cup on the back of a comprehensive 4-0 defeat of Gary Megson's side on Wednesday and they meet again in a Premier League clash at the Reebok Stadium on Saturday.

Despite the comfortable nature of the victory that was achieved on the back of goals from Salomon Kalou, Florent Malouda, Deco and Didier Drogha, the Chelsea coach warned against complacency before a game that will test his side's abilities away from home.

"It's an impressive (tally), but for us the first thing is to play well and to win a game," Ancelotti said.

Internet

## Safina battles for Australian Open fitness

DOHA, 29 Oct — Dinara Safina faces a desperate Australian Open fitness battle after suffering a crippling back injury at the WTA Championships which also forced her to tearfully surrender her world number one ranking.

The 23-year-old Rus-



**Dinara Safina of Russia hits a return shortly before retiring from her single match against Serbia's Jelena Jankovic on the second day of the \$4.55 mln WTA Championships at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex in Doha, Qatar.**

INTERNET

sian, who said she had been plagued by inflammation in her lower back for over three months, lasted just two games and 13 minutes in her tournament opener against Jelena Jankovic on Wednesday.

Her failure to win a match here means that bitter rival Serena Williams will now claim the widely-coveted year-end top spot which she had also clinched in 2002.

As well as her battered body and bruised pride, Safina admits that the rehabilitation programme she now faces could rule her out of the Australian Open in January, the first Grand Slam event of 2010.

"It's a question if I will be able to play in Australia, because when we speak with the doctors, it doesn't sound so good.

So it's possible that I might even not be 100-percent fit for the Australian. Maybe I'll have to skip it," said Safina.

Internet

## Klose leads Bayern's charge into third round

BERLIN, 29 Oct — Bayern Munich's Miroslav Klose scored two early goals on Wednesday to help the German giants on their way to a 4-0 demolition of Eintracht Frankfurt and book their place in the German Cup quarter-finals.

"This is the sort of strong performance from Bayern Munich which I had imagined," said Bayern team manager Uli Hoeness. "This is the Bayern Munich who show how strong they are." Frankfurt coach Michael Skibbe admitted his side were outclassed from first to last whistle.—Internet

## Late Napoli show stuns Milan as Juve hit five past Samp

ROME, 29 Oct — Napoli scored two goals in injury time to hold 10-man AC Milan to a draw in Serie A on Wednesday and end the seven-time European champions recent winning run. Juventus went second in the table as they thrashed high-flying Sampdoria, who drop to third, 5-1 in Turin.

But the real drama came in Naples where late goals from Luca Cigarini and German Denis earned Napoli a richly deserved point after Ignazio Abate was sent off four minutes from time. Having developed a habit of starting slowly this season, Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani had promised president, and Italy Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi that they would stop torturing him.

The team seemed to heed the advice and came flying out of the blocks, only to then collapse late on.

"We started the way we should have, we had spoken a lot about what we should do but we scored two goals too quickly because then it's not easy to manage the next 85 minutes," said Milan coach Leonardo.

Internet

## Mourinho backs Zenga as his successor

ROME, 29 Oct — Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho on Wednesday gave his backing to former Italy goalkeeper Walter Zenga as his eventual successor at the San Siro. Mourinho's league leaders Inter host fourth-placed Palermo, coached by Zenga, on Thursday in a match the former Italy goalkeeper would like to believe is a title clash.

Zenga caused a stir last week by claiming he wants to win the title this season with Palermo while it is also no secret that we would like to one day coach Inter.

So far his team have delivered with a 1-0 victory over Juventus the highlight of a positive start to the season. And Mourinho believes there is more to come from Zenga.

"Walter is a great friend of mine. I like him because he doesn't worry about his image, he's original and he defends his team," said the Portuguese.

Internet



**Jose Mourinho, head coach of Inter Milan FC.**

INTERNET

## Hull football club chairman Duffen quits

LONDON, 29 Oct — Paul Duffen has resigned as chairman of Premier League strugglers Hull, the club confirmed on Thursday.

A club statement said: "The club has received a letter of resignation from Paul Duffen, executive chairman of Hull City FC and Superstadium Management Company Ltd, which has been accepted and is effective immediately."

There had been speculation over the future of both Duffen and manager Phil Brown in recent days, with the club taking the unusual step on Wednesday of denying reports that Brown had been



**Paul Duffen.**

sacked. Hull issued a statement after several leading bookmakers stopped taking bets on Brown being the next Premier League manager to lose his job.

Hull are currently in the Premier League relegation zone, a point shy of safety, with only West Ham and bottom club Portsmouth below them in the table. The Tigers' next match sees them away to Burnley on Saturday.

Internet

## Ian Poulter takes early lead at Singapore Open

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct — Ian Poulter took a one-shot lead over Ernie Els at the Singapore Open on Thursday before play was halted by darkness following a three-hour suspension due to lightning. Poulter, who had six birdies, shot a 5-under 66 at the par-71 Sentosa Golf Club, one stroke ahead of Els and Chan Yih-shin.

"It was nice," Poulter said after his round. "There were no mistakes on the back nine and on my front nine, after I bogeyed the first, I started to hit some good shots." Phil Mickelson, who had an eagle and three birdies to go with three bogeys for a 69, was in a group of seven players at 2 under.

"I putted well today, and as the week goes on I think I will get better and better as I get accustomed to the speed of the greens," Mickelson said. Poulter is looking to move up the rankings of the European Tour's Race to Dubai, where he's currently in 29th place. The Singapore Open is co-sanctioned by the European and Asian tours.—Internet

## Wenger confident about Arsenal starlets



**Arsenal's Fran Merida (left) celebrates with teammates Craig Eastmond (right) and Samir Nasri after Merida's goal during their Carling Cup fourth round match against Liverpool at home to Arsenal, at the Emirates stadium.**

INTERNET

LONDON, 29 Oct — Arsene Wenger predicted his crop of Arsenal youngsters would reach "the top level in the

game" after they scalped Liverpool in the League Cup fourth round.

The Frenchman did not pick any of his regular Premier League starters for Wednesday's 2-1 victory against the Reds at the Emirates Stadium, but it made little difference against opposition who also boasted an unfamiliar look.

Goals from Fran Merida and Nicklas Bendtner were enough to see off Liverpool, who had levelled through Emiliano Insua's excellent long-range volley, but it was the composed and polished quality of his tyros' football which impressed Wenger.—Internet



A bird, yellow leaves and clear blue sky in the background.—INTERNET

## Globalization: Diseases spreading from humans to animals, study finds

SCIENCE DAILY, 28 Oct—Globalization and industrialization are causing diseases to spread from humans to animals, a study has shown.

Researchers from The Roslin Institute of the University of Edinburgh have shown that a strain of bacteria has jumped from humans to chickens.

It is believed to be the first clear evidence of bacterial pathogens crossing over from humans to animals and then spreading since animals were first domesticated some 10,000 years ago. The study identified a form of the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* — of which MRSA is a subtype — in chickens, and found that the bacteria originally came from humans. Genetic testing showed that the bacteria crossed over from one species to another around 40 years ago, coinciding with a move towards intensive poultry farming practices.

In comparison to the corresponding form of *Staphylococcus aureus* in humans, which was isolated to one geographical area, the strain in chickens was spread across different continents.

Infectious diseases in chicken flocks are a major economic burden on the industry and the spread of bacteria from humans to chickens could have a huge impact on poultry farming. If bacteria are also shown to be crossing over from humans to other livestock then there could be an impact on food security.—Internet

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (30-10-2009) (Friday)

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

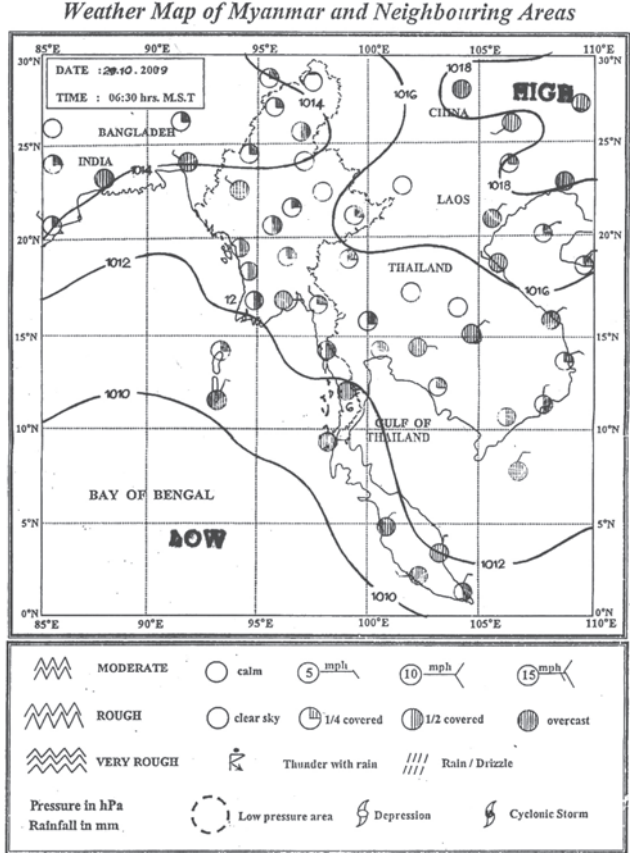
#### Local Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* The Unstable Robe Weaving Ceremony
- \* Beauty of Myanmar Women's Costumes in Twelve Seasons "Tazaungmone"
- \* Pa-O Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Seik Khun Hand Loom Industry
- \* In All The Ananda's Glory
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- \* The Unstable Robe Weaving Ceremony
- \* Beauty of Myanmar Women's Costumes in Twelve Seasons "Tazaungmone"
- \* Pa-O Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- \* Seik Khun Hand Loom Industry
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* In All the Ananda's Glory
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* A Day in Yangon "Hlawga Park (Part-1)"
- \* Medicinal Orchids
- \* Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
- \* Culture Stage
- \* Let's Decorate with Myanma Silversmith
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* Inle's Beauty for Eternity
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



## WEATHER

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

### Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Shan State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thayawady (0.59) inch and Pathein (0.48) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-10-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 29-10-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-10-2009 was 76%. Total sun shine hours on 28-10-2009 was (7.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-10-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (5) mph from South at (16:30) hours MST on 28-10-2009.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and West Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009:** Likelihood of rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and 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:** Generally fair in the whole Country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-10-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-10-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-10-2009:** Partly cloudy.



### Friday, 30 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
  - မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
  - To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
  - Morning News
- 7:40 am**
  - အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊

- တေးရေး-  
ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
- 7:50 am**
    - အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
  - 8:00 am**
    - “သုံးပင်နှစ်ဆယ်”
  - 8:15 am**
    - Song of National Races
  - 8:20 am**
    - စေတနာထားကာကုသပေးပြည်သူများရဲ့ကျန်းမာရေး
  - 8:30 am**
    - တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ
  - 8:40 am**
    - International News
  - 8:45 am**
    - Songs of Yester Years

- 4:00 pm**
  - Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်းနှင့် ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်း)
- 4:50 pm**
  - တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ
- 5:00 pm**
  - အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရှုပဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရှုပဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm**
  - Song to uphold National Spirit
- 5:20 pm**
  - Musical Programme

- 5:30 pm**
  - ပဉ္စလင်ကျောင်းတော်
- 6:00 pm**
  - Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
  - Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
  - သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm**
  - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းရိပ်” (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:00 pm**
  - News
- 12. International News**
- 13. Weather Report**
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလောင်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၇၀)**
- 15. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (Jenny)**

- ★ 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

## Myanma Railways serving as bridge between national races from plains and hilly regions

With a view to ensuring socio-economic development of the people, narrowing the development gap among the regions of the nation and forging the amity of the national brethren, the government is striving for better transportation of the country.  
(See page 10)

*Article: Tin Mar Win & Aye Thanda Thein  
Photo: Myanma Alin*



A train running past Ponnyataung Tunnel on Kyaw-Yemyetni railroad section.

### Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) to present special entertainment programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—In addition to animal shows and elephant show, the skill demonstration of women in playing traditional cane-ball will be presented to the holiday-makers at the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) on public holidays 31 October and 1 November during the Tazaungdine lighting festival.

MNA



SCIENCE DAILY, 26 Oct—Fire is often thought of something that trees should be protected from, but a new study suggests that some trees may themselves contribute to the likelihood of wildfires in order to promote their own abundance at the expense of their competitors.—INTERNET