



# The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2009.—MNA

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Algerian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov— On the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2009, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Ouyahia, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.—MNA

### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

## Administrative and economic systems once practised but announced illegal by the State are to be mended in conformity with the law

## Prime Minister inspects narcotics, precursor chemicals seized in Laukkai, tours Laukkai, Kongyan townships

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister General Thein Sein left here by special flight yesterday afternoon and arrived at Lashio Airport in Shan State (North). He was accompanied by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Commerce

Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister

for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Electric Power No (2) and for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, (See page 6)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets with U Pe Sauk Chain and party of Kokang Provisional Leading Committee.—MNA

## Secretary-1 delivers address at prize presentation ceremony of 17<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—The prize presentation ceremony for the 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the City Hall here at 9.00 am today, attended by Patron for Organizing the 17<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo. On the occasion, he delivered an address and presented prizes to the winners in the competitions.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief-Justice, the

Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of SPDC Office and departmental heads, secretaries of the Leading Committee and the Work Committee, officials of the subcommittees, members of the panel of judges, judges from States and Divisions, team managers, contestants, national races and others. (See page 7)

## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 1 November, 2009

### Perform meritorious deeds on Tazaungmon Fullmoon Day

The whole sky is clear with no clouds in Myanmar month Tazaungmon, the eighth month of Myanmar lunar calendar. The moonlight of Tazaungmon Fullmoon Day is brighter than that of any other fullmoon day.

At the sunset of a Tazaungmon Fullmoon Day, King Rajagaha visited the Lord Buddha, who was residing in the mango Park of royal physician Jivaka from Rajagaha, and humbly requested that He expound a suitable sermon to him. In response to the request, the Exalted One expounded Samanna Phala (the fruits of the life of a recluse) Sutta.

After hearing the Samanna Phala Sutta, the king took refuge in the Three Gems with great delightful satisfaction. Referring to the expounding of Samanna Phala Sutta, Buddhists designated Tazaungmon Fullmoon Day as Samanna Phala Day.

In the month Tazaungmon, monsoon says goodbye, thus ushering in the cold season. So, it is neither too hot nor too cold in the transitional period. The tradition of Buddhists' offering of Kathina robes dated back to the time of the All-Awakened One.

The members of the Sangha who have received donations of Kathina robes gain five benefits. Similarly, the donors get five other kinds of benefits: they can reach the destination safe and sound wherever they go; they can do all forms of work easily in next existences till they attain Nirvana; they are affluent with a lot of clothes, possessions and property and they can use them peacefully; they have easy access to first-class foodstuff in abundance and they never suffer food poisoning; and any thieves or robbers are unable to take or destroy their belongings and property.

On Tazaungmon Fullmoon Day, Buddhists should, therefore, hear Samanna Phala Sutta, donate Kathina robes and practise meditation all the more.

### Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd opens new building, showroom

YANGON, 31 Oct—The opening ceremony of new building of Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd and showroom took place at the new building, No. (205-A), Wardan street in Lanmadaw Township, here, today.

The ceremony was attended by departmental officials, journalists, owners of supermarkets and stores, Follow Me lovers and guests.

Directors of the company, actors and actresses and journalists opened the ceremony. And those presented then viewed the booths and displays of products in the new building. Ta-Fa Trading Co Ltd marketed Follow Me and Secret cosmetics and Goodmaid household-use products, Anakku brand baby wear and products, Meilin Shampoo, Enjoy Shampoo, Enjoy Vitamin E Oil and V5 Dish Wash.—MNA

## 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

### Commander attends workshop in Taninthayi Division

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—A workshop on promoting of basic education for 2009-2010 academic year of Taninthayi Division took place at the hall of No. (1) Basic Education High School in Myeik on 24 October, attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo. On the occasion, the commander delivered an address and fulfilled the needs of workshop's results.—MNA

### Foreign Minister felicitates Algerian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mourad Medelci, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2009.

MNA

### Home Affairs Minister's Shield men/women volleyball contest held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—The 13<sup>th</sup> Home Affairs Minister's Shield men/women volleyball contest took place at Paung Laung sports ground, here, from 27 to 31 October.

Men and women volleyball teams from the units and departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs took part in the contest.

In the men's final matches, Myanmar Police Force

team won over the Myanmar Correctional Department team and Myanmar Correctional Department team lost to the Myanmar Police Force team in the women's final round.

At the prize presenting ceremony, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo and wife Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented prizes to winners.—MNA

### Commander, deputy minister look into provision of eye health care services

YANGON, 31 Oct—Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo on 28 October looked into eye health care services being provided in rural areas and attended to the needs.

On arrival at Paungde People's Hospital, the deputy minister met with eye patients and spoke words of encouragement.

After that, the opening of eye health care programme was held and Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command made a speech and the deputy minister explained about health care services.

A patient, on behalf of patients, spoke words of thanks. Next, the commander and the deputy minister helped wear spectacles to eye patients.

The eye health care programme launched from 27 to 30 October provided eye test to 1907 patients and performed surgical operations on 524 eye patients.

Later, the deputy minister attended the opening of Hmattaing Station Hospital in Paungde Township and inspected medical ward, operation theatre, delivery room and medical store, and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

### Air Bagan Open Golf Championships continues

YANGON, 31 Oct—Air Bagan Open Golf Championships (PynOoLwin), the third leg of Myanmar Golf Tour the third-day tournament (2009-2010) organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar P.G.A and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, took place at PynOoLwin Golf Club in PynOoLwin, Mandalay Division, this morning.

At the third-day 18-hole event, Zaw Zaw Lat (Srixon) fired 211 strokes to take the lead while Myo Min Aung (Pro Golf Shop) and Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) shared the

second position with 215 strokes in the Professional Golfers Tournament.

In the men's amateur level, Maung Maung Oo stood first on 207 followed by Bo Bo (Myanmar Selected Golfer) on 217 strokes and Naing Ye Lin on 221 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),

CEPSA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking

Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch and PynOoLwin Golf Association.—MGF



Maung Maung Oo in the men's amateur level.—MNA



Local residents stand beside an overturned car at the site of a car bomb attack targeting the building of Ministry of Justice in Baghdad, on 25 Oct, 2009.

INTERNET

### Venezuela beefs up military presence in border area near Colombia

CARACAS, 31 Oct. — The Venezuelan government reinforced its military forces on Friday in its northwestern border state of Tachira to strengthen the security in border areas.

A total of 515 border guards have been deployed in this region, bordering Colombia, said Javier Rosales, deputy commander of the No.1 Regional Command of the Venezuelan National Guard (GNB) in Tachira, after announcing the detention of five members of a blackmail band in this region.

Rosales told the media that the detainees included four Colombians and one Venezuelan citizen who blackmailed farmers and businessmen in the border between Venezuela and Colombia.—Xinhua

### Roadside bomb wounds three Afghan police

KABUL, 31 Oct — Three Afghan police sustained injuries as a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in Taleban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan, provincial police chief Sardar Mohammad Zazi said on Saturday. “The gruesome incident took place on Friday on the way to Kandahar airport wounding three policemen,” Zazi told Xinhua.

Kandahar and the neighbouring provinces have been the scene of increasing Taleban-linked insurgency over the past couple of years. As part of new tactic, the Taleban fighters have resorted to roadside bombing and suicide attacks which often claim civilians’ lives.—Xinhua

### 12 militants killed, security established to 17 villages in N Afghan province

KABUL, 31 Oct — Afghan forces backed by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have eliminated a dozen Taleban militants and established government control over 17 villages in Darzab district of Jauzjan Province north of Afghanistan, police said on Saturday.

“The operation began three days ago and until Friday night 12 rebels have been killed and 17 villages have been liberated from the clutch of the insurgents in Darzab district,” deputy to provincial police chief Mohammad Ibrahim told Xinhua. Taleban militants have yet to make comment. The aim of the operation, he added, was to ensure security ahead of the second round election between two top candidates set for 7 Nov.—Internet

## West African girls worst victims of economic crisis

DAKAR, 31 Oct — Young girls in west Africa will be disproportionately affected by the global economic downturn, children’s charity Plan International warned on Friday.

“The global economic crisis does threaten many of the recent advances we have seen in west Africa especially for girls,” Plan chief executive officer Niger Chapman told a press conference in Dakar.

Young women are often the first victims of any economic downturn because they are already in a

marginalised position and seen as being worth less to their families, according to Plan’s 2009 report titled “Because I’m a girl”. “They are the most vulnerable, the least likely to survive, be fed, go to school and stay healthy,” Plan said.

In west Africa the position of girls in society is even more fragile than in other developing regions because they suffer from more gender discrimination, Plan spokeswoman Stefanie Conrad said.

“We know from our

day-to-day work that once household resources get scarce girls quit school because a girl’s education is less valued,” she said.

West Africa already has far lower rates of enrolment and success for girls in school than other developing regions, she said.

Internet

*The oil tanker Dubai Star sits anchored in the San Francisco Bay in San Francisco, California.*

INTERNET

### S Korea planning troop deployment to Afghanistan

SEOUL, 31 Oct — South Korea announced plans to send troops to Afghanistan to protect its civilian aid workers, two years after withdrawing its forces following a fatal hostage crisis.

The South Korean government intends to expand a reconstruction team now helping to rebuild Afghanistan and will dispatch police and troops to protect them, Foreign Ministry spokesman Moon Tae-young said on Friday.

The decision to dispatch troops is subject to approval in parliament, where the ruling Grand National Party has enough seats to guarantee passage.

Internet



### Tanker spills oil in San Francisco Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Oct — A ruptured fuel line on a Panamanian-registered tanker released oil into San Francisco Bay before dawn on Friday, authorities said.

The US Coast Guard said the source of the spill, from the tanker Dubai Star, was contained within hours and that a cleanup was under way. It was not immediately clear how much fuel had spilled.

The Coast Guard sent patrol boats and a helicopter to the scene.

Coast Guard officials said the spill of heavy bunker oil occurred during fueling operations between the Dubai Star and a barge. It occurred near the Oakland Airport, across the bay from San Francisco.

Mike Hanson, a spokesman for Pioneer Ship Management Services that manages the vessel, said the double-hulled Dubai Star was built in 2007 and was carrying jet fuel for delivery to the San Francisco area.

He said there were no injuries to crew members even though the bunker oil spilled on deck.

The spill occurred almost two years after the Cosco Busan tanker struck the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in 2007, which led to 53,000 gallons of bunker fuel being dumped into the bay.—Internet

A woman passes by an electronic board showing the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong, south China, 30 Oct, 2009. Gains in Wall Street led to a rebound in Hong Kong stock market, lifting the Hang Seng index by 487.88 points, or 2.29 percent, to close at 21,752.87 points on Friday.

INTERNET



## Air France gets Europe's first A380 superjumbo

PARIS, 31 Oct — Air France on Friday became the first European airline to take delivery of the new Airbus A380 superjumbo passenger jet, which it says will make it great savings in tough economic times.

The French flag carrier received the huge craft at the Airbus plant in the northern German city of Hamburg in a ceremony and then flew it to Paris's Charles de Gaulle airport.

Its first commercial flight is scheduled for 20 November, from Paris to

New York.

The director of Air France, Pierre-Henri Gourgeon, told *AFP* that the A380 would enable it to save money by running fewer flights on long-haul routes.

"To New York, we can remove one Boeing 777-200 and one Airbus A340 and go from five flights a day to four," he said.

"We will be able to use a plane that costs 20 percent less to run than the two others. In other words, we will save 15 million euros

a year with an A380."

Air France has ordered 12 of the A380 model, but like other airlines has postponed the purchase of some of them due to the economic slowdown.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said on Thursday that an upturn in global air traffic stalled in September due to a "pause" in the economic recovery, with demand only up slightly compared to September 2008.

Internet



Air France ground staff take a souvenir photo of their company's first Airbus A380 double-deck passenger jet after a christening ceremony at the Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport near Paris on 30 October, 2009.—INTERNET

## Typhoon Mirinae barrels through Philippines, worsens flooding

MANILA, 31 Oct—Typhoon Mirinae, the fourth in a month to hit the Philippines, barreled through the main island of Luzon in just a few hours early on Saturday morning, the country's weather forecast bureau said. There is not yet report of casualties.

The storm made landfall at the eastern Quezon province before 1am local time on Saturday morning (1700 GMT Friday) and by 5 pm the eye of the storm was tracked 60 kilometres south of Metro Manila and is moving further west at 24 kilometres per hour (kph), the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said.

"The worst is over," Nathaniel Cruz, the chief weather forecaster said in a radio interview. "We can expect improving weather as typhoon continues to move farther away from the country."—Xinhua

## Less diabetes risk if moms ate vegetables

GOTHENBURG (Sweden), 31 Oct — Expectant mothers in Sweden who ate vegetables daily had children less likely to develop type 1 diabetes, researchers found.

Researchers at the Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg and Linköping University in Sweden found of 6,000 children given blood tests, 3 percent had either elevated levels of antibodies that attack insulin-producing cells or fully developed type 1 diabetes at the age of 5.

The study, published in *Pediatric Diabetes*, found the diabetes risk markers were up to twice as common in children whose mothers rarely ate vegetables during pregnancy.

Internet

## More depression in Western cultures

EVANSTON, 31 Oct—US researchers say those who genetically tend to depression do better in collectivist East Asian cultures compared to individualistic Western cultures.

The study, published in *Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*, suggests a genetic vulnerability to depression is much more likely to be realized in individualistic Western cultures than in an East Asian culture that is more about "we" than "me" and provides more social support. "Such support seems to buffer vulnerable individuals from the environmental risks or stressors that serve as triggers to depressive episodes," lead author Joan Chiao of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill, said in a statement.

Internet



A Japanese eyewear maker Masunaga Optical employee displays the blinking "Wink Glasses", which are supposed to help prevent dry-eye when the users concentrate on video gaming or on the Internet.

Around 20,000 children and their parents took part in the 73rd annual chesnut and acorn drive at the Haribo sweets factory in Bonn. Some had to wait several hours to hand over their bags of nuts, for which they were rewarded with candy. The gathered nuts go to help feed wild animals all over Germany make it through the winter.



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## 14 pythons, 10 lizards taped to man's body

Norwegian customs officials said a man attempting to enter the country from Denmark had 14 king pythons taped to his body and 10 lizards in his pants. The officials in the town of Kristiansand said they searched the 22-year-old Norwegian man, who crossed to the country from Denmark via ferry, after finding a live tarantula in his luggage and discovered the reptiles hidden beneath his clothes, the British tabloid *The Sun* reported Monday.

Investigators said the snakes were rolled up in socks and taped to his torso and the lizards were in small boxes taped to his legs.

"He told us he was crazy about reptiles," customs spokeswoman Helge Brelid said.

## Man wins \$1,000 for eating 25 hot dogs

A Las Vegas man won \$1,000 by downing 25 hot dogs, more than six pounds of meat, at the West Coast Hot Dog Eating Contest in California.

Thomas Gilbert, 28, ate 18 hot dogs in the 15-minute first round of the event Sunday and chased them with seven more frankfurters during the finals at the Derby Deli & Dueling Piano Bar in Mission Viejo, the Orange County (Calif.) Register reported.

Gilbert faced a field of 24 eaters in the first round and the competition was narrowed to only three people, including Gilbert, for the final 15 minutes.

"I'm ready for dessert," Gilbert joked after being awarded his \$1,000 prize.

## German police investigate kebab sauce after attack

German police are investigating a chilli sauce to determine whether it was so spicy that it was capable of causing grievous bodily harm when used in an attack.

Police took a sample of the sauce from a kebab stand in Bremen's central train station after a kebab salesman threw it into the eyes of a customer during a fight over napkins. "Legally, the question of whether the spiciness of the kebab sauce constituted 'normal' or grievous bodily harm must be addressed," local police in the northern

## NEWS ALBUM



A glass and metal installation by the artist Marta Klonowska is at the centre of the exhibition "Cocker Spaniel & Other Tools For International Understanding". The display at the museum in Kiel, in northern Germany, provides insight into a dog's character and also takes a look at the relationship of man and dog in art history.

city said.

Officers broke up a scuffle that kicked off after a 23-year-old wiped his kebab-soiled hands on the stand because the salesman refused to give him a paper napkin. The seller responded by flinging a ladle of sauce in the man's face.

The victim's eyes became bloodshot and police are investigating why the napkin dispute broke out, a spokesman said. Both men could end up facing charges, he added.

# Festive Month of Tazaungmon

*Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt*

Every month of Myanmar Lunar calendar has its own festival but the eighth month, Tazaungmon which usually coincides with November is the most festive month. It is the first month of the cold season called Heiman, covering Tazaungmon, Nadaw, Pyatho and Tabodwe, November, December, January and February respectively. The north-west cold wind turning the entire country chilly and the natural environment pleasant, this month has the clearest night firmament where all heavenly bodies are visible. In Myanmar Zodiac, this month is named Vrischiky with the sign of Scorpion. "Khawei flower, fragrant yellow flower of ridged gourd [ *Luffa acutangula* ] that blooms profusely in this month is the designated flower of this month. On the fullmoon night of Tazaungmon 27 constellations appear in the sky and they are visible to the naked eyes. They are (1) Asavani, (2) Barani, (3) Kyattika, (4) Rohani, (5) Migasi, (6) Bhadar, (7) Punnaphusshu, (8) Phussha, (9) Assalisa, (10) Magha, (11) Pyubbaparagunni, (12) Uttaraparagunni, (13) Hassada, (14) Cittra, (15) Swadi, (16) Visakha, (17) Anurada, (18) Jettha, (19) Mula, (20) Pruppsan, (21) Uttarasan, (22) Sarawun, (23) Dhanasiddha (24) Sattabhissha, (25) Pyuppabadrappaik, (26) Uttarabadrappaik and (27) Revati.

"Tazaung" means illumination by oil lamps "Mon" or "Hmon" means to embellish. Tazaungmon is the month for embellishing the night with illuminations by oil lamps. People believe that heavenly bodies are the abodes of deities. On fullmoon night of this month a feast is held to propitiate them, which is called "Netkhat Thabin." Fruits, milk, juices, glutinous rice and cakes are offered to them and lights are lit to honour them. Originally Light festival of this month was dedicated to deities of heavenly bodies. But after Buddhism arrived and spread, light festival of Tazaungmon assumed Buddhist character and the festival of the month is no longer Netkhat Thabin, but the festival of offering Kathein robes to the Buddhist monks.

Kathein robe offering originated in lifetime of Lord Gotama Buddha. Thirty Buddaveggi monks from Paveiyaka were coming to pay homage to Lord Gotama Buddha who was residing in Jetavana Vihara Monastery in the city of Savatthi. A long journey they took and at a small town Thakayta they had to stay for lent. On continuing the journey, a heavy rain poured down, soaking them wet and damaging their robes. On arrival at the Vihara, Lord Buddha, noticing their plight, allowed offering and receiving of Kathein robes, laying down rules, prescribing procedure and expounding the merits to gain from this religious deeds.

"Kathein" derived from a Pali word "Kathina" means firmness or durable. Monks who receive Kathein robe and express their appreciations at the offering and receiving of Kathein robes by uttering "Sadhu" [well done] three times, gain five "durable" merits—the privileges of enjoying relaxation certain minor rules of Vinaya [ Monks' Discipline ], such as:

- (1) Monks can go to the house of the donor who invites them for alm food, without informing other monks nearby, even if the donor has used inadvertently improper language in inviting them.
- (2) Monks who have resolved to practice the ticivara austerity [ possessing the robe of three pieces only ] are permitted to go out without carrying the resolved robe with them.
- (3) Robes received can be worn by monks without performing certain religious procedure.
- (4) Even if and invitation for food offering comes in

an improper manner, at least four monks and above can accept it.

(5) Monks of the monastery where Kathein robes are offered, can wear Kathein robes. Kathein robes are offered to the entire Sangha, not to individual or a group of monks.

Donors of Kathein robes attain the following merits:

- (1) There would be no danger or disturbances wherever donor travels or goes.
- (2) Donor would have plenty of good and healthy food and would never suffer from food poison.
- (3) Donor's property and possessions are safe from destruction, robbery and theft.
- (4) Donor would recover long last or long forgotten property or prsession.
- (5) Without much difficulty donor would get wealth.
- (6) Donor would have a good look.

There are set period and strict rules for offering and receiving of Kathein robes. From the first waning Moon of Thadinkyut [ October ] to the fullmoon of Tazaungmon [ November ] is the period for offering and receiving of Kathein robes. The donor must have good and sincere will and intention to donate Kathein robes. Donor offers Kathein robes to all members of Buddhist Order not to individual monk or a group of monks. Monks must never request directly or indirectly and anyone, parents, relatives or friends to donate them robes. Kathein robes are new ones, not second hand nor borrowed ones.

The deserving recipients of Kathein robes are those monks who have

- (1) observed Purima wa or first lent [ first waning moon of Wazo to fullmoon of Thadinkyut ].
- (2) performed Pawarana on fullmoon of Thadinkyut.
- (3) no record of breach of Wa Vow.
- (4) shortage of robes.
- (5) most senior monk among those in need of robes.

There is a committee for selecting the deserving recipient monks that performs its duties in the ordination Hall in accordance with the rules of Vinaya.

Associated with Kathein robe offering festival are other festivals such as weaving and offering of Matho-thingan, Kya-thingan and Pantthaku-thingan. Literally translated Matho-thingan means "non-stale" robe. A priestly garment is woven all at once within the period—on the night of Fullmoon of Tazaungmon. If the weaving takes longer than the prescribed time, the garment is "stale". Gotama Buddha's foster mother Gotami started weaving and offering of Matho-thingan in Buddha's life time. Myanmar kings and people observe this event as their tradition by holding Matho-thingan weaving competitions on Tazaungmon fullmoon night. Light refreshments and music and dance are served and performed to cheer up the competitors.

Pantthaku is a Pali word meaning robe, or anything to offer to monks, left on the ground, with a note "Pantthaku". Monk who finds it can take and use it. Before Kathein robes were prescribed, during the first twenty ordained years of Lord Buddha there was no donor of robes. Lord Buddha and His disciple monks had to go round to collect clothing discarded on ground.

There is Shin Ma Lei festival on fullmoon night of this month. Shin Ma Lei was a post Buddha saint monk who in his intense mental concentration reached Tavatimsa where at Sulamani Pagoda, he met the future Buddha Miteya as a deva who requested Shin Ma Lei to preach Vessandana Jataka to the people, when he returned to earth. To commemorate this event, Shin Ma Lei festival is held on the fullmoon night of

Tazaungmon at specially constructed tower like pagodas in which are statues of Miteya and Saint Shin Ma Lei. To represent one thousand Pali poems which Buddha used in narrating Vessandara Jataka, one thousand lotus flowers are thrown up into the image houses on such pagodas.

Two social feasts which Myanmar people hold on the fullmoon Tazaungmon night are (1) Me Zali salad feast and Kyi Ma-no festival. Both are associated with Netkhat Thabin [constellations and planets festival]. Legend says that on fullmoon night of this month, guardian gods of herbal plants and trees come together to attend on the guardian good of Me Zali tree [Cassia Siamea]. Another version is that on fullmoon night of this month constellations Kyattika which is also Fire god comes down to earth and stays with Me Zali god. Gods of all herbal flora come to Me Zali tree to pay respect to Kyattika on Tazaungmon fullmoon night. So it is believed that all curative and healing properties are concentrated in Me Zali Tree on that fullmoon night. Slightly bitter Me Zali tender leaves and buds are boiled and seasoned with peanut powder, fried garlic, roasted sesamum, freshly peeled onion, cooking oil and salt are made into a salad. The taste is unique. It is recommended by Myanmar herbalists as panacea of a sort which goes well with hot plain tea on chilly Tazaungmon fullmoon night. Such feasts are served gratis to all comers.

Kyi Ma-no is the performance done before crows wake up. In fact it is a customary prank played by male youths. As all heavenly bodies appear on the Tazaungmon fullmoon night, Sawya Netkhat or Thief's constellation also appears, exercising its influence upon male youths who thus suffer temporarily from kleptomania on that night. So at midnight of that fullmoon, male youths play their pranks. They "steal" anything found in the compound [not from inside the house] pots, pans, skirts, women's underwear, braziers, chamber pots, etc and leave them hanging on the bamboo bass or rope at public places or road crossings. The following morning everyone seeing them is amazed and moved to laughter to notice the owners coming to look for their missing properties. Youths laugh heartily when old ladies come out to re-claim missing clothing, on behalf of their real owners who being young are inhibited by feminine modesty.

There is one gazetted holiday in Tazaungmon. It is National Day, the 10th Waning Moon of Tazaungmon. This year it falls on 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was on the 10th Waning Moon of Tazaungmon in 1920 that modern Myanmar National movement began by boycotting British Colonial education which simply trained Myanmar young people to serve under British Colonial rule. Myanmar people set up national education to wake up patriotic spirit and nurture Myanmar culture. Under the Council of National Education, National College and National Schools were established. The products of this national education became leaders of the national independence movement in the next decades. Every year National Day is fittingly commemorated.

The following folk song epitomizes the festiveness of Tazungmon.

*"Old man bent and double,  
Don't die so soon,  
For watch again the pwes [festivals]  
At next Tazaungmon's Fullmoon."*

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## Administrative and economic systems once practised but...

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, senior military officers and state level officials.

The Prime Minister and party left Lashio by helicopter at 9.10 am and arrived at Laukkai at 10 am. They were welcomed there by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Brig-Gen Hla Myint of the local station, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, senior military officers and officials.

In front of the Laukkai Station Yeiktha, U Pe Sauk Chain of Kokang Provisional Leading Committee and members cordially greeted the Prime Minister and party. Next, the Prime Minister and party met U Pe Sauk Chain and leading committee members at

the meeting hall of Laukkai Station Yeiktha at 10.10 am.

In his briefing at the meeting, the Prime Minister said the provisional leading committee is to carry out the four tasks—ensuring regional stability, security, smooth and secure transport and regeneration of local people's businesses—in cooperation with the administrative staff employed by the State. Administrative and economic systems once practised but were announced illegal by the State are to be mended in conformity with the law. As Kokang region is within the boundary of Myanmar and is a part of the Union, people are to cultivate Union Spirit without sticking to racism and localism regardless of whatever part of the region they live in. As Myanmar shares the long border with China, the two peoples need to live in amity. The Prime Minister then spoke of the need to fight against producing and smuggling narcotic drugs and to try to improve the regional economy based on agricultural productivity.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted U Pe



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein views the display of narcotics and precursor chemicals to be incinerated.—MNA*

Sauk Chain of Kokang Provisional Leading Committee and members individually.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party met with service personnel of Laukkai District and Township. Minister Col Thein Nyunt presented cash assistance for the staff shouldering their duties in Kokang Special Region (1) to the chairman of District PDC.

The Prime Minister attended a ceremony to incinerate narcotic drugs and precursor chemicals held on the lawns of Kokang Region Drug Elimination Museum in Laukkai and cordially greeted diplomats, ambassadors

and officials of foreign embassies and officials from UN agencies and the UN resident representatives.

After viewing the display of the narcotics and precursor chemicals to be incinerated, the Prime Minister greeted the local nationals.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Kongyan by helicopter at noon and on their arrival, they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw of the local station, senior military officers and township level departmental officials.

The Prime Minister and party went to the office of Kongyan

Township PDC and met with township level departmental officials. In meeting with them, the Prime Minister said that being service personnel, they are to be loyal to the State and serve the people. They are to protect the public interests in accord with the law. The Prime Minister also stressed the need for the service personnel not only to perform administrative duties but also to have economic and security outlooks. All the staff members are to work together in unity and amity, urged the Prime Minister.

After that, Minister Col Thein

Nyunt presented cash assistance for the staff shouldering duties in Kongyan in Kokang region to Kongyan Township PDC chairman. The Prime Minister and party later visited Kongyan Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by Headmaster U Paw Tun, the teachers and students. The students sang the national anthem and the song of Myanmar school.

The Prime Minister inspected the education progress of the students and discussed academic matters with the headmaster and teachers.

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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein views students singing national anthem and the song of Myanmar School at BEHS in Kongyan Township.—MNA*



## Administrative and economic systems once practised but...

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The Prime Minister and party went to Kongyan Station Hospital (16-bed) where they were welcomed by medical in charge Dr Lin Htin Kyaw and nurses. Dr Lin Htin Kyaw reported on the location of the station hospital and the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. Then he went round the hospital.

The Prime Minister and party paid homage to hilly missionary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandava residing in the precinct of Seindamuni Pagoda and donated offertories. Later, the Prime Minister and party left Kongyan by helicopter for Lashio in the afternoon. They arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw by special flight via Lashio later in the afternoon.—MNA

**Prime Minister General Thein Sein views the display of narcotics and precursor chemicals to be incinerated.—MNA**



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at prize presentation ceremony of 17<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competitions.**

MNA

## Secretary-1 delivers address at prize...

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U Hla Win, Daw Lein Maung Pan and Daw Mya Kyay Mon of Myanma Radio and Television acted as MCs and read out the agenda of the ceremony.

On the occasion, the Secretary-1 delivered an address.

He said that Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions filled with the deep national cause and noble objectives have been held yearly, and the 17th has successfully been held this year.

Year by year, the number of contestants in various subjects of the competitions at different levels as well as that of genres has increased. It can also be found that the younger generation have made more and more efforts to show their artistic talent in handing down the good legacy



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner.—MNA**

of traditional culture to next generations. Being able to hold the performing arts competitions that have improved in both quality and quantity is thanks to the assistance of regional bodies and social organizations, encouragement of the national people and active participation of the younger generation willing to inherit the legacy of traditional culture from maestros under the leadership of the State.

The study of the Myanmar culture has revealed that according to the evidence found in ancient Pyu cities such as Tagaung, Beikthano, Hanlin and Srikestra on Myanma soil, the civilization has emerged with high literature, music and fine arts for the past 2000 years.

The national characteristics of a country or a people such as faith, way of thinking, lifestyles and social status are based on the cultural values of that country or people. And those cultural values can be judged from their literature and fine arts.

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**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to Daw Myint Myint Kyi of Yangon Division.—MNA**



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to Maung Thiha Kyaw of Yangon Division.—MNA**

## Secretary-1 delivers address at prize...

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In Kwet Seik (narration) contest, Temiya drama featuring the would-be Buddha Prince Temi's efforts to attain Nikkhama virtue and Sasptjtosema Sambula drama depicting the duties of married women to follow the example of morally good women were the efforts of the narrating artistes to educate the people and organize the



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to Maung Zaw Win Maung of Yangon Division.—MNA**

younger generation to preserve and maintain such a kind of art.

It was also found that the artistes of the young generation actively participated in the Thakaung Yadana drama contest that was held based on the four social objectives and patriotic spirit. The contest attracted the audience as it featured colourful plots about the role of new generation youths on whom the future State will have to rely with customs and traditions of the national people from the plains and hilly regions of the Union and the beautiful scenery in the background.

The new generation youths actively participated in the modern song genre of the singing competition that started the pervious year with the songs featuring the national unity and peace and stability of the State as well as the songs with aesthetic values.

In every contest at various levels, those individuals and groups were able to show their artistic talent, know more about Myanmar cultural performing arts and create new ideas without harming the original style. Moreover, mutual understanding, cooperation and amity among the national contestants have more consolidated.

By maintaining the fruitful results achieved from the competitions, all the participants are to make continued efforts to develop fine Myanmar traditions and national character along with novel ideas.

More prizes are awarded yearly for Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions. Therefore, new generation youths are not only to maintain the national culture but also to hand it down to the next generations as a national duty assigned by the State.

Although Myanmar cultural performing arts have their own individual characteristics, they are regarded as the noble performing skills when performed before the audience due to the mutual cooperation, understanding and unity of the artistes.

Likewise, a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation can be built in a short time only if the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are to work together in unity based on Union Spirit. This is

why Myanmar traditional cultural performing forces with a fine tradition of having mobilized the strength of the people in successive periods are to strive for ensuring more consolidated national forces.

In conclusion, I would like to urge those from the arts field to continue to maintain Myanmar cultural performing arts that have improved in both quality and quantity with innovative ideas without harming the traditional national culture; to try to forge national unity through the might of traditional cultural performing



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to U Nyan Win of Yangon Division.—MNA**

arts; and to actively participate in building up a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation based on true patriotism and Union Spirit through the cultural sector. Thank you.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented first, second and third prizes for amateur level (first class) men's Maha Gita contest to U Kyaw Kyaw Han and U Saw Win of Yangon Division and U Tin Oo Hlaing of Ayeyawady Division; prizes for amateur level (second class) men's Maha Gita contest to U Win Aung of Kayah State, Maung Htan Lywan Kat of Sagaing Division and U Htein Lin Aung and U Chan Myae of Yangon Division; prizes for higher level men's Maha Gita contest to Maung Thi Ha Kyaw of Yangon Division, Maung Kyaw Myo of Ayeyawady Division and Sai Thein Myint Tun of Kayin State; prizes for basic education level (aged 15-20) boy's Maha Gita contest to Maung



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to Drama troupe of Yangon Division.—MNA**



**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner in drama contest at the amateur level (first class).—MNA**

Zin Mg Mg (a) Htet Aung Lin of Yangon Division, Maung Hla Myo Zaw of Mandalay Division and Maung Yan Min Aung of Mon State; prizes for basic education level (aged 10-15) boy's Maha Gita contest to Maung Wai La Min Aung, Maung Wunna Tun of Yangon Division and Maung Ye Thu Ko Ko Naing of Kachin State; prizes for basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's Maha Gita contest to Maung Sao San Tun of Sagaing Division and Maung Aung Naing Oo of Yangon Division, Maung Phone Myint Kyaw of Kachin State and Maung Thaw Zin Myo of Mandalay Division.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence presented first, second and third prizes for amateur level (first class) women's Maha Gita contest to Daw Thu Zaw Aung of Yangon Division, Daw Aye Hnin Khine of Rakhine State and Daw Kyu Kyu Khine of Sagaing Division; prizes for amateur level (second class) women's Maha Gita contest to Ma May Thet Shin of Mandalay Division, Ma Thin Thin Khine of Mandalay Division and Daw Mya Pan San Eain of Mon State; prizes for higher level women's Maha Gita contest to Ma Hnin Hnin Aung of Sagaing Division, Ma Khin Soe Hein of Kayin State and Ma Yin Mon of Yangon Division; prizes for basic educational level (aged 15-20) girl's Maha Gita contest to Ma May Thet New of Shan State, Ma Su Yin Tun of Yangon Division and Ma Khet Khet Oo of

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**Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to Maung Wai La Min Aung of Yangon Division.—MNA**



## Secretary-1 delivers address at prize...

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Sagaing Division; prizes for basic education level (aged 10-15) girl's Maha Gita contest to Ma May Tha Zin of Mon State, Ma Phyu Hnin Khine of Sagaing Division and Ma Pyae Pyae Phyo of Rakhine State and Ma San Nilar Nyein of Shan State; prizes for basic education level (aged 5-10) girl's Maha Gita contest to Ma Mai Mai Khant of Mandalay Division, Ma Mya Thazin of Sagaing Division and Ma Khin Phone Pwint San of Yangon Division.

Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence presented first, second and third prizes to nineteen winners in amateur level (first class), amateur level (second class) and higher education level men's classical/modern song contests and basic education level (aged 15-20), basic education level (aged 10-15), basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's classical/modern song contests.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presented first, second and third prizes to thirty-three winners in amateur



**Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents a prize to Ma Hnin Hnin Aung of Sagaing Division.—MNA**

level (first class), amateur level (second class) and higher education level women's classical/modern song contests; basic education level (aged 15-20), basic education level (aged 10-15), basic education level (aged 5-10) women's classical/modern song contests; amateur level (second class), higher education level men's modern song contest and amateur level (second class), higher education level women's modern song contest.

After that, gold medal winner Ma Khin Mya Thet Hnin of Yangon Division in amateur level



**Lt-Gen Ohn Myint presents a prize to Maung Min Min Than of Shan State.—MNA**

(second class) women's modern song contest, sang a song.

Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Chairman of Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented first, second and third prizes to winners in men's dancing contest at amateur level (first class); in orchestra contest for supporting men's dancing at the amateur level (first class); in men's dancing contest at amateur level (second class), higher education level and basic education level (aged 15-20), basic education level (aged 10-15) and basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's dancing contests; in women's dancing contest at amateur level (first class) and in orchestra contest for supporting women's dancing at the amateur level (second class).

Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut presented first, second and third prizes to winners in women's dancing contest at amateur level (second class), higher education level and in girl's dancing contest at basic education level (aged 15-20), basic education level (aged 10-15) and basic education level (aged 5-10); in Kwetseik contest at amateur level (first class) and in orchestra contest for supporting Kwetseik contest at the amateur level (first class); in Kwetseik contest at amateur level (second class) and in orchestra contest for supporting Kwetseik contest at the amateur level (second class).



**Lt-Gen Khin Zaw presents a prize to Ma Hnin Hnin Aung of Sagaing Division.—MNA**

Afterwards, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo also presented first, second and third prizes for Illisa Dvicitta Drama contest to Tawwin troupe of Yangon Division, Zayyathiri troupe of Sagaing Division and Man Theingar troupe of Mandalay Division and other winners in different related contests; in men's marionette contest at amateur level (second class) and in women's marionette contest at amateur level (second class); in "Thakaung Yadana" Drama contest at amateur level (first class) and in "Uggasana Jataka" Drama contest at amateur level (first class).

After presenting the prizes to winners, gold medal winner Maung Chan Nyi Chan of Mon State in men's dancing contest at amateur level performed a dance.—MNA.

## State will carry on fight...

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Brig-Gen Khin Yi in his speech said: Our Committee has been holding similar occasions for destroying seized narcotic drugs which are from the whole country, both at respective States and Divisions as well as in Yangon. Altogether, a total of 46 different occasions have been held at States and Divisions where these drugs were seized and up till 2006, 20 occasions in Yangon alone.

Out of 46 different occasions held for destroying seized narcotic drugs at States and Divisions, 5 were actually in Laukai, Kokang Region during the years 1991, 1993, 1996, 1997 and 2002 and this is the first time held here again as a special event after 7 years lapse. The narcotic drugs, ATS tablets and related precursor chemicals that we are about to destroy are those seized within a short period of time after the significant incident that took place in Laukai area.

Prior to my presentation on seizures of drugs in Lakai area, I would like to brief the cause of the incident.

Based on the information shared at the third Ministerial Meeting on Combating Transnational

Crimes and Maintaining Social Order between Myanmar and China held at Mandalay this year in July, our security forces were able to seize a factory at Yan-lon-kyaing village, Laukai, Kokang Special Region-1 on 11 August 2009, which is owned by U Phone Kyar Shin, U Phone Kyar Phu, U Phone Tar Le and U Phone Tar Shwin.

In connection with this incident, U Phone Kyar Shin and his three associates were called upon repeatedly by the Government to appear before the law in connection with this matter but resulted in vain. Instead, they, with their followers loyal to them, went out and captured members of our police force who were engaged in their own enforcement activities, took them as hostages and killed some, leaving 14 dead and 11 wounded in Laukai area.

Our security forces who tried to release the remaining hostages met with arms resistance from U Phone Kyar Shin, his three associates and the some Kokang armed group who encourage; and this eventually led to open battles.

We also learnt that, even while armed battles were taking place between the security forces and groups loyal to Phone Kyar Shin these groups were moving out their drugs and precursor chemicals from their strong holds to safe places. Those that they were

unable to move out, they left it hidden in their farms and plantations. Through follow up measures with the information from local people and some Kokang troops who opposed their unlawful manner, our security forces, in cooperation with local people, were able to seize narcotic drugs, ATS tablets, precursor (See page 10)



**Vice-Chairman of Kokang Special Region-1 Provisional Leading Committee U Lu Kwe Shee explains condition of the region.—MNA**



**Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi explains the tasks on fighting against drugs.—MNA**

**State will carry on fight...**

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chemicals used for manufacturing these drugs and other paraphernalia in 50 different incidences within geographic locations where Phone Kyar Shin and his associates once wield influence from 11 August to 24 October

undertaken on 11 August 2009, our security forces found illegally imported 200 gallons of Sulphuric acid and 75.38 gallons of Acetone, liquid chemicals inside the seized factory owned by Phone Kyar Shin and his three associates.

members of our police force were detained as hostage and killed, we have confiscated one ATS tablet manufacturing machine, 12 iron rods with WY mark moulds, another 12 iron rods without any marking moulds, 10 tablet pounding iron jars, a flat based glass steamer and 122400 numbers of 2 cc ampoules that contain ephedrine hydrochloride. The solution in ampoules is medicine used as nasal drop. However, the test showed that ephedrine hydrochloride is contained in it and used to produce ATS. This demonstrates that these groups are manufacturing ATS tablets using all available means and methods.

On 3 September, our joint team managed

mine, 196 kilos of ephedrine, 104 gallons of acid and 0.44 gallon of chemical liquid were seized at Kokang national Yan Hsi Shin's house who escaped in Tai-Kyar-Kyaing village of Laukai.

Additionally, another 149 gallons of acid were found inside the residence of Phone Kyar Shin at Yan-lon-kyaing village on 6 September 2009.

On 14 September, 5,310,000 tablets of methamphetamine, 336 kilos of ephedrine and 83 kilos of  $\beta$  stimulant powder were also seized in a cave near Yan-shin village.

On 15 September, 5740 tablets of methamphetamine, ICE 190 grams and 100 numbers of hydrogen gas containers that used for production of drugs were seized

dence at Zarmani new town ward, Laukai.

Another 43.95 gallons of liquid chemicals were found at the residences of absconder Phone Tar Shwin, son of Phon Kyar Shin, in Si Aw village, Laukai area on 17 September.

On 17 September, our security forces also seized 3,962,500 tablets of stimulant, 547.02 kilos of ephedrine, 16 kilos of caffeine, 600 tablets of pseudo-ephedrine and 44 kilos sodium hydroxide crystal and 20 gallons of acid on the hill at the south of Yin-Khin village.

In the follow up raids on narcotic drugs, ATS and liquid chemicals, additional 50 kilos of ephedrine, 55 kilos of chemical powder, 223 gallons of different kinds of

Laukai, who is a brother of Phone Kyar Shin and in hiding.

On 19 September, our security force seized a machine that used to produce stimulant, 38 iron rod moulds, 2 cylinder containers at a store owned by Phone Kyar Kyain @ Phone Chi, youngest brother of Phone Kyar Shin who absconded; and 1.27 gallons of Chloroform, 5.49 gallons of thionylchloride, 12.74 gallons of acetone, 3.51 gallons of ether, 38.8 gallons of hydrochloric acid and 4.4 gallons of phosphoric acid in a garden beside of his house.

There are 10 different cases of ATS and chemical seizures at houses owned by U Phone Kyar Shin and his family and 7 cases of liquid



**Diplomats of foreign embassies, resident representatives from UN agencies, officials and local and foreign journalists observe seized drugs.—MNA**

2009. You can observe detail of incidents through Power Point Slides and recorded photos that are displaying outside.

I will highlight some significant cases of those incidents.

During the search

On 28 August 2009, law enforcement officers seized 0.32 kilos of caffeine at U Phone Tar Shwin's house in Mandalay.

On 29 August 2009, from inside the Kokang detention building where

to confiscate 3,000 WY brand psychotropic tablets from the residence of U Phone Kyar Phu in Si Aw village, Laukai township where Kokang Army Headquarters is situated. On the same day, 15,440 tablets of methampheta-

at a house of absconder Phone Wai Yan @ Phone An @ Maung Maung Lwin, nephew of U Phone Kyar Shin.

On 16 September, 0.47 kilos of ATS powder and 0.13 kilos of heroin at U Phone Kyar Shin's resi-

acid, 994 gallons of liquid chemical and instruments used in manufacturing ATS were found and confiscated by our security forces on 17 September 2009 from the residence of Phone Kyar Hua (a) Phone Lu at ward No-3,

chemical seizures at Si Aw village where Kokang army headquarters is situated.

A review of the incidences will show that the 4 absconders, including Phone Kyar Shin, (See page 11)



**Diplomats of foreign embassies, resident representatives from UN agencies, officials and local and foreign journalists observe seized drugs.—MNA**



Seized chemicals to be destroyed.—MNA

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together with their armed followers of Kokang army are either manufacturing narcotic drugs and ATS tablets themselves and have allowed narcotic drug and ATS production at their own residences, buildings and neighboring areas.

The following are the types and amount of narcotic drugs, ATS, precursor chemicals and related instruments seized in 50 cases in the region during the period from 11 August to 24 October 2009 in Laukai area close to these groups:

ATS tablets	11,944,837	tablets
ICE	0.44	kilos.
Heroin	0.13	kilos.
Opium	0.899	kilos.
Ketamine Powder	83	kilos.
5 kinds of acids	6814	litres.
Acid powder	23.24	kilos.
Ephedrine tablets	7,965,200	tablets
Ephedrine	246	kilos.
Pseudo-Ephedrine tablets	64000	tablets
Ephedrine contained liquid	124707	nos
Caffeine	45	kilos.
Thionyle Chlorine	568	litres
Ether	3076.50	litres
Acetone	7056	litres
Alcohol	680	litres
Ethyl Alcohol	2161	litres
Chloroform	5979	litres
Sodium Hydroxide crystal	200	kilos
Ammonium Chloride	45	kilos
Bone charcoal	3079.4	kilos
Bags of Poppy bulb	231	nos
Other related equipments	33	items

A total of more than (11.9) millions ATS tablets seized during two-month period is found to have exceeded the total amount seized during the period from 1 January to end August 2009, which is (8.4) million tablets.

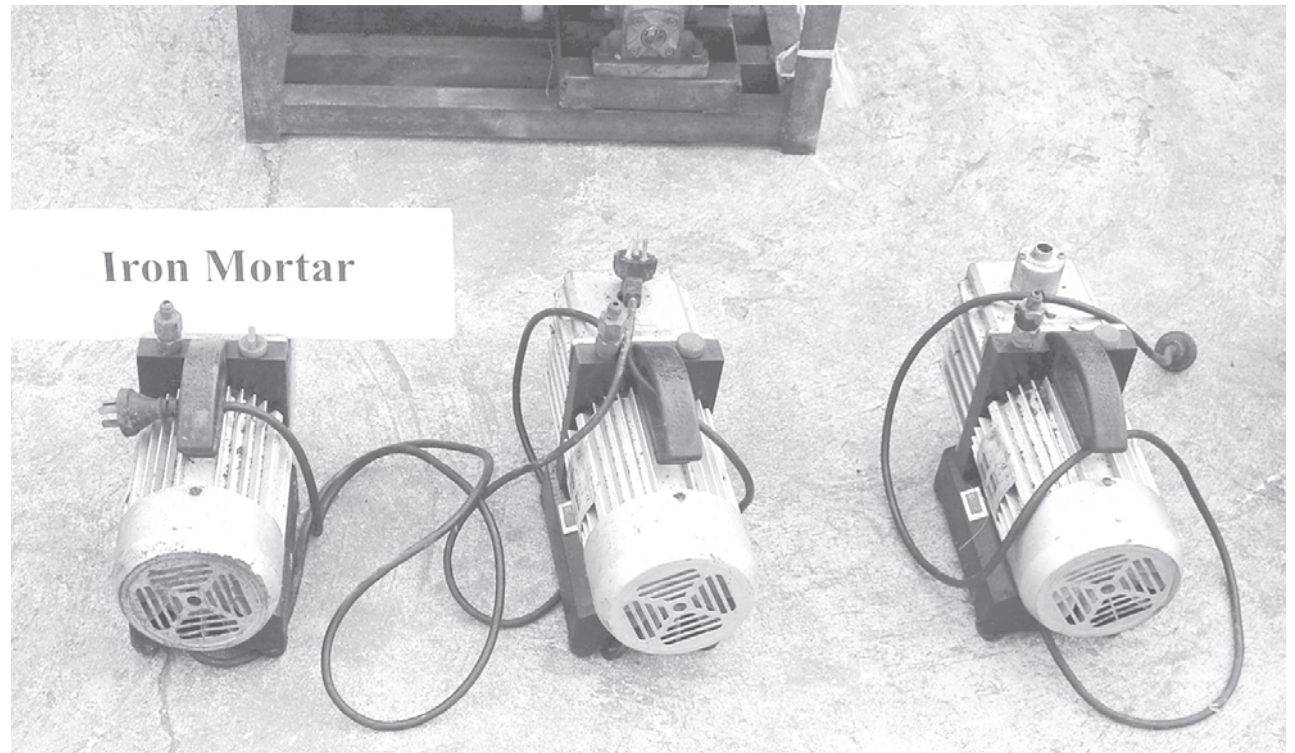
I would also like to inform that the total values of drugs, chemicals and related equipment going to be destroyed is over 20 billion kyats (over US\$ 20 million).

Myanmar Government, in her efforts to eliminate the illicit drugs as a national cause with her own resources, laid down the 2 strategies and 3 tactics, and has launched a 15-year drug elimination plan from

1999 to 2014 following with the guideline of the Head of State. Since this is the final year of the 2nd 5-year phase of the plan we can say efforts to eliminate narcotic drugs have gained achievement to a certain extent.

The Government is scaling up not only drug supply elimination and law enforcement but also demand elimination to be in line with UNODC's theme "No individual, family or community is safe where illicit drugs take control" through preventive education, drug treatment and rehabilitation.

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Iron Mortars used in producing narcotic drugs.—MNA



Seized chemicals to be destroyed.—MNA



**Chemicals and paraphernalia.—MNA**

**State will carry on fight...**

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The Government, in accordance with drug control strategies, strives the development of border areas and livelihood of national races; and elimination of poppy cultivation. The Government has spent 288.753 billion kyats for the development of border areas including this Laukai area from 1989 to the end of September 2009.

Kokang region, since 1989 after signing peace agreement with the State, have worked closely with Government in developing Laukai area. They also opted to combat the menace of narcotic drugs and in 2003, announced publicly that they have abandoned poppy cultivation. Just before that since 2002, they have opened a museum in commemoration of eliminating narcotic drugs.

However, the amount of narcotic drugs, ATS, precursor chemicals and related instruments sized within a very

short time frame in Laukai area evident to the fact that, while the State is actively engaged in combating the threat of narcotic drugs as a national cause with sincere intentions to benefit its national races, these people took advantage of the State's goodwill.

It is revealed that U Phone Kyar Shin and his associates were disloyal to the Government and local people; and not only committed themselves but also permitted their associates the production and trafficking of ATS within the region freely and openly like a Mafia gang; and also treated competitors with vengeance ruthlessly.

In conclusion, the State will carry on fight against the illicit production, and traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in cooperation with sincere local Kokang people and Kokang troops who oppose bad manners and against drug menace within this Kokang region, an area which has been—

for an extended period—under the influence of U Phone Kyar Shin and 3 associates. On the other hand, we will continue to maintain peace and stability, law and order and enhance the development of this Kokang region and make every effort to achieve the 15-year Drugs Elimination Plan with added momentum.

Next, the Vice-Chairman of Kokang Special Region-1 Provisional Leading Committee U Lu Kwe Shee explained the condition of the region.

The ambassadors, and those present inspected in details the drugs to destroy by seating fire.

Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong, Brig-Gen Khin Yi and the Chairman of Kokang Special Region-1 Provisional Leading Committee U Pe Sauk Chain set fire the narcotic drugs and the ceremony came to a close at 12:30 pm.

The drugs and chemicals destroyed today were 11944837 stimulant tablets, 0.44 kilo of ICE, 0.13 kilo of heroin, 0.899 kilo of

opium, 83 kilos of ketamine powder, 6814 litres of five kinds of acid, 23.24 kilos of acid powder, 7965200 Ephedrine tablets, 246 kilos of Ephedrine powder, 64000 Pseudo-ephedrine capsules, 124,707 two-

dium hydroxide crystals, 45 kilos of ammonium chloride, 3079.4 kilos of bone charcoal, 231 bags of puppy bulbs, and 33 different other types of related items.

The value of narcotic drugs, chemicals

MPF Chief Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and officials, viewed by car progress, stability and peace of Laukkai, activi-



**Ambassadors, representatives from UN agencies, Chairman and members of Kokang Special Region (1), departmental officials and journalists at the ceremony.—MNA**

CC bottles of Ephedrine liquid, 45 kilos of caffeine, 568 liters of Thyonyle chloride, 3076.50 liters of ether, 7056 liters of acetone, 680 liters of spirit, 2161 liters of ethyl alcohol, 5979 liters of chloroform, 200 kilos of so-

and related items destroyed at the ceremony are over 20 billion kyats or over 20 million US dollars.

The foreign diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies and responsible persons, accompanied by

ties of local people, stores and hotels.

Next, they observed Yan-lon-kyaing Myanmar-China border checkpoint and posed for group photos. They left Laukkai in the afternoon.

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**Poppy bulbs.—MNA**



**Stimulant Tablets.—MNA**

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**Venezuela, Brazil sign  
cooperation agreements**

CARACAS, 31 Oct—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his visiting Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva signed 15 cooperation agreements on Friday during a trimestral meeting in Venezuela's Anzoategui state.

Some of the agreements were related to joint feasibility studies for hydrocarbons development in Mara Oeste and La Sibucarain Venezuela's Zulia state, according to the *Bolivarian News Agency (ABN)*.

The two leaders agreed to wrap up negotiations on relevant affairs between Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA)

and Brazil's Petrobras.

Meanwhile, PDVSA signed an agreement with Norberto Odebrecht Constructor to create the company Convenpro, which will be in charge of developing the Deep Conversion project in Puerto La Cruz Refinery.

Also, state-owned Venezuelan Pequiven and Brazilian Braskem signed a memorandum of understanding to implement petrol-chemical facilities in Camazari, in the Brazilian state of Bahia.

Regarding technology, Chavez and Lula signed two agreements to ease the recovery of two hotel complexes in the Venezuelan state of Vargas, north of Caracas.

The two presidents also signed agreements on food, sports and health cooperation.

*Xinhua*

**Colombian  
police deactivate  
guerilla bomb**

BOGOTA, 31 Oct—Colombian police on Thursday deactivated a bomb placed by guerilla of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) in front of a supermarket in Neiva city, south of the country.

Colonel Flavio Mesa, police commander of Huila department, said a person told the police that the FARC was planning to place a bomb, and this information helped the police capture a suspected guerilla at the moment he was placing the bomb.

"The detainee is from San Vicente del Caguan locality. This terrorist is a militia and an active member of the mobile column 'Teofilo Forero' of the FARC," Mesa said. The bomb, deactivated after the suspect's detention, was made with 40 kg of ammonal and ammonium nitrate, and had a destruction capacity of 200 meters around it, the police said. — *Xinhua*



Workers are seen constructing a section of a new road in Mumbai. Thousands of foreign workers in India face a deadline on Saturday to be out of the country in a visa clampdown aimed at cracking down on tax-dodging expats and unskilled labour.—INTERNET

**Garuda Indonesia's plane conducts  
emergency landing**

JAKARTA, 31 Oct—A plane belonging to Garuda Indonesia, the biggest airline operator in the country, conducted an emergency landing on the way to Aceh Province, the private radio station *Elshinta* reported here on Friday.

According to Eddy Suryadi, an official at the Soekarno-Hatta International Airport, one of the plane's wheels was de-

tached and fell to the ground, forcing it to go back to the airport. "There is no casualty in the accident because the wheel fell on an open area," he told the radio, adding that it happened when the plane was 500 feet in air.

The report said, quoting Eddy, that it was the inner left wheel so the plane could still land safely even though it was a little bit

shaky. The accident was caused by loosened nuts on the wheel, the report said. According to Eddy, passengers were transferred to another plane so they could resume their journey. — *Xinhua*

**Wind energy  
loads Western  
power grid**

PORTLAND, 31 Oct—Aging transmission lines and power stations in western US states are loaded to the limit with power from wind turbines, authorities said.

Future wind projects mean the region's electrical grid must be expanded, which won't be without controversy, said Brent Fenty, who heads the Oregon Natural Desert Association, which is tracking transmission proposals.

"There's no question that we are changing the face of the state right now. And the important part is that we do that in a way that is responsible and reflects our values," Fenty told *The (Portland) Oregonian*. Hundreds more wind turbine projects are planned for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, most of them on private land. New power lines to carry that energy, however, must be built on public lands and carry a long-term impact, said Erik Fernandez, spokesman for the group Oregon Wild.—*Internet*

*Foreign pupils  
make pumpkin  
light at Fangcaodi  
International  
School in Beijing,  
on 30 Oct, 2009.  
Pupils were  
getting together to  
celebrate the  
traditional West-  
ern Holiday of  
Halloween, which  
falls on Satur-  
day.—XINHUA*



**Donate  
Blood**



Costa Rican President Oscar Arias (2nd L) attends a welcoming ceremony hosted by Panamanian first Vice President and Foreign Minister Juan Carlos Varela (2nd R) in Panama City, capital of Panama, on 29 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

**Panama, Costa Rica sign  
cooperation agreement**

PANAMA CITY, 31 Oct—Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli and his Costa Rican counterpart Oscar Arias on Thursday signed a bilateral cooperation agreement to boost ties. The two leaders pledged to deepen and expand political and social dialogue on bilateral and international issues of mutual interest, the commercial ties, and cultural exchanges to achieve integration between the two countries.

Martinelli said the partnership will bring great benefits to both countries and their peoples. Arias said Costa Rica and Panama are united with this agreement because they share the values of democracy, freedom and political pluralism.

"This agreement will expand our cooperation from economy to other areas where there are long ways to go and we are going to do it," Arias said after signing the document. According to Arias, the ties between the two countries have been transparent and fraternal, because they are based on mutual trust and the pursuit of common welfare for both countries.

*Xinhua*

# SPORTS

## Marta and Cristiane celebrate FIFA's nomination to MVP

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 Oct—Two of Brazil's best products of women's soccer, Marta and Cristiane, were nominated on Friday by FIFA to compete for the award of the world's most valuable female soccer player. Marta looks to win her fourth straight title.

Both Marta and Cristiane are members of the first ever women's Libertadores Cup title, winning the championship with Santos. The two athletes, also members of the Brazilian national soccer team, will be up against eight other candidates from throughout the globe. "I am thrilled to be able to participate once again in the nomination. I hope that I was able to catch the attention of the members of the commission during my performance in the United States as well as with my participation in winning the Libertadores Cup with Santos," declared Marta.—Xinhua

## Ronaldo, Messi on FIFA player of the year list

ZURICH, 31 Oct—Real Madrid winger Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona forward Lionel Messi are on a 23-player shortlist for this year's FIFA player of the



Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo poses during a photocall in Madrid on 29 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

year award. Other contenders include Barcelona teammates Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Andres Iniesta, Xavi Hernandez, Carlos Puyol and Thierry Henry. Samuel Eto'o, who won the Champions League title with Barcelona before moving to Inter Milan, is also on the list.

Champions League runner-up Manchester United is represented by Wayne Rooney. Ronaldo, last year's winner, left United in the offseason and is joined by Madrid teammates Iker Casillas and Kaka. Brazil forward Marta won the last women's awards and has been nominated again. The award ceremony is scheduled for 21 Dec in Zurich.—Internet

## 3rd Asian Indoor Games opens in Vietnam

HANOI, 31 Oct—The 3rd Asian Indoor Games (AIG) opened in Hanoi on Friday, with participation of athletes from 43 countries and regions. Vietnamese President Nguyen Minh Triet announced the official opening of the games.

Delivering a speech at the opening ceremony, President of the Olympic Council of Asia Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah said that he expected athletes could perform to their best at

the AIG and demonstrate sports friendship. Hoang Tuan Anh, minister of culture, sports and tourism of Vietnam said at the opening ceremony that he hoped the event could contribute to the solidarity, cooperation and development of Asia.

Xinhua

## Six Spaniards candidates to FIFA World Player

MADRID, 31 Oct—Six Spain's soccer players are among the 23 candidates for the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) World Player prize, FIFA sources said on Friday.

According to the sources, the Spaniard candidates are Casillas, Iniesta, Puyol, Xavi, Torres and Villa; and the winner will be announced during the 19th FIFA Gala of World Player to be hosted on Dec. 21 in Zurich, Switzerland.

Xinhua

## BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

(31-10-2009)

Arsenal	3 - 0	Tottenham
Bolton	0 - 4	Chelsea
Burnley	2 - 0	Hull City
Everton	1 - 1	Aston Villa
Fulham	3 - 1	Liverpool
Man Utd	2 - 0	Blackburn
Portsmouth	4 - 0	Wigan Athletic
		Stoke City 2 - 2
Wolves		
Sunderland	2 - 2	West Ham Utd



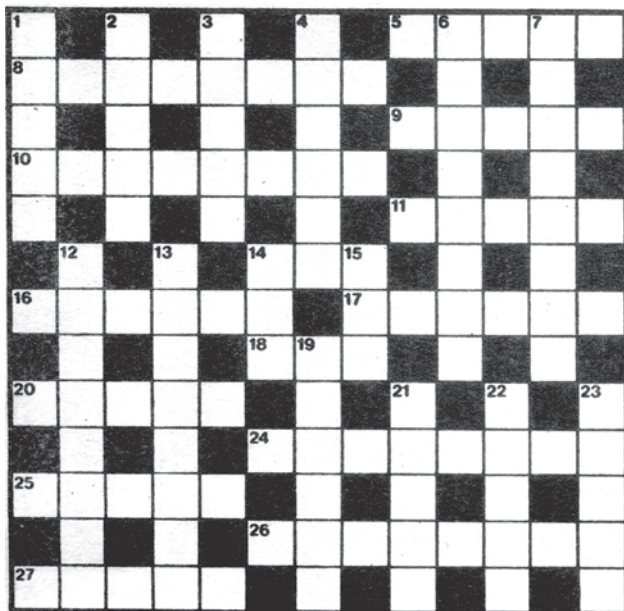
Cesc Fabregas scores Arsenal's second goal against Tottenham Hotspur.—INTERNET

## Arsenal 3-0 Tottenham Hotspur

LONDON, 31 Oct—Arsenal secured the bragging rights over north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur with a comprehensive victory. Spurs held out strongly for the first 42 minutes at the Emirates Stadium but then conceded twice in less than a minute.

Robin van Persie forced home the first from close range and then Cesc Fabregas stole the ball straight from kick-off and ran clean through to slot the second just 11 seconds after the re-start. Van Persie poached the third from close range on the hour and it could have been worse for Tottenham as Eduardo missed two golden chances after Nicklas Bendtner had gone off injured. Arsenal are now unbeaten in their last 20 meetings with their neighbours.—Internet

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 5 Purchaser
- 8 Greater part
- 9 Religious house
- 10 Sequestered
- 11 River of forgetfulness
- 14 Beast of burden
- 16 Easy gallop
- 17 Rectangular
- 18 Cry like a cat
- 20 Small fruit
- 24 Unerring
- 25 Slow mover
- 26 Small piece
- 27 Manoeuvres

### DOWN

- 1 Break up
- 2 Throw out
- 3 Dignified
- 4 Emphasis
- 6 Portable shelter
- 7 Large animal
- 12 Fatherly
- 13 Tiny tree (anag.)
- 14 Limb
- 15 Pig
- 19 Repeat performance
- 21 Elbow
- 22 Thin biscuit
- 23 Pier

## Clement shocks Tsonga in Lyon ATP

LYON, 31 Oct—Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Arnaud Clement shocked top seed and fellow



France's Arnaud Clement

Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (10/8) on Friday to reach the semi-finals of the Grand Prix de Tennis de Lyon ATP event here. Clement recovered from dropping the opening set as he edged a tough three-hour encounter, saving a match point in the tiebreak in the decider to book a meeting with Croatian third seed Ivan Ljubicic.

Internet

## H1N1 virus causes postponement of Spanish soccer match

MADRID, 31 Oct—The Spanish Football Federation on Friday cancelled Sunday's league match between Betis and Villarreal B because of an outbreak of the A/H1N1 virus in the Betis squad.

The Spanish Second Division club has 13 players infected with the A/H1N1 virus and has been unable to train for the past three days to prevent a spread of the disease.

The infected players are Sergio Garcia, Arzu, Sunny, Carlos Garcia, Nelson, Juande, Damia, Nano, Caffa, Pavone, Emana, Fernando Vega and Israel Bascon. Betis was relegated from the BBVA Primera Liga last season and is currently looking to gain promotion back to Spain's top flight. The match will now be placed at a later date.

Xinhua

## Race on in Italy to peg back Inter

ROME, 31 Oct—It will be a case of damage limitation this weekend for Inter Milan's Serie A title rivals.

The reigning four-in-a-row champions went four points clear of the pack on Thursday following a thrill-a-minute 5-3 win over Palermo. And the worry now for Inter's rivals and neutrals alike is that the gap could keep on growing if the leaders don't slip up soon.

Inter travel away to newly-promoted Livorno on Sunday in a game they will be expected to win comfortably, even if they do ring the changes to keep some players fresh ahead of a long trip to Ukraine to tackle Dynamo Kiev in midweek.

Internet



Inter Milan's Diego Milito (left) celebrates after scoring during their Serie A match against Palermo at San Siro Stadium in Milan, on 29 October.—INTERNET



A fisherman casts his net on the Tonle Sap river in Phnom Penh on 31 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

## Researchers ask how best to engineer the planet

MASSACHUSETTS, 31 Oct—A group of academics on Friday considered the ultimate engineering challenge: building machines to stabilize the earth's climate.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology convened a symposium here to discuss the potential benefits and pitfalls of geoengineering, also called climate engineering. Everything from shooting light-blocking particles into the atmosphere to "artificial trees" is being seriously studied, despite trepidation among researchers and opposition from others. During talks Friday morning, academics said climate engineering techniques are not well understood and, because of the complexity of the global climate system, individual approaches are pockmarked with uncertainties.

Still, speakers at the event said it's time to step up research in geoengineering to sort out which approaches are worth serious consideration. But they cautioned against expecting easy fixes or abandoning efforts to ratchet down the growth of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere.

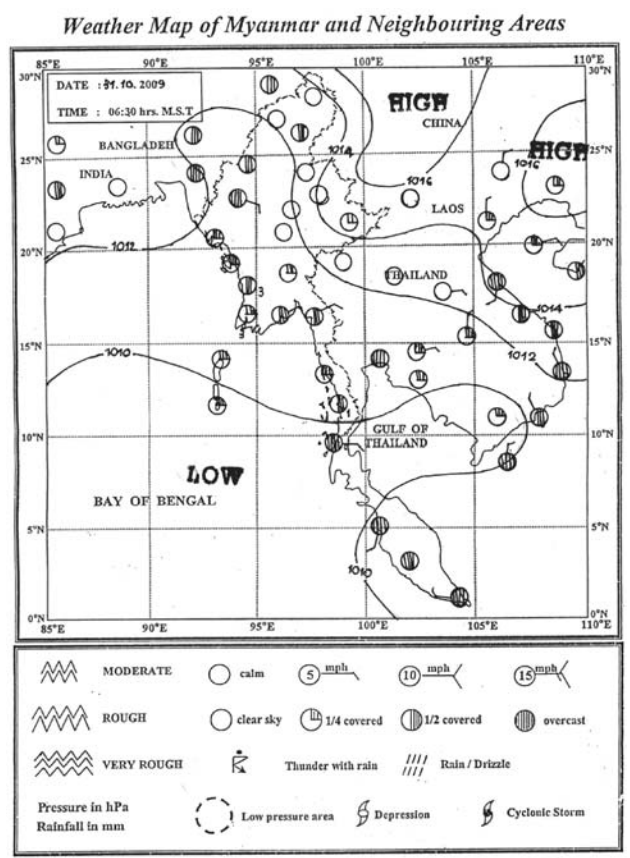
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### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (1-11-2009) (Sunday)

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

- Local Transmission**
- \* Signature Tune
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
  - \* Tazaungdaing Festival
  - \* Tazaungdaing Festival and Hot-air Balloon Competition, Taunggyi
  - \* Performing Arts Competitions and Theatrical Arts
  - \* Culture Stage
  - \* Jewelled Handiworks
  - \* Songs On Screen
  - \* Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part-I)
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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  - \* Songs On Screen
  - \* Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part-I)
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Travelogue (Inlay)
  - \* Beautiful Birthplace of the Ayeyawady
  - \* Conservation of Sea-turtles
  - \* Traditional Banana Shrine Art
  - \* Myanmar Modern Song
  - \* Amazing Sculpture Works of Poe-win Hill
  - \* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



## WEATHER

### Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered on Ayeyawady Division, isolated in Rakhine State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Zaungtu (0.23) inch, Hinthada (0.16) inch and Thandwe and Pathein (0.12) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 30-10-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 31-10-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-10-2009 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 30-10-2009 was (8.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-10-2009 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 (4) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 30-10-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009:** Except for rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Slight decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-11-2009:** Fair Weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-11-2009:** Partly cloudy.



**Sunday, 1 November**  
**View on today**

- 7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပဋိတော်
- 7:30 am**
2. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
3. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနယက အဖွဲ့(အဖွဲ့ဝင်)ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း၊ ဟင်္သာတမြို့၊ မိုးကောင်းကျောင်းတိုက် ပဓာနနာယက ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တသုဓမ္မစာရ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ)ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော "သာမညဗေ သုတ်အခါတော်နေ့"တရားတော်

- 8:05 am**
4. ဓမ္မပူဇော်တေးအစီအစဉ်
- 8:25 am**
5. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ
- 8:40 am**
6. International News
- 8:45 am**
7. Crossroads Cafe (Episode-2) (Growing Pains)
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
3. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း နိုင်ငံတကာသတင်းစဉ်
- 11:30 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၂)
- 12:30 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:45 pm**
6. "ဗိုလ်ချုပ်" (ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ရှုပ၊ မင်းသူ၊ သတ္တိမင်းညို၊ ဒိုင်းနင်းဝေ၊ ဇာနည်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သုမောင်)

- 1:45 pm**
7. "တိရစ္ဆာန်ဥယျာဉ်နေပြည်တော် သွားလိုက်ကြစို့တူပျော်ပျော်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 1:55 pm**
8. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 2:10 pm**
9. မြေလတ်ဒေသဆီ ရထားလမ်းဖွင့်မည်
- 2:20 pm**
10. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ
- 2:30 pm**
11. Dance of National Races
- 2:40 pm**
12. International News
- 3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဥဒယာယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း နှင့် မကွေး FC အသင်း)
- 5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report

- 6:20 pm**
5. အစဉ်အလာမပျက်ဆင်နွှဲ တောင်ကြီးမြို့ရဲ့ တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:40 pm**
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "လှပသောအပြောင်းအလဲ" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ စိုင်းနေခန့်၊ ခင်းစိုးပိုင်၊ အိချောပိုင်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင်(MMG)]
- 7:00 pm**
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
  9. International News
  10. Weather Report
  11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၅၆)
  12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေ့ဦးကဗျာချစ်သံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၈)
  13. သီတဂူဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ သာမညဗေလသုတ္တန်တရားတော်
  14. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်



- ★ 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

**State will carry on fight against illicit production, traffic in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances in cooperation with sincere local Kokang people and Kokang troops**

**Special Region-1, Shan State (North) witnesses destruction of over 20 mln US\$ worth narcotic drugs, chemicals**

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—A ceremony to destroy narcotic drugs and precursor chemicals seized in Kokang area, Special Region (1) of Shan State (North) was held in the compound of Kokang Region Drugs Elimination Museum this morning. Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug

Abuse Control and Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi and party, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and ambassadors, responsible persons from foreign embassies, Resident Coordinator of UN Mr Bishow Parajuli, resident repre-

sentatives and responsible persons from UN agencies, Chairman of Kokang Special Region-1 Provisional Leading Committee U Pe Sauk Chain and party, local and foreign correspondents, social organizations, guests and local people attended the ceremony. (See page 9)



*Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi and party and Dean of Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong set fire the seized narcotic drugs.—MNA*

