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Four political objectives

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and
- **National reconsolidation**
- Emergence of a new enduring State Con-
- 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
- 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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Defence Attaché of Bangladesh



NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of MyanmarDeputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Defence Attaché Brigadier General ANM Shawkat Jamal, ndc, psc, of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Union of Myanmar at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9 am to-

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.— MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Defence Attaché Brigadier General ANM Shawkat Jamal, ndc, psc, of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

istry of Defence.

Gen Myat Hein and Lt-

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Indonesian Defence and Military Attachés

Development Council | Mann, Commander-in- | Admiral Nyan Tun, Com-

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Defence and Military Attaché Colonel Dedi Priatna Ariestiadi of Republic of Indonesia to the Union of Myanmar who had completed his tour of duty and his successor Colonel Aang Suharlan at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Member of the Peace State and

mander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-General Thura Shwe | Chief (Navy) Vice-**MNA** Gen Ye Myint of the Min-

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attaché Colonel Dedi Priatna Ariestiadi and incoming Military Attaché Colonel Aang Suharlan of Indonesia at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Extensively grow perennial trees for development of eco-system

The government is making all-out efforts for improvement of socio-economic status of the national people, environmental conservation and development of eco-system.

A ceremony to open workshop on private teak plantations and training course on establishment of teak plantations, sponsored by the Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry was held at the Central Training and Education Department for Forest Development in Hmawby on 26 October.

At the workshop, papers on establishment of teak plantations, conservation of teak species, growing of quality strain teaks, potential for teak plantation market, establishment of forest plantations according to refined development method, deforestation and reducing of carbon emission due to forest degradation.

Up to date, the nation has seen 2,071,446 acres of forest plantations and 1,248,205 acres of teak plantations. Starting from 2004 steps were taken in eight districts and 31 townships in Yangon Division, Bago Division, Mandalay Division and Magway Division for greening Bago Yoma, and a pilot teak plantation of 1,000 acres were introduced in Ottwin Township in 2007-2008.

Since 2007-2008, arrangements have been made to establish 9,700 acres of teak plantations in Taungnawin Reserve Forest in Paukkang Township in Bago Division (West), Kyangin Reserve Forest in Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division and Yenwe Research Forest in Kyauktaga Township, Bago Division (East). Under the plan, 4100 acres were already put under teak saplings.

As the nation is blessed with vast tracks of virgin and fallow lands plus favorable weather condition, quality strains and agricultural techniques, efforts are to be made to extensively grow perennial trees in order to contribute to development of eco-system, generation of weather and environmental conservation.

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- * 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

Yangon Division SCESST holds work coord meeting

Yangon, 30 Oct— Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon

Command Headquarters this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint. Next, those present reported to the commander on matters relating to vehicles, traffic rules and safe travel for the people. In connection with the reports, the commander gave necessary instructions and made concluding remarks.—*MNA*



Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint gives a speech at the work coordination meeting of SCESST.—MNA

Third Inter-ministry men's Volleyball Tournament kicks off



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses the opening of the 3rd Inter-ministry Men's Volleyball Tournament.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct
—The opening of the
Third Inter-ministry
Men's Volleyball Tournament 2009 took place at
Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball
Ground this morning.

Among the audience were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, member of Civil Services Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo and departmental officials from the ministries.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an opening address.

The match between the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs team and the

Ministry of Electric Power No (1) team ended

Altogether 30 vollyball teams are taking part in the tournament. —MNA

Deputy Minister inspects hospitals in Bago Division (West)

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo met with district health committee members, specialists, health staff, members of social organizations and townselders at

Thayawady District Specialist Hospital in Bago Division (West) on 27 October.

Afterwards, he inspected the operation theatre, medical wards, delivery room, X-ray room and child ward.

The deputy min-

ister also met with health committee members, departmental personnel, social organization members and townselders at Letpadan, Sitkwin and Minhla People's Hospitals and attended to the needs.

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Bangladeshi delegation concludes visit

Bangladeshi delegation led by Acting Principal Brigadier-General Habihur Rahman Kamal, psc of Military Institute of Science and Technology-MIST arrived in here by air on 25 October evening.

Senior Military Officers, Bangladeshi Military Attache´ to Myanmar Brigadier-General ANM Shawkat Jamal, ndc, psc and officials welcomed the Bangladeshi delegation at Yangon Interna-

Yangon, 30 Oct—A | tional Airport.

The delegation on 26 October paid tribute to King Zafah Shah's Tomb and visited Yangon West Technological University and Shwedagon Pagoda. The next day, The delegation went to Mandalay by air and visited Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace and went round Mandalay. On 28 October, they went on a study tour of Yatanarpon Teleport, Defence Services Technological Academy, Na-

tional Kandawgyi Gardens and National Landmark Gardens.

On 29 October, the delegation arrived back in Yangon by air and visited Union National Races Village. The delegation paid tribute to Commonwealth War Cemetary in Htaukkyant this morning. Senior military officers and officials saw off the Bangladeshi delegation at Yangon International Airport.

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UN to boost Afghanistan security

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct—The UN Security Council has backed a call by UN Secretary General Ban Kimoon for more protection for UN staff and facilities in Afghanistan. The move followed Wednesday's attack by militants on a guesthouse in Kabul, in which five UN employees were killed.

Mr Ban said the mission in Afghanistan would continue, but that UN staff were widely regarded as being a soft target. The Taleban has vowed to disrupt next week's presidential election run-off, which is being overseen by the UN. But the Security Council said the violence should not be allowed to derail the vote.

Mr Ban said he would make an appeal for security officers on Friday to the 192-member General Assembly, which controls the budget. Speaking to reporters after briefing the Security Council in New York, Mr Ban said he had appealed for more security personnel in Afghanistan to meet the "dramatically escalated threat to UN staff now widely considered to be a soft target".

"Increasingly, the UN is being targeted, in this case precisely because of our support for the Afghan elections," he added. Mr Ban said Afghanistan had become the most dangerous places on the planet for UN staff. —Internet



Iraqi workers repair the windows and doors of the Chinese embassy in Iraq in Baghdad, capital of Iraq, on 29 Oct, 2009. Two car bombs exploded in downtown Baghdad on 25 Oct, damaging some facilities of the Chinese embassy based in the nearby Al Mansour Hotel. XINHUA

Experts found it hard to believe the ship would be hijacked for its cargo of timber. Internet



Mr Ban said Afghanistan was the most dangerous place for UN staff.—Internet

Iraqi security officials held in blast aftermath

BAGHDAD, 30 Oct-Iraq detained dozens of security officials responsible for protecting the Baghdad district where twin suicide bombings this week killed 155 people, and authorities said on Thursday they are trying to determine whether they were negligent or even had a role in the attack.

The blasts in the heart of the capital infuriated Iraqis, who question how the bombers could have driven their deadly cargo undetected through the multiple checkpoints that dot Baghdad. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government, facing a January election, has been under intense pressure to restore a sense of security and show that the military and police are able to take over when Americans go home.

A military spokesman for the Iraqi capital, Maj Gen Qassim al-Moussawi, told The Associated Press that 11 army officers and 50 security officials have been taken into custody over Sunday's bombings, which targeted the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad Provincial Administration.

The suspects were detained because they were responsible for protecting the area where the bombings occurred, al-Moussawi said. He said the investigation will determine whether they were simply negligent or actually helped the militants.





Space chief calls for Mars mission with atomic ship

Edinburgh, 30 Oct—Russia should build a new nuclear-powered spaceship for prospective manned missions to Mars and other planets, the nation's space chief said. Anatoly Perminov said the project is challenging technologically, but could capitalise on the Soviet and Russian experience in the field.

He also said the preliminary design could be ready by 2012, and then it would take nine more years and cost 17 billion rubles (about £360 million) to build the ship." The project is aimed at implementing largescale space exploration programs, including a manned mission to Mars, interplanetary travel, the creation and operation of planetary outposts," Mr Perminov said.

The proposal has the backing of president Dmitry Medvedev who has urged the government to find the money. The ambitious plans contrast with Russia's slow progress on building a replacement to its mainstay spacecraft – the Soyuz. Russia is using Soyuz booster rockets and capsules, developed 40 years ago, to send crews to the International Space Station.—Internet

Pakistan's growing anti-US anger

ISLAMABAD, 30 Oct — Recently, while Pakistan's government may have been saying the things that the White House wants to hear, the country's media and public have often been openly hostile towards the United States. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's charm offensive this week suggests that she recognises that.

Town hall-style meetings with students in Lahore and round-table debates with senior news broadcasters in Islamabad may be seen as steps in the right direction.But it is likely to take much more to turn around Pakistani mistrust of American intentions.

"Americans want this country to face anarchy," says Munawar Hassan, the head of Pakistan's largest religious party, Jamaat-e-Islami. He has just finished giving another press conference in his "Go America Go" tour. —Internet



Among the grief, there is anger and blame directed at the US.—Internet

'Mystery ship' returns to Malta

VALLETTA, 30 Oct—A Maltese-flagged freighter that mysteriously disappeared in the Atlantic over the summer has returned to Malta, officials say. The Arctic Sea was towed into harbour in the Maltese capital, Valletta, after maritime officials inspected the vessel and declared it radiation-free.

The ship disappeared on its way from Finland to Algeria, and was eventually found off the Cape Verde islands. It was at the centre of bizarre claims about hijacking and weapons smuggling. The Malteseflagged, Russian-crewed ship was purportedly attacked by pirates in Swedish waters in July.

A Russian warship located it off West Africa in August and arrested eight alleged hijackers. The boldness of the hijacking and the elaborate effort to recapture it prompted speculation that the ship was carrying missiles for Iran or Syria, but Russian officials dismissed the claims. —Internet

Venezuela step closer to Mercosur

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 Oct Brazil's Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved Venezuela's request to join the South American trade bloc Mercosur. The committee voted by 12 to five in favour of Venezuela's application, and the proposal will now go before the Senate to gain full approval.

Paraguay's parliament must also approve Ven-



The Brazilian president is visiting Venezuela this week.—Internet

ezuela's membership before it will be allowed to join Mercosur. Venezuela has been trying to join the bloc for three years. The country officially teamed

up with Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay as part of their Mercosur trading bloc in July 2006. But, so far, its mem-

bership has only been approved by the Uruguayan, Argentine and Venezuelan parliaments. Correspondents say a rejection by Brazil's Foreign Relations Committee would have been severely embarrassing for the Brazilian President, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is visiting Venezuela this week. Mercosur was established in March 1991. —Internet



People seeking employment line up outside an employment guide job fair in September 2009 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The jobless rate rose to 9.8 percent in September, a 26-year record, and is expected to rise into double digits even after the economy recovers.—Internet

Japan Airlines seeking state aid

Токуо, 30 Oct — Loss-making carrier Japan Airlines (JAL) has confirmed it is to apply for financial assistance from a newly-formed state-backed turnaround agency. JAL said it had started negotiations with the Enterprise Turnaround Initiative Corporation (ETIC).

ETIC has access to up to 1.6 trillion yen (\$17.7bn; £10.8bn) of government guaranteed funds, but it remains to be seen how much JAL may be given.

JAL reported a loss of 99bn yen between April and June. Thursday's announcement comes a month after the airline first said it would need state aid.

Hit by falling passenger numbers and high oil prices, the firm has been in severe financial trouble for some time, and its debts are said to total \$15bn. The airline recently announced plans to cut 6,800 jobs to save money. The ETIC has been given the power to buy the debt of companies in trouble, and send in turnaround specialists to help them restructure their opera-

It will now study JAL's finances and restructuring plan to decide what funds it requires - a process analysts say could take a few months. Japan's Transport Minister Seiji Maehara said helping the airline recovery was vital for the Japanese economy.—Internet



A fuel leak is suspected to be the cause of the *fire*.—Internet



The airline has substantial debts.—Internet

Five die in huge India oil blaze

New Delhi, 30 Oct — A massive fire at an oil depot in the western Indian state of Rajasthan has killed at least five people and injured 150 others, officials say.

Army soldiers have joined fire-fighters to put out the fire and rescue the trapped people at the depot in Jaipur.

People near the depot have been evacuated, officials said.

The depot, located 16km (10 miles) south of the tourist city of Jaipur, stocks gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuel for stateowned oil companies.

It is unclear what caused the fire, which broke out on Thursday evening, and it was still raging early on Friday, officials said.

Black smoke billowed

out of the oil depot owned by the state-owned Indian Oil Corporation as the fire spread and engulfed adjoining factories, reports

Huge explosions were heard before the fire broke out, and the blaze was visible from over 25km (16 miles) away, a senior official said.

"The fire is massive. We are finding it difficult to douse it," Petroleum Minister Murli Deora

Internet

US Coast Guard plane, helicopter collide off California coast

Los Angeles, 30 Oct A US Coast Guard plane collided on Thursday with a military helicopter off the southern California coast, the Associated Press quoted a Coast Guard spokesman as saying.

There has been no immediate report of casualties so far.

The navy reported crash of a helicopter at about 7:00 pm local time on Thursday (2200 GMT). The helicopter went down about 24 km east of San Clemente Island, the southern tip of the Channel Islands.

The Coast Guard said several vessels were searching the area for the wreckage. — Xinhua

Huge fine for radio contest death

- The family of a US woman who drank so much water in a contest run by a radio station that she died has received \$16m (£9.7m) in compensation.

A California court found Sacramento radio station KDND-FM and its owner liable for the death in January 2007 of mother-of-three Jennifer Strange, 28.

She had taken part in

Los Angeles, 30 Oct + a contest to see who could + ing, and causing death.In drink the most without going to the toilet, to win a Nintendo Wii.She lost, and a few hours later died of acute water intoxication. Water intoxication can occur when the normal balance of electrolytes in the body is altered by a rapid intake of wa-

This can eventually cause the brain to swell, stopping it regulating vital functions such as breaththe competition - "Hold Your Wee for a Wii" contestants were given 225-ml bottles to drink every 15 minutes without going to the toilet.

After eight rounds, contestants drank half-litre bottles. Ms Strange is believed to have drunk nearly two gallons (7.5 litres) in the hope of winning the games console for her children.

Internet

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Traffic jam seen in France. Half of urban Europe endures noise pollution from road that are loud enough to disrupt sleep and trigger hypertension, according to a report released on Monday.—INTERNET

Hundreds arrested in Ky drug crackdown

Lexington, 30 Oct — Several hundred people were arrested this week in Kentucky raids aimed at traffickers who bring prescription drugs into the state.

Investigators say the violators go out of state to avoid Kentucky's strict prescription tracking system, the Lexington (Ky) Herald-Leader reported.

One popular destination is South Florida, with Kentucky residents traveling to clinics there to get prescriptions for oxycodone and other pain medication that can be resold.

State police said at a news conference on Thursday in Lexington a total of 518 people had been charged in the case and more than 300 had been arrested by Thursday afternoon.

Federal, state and local law enforcement joined in the effort.

"There is no higher priority than this prescription drug battle," assistant US Attorney Bob McBride said at the news conference.

Internet

Somali pirates move UK couple to container ship

Mogadishu, 30 Oct—Somali pirates moved two British hostages from their hijacked yacht on Thursday to a captured container ship now moored near a pirate haven.

Paul and Rachel Chandler, both in their 50s, had left the Seychelles on their 38-foot yacht Lynn Rival and were believed to be sailing to Tanzania when they were hijacked on 23 October.

"After we understood the British navy might attack us, we took the hostages off the yacht into the Singaporean ship to bring them safely here," a pirate called Hassan told Reuters by telephone from the coastal town of Haradheere.

Afghanistan:

blast kills

nine civilians

"They are close to Haradheere. We will be holding them in the Singaporean ship along with that ship's crew. We decided not to take them to shore. They are exhausted and they need rest."

Hassan was referring

to a Singaporean container ship, the Kota Wajar, which was seized by Somali gunmen earlier this month along with its 21 crew. Earlier on Thursday, the European naval force said a Spanish helicopter had spotted the yacht. —Internet



Tow trucks assist the Colorado State Patrol to clear stalled vehicles from westbound Interstate 70 on Floyd Hill just west of the Denver metropolitan area on 28 Oct., 2009.—Internet

KABUL, 30 Oct —A taxi carrying nine civilians hit a bomb buried in the road in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, killing everyone inside, police said.

Nangahar provincial police spokesman Ghafour Khan said the dead included a mother and her child.

The taxi was headed to a market in the district of Khogyani when the explosion ripped through the vehicle, Khan said. No other details were immediately available.

Internet

Tigers fast dying out despite campaigns

The world's tiger population is declining fast despite efforts to save them, and new strategies are urgently needed to keep the species from dying out, international wildlife experts said.

"We are assembled here to save tigers that are at the verge of extinction," Nepal's secretary of forest and soil conservation, Yuvaraj Bhusal, told a conference of tiger experts from 20 countries, including the 13 where wild tigers are still found.

An estimated 3,500 to 4,000 tigers now roam the world's forests, down from the more than 100,000 estimated at the beginning of the 20th century. All the remaining tigers are in Asia.

Participants at the conference, which also includes the World Bank, the World Wildlife Fund and other groups, plan to discuss strategies for



A Sumatran tiger with a badly injured leg is seen inside a cage, after it was caught in a villagers' snare, as it waits for medical treatment at the Natural Resources Conservation Agency in Banda Aceh, Aceh province, Indonesia.

tiger conservation, as well as challenges such as poaching, the trade of tiger parts and conflicts between tigers and local populations.



A radio-controlled patrol robot was displayed at the Seoul International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition (ADEX) 2009 at a military airport in Seongnam, south of Seoul on 20 October, 2009. About 270 defence firms from 27 countries attend the biennial international aerospace and defence exhibition from on 20-25 October, according to local media.

Heavy duty video gamers have less focus

High-volume action video game players — those who play about 40 hours a week — had more difficulty keeping focused on longer tasks, US researchers say.

The study, published online in the journal Psychophysiology, also supports research published within the last year linking video game-playing addiction to attention deficit disorder.

Rob West, an associate professor of psychology Iowa State University, and Kira Bailey, psychology graduate student, recorded the electrical activity in the brains of 51 Iowa State undergraduate men ages 18-33 while they took completed an attention-measuring task.

The groups were nearly evenly divided between those who reported playing less than a couple of hours of video games per week and those who played video games an average of 43 hours per week.



News Album

Invading giant snakes threaten US wilderness areas

Pythons and other giant snakes imported as pets could endanger some of America's most important parks and wilderness areas if they are allowed to multiply, according to a report released.

Wildlife experts say the python is distributed across thousands of square miles in south Florida. There could be tens of thousands in the Everglades, a wildlife refuge that is home to the Florida panther and other endangered species.

The python and four other nonnative snakes — boa constrictors, yellow anacondas, northern and southern African pythons — are considered "high-risk" threats to the health of US ecosystems because they eat native birds and animals, the US Geological Survey report said.

Students look at an exhibit at the Body Worlds Exhibition held at the Science Center Singapore on 26 Oct, 2009 in Singapore. The Showcase is the latest installment of anatomical exhibitions by German scientist Gunther von Hagens.

Heavy Truck Factory being built in Magway

Byline: Htein Lin; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Remarkable development the whole nation has begun to enjoy in a short period is a tangible result of multifarious projects the Tatmadaw government has on the go, in pursuit of the lofty goal of shaping the nation into a modern, developed one.

As to the economic arena, the government has introduced the market-oriented economic system to the nation, and is encouraging private investments. A great number of national entrepreneurs once running cottage industries have now become rich with hotels, companies, industries, and supermarkets,

as a result.

In addition, the government has established industrial zones across the country and given green light to run industries. Now, the industries have launched their production lines of goods such as automobiles, three-wheelers, bicycles, farm machinery and machine tools, foodstuff, kitchen utensils, and garments.

Some of the industries are run individually, and some are run jointly by entrepreneurs, or with ministries and foreign companies for mutual interests.

On our recent tour of Magway, our media team from the Myanma Alin dropped in Heavy Truck Factory Project for an interview with responsible persons from the factory.

When asked about the factory, Acting General Manager U Myo Cho said, "Our factory is a heavy truck factory. The factory is about four miles west of Mile Post No (324) on Magway-Taungdwingyi Road. The factory compound has an area of about 1300 acres. The factory is being built jointly by Tar Tar Automobile Ltd that produces world's least expensive automobiles and the Ministry of Industry-2 from Myanmar."

He said, "The project was launched in late June 2008. In rough estimate, we have roofed it and laid



U Myo Cho, Acting General Manager, Heavy Truck Factory (Magway), the Ministry of Industry-2.

all the foundations. We are now trying to start the manufacturing line by 2010."

In respect to the production line, he said, "We give customer satisfaction, so when the project is completed, we will produce comfortable and least expensive heavy trucks with fashionable designs. For the time being, the factory is run with 25 officers and 121 workers totaling 146. We have a plan to extend the organizational set-up of workers to nearly 600 when the factory is completed. Then, we will build multipurpose diesel factory, turbine and generator factory and technical training school.

So, our industrial zone will be the largest industrial zone after Thagaya Industrial Region in Myanmar."

A delegation led by Mr. Biswadev Sengup-ta from India Tar Tar Automobile Ltd held a meeting with responsible persons including the Minister for Industry-2 in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 August 2009 to expedite the tasks to build the factory.

Upon completion, Magway Heavy Truck Factory will produce high-quality heavy trucks which are attractive to the State and to national entrepreneurs, and generate a large number of job opportunities for local people.

Translation: MS Myanma Alin: 15-10-2009



Heavy Truck Factory, six miles from Magway on Magway-Taungdwingyi Road, is being built by the Ministry of Industry-2.



Global warming cycles threaten endangered primate species

London, 30 Oct— Two Penn State University researchers have carried out one of the first-ever analyses of the effects of global warming on endangered primates. This innovative work by Graduate Student Ruscena Wiederholt and Associate Professor of Biology Eric Post examined how El Niño warming affected the abundance of four New World monkeys over

Wiederholt and Post decided to concentrate on the way the oscillating weather patterns directly and indirectly influence plants and animals in the tropics. Until the research by Wiederholt and Post, this intricate network of interacting factors had rarely been analyzed as a single system. "We know very little about how climate change and global warming are affecting primate species," explains Wiederholt. "Up to one third of primates species are threatened with extinction, so it is really crucial to understand how these changes in climate may be affecting their populations."

The scientists focused on the large-bodied monkeys of South America, which are highly threatened. Choosing one species from each of the four genera of Atelines, Wiederholt and Post examined abundance trends and dynamics in populations of the muriqui (Brachyteles hypoxanthus, formerly B. arachnoides) of Brazil, the woolly monkey (Lagothrix lagotricha) in Colombia, Geoffroy's spider monkey (Ateles geoffroyi), which was studied on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, and the red howler monkey (Alouatta seniculus) in Venezuela.—Internet

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shaking hands with incoming Military Attaché Colonel Aang Suharlan of Indonesia. (News on page 1)—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye coordially greets outgoing Military Attaché Colonel Dedi Priatna Ariestiadi of Indonesia. (News on page 1)—MNA

CPT Minister looks into regional development task in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct-Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 23 October attended the ceremony to award medals and certificates of honour to outstanding Red Cross members, organized by Myanmar Red Cross Society, at the town hall in Myitkyina. The minister and officials presented medals and certificates of honour to 14 outstanding Red Cross members and two other members who won the Excellent Performance in Social Field awards and first aid kids to officials. They viewed the documentary photos on activities of the Red Cross society displayed at the hall. The minister met with local people and townselders at Janmaikaung Ward of Myitkyina. On 24 October, the minister met district and township level authorities, townselders entrepreneurs.

On 25 October, the minister attended the ceremony to launch the acceleration of transmission capacity for MRTV and Myawady TV. After opening it, the minister inspected the control room.

In Mogaung, he visited Cetana Phyo free clinic.

The minister met local people at Kamaing Basic Education High School.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents medal and honouring certificate to an Excellent Performance in Social Field award winning Red Cross member in Myitkyina. MNA

Commander attends opening of factory, furniture showroom

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Opening ceremony of the Finished-wood product factory was held at Ayethaya Industrial zone in Taunggyi Township on 23 October. Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae attended the opening ceremony. Next, the commander opened the signboard of the factory and inspected it.

After that, the commander attended the opening ceremony of furniture show room and unveiled the signboard. Furthermore, the commander viewed finishedwood products. -MNA

Kayin State Chairman attends coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 30 | the coordination meeting | cultivation of paddy and Oct—Chairman of Kayin State Peace Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min on 14 and 16 October attended

at the hall of Kayin State PDC. He delivered an address at the meeting and fulfilled the requirements. Next he inspected

broadcasting of fertilizer on both sides of Hpa-an-Zarthapyin Road on 17 October.

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H&T Minister inspects regional development of Pyapon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 26 October presented nutritious Medical Superintendent Dr Nyi Nyi Min at People's Hospital in Pyapon Township.

Afterwards, the minipowder for patients to ster inspected extended

construction of the 200bed hospital and the new building at No 3 Basic Education High School and fulfilled the needs.

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Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung enjoys the final match between Eastern Command and Defence Services (Air). (News on Page 16)—MNA



Commander inspects construction site of the three-storey building of Sittway University

Oct—Chairman Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye inspected construction site of the three-storey building of Sittway University on 20 | School.

 N_{AY} P_{YI} T_{AW} , 30 $_{\perp}$ October and he gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander inspected progress of Ponenakyun-Kyauktaw road section and met with teachers and students at the Aungphyupyin Basic **Education Post Primary**

The commander also looked into renovation tasks of Sittway-Kyaukpyu gravel road, harvest the monsoon paddy near the Yoetayoke village and 50 ton of rice mill in Kyauktaw Township.

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CPT Deputy Minister performs regional development task in Myaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun met with the chiarman of Myaing Township Peace and Development

mental officials at autoexchange in Myaing, Pakokku District of Magway Division on 28 October.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister presented a computer set, Council and depart- 200 bags of cement, cash for education funds and sports gear to Twinma Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in the township in meeting with townselders, teachers and students at the school.

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Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun presents a computer set to Twinma village BEHS (Branch).—MNA

Hlawga Park to be kept open on 1, 11 November

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Yangon, 30 Oct — kept open from 8 am to 5 Hlawga Park of the For- pm on 1 November

Tazaungmon) and 11November (National Day) for of public recretation.—MNA

On-job Training Course for Heads of Township IRD concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct-Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addressed the concluding ceremony of on-job training course No. (37) for Heads of Township Internal Revenue Department under

the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the auditorium of the Ministry here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Hla Thein Swe, departmental heads, lecturers and trainees.

The minister presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and completion certificates to each trainee.

The four-week course was attended by 48 trainees.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the on-job training course No. (37) for Heads of Township Internal Revenue Department.—F & R

Talks on traffic rules held in Mawlamyine Tsp

YANGON, 30 Oct— Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee organized the talks on traffic rules at Basic Education High School in Kawkhame Village of Mawlamyine Township on 22 October. Officials gave talks

on traffic rules for pedestrians and vehicles.Incharge (traffic) Police Captain Myint Aye presented CD and pamphlets on traffic rules to Head- districts.—*NLM*

mistress Daw Than Than Aye.

The traffic police force of Mon State will organize the talks on traffic rules at BEHSs in Mawlamyine and Thaton

Police Captain Myint Aye presents CD and pamphlets on traffic rules to Headmistress Daw Than Than Aye. NLM



Wakema gaining development momentum

Article & Photos: *Maung Tin Hlaing (H&T)*

Nowadays, development undertakings can be seen in various townships. Of them, Wakema is one of the developing townships. Wakemariver, Shwelaungriver, Razudaing river, Ayeyawady river and Pyanmalaw river are flowing through the township from the north to the south.

per cent.

Wakema is located as a port of double-deckers of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport on the waterway from Yangon to Pathein, from Yangon to Myaungmya and from Yangon to Labutta. As a result, the local people are enjoying the fruits of de-



U Zaw Zaw, Chairman of Wakema Township Peace and Development Council.

Wakema Township, formed with 585 villages in 126 village-tracts and 14 wards, is home to 383,940 people. Most of them are engaging in agriculture business. Everybody can travel to Wakema by land or by waterway.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government, the local people and departmental personnel, Wakema is gaining development momentum at present.

Up to now, the township has put 184,876 acres of land under monsoon paddy against the target of 184,787 acres, accounting for cent velopment in social, health, education and economic sectors. The region has the ability to maintain the narrowing of development gap between urban and rural areas.

Along the way from Yangon to Wakema by car, Myuyone Road in Sayaygon and Minbaing wards is evident for smooth transportation facility.

The 3020 feet long Wakema suspension bridge lies on Pantanaw-Shwelaung-Wakema Road. Moreover, the 220 feet long concrete type Lanthamaing bridge is located on Kyonmange Road. The 1900 feet long



Myuyone Road has been upgraded to tarred road in Sayaygon and Minbaing wards.



Photo shows the tower of Auto-Exchange in Wakema.

Shwelaung steel cable suspension bridge is also situ-Wakemaated on Pantanaw Road. As such, the local people have easy access to other regions of the nation.

Local farmers grow maize, sunflower, monsoon groundnut, cold season groundnut, monsoon sesame, cold season sesame, green bean, green gram, pigeon pea, coffee and pepper in addition to monsoon and summer paddy.

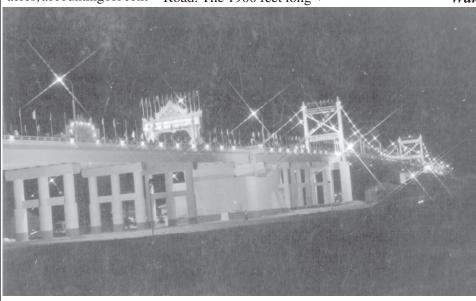
The Irrigation Department built 15 sluice gates in the township to contribute to development of the agriculture sector. The department concerned opened eight jute purchase centres and bought 50,040 viss of jute from the local growers.

Due to improvement of transport facility, the local farmers can sell their agricultural produce to other regions. Therefore, livelihood of the local people improves.

Efforts of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs plays a key role in development of the township.

All in all, progress can be seen in Wakema Township thanks to concerted efforts of the district and township level authorities and local people under the supervision of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council.

Translation: TTA Kyemon: 21-10-2009



Beautiful night scene of illuminated Wakema Bridge in Wakema.



Wakema People's Hospital that provides health care services to local people.

WHO experts: single dose swine flu vaccine enough

GENEVA, 30 Oct-A WHO expert group says a single dose of swine flu vaccine is enough to immunize adults and children over 10 against the pandemic strain.

But the experts say medical regulators should have the final say on which vaccines can be administered as a single shot.

Europe's drug regulator recommends that the swine flu vaccines it has licensed be given in two doses, at least three weeks apart.

U.S. regulators recommend two doses for children under 10.

The WHO experts say more data on children aged between 6 months and 10 years are needed to determine whether one or two doses are enough.

WHO released the recommendations Friday after a three-day meeting of vaccine experts in Geneva.



Show goers check around a Toyota's Venza during Vietnam Auto and Petro show 2009 at Vietnam Exhibition & Fair Center in Hanoi, Vietnam, on Wednesday, 28 Oct, 2009.—Internet

Super-Sonic gamer smashes world record

London, 30 Oct—A gamer from Kent has played himself into the record books Friday after speeding through the classic Sonic the Hedgehog game in the fastest recorded time ever. James Richards, 21, completed the 'speed run' through the first level of the platform game in 22 seconds, a time confirmed as a record by Guinness World Records officials present at London's Golden Joystick Awards. "It got really tense and

was very exciting when he actually broke the record," event spokesman Justin Crosby told AFP. "He took about an hour-and-a-half to finally do it, and was looking very tired at the end.

"He's been in training for four or five weeks in anticipation and has been helped by his girlfriend working nights, giving him more time to practice," he added.

The Maidstone record holder will be presented with his award at a ceremony this evening in front of hundreds of industry bighitters.

The record attempt was part of the build-up to the 27th edition of the annual awards, which are known as the industry's equivalent of the Oscars, and form the cornerstone of the London Games Week.—Internet

10 dead, 12 injured in NW Gansu highway collision

Lanzhou, 30 Oct— Ten people were killed and 12 others were injured in a highway auto crash in northwest China's Gansu Province, a local official said on Friday.

The accident occurred at 11:15 am when a coach carrying 22 passengers collided with a semi-trailer at the No. 316 national highway trunk in Huixian County, Longnan City, said Luo Jianhong, an official with the provincial public security department.

Five people died at the scene, and 17 others were rushed to local hospitals, among which five died later, Luo said.

The 12 injured, including three seriously wounded and nine with slight injuries, are being treated in hospital, and their conditions are not yet known, he said.

Xinhua

British artist Stephen Wiltshire works on a handdrawn panorama of the skyline of New York, from a studio at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn on 28 Oct, 2009. The 18 foot (5.5 m) long panorama is being drawn from memory and will be displayed in the London gallery, which has similar drawings Wiltshire drew of Tokyo, Hong Kong, Rome, Madrid, Frankfurt, Dubai and Jerusalem.

Internet

China launches funds to back high-tech sectors

Beijing, 30 Oct— China's central government launched 20 venture capital funds with seven local governments on Friday to provide investment in the country's high-tech sectors, the top economic planner said in a statement on its web site.

The investment would go to high-tech sectors including the electronic and information sector, biological pharmaceutical industry, new energy sector and projects related to energy conservation and environmental protection, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)

The 20 funds would collect about nine billion yuan (1.31 billion U.S. dollars), of which, one billion yuan was invested the central government, 1.2 billion by yuan local governments and the rest from private investment, the NDRC said.

The funds were aimed to direct capital into new industries and competitive high-tech enterprises to push forward self-innovation. it said.

The NDRC and the Ministry of Finance signed the agreement with 7 local govern-ments Beijing, Jilin, Shanghai, Anhui, Hunan, and Chongqing Shenzhen.

Xinhua

World's largest cruise ship sets sail from Finland

Helsinki, 30 Oct—The world's largest cruise liner — the Oasis of the Seas has set sail for Miami from the Finnish shipyard where it was built.

The 1,200-foot (360-meter) ship has a price tag of almost euro1 billion (\$1.5 billion) and was commissioned by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. It is due to begin cruises out of Miami in December.

The ship has 16 passenger decks with 2,700 cabins and can accommodate 6,300 passengers and 2,100 crew. It has an open-air arena the size of a football field and features a 750-seat theater modeled on an ancient Greek amphitheater, a skating rink and a youth area.—Internet





CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV XIANG DA VOYNO (9042)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (9042) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 31.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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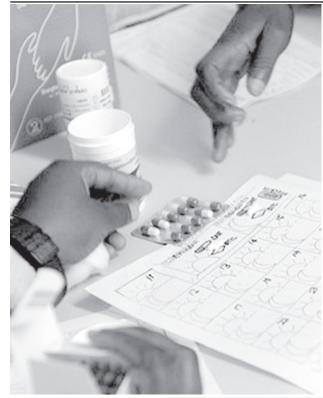
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A nurse gives antiretroviral drugs to a patient at a clinic in Winterton, KwaZulu-Natal. South African President Jacob Zuma

has vowed to strengthen the fight against AIDS in the world's worst affected country, in a "renewed onslaught" against the epidemic.—Internet

Russia, Ecuador ink declaration of strategic partnership

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

Spare parts for rotary offset will be purchased for News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information. Number of spare part Goss Community SSC 798 (4 unit Web Offset)

Goss Community SS-1230 12 (4 nit Web Offset) Bandhu Pacer 36 Lyno Type (4 unit Web Offset)

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

The tender applications and detailed 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

Arianespace shoots two commercial satellites

Paris, 30 Oct-European Space Agency successfully shot two telecommunication satellites NSS-12 and THOR 6 aboard Ariane 5 ECA launcher at 2000 GMT on Thursday from Arianespace in Kourou, French Guiana. Ariane 5 was ignited at the South American jungle of Kourou, with two direct broadcast satellites on mission: NSS-12, for the operator of SES World Skies, a cross-continent satellite operator, and THOR 6 for Norwegian mobile operator Telenor.

After climbing vertically for 6 seconds, *Ariane 5* then rotated towards the East, heading to the proper orbit, the live webcast of Arianespace headquartered near Paris showed. About 27 minutes after the lift-off, NSS-12, on the upper stage of the launcher, was firstly ejected, two more minutes later, the other passenger THOR 6 was separated from the white launcher. —MNA/Xinhua

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS

INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro:

Description Quantity Tender No 1 - Let 12(T)10/MR(ML) Spare Parts for Locomotives (EMS Module, Connector, Receptacle 2009-2010 25-Items 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

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

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.

Jackson film "This Is It" brings \$20m on 1st day of screening

Los Angeles, 30 Oct—"This Is It", a documentary depicting the late pop king Michael Jackson's rehearsal in preparation for a planned London concert grossed 20.1 million dollars in theatres across the world, figures released Thursday show. This was generated on the first day of its release, or Wednesday in some 100 countries and regions around the world.

sum, a total of 12.7 | year.

millions dollars came from abroad while 7.4 million dollars were generated in theatres in the United States, Hollywood.com reported. It is expected to bring considering Jackson's popularity and lingering love from the fans at home and abroad. The feature-length documentary is expected to be the number one Among the huge | money earner in this

Moscow, 30 Oct-Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his visiting Ecuadorean counterpart Rafael Correa signed a declaration of strategic partnership between the two countries at the Kremlin on Thursday. In a nine-page document, the two countries said they were determined to strengthen dialogue and consultations in the fields of security and defence, and invigorate cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations. Russia and Ecuador also unanimously expressed willingness to cooperate on fighting terrorism, fighting transborder organized crime, drug trafficking and other threats to international security.—MNA/Xinhua

"This Is It" premiered Tuesday evening at Nokia Theater, Hollywood, with a red-carpet ceremony. Some 5,000 people had the chance to watch the long-expected documentary. Wednesday it started screening to public for a limited two-week run.

MNA/Xinhua

Firms sign agreement of largest Chinese investment in US

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct— Chinese and US firms Thursday signed an agreement to develop a 600MW wind farm in Texas, the largest Chinese investment in US renewable energy. The US Renewable Energy Group (US-REG) and Cielo Wind Power LP said that they will work with China's Shenyang Power Group (SPG) on the project, which was expected to cost 1.5 billion US dollars.

"US-REG, SPG, and Cielo Wind Power LP are combining investment, expertise, and resources to bring clean, reliable, and affordable renewable technologies to the marketplace," said Cappy McGarr, US-REG Managing Partner in a statement. "This planned 1.5-billion-dollar investment in wind energy will spur tremendous growth in the renewable energy sector and directly create hundreds of high-paying American jobs," he noted.

MNA/Xinhua



Members of GPIN conduct an excersise on the Rhone near Lyon on 10 October. A young Albanian has been jailed for stealing a boat in the inland French city of Lyon and embarking on a bid to sail it down the Rhone and through the Mediterranean and Atlantic to England.—Internet

A traditionally dressed Indian folk dancer waits to perform on the second day of a crafts fair in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 25 Oct, 2009. Hundreds of artists and craftsmen thronged the ten-day long crafts fair to perform and sell their handicrafts. Internet



German man dumped by Brazilian woman lives in airport for 13 days

Campinas, 30 Oct — A German man reportedly dumped by a Brazilian woman he met on the Internet camped out in an airport for 13 days before being taken on Thursday to a hospital for a psychological evaluation. The man, identified by authorities as Heinz Muller, was out of money and wouldn't say when he planned to leave, according to airport workers, some of whom brought him meals from the food court.

The 46-year-old former pilot spent his time wandering the airport in Campinas, an industrial city about an hour's drive from Sao Paulo, and using his laptop perched on a luggage cart. Occasionally he spoke to workers and passengers in basic Portuguese mixed with some Spanish. While airport workers said they were getting used to Muller's presence and authorities said he could stay at the airport because he was in Brazil legally, doctors determined Muller needed to be checked out.—*Internet*

Samsung 3Q profit triples to record as sales jump

SEOUL, 30 Oct— Samsung Electronics Co said third-quarter net profit tripled to a record amid increased sales of flat screen TVs and mobile phones and higher prices for computer memory chips. The world's top producer of computer memory chips, flat screen televisions and liquid crystal displays earned 3.72 trillion won (\$3.14 billion) in the three months ended Sept. 30, it said Friday. Samsung posted net profit of 1.22 trillion won a year earlier.

The quarterly net profit was an all-time high for the company, said spokesman Reuben Staines. The previous record was 3.14 trillion won in the first quarter of 2004. Sales at the Suwon, South Korea-based company rose 29 percent to 24.86 trillion won during

the quarter from 19.3 trillion won a year earlier. That was also a record, Staines said. Samsung shares rose 2.1 percent to 733,000 won in late morning trading. The company released earnings results about 30 minutes after the stock market opened. The stock price has risen about 62 percent this year.

The company said in a statement it benefited from higher prices for computer memory chips as well as increased demand. Sales of flat screen TVs increased 22 percent from the previous three months.

Internet

An unidentified woman takes pictures to GP2 racing car from a window of an hotel inside the Yas Marina racetrack complex, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on Friday, 30 Oct, 2009. The Emirates Formula One Grand Prix will take place on Sunday, 1 Nov.—Internet

A couple, with their motorbike decorated as an airplane, ride their motorcycle during a "Halloween Convoy of Terror" in Cali on 29 Oct, 2009. Every year motorcycle enthusiasts dress up in outfits and ride around Cali to celebrate Halloween.—Internet



Sony stays in the red, trims annual loss forecast

Tokyo, 30 Oct—Sony reported a smaller-than-expected 26.3 billion yen (\$289 million) quarterly loss as cost cuts combined with healthy sales of PlayStation 3 game consoles and Michael Jackson hits helped it inch toward recovery.

The Japanese electronics and entertainment giant has been battered by the global slowdown, sliding prices of gadgets and its failure to produce new blockbuster consumer products.

But Tokyo-based Sony Corp said on Friday it now expects a smaller flow of red ink for the full fiscal year through March 2010.

It's forecasting a 95 billion yen (\$1 billion) hell loss compared with the initial projection for a 120 billion yen (\$1.3 billion) loss. The new forecast is marginally better than the 98.9 billion yen ter

Chief Executive Howard Stringer has pro-

loss it suffered the previ-

ous fiscal year.

mised a turnaround at Sony since taking the helm in 2005, but convincing results have been slow in coming. Stringer has appointed a new and younger management team that he says will better bring together Sony's sprawling empire, including gaming, electronics and entertainment.—Internet

Internet addresses set for change

SEOUL, 30 Oct — The internet regulator has approved plans to allow non-Latin-script web addresses, in a move that is set to transform the online world. The board of Icann voted at its annual meeting in Seoul to allow domain names in Arabic, Chinese and other scripts. More than half of the 1.6 billion people who use the internet speak languages with non-Latin scripts.

It is being described as the biggest change to the way the internet works since it was created 40 years ago. The first Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) could be in use next year. Plans for IDNs were first approved at a meeting in June 2008, but testing of the system has been going on for two years. The move paves the way for the internet's Domain Name System (DNS) to be changed so it can recognize and translate non-Latin characters.

The DNS acts like a phonebook, turning easily understood domain names into strings of computer-readable numbers, known as Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. —*Internet*

Strong earthquake strikes near Afghan-Pakistan border

Islamabad, 30 Oct — A meteorology official says a strong earthquake has shaken large areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. There are no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the earthquake, which struck late Thursday.

The quake was centered in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush mountains about 160 miles (250 kilometers north of Kabul. The US Geological Survey says its preliminary magnitude was 6.0, but Pakistani officials said it was 6.1.

It was felt in Pakistan's northwest and in the capital, Islamabad, causing some buildings to shake.—*Internet*





Serena into semis of WTA Championship

Dона, 30 Oct — World number one Serena Williams of the United States entered the semifinals of the WTA Championships here on Thursday with a win over Russian Elena Dementieva. Her 6-2, 6-4 victory confirmed her as the first player through to the last four at the season-ending tournament.

Her sister Venus, who lost to both Dementieva and Serena in her first two matches, beat Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-2, 6-7 and 6-4 but must wait for Friday's results before knowing whether she will continue her action.

Teenager Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark



Serena Williams of US hits a return to Elena Dementieva of Russia during their WTA Tour Championships tennis match in Doha on 29 Oct, 2009.— XINHUA

remained undefeated at the 4.5 million dollars championships after beating Russian Vera Zvonareva in a White Group match. The 19year-old won 6-0, 6-7 and 6-4 despite suffering agonising cramps in her left thigh.

Xinhua

Olympic Flame on its way to **Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics**

ATHENS, 30 Oct —The Olympic Flame for Vancouver's 21st Winter Olympic Games, which was kindled last week at Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympics, was officially handed over to the Canadian delegation by the Greek Olympic Committee on Thursday evening in Athens.

In a moving ceremony held at the Panathenian Stadium, where the first modern Olympics was hosted in 1896, the Sacred flame finished its journey around Greece and began its trip to Canada. In the presence of President of the Hellenic Republic Karolos Papoulias, the Governor General of Canada Michaelle Jean, Greek minister of Culture Pavlos Geroulanos and other officials, Niki Georgiadou, a Greek figure skating champion who is a student at Toronto, entered the Stadium as the last torchbearer on Greek soil.

Ending the Greek leg of the 2,180 Torch Relay which on Thursday included a stop at the Acropolis and the New Acropolis Museum, under cheers from the crowd Georgiadou lit the altar. Then actress Maria Nafpliotou dressed as High Priestess accompanied by other 14 priestesses kindled the torch and gave it to Greek Olympic Committee president Spyros Kapralos.— Xinhua



Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games chief John Furlong (L) receives the Olympic Flame from the President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee Spiros Kapralos during the flame handing over ceremony for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.— XINHUA

Ronaldo says he is not Real Madrid's 'saviour'

Madrid, 30 Oct — Real Madrid's Portuguese winger Cristiano Ronaldo, who has been sidelined with an ankle sprain for most of the past month, said Thursday he is not the Spanish club's "saviour"."We're not going through a great moment but I'm also not the saviour of the nation," the 24-year-old told reporters



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (L) attends a training session in Madrid. —Internet

when asked about the string of losses which the club have suffered in his absence.

Real have suffered three losses without the 94-million-euro signing, including a 4-0 Spanish Cup route away to thirddivision club Alcorcon on Tuesday which have led to calls for the resignation coach Manuel Pellegrini."We lost, nobody's happy, nobody expected it, the team did not play well, but we have to raise our heads. The world is not going to end because of that," Ronaldo added.

Ronaldo has been injured ever since Real's 3-0 Champions League win over Marseille at the end of September when he was tackled by the French side's Senegalese defender Souleymane Diawara.—Internet

FIFA considers biological passports to fight doping

ZURICH, 30 Oct — Soccer's governing body FIFA will work with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to step up the pressure on drug cheats in the sport, possibly with cycling-style biological passports." This is a strategy which could be extremely beneficial in the next few years," WADA president John Fahey told reporters after meeting his opposite number Sepp Blatter at FIFA headquarters Thursday.

"We welcome this partnership and we are happy that such an important sport is prepared to work with us," he added, although he warned it could take time to implement."It will not necessarily bring results straight away."Since January 2008, the International Cycling Union (UCI) has collected blood samples from all professional riders to create a medical profile that would be compared with data registered in antidoping tests.

"This is a long-term project and it's worth-

while exploring," said FIFA chief medical officer Jiri Dvorak, adding that FIFA carried out 33,000 doping tests each year."Of these, 0.3 percent test positive and these are mostly with social drugs such as marijuana and cocaine," said Dvorak. He said 0.03 percent of the 33,000 tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

FIFA and WADA were until recently involved in a series of disputes, mainly over the controversial whereabouts rule which requires athletes to give three months' notice of where they will be for an hour each day.—Internet

Agassi's confession: a 'wake-up call for ATP'



Andre Agassi.

Los Angeles, 30 Oct - Andre Agassi's admission he used a banned drug in 1997 should serve as a wake-up call to the ATP that they need to act now before they are shamed into it as a result of a scandal, says Dick Pound.

"It has got to the point where either these sports

organizations enforce the rules or someone like congress is going to say 'we gave you a chance to manage your affairs properly and now we are going to take it over," said Pound, the former president of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Eight-time grand slam champion Agassi admitted in his autobiography, called Open, that he'd taken the highly-addictive drug crystal methamphetamine and then lied to the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) to escape a ban.

Internet

Inter edge Palermo in eight goal thriller

Rome, 30 Oct — Inter Milan ruined Walter Zenga's homecoming by beating Palermo 5-3 in an eight-goal thriller at the San Siro on Thursday.

Zenga had threatened to upset his former employers as his battling team fought back from a 4-0 halftime deficit to within a goal with a quarter of the game remaining before Diego Milito settled things late on.

Former Italy goalkeeper Zenga, who spent 12 years as an Inter player, was given a standing ovation when he arrived but his team was then ripped apart in a painful first 45 minutes, seemingly making a mockery of his pre-match claims that his side would challenge for the title.

Internet



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o (C) challenges Palermo's Argentinian defender Javier Pastore (L) and Palermo's midfielder Giulio Migliaccio (R) during their Serie A football match Inter Milan vs Palermo at San Siro Stadium in Milan.—Internet

New date for Marseille-PSG game

PARIS, 30 Oct—The French league | would now take place on 2 December. match between Marseille and Paris Saint-Germain that was postponed due to an outbreak of swine flu at PSG at the weekend has been rescheduled for 20 November, the French Professional League (LFP) confirmed on Tuesday.

The new date "suits both clubs as well as television rights holder Canal+," the 22 November, three days before or trip LFP said in a statement, adding that to Milan for the Champions League, Marseille and PSG's scheduled league which for me was unthinkable," said matches for 21 November against Deschamps. Sochaux and Boulogne respectively

Marseille coach Didier Deschamps said that 20 November had been the best solution offered.

"Different dates were proposed which we refused, notably at the beginning of January when four players will be at the African Nations Cup and on

Internet

Rafa admits Gerrard struggles Fears grow over surgery needed for Reds skipper



Steven Gerrard

London, 30 Oct-Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez has admitted Steven Gerrard struggling to recover from his groin injury.

Gerrard has missed Liverpool's last two games with the problem initially picked up on international duty with England earlier this month.

The Reds skipper is likely to be again missing for Saturday's trip to Fulham amid fears he could need surgery to solve the problem.

Better news on the injury front for Benitez is that Fernando Torres is likely to face Fulham despite struggling with a similar problem to Gerrard. "Both have to going," keep Benitez. "Gerrard is still working with the physio so we will see.

"Hopefully, Torres will be okay, but for Gerrard maybe it more difficult."—Internet



Staff members show two silver commemorative coins for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, at the Beijing International Coin Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

MRTV-3

Programme Schedule (31-10-2009) (Saturday)

Transmissions

Times

Local

- (09:00am~10:00am)MST - (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST

Europe North America

- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST

Local Transmission

- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Full Moon Day of Tazaungmon
- Wonderful Tazaungdaing Nights in PyinOoLwin
- From Yangon to the Peak of Mt. Victoria
- Come and Visit Our Khami Land (Rakhine State)
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Thadingyut Festival of 9000 Lights: Zalun Pyidawpyan Pagoda Glows Bright
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- Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon): A Jewel of Ayeyawady River
- Art from the Heart
- Beautiful Magway
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
- Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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HIGH LOW BAY OF BENGAL ₩ ROUGH n overcast Pressure in hPa Low pressure area Depression Cyclonic Storm

WEATHER

Friday, 30th October, 2009

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pathein and Gwa (0.27) inch each and Hinthada (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-10-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 30-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-10-2009 was 75%. Total sun shine hours on 29-10-2009 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-10-2009 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 Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 29-10-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 31st October 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady 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: Fair weather in the whole Country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for **31-10-2009:** Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for **31-10-2009:** Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for first weekend of November 2009: During the coming weekend, likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 31 **October** View on today

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

/:10 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

7:55 am

6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ် 8:15 am

7. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ 8:30 am

8. International News 8:35 am

9. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-1) (Opening Day)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Game for Children

11:50 am

4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News

1:00 pm

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း၄၁)

1:50 pm

6. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ

2:00 pm

7. "တိရစ္ဆာန်ဥယျာဉ်နေပြည်တော် သွားလိုက်ကြစို့တူပျော်ပျော်" (အပိုင်း-၁)

2:10 pm

8. Song of National Races

2:20 pm

9. "အရည်အသွေးမီထုတ်လုပ်ထား ကြွေရည်စိမ်ပစ္စည်းများ

2:35 pm

10. International News 3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta United FC အသင်း နှင့် ရတနာပုံ FC

အသင်း) 5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme 6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report 6:20 pm

5. အလှရှာမယ်၊ အလှကမ္ဘာဝယ် 6:40 pm

6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "ချစ်သူ့အဖြေ" (ကောင်းစည်သူ၊ ယဉ်သူထိုက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမို)

7:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ 'မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

8:00 pm

- 8. News
- 9. International News
- 10. Weather Report
- 11. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့် ဇလဗေဒခန့် မှန်းချက်
- 12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၅၅)
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွေဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၇)

14. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

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- **★** 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

Eastern Command team emerges champion in Tatmadaw U-21 Football Tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The final match of the 25th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament 2009 was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 1, here, at 3 pm today, attended by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

Among the spectators were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, guests and

In the final match, Eastern Command team beat Defence Services (Air).

Senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence presented cash awards to third prize winning North-West Command team, second prize winning Defence Services (Air) team and first prize winning Eastern Command team.

The commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command gave away best player awards for respective places to the winners and Fairplay Award to Defence Services (Air) team.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented championship trophy and duplicate trophy to Eastern Command team.—MNA

Adjutantteam. MNA

General Lt-Gen **Thura** Myint Aung presents championship trophy and duplicate trophy to Eastern **Command**

Earthquake News

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (2100) miles north-west of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory outside of Myanmar (Afghanistan) was recorded at (00) hrs (14) min (31) sec MST on 30 October 2009.

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Preventive measures against **New Influenza** A/H1N1 taken with added momentum

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 Oct—The Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures against New Influenza A/H1N1 with added momentum since 28 April. Up to now, a total of 63 cases infected with New Influenza A/H1N1 had been confirmed, but no casualties. Of them, a total of 61 patients had been discharged from the hospitals as they had fully recovered and there are still two patients at hospital with improved health conditions.

The ministry urged the public to follow the warnings on New Influenza A/H1N1 and to cooperate in preventive measures against the virus.

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