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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Nigerian President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — 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 Dr. Good Luck Ebele Jonathan, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2010.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Cypriot President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — 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. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2010.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye felicitates Chinese Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the 61st Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2010, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Personnel to try their utmost for soonest completion of fertilizer plant to meet fertilizer demand of the State



Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Patheingyi).
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept.—Accompanied by Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin

Maung Win, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, Prime Minister U Thein Sein viewed the scale model of No. 5 Fertilizer Plant Project (Patheingyi) at its briefing hall near Ohbo Village in Kangyidaunt

Township yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay reported on facts about the project, progress of (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 October, 2010

Towards a society for all ages

As the United Nations designated 1st October every year as the International Day of Older Persons, the commemorative ceremony has been observed yearly. The UN and the World Older Persons Care Group members are striving for providing more care to older persons and creating the opportunity for them to enjoy the social rights.

Due to improving biotechnology in the world today, the human beings enjoy longer life span. Moreover, emphasis is being placed on looking after the older persons who are increasing day by day.

In the traditions of Myanmar society, respect is paid to parents, grandpa, grandma and older persons. Myanmar households give due regards to the parents and older persons and provide best of care to them with loving-kindness. In response, the older persons give advice for family and economic affairs to help build the peaceful and tranquil society.

In Myanmar, homes for the aged have been established for older persons for over 90 years. The homes for the aged are voluntarily providing care to the older persons without offsprings. At present, a total of 65 Homes for the Aged throughout the country are fulfilling health, accommodation and food requirements of the older persons.

Annual observing of the International Day of Older Persons is preserving the fine tradition of Myanmar society to be able to create peaceful days for the older persons and contributing to philanthropic work for helping them.

Caring the older persons is a noble philanthropic work. Older persons are being provided with basic social needs such as accommodation, clothes and food. Thus, social organizations and wellwishers joining hands with the government are to continuously make donations and provide care to the older persons with loving-kindness for creating better peaceful days for them.

Mini Thailand Exhibition 2010 kicks off



YANGON, 30 Sept—The Mini Thailand Exhibition 2010, jointly organized by Department of Export Promotion Group of Thailand, Sein Gay Har Co and Thai entrepreneurs, was held at Sein Gay Har Parami Centre in Hline Township this afternoon.

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

FM sends felicitations to Chinese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the 61st Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Commander meets servicemen of local battalions



Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung meets servicemen and family members at the local battalion in Patheingyi Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung on 27 September met servicemen and their families of local

battalions at the hall of local battalion in Patheingyi Township and presented cash assistance and stationery to them.

MNA

EP-1 Minister receives Thai guests



Mr Premchai Karnasuta of Italian-Thai Development Public Co Ltd of Thailand and party call on Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min at his office.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min received Mr Premchai Karnasuta of Italian-Thai Development Public Co Ltd of Thailand and party at his office here this morning.

They concentrated on co-operation in implementing projects.

MNA

Chairman of Liu De Sec Co Ltd of Thailand Mr Yingkiat Liu, Mr Ekgapoom of Phornthip Sports Wear Co Ltd and Directors U Maung Maung Win, U Aung Zaw Myint and Dr Htet Ko Ko of Sein Gay Har Co formally opened the exhibition.

Over 20 companies sell over 20 brands of products at special discount at the exhibition that will last up to 10 October.

The customers can receive lucky draw coupons whenever they buy goods worth K 20,000. As a special prize, the flight ticket on Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon will be included in the lucky draw programme.

Vocalists and magician will present performance to the visitors daily.

MNA



The scene of a suicide attack in Kandahar City. A suicide car bombing targeted a NATO military convoy near the Taliban's spiritual capital in Afghanistan on Thursday, killing and injuring a number of Afghans, police said.—INTERNET

Suicide car bomb attack rocks Kandahar in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 30 Sept—A suicide car bomb explosion rocked Taliban birthplace Kandahar in south Afghanistan on Thursday, killing one person and injuring 12 others, all are civilians, an army officer in the province said.

"It was a suicide car bomb apparently targeted NATO-led troops on the road leading to Kandahar airfield but left one civilian dead and injured 12 others," Mohammad

Haqai told *Xinhua*.

The suicide bomber was also killed in the blast, he added.

However, he emphasized that there were no casualties on side of foreign soldiers.

Spokesman of Kandahar provincial administration Zalmi Ayubi also confirmed the blast and described the car bomb explosion as suicide attack.

Today's explosion took place while joint

Afghan and NATO-led forces operations have been going on against Taliban militants in parts of Kandahar Province.

Taliban militants who have been fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taliban, has been experiencing Taliban-linked violent incidents over the past couple of years.

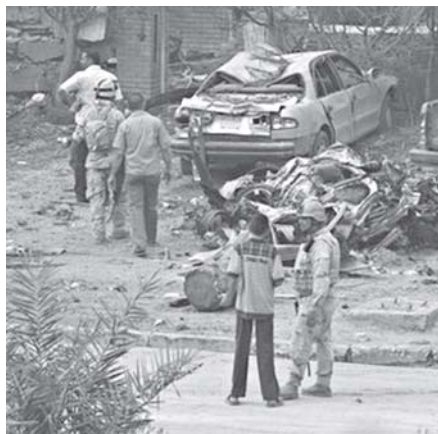
Xinhua

Two policemen, one civilian killed in Baghdad bank robbery

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—Two policemen and a civilian were killed and four others were wounded in a failed bank robbery in southern Baghdad on Thursday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The Iraqi security forces foiled the coordinated attack, preventing the armed robbers from entering the bank building or stealing any money, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Two groups of gunmen, before midday, attacked a branch of government-owned al-Rafidain Bank in a commercial street in Baghdad southern neighborhood of Baiyaa, with one group trying to storm the bank building and the other blowing up four bombs outside the bank and trading fire with the security forces, the source said.—*Xinhua*



An Iraqi woman walks past the wreckage of a suicide car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq recently. Two car bombs exploded during the morning rush hour killing and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET

Iraqis inspect the scene of a suicide car bomb targeting a crowded commercial area near an AsiaCell store, one of Iraq's biggest mobile phone providers in Baghdad, Iraq recently.

INTERNET

Three security personnel killed by NATO helicopters in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 Sept—At least three security personnel were killed as NATO helicopters struck at a check post in northwest Pakistan's tribal area on Thursday morning, reported local media *Express*. *Express* quoted security sources as saying that NATO helicopters crossed into Kurram tribal region from Afghanistan and hit a Pakistani border post.

It is the third NATO airstrike in Pakistani tribal region in a week. On 26 and 27 Sept, NATO helicopters shelled Pakistani areas and claimed killing of some 50 insurgents. A NATO spokesman in Afghanistan said this week that the airstrikes into Pakistan were carried out after the militants attacked a small Afghan security outpost near the border.

The spokesman justified the rare NATO strikes based on "the right of self-defence." Pakistan had strongly protested to ISAF/NATO on the two incidents of aerial engagements from Afghanistan.

Pakistan considers these incidents as clear violation and breach of the UN mandate under which ISAF operates, adding that its mandate "terminates/finishes" at the Afghanistan border. Pakistani Interior Minister Rehman Malik said that a high level meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday to consider the NATO violations.

Xinhua



An Afghan soldier wounded in a roadside bomb attack is evacuated aboard a helicopter of the "Dustoff" medevac team from 101st Airborne Division, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Shadow from a small military base in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan recently.

INTERNET



Taliban key commander captured in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 30 Sept—Police captured a key Taliban commander during an operation against militants in the northern Afghan Province of Kunduz, provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Syedkhili said Thursday.

"Our police captured a Taliban important commander Shamsudin alias Mullah Abu Bakr along with his bodyguard during an operation in Chardara District last night," Syedkhili told newsmen at a press conference.

With the arrest of Abu Bakr, the security situation in Chardara District would be further improved, the police chief said. He also emphasized that three more Taliban militants had been killed during operations elsewhere in Kunduz Province over the past 24 hours.

Taliban militants have yet to make any comment. Abu Bakr is the second significant Taliban commander who has been captured in Kunduz over the past one month.

Chardara district has been regarded as the stronghold of Taliban militants in Kunduz and the neighbouring Baghlan Province since the beginning of this year.

Xinhua

Blood stains near a teddy bear, belonging to an Iraqi girl, injured in a car bomb attack in Baghdad's Mansour neighbourhood, Iraq recently. Two car bombs exploded during the morning rush hour killing and wounding scores of people, police said.

INTERNET



Science

E-books may spur more kids to read

NEW YORK, 30 Sept—The amount of time children spend reading books for enjoyment decreases as they use cell phones and other mobile technology, but e-books might just bring them back to literature, according to a report released on Wednesday.

The study, which was conducted by educational and media company Scholastic and Harrison Group, a marketing and research consulting firm, also found parents are concerned that greater access to technology would limit time reading or with family. About 40 percent of parents believed that time spent online or on mobile devices would reduce time for books or engaging in physical activities. Thirty-three percent were concerned technology would lead to less time spent with family.

Reuters



This undated handout photo provided by BP, shows a Wave Glider, a new type of robotic boat measuring water quality and doing scientific research for BP. It is satellite controlled, gets its propulsion power from wave action, and uses solar power to run its scientific electronics.—INTERNET

Greens see red over nuclear power extension

BERLIN, 30 Sept—Going against massive public opposition, the German cabinet on Tuesday gave the green light to extend the nation's use of nuclear power. Hailing the move earlier as a "revolution," Chancellor Angela Merkel claimed that nuclear power will serve as a "bridge technology," in order to give Germany more time to expand its production of renewable energy sources. But it could also give Merkel a headache, as the proposed extension sets the government on a collision course with political parties, environmental groups and the public.

If the proposal is approved by the German legislature, the operating life of Germany's 17 nuclear reactors would be extended by an average of 12 years beyond its originally planned phase-out.—Internet

US researchers find first potentially habitable exoplanet

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—A team of planet hunters announced Wednesday the discovery of a planet orbiting a nearby star at a distance that places it squarely in the middle of the star's "habitable zone."

Steven Vogt, professor of astronomy and astrophysics at University of California Santa Cruz, and Paul Butler of the Carnegie

Institution lead the research. The team's new findings are reported in a paper to be published in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

The new planet designated Gliese 581g, located 20 light years away from Earth in the constellation Libra, has a mass three to four times that of Earth and orbits its star in just under 37 days. Its mass indicates that it is probably a rocky

planet with a definite surface and enough gravity to hold on to an atmosphere. The planet is tidally locked to the star, meaning that one side is always facing the star and basking in perpetual daylight, while the side facing away from the star is in perpetual darkness. One effect of this is to stabilize the planet's surface climates, according to Vogt.

Internet

Photo taken on 29 Sept, 2010 shows scientists examine the fueling system for the Long March CZ-3C rocket, which will boost Chang'e II to a trans-lunar orbit, in Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Xichang, southwest China's Sichuan Province. China will launch its second lunar probe, Chang'e II, at an appropriate time between 1 and 3 Oct, the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre announced Wednesday.

XINHUA



Technology

Seismic for iPhone gets an iOS 4 makeover

UNITED KINGDOM, 30 Sept—Seismic has released a new update for its iPhone app, bringing some much-needed iOS features and UI updates to the iPhone version of the social platform.

The updated version of Seismic for iPhone adds a few new features to the mix. The biggest change is support for Retina Display in iOS 4. It brings tweets into sharper focus on iPhone 4 and the new iPod touches. Seismic also finally supports multitasking, which lets the app run in the background and quick-launch from the multitasking menu.

The app also makes some UI improvements. Loading new tweets used to require clicking the refresh button, but now Seismic for iPhone supports the very popular

"pull-down to refresh" interface that Twitter for iPhone (formerly Tweetie) popularized. A new threaded conversation view for @replies and direct messages has also been included in the updated app. The app adds Twitter List support as well, specifically the ability to add friends to lists.

Internet



Panasonic robot development engineer Tohru Nakamura displays the new robot hairwasher, which scans a client's head using 3D technology, then shampoos their hair and massages the scalp with its rubbery "fingers".

INTERNET

Remote Hawaii atoll corals suffer some bleaching

HONOLULU, 30 Sept—Corals at remote atolls northwest of the main Hawaiian islands suffered some bleaching this summer as ocean temperatures rose to higher-than-normal levels for a couple of weeks, but they were spared the large-scale mass bleaching observed this year in Indonesia and other parts of Southeast Asia, scientists said Wednesday.

Corals appear white or "bleached" when the ocean becomes too hot and they expel the algae they rely on to survive. Corals may recover if the algae returns, but they're still significantly weaker and more vulnerable to disease.

Thirty percent of the Kure atoll reef and one-fifth of the Pearl and Hermes atoll reef bleached, according to scientists who spent the past month on a research cruise in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Corals at other atolls inside the monument were unaffected.

"There were certain areas where the bleaching was kind of severe, where it was just a white carpet essentially," said Peter Vroom, chief scientist of the cruise, which returned to Oahu on Wednesday.—Internet

Google gives Gmail users more control over inboxes

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 Sept—Google Inc. is addressing one of the biggest complaints about its free e-mail service by giving people more control over how their inboxes are organized.

The new option announced Wednesday will allow Gmail users to choose whether they prefer their incoming messages stacked in chronological order, instead of having them threaded together as part of

the same electronic conversation.

Gmail has been automatically grouping messages by topic or senders since Google rolled out the service six years ago.

But this so-called "conversation view" confused or frustrated many Gmail users who had grown accustomed to seeing all their newest messages at the top of the inbox followed by the older correspondence. After all, that's how most other e-mail programs work.

The complaints grew loud enough to persuade Google to revise the Gmail settings so users can turn off conversation view and unravel their messages.

"We really hoped everyone would learn to love conversation view, but we came to realize that it's just not right for some people," Google software engineer Doug Chen wrote in a Wednesday blog post.

The aversion to conversation view doesn't seem to be widespread.

Internet

Wealthy shoppers send text messages in a Manila shopping mall. The Philippines government has said that it would now be able to investigate the offshore bank accounts of Filipinos as the government tries to clamp down on tax cheats.—INTERNET



Health



A firefighter walks through rubble of the twin towers of the World Trade Center as a US flag hangs from a traffic light post on September, 11 2001 in New York.

The US House of Representatives has approved legislation covering health care costs for rescue workers and volunteers sickened by working in the aftermath of the attack sites.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Pack a first aid kit

A first aid kit may come in handy when you're traveling, so stash one in your car or bag before you leave home.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention suggests what to include in your kit:

- * A reference card that includes first aid instructions.
- * A few basics, such as an ace bandage, gauze, tweezers, scissors, antiseptic and cotton-tipped swabs.
- * Moleskin to put on blisters.
- * Aloe vera gel for sunburn.
- * A digital thermometer.
- * Packets of oral rehydration solution.
- * A copy of your health insurance card.—Internet

Study reignites controversy on breast cancer screening

BEIJING, 30 Sept— A new study on mammograms finds breast cancer screening can lower the risk of dying from the disease for women in their 40s. This once again provokes controversy over who should receive mammograms and when.

The study, conducted in Sweden and published online Wednesday, found that starting women on mammography at age 40 instead of age 50 was associated with a 26 percent reduction in risk of death from breast cancer. That means screening 1,250 women five times over a 10-year period would save one life, study author Hakan Jonsson said during a teleconference.

However, the new findings are unlikely to do much to quell a controversy that has long existed over the value of mammography screenings for women in their 40s.

A year ago, an influential panel of US science advisers recommended against routine screening before age 50. The scientists said the benefits were so small and potential problems from screening so great that the decision should be left to each woman and her doctor.

And just a week ago, another study in Norway found that screening mammography contributed only a 10 percent reduction in mortality, which is less than has been believed.

Dr Jennifer Obel, chair of the American Society of Clinical Oncology's communications committee, said "The real message is that any time we order a diagnostic test, we need to discuss that test with our patients. It remains the best method we have available to detect breast cancer early in the general population."—Xinhua



Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is not due to bad parenting or too much sugar in the diet but heredity, a new study has found. Children with ADHD find it difficult to focus and can be disruptive and uncontrollable both at home and at school.—INTERNET

Vietnam reports blue ear disease in two more localities

HANOI, 30 Sept— Vietnam reported blue ear disease in the country's central province of Phu Yen and southern province of Ninh Thuan, bringing total localities affected by the disease to 32, said a report of the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Wednesday. Blue ear disease appeared in 34 households of 11 communes of Ninh Thuan with 324 infected pigs. Of the total, 72 pigs died or were destroyed, said the department.

In Phu Yen, 125 pigs in one household became infected with the disease and were destroyed.

Internet

Business

Philippines' 3rd largest airline unveils expansion plan

MANILA, 30 Sept— Lucio Tan-led Air Philippines, ranking the third in the Philippines, plans to open more new air routes by expanding its aircraft fleet to compete in the country's competitive aviation industry, the company said Thursday.

Air Philippines CEO Cesar Chiong said the company planned to increase its Airbus A320 aircraft from just three to 18 by 2012 and add more domestic and regional routes. The airline will fly to its first regional destination, Singapore, later this month, using its brand new 180-seater A320, which was delivered earlier this week. "We're looking at destinations like the Republic of Korea, Bangkok and maybe Hong Kong," Chiong said.

Domestic routes like Vigan and Marinduque are also in the company's radar screen. By the end of the year, Chiong said, the company expects to have six new A320s. Another six will arrive next year while the rest will come in 2012. Air Philippines' first two A320s given to it by sister company Philippine Airlines (PAL).

Xinhua



The BHP Billiton logo is seen at the company's Melbourne headquarters. China's Sinochem Group is struggling to mount a rival offer to thwart BHP Billiton's hostile 40 billion US dollar takeover bid for Canada's Potash Corp, a report said Thursday.

INTERNET

China establishes new automaker for "Beijing" brand automobiles

BEIJING, 30 Sept— A new automaker, established Tuesday, plans to manufacture and sell automobiles under the brand name "Beijing", company management said Wednesday.

BAIC Motor, jointly funded by Beijing Automotive Group (BAIC Group), the Beijing State-owned Assets Management Co and four other companies and organizations, has total assets of more than 10 billion yuan (about 1.5 billion US dollars), said Han Yonggui, deputy general manager of

BAIC Group.

Records show BAIC Group holds 51 percent of the company's share.

The new company plans to build sedans, SUVs, new energy vehicles and electric vehicles branded "Beijing", with an output of 700,000 autos in five years.

The first Beijing sedans and jeeps will be manufactured by the end of 2010 and brought to the market in 2011, said officials.

Internet

Oil hovers below \$78 after US crude supply drop

SINGAPORE, 30 Sept— Oil prices hovered below \$78 a barrel Thursday in Asia after strong gains the previous day on a drop in US crude supplies, a sign demand may be improving.

Benchmark crude for November delivery was down 2 cents to \$77.84 a barrel at late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained \$1.20 to settle at \$77.86 on Wednesday. The Energy Department said commercial crude inventories decreased by 500,000 barrels to 357.9 million barrels, while analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos, had forecast an increase of 2.2 million barrels. The total was about 5.7 percent above year-ago levels. Crude in storage had increased in recent weeks, dashing investor hopes that demand would rebound as the US economy recovers from last year's recession. Some analysts expect robust demand growth in emerging economies will help offset sluggish consumption in developed countries.

Internet

The state bailout of Anglo Irish Bank stands at about 29.3 billion euros, and the nationalised lender could need an extra 5.0 billion euros under a worst-case scenario, the Central Bank said Thursday.

INTERNET



Democracy and Peace Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Chairman U Aung Than of Democracy and Peace Party presented the party's policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 30 September.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-



Esteemed people

I am U Aung Than, Chairman of Democracy and Peace Party. I wish physical and mental well-being of the people.

Esteemed people,

I would like to present our party's policy, stance and work programmes in five parts. They are:

1. Emergence of our Democracy and Peace Party
2. Concept, programme and task of our party
3. Attitude of our party on the election and participation in it
4. Rights of eligible voters
5. Request to cast votes for representatives of Democracy and Peace Party

The Democracy and Peace Party was reformed by those upholding the cardinal virtue and the programme and tasks based on the cardinal virtue, adopted by former Patron of League for Democracy and Peace U Nu (Thakhin Nu) and Chairman Thirty Comrade Bohmu Aung, as the democratization process in the Union of Myanmar.

Esteemed people,

I would like to make a brief clarification on "Democratization process based on cardinal virtue" or "Cardinal virtue and democratic spirit" of the Democracy and Peace Party.

As the human beings created a favourite doctrine at first, the sympathy based on loving kindness was the earliest choice in the world.

A human society needs the cardinal virtue most for perpetual existence of democracy, democratic system, democratic structure, democratic organization and democratic process.

I would like to further explain that some persons think cardinal virtue is a Buddhism concern, but it is not true.

Actually, cardinal virtue is a humanism regardless of religion, race and culture. It is the best policy in the social relations.

The Democracy and Peace Party totally believes that not only Myanmar people but also the global people should be steered by the loving-kindness or cardinal virtue.

Esteemed people,

The programmes adopted by our Democracy and Peace Party are as follows:-

- Democracy and Peace sector

The forthcoming government of the Union that will emerge after the election to systematically hold the Union Conference with the participation of all national races and political forces and building peace and political stability;

To introduce genuine democracy and system in

the peaceful and stable political environment while patiently building democratic structures, creating democratic organizations and realizing democratic practices, enabling all the citizens to enjoy the rights of equal term under law and maintaining the concept that no one is above the law.

- Tatmadaw sector

We shall strive for ensuring emergence of modern and young Tatmadaw, the Tatmadaw which safeguards the State and the people, and the Tatmadaw to be one with the people.

- State personnel sector

We will try our best for enabling the State service personnel to enjoy suitable promotion from their first steps to the highest ones in the service organization;

The salary and rations of the staff must be in conformity with the economic and financial situations of the current periods;

The retired personnel have to get pension salaries in accordance with the changes of economic and financial situations.

- Health sector

We shall place emphasis on fulfilling the hospitals and clinics of the government with modern medical equipment and medicines for giving reliable services to the people, and we shall give permits to the operating of private health care services systematically.

- Monetary affairs sector

We will promulgate necessary laws to be able to realize the monetary system in conformity with the market-oriented economic system and to be able to circulate the currency notes with full guarantee.

- Legal sector

We will try hard to enact the laws for enabling all the citizens to enjoy the human rights included in the UN Charter.

- Education sector

We will implement the plans to practise the education system for all citizens of their choice, to adopt a long-term education policy that can turn out well-versed intellectuals and intelligentsia; and

We will strive for emergence of a National Level Education Council formed with scholars and experts.

- Economic sector

During the period when the market-oriented economic system will be realized, persons with large capitals will set up companies and joint ventures. But, our party will form the social economic associations for those without capital and those with less capital and create the opportunity for those to be able to realize the market-oriented economic system.

- Agriculture sector

It is necessary to establish association for promotion of socio-economic status of farmers with the shares and capital of farmers at the first in villages.

It is required to set up rural banks. We shall try to promulgate laws necessary to transform the association into village-owned bank.

- Production

We shall try to set up association for promotion of socio-economic status for workers. We shall try to encourage the association to play an important role in the market in which commodity price is controlled by the market.

We shall make efforts for the vendors to form

such association and formation of such association from grassroots to central level.

-national races affairs

As all national races are Myanmar people, we shall try to give top priority to national unity on the basis that every Myanmar citizen has a right to enjoy equal rights.

Esteemed people

Our Democracy and Peace Party believes political worldly values such as nothing can be done without public support and election, and people are to choose their representatives in accord with proper ways and means through election.

We simply view 2008 Constitution as a requirement of Myanmar political history. We see that there is no way but to accept the real condition of Myanmar political affairs.

Thus, we simply believe that the 11/2010 election to be held in line with the constitution is a political mile post that all nationals of the Union unavoidably must pass or that it is a threshold of democratization process although it would not be final destination of democracy of the Myanmar human society. Based on this belief, the Democracy and Peace Party will stand for eight seats in Pyithu Hluttaw and one seat in Amyotha Hluttaw totaling nine seats in upcoming 11/2010 election.

Esteemed people,

All in all, may our Democracy and Peace Party request the people to cast a vote of loving-kindness and compassion in our favour.

As cardinal virtue of the democratization process of the Democracy and Peace Party is the most suitable way for democratic transition in Myanmar, the party's strong work programmes to be implemented through democratization process can achieve success, political outlook, organizational capability, education, experiences and loyalty to democracy of each of the party's candidates, on behalf of the Democracy and Peace Party, I would like to deeply request the people to recognize their qualification, experiences, loyalty and sacrifice and to pour out your hidden desires.

The upcoming elections, an occasion where people will have to express their sentiment, is the lifeblood for freedom and democracy. Only with strong desires and decisions of the entire people, will democracy flourish.

Only when the entire people are in unison, will democracy for all flourish. So, all voters are to enjoy their rights to vote. With regard to other constituencies including nine constituencies of our party, I would like to request the people to cast vote for the candidates of other democratic parties who are free from prejudice, personality cult and racism and have ability, like us, to realize democratization process, to build peace, to develop national economy and to consolidate the Union.

Thank you!

I wish the entire people physical and mental well beings!



Shan Nationalities Democratic Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Chairman of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party U Sai Aik Paung presented party's policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 30 September.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:—



First and foremost, I wish the entire national brethren auspiciousness, physical and mental well-being and no harm. I am Chairman U Sai Aik Paung of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party.

Esteemed national brethren,

I will give a brief account of our party's policy, stance and work programmes. I think the entire national brethren will get the theme of my presentation.

Shan Nationalities Democratic Party strongly believes that only when all national brethren have equal rights will it be possible to achieve the goal of building a modern, developed nation.

Ours is a multicultural country. So, different peoples have different languages, literatures, cultures and customs. To build unity among various national races calls for generosity, consideration, mutual understanding, loving-kindness and loyalty. But, armed conflicts, oppression, killing, destruction and bullying can lead to disintegration of the Union. So, we have to remain united to keep the Union free from such evil sufferings. And that is the major hindrance to our goal of democracy.

Our party's conviction is that only with free, independent and genuine democracy, the nation will be free from pernicious systems characterized by exploitation of man by man. And the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand tall with flourishing cardinal virtues, harmony, equality, development and cohesion of various national races in the world.

In order to achieve this goal, members of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party share common belief, hope and goal. We have formed our party representing all Shan nationals and all people in Shan State to help bring glory to the Union of Myanmar.

Esteemed national brethren,

Our party's policy is to stand as a force in

equipping the Union of Myanmar with justice, democracy, cardinal virtues, friendship of various national races and development lack pernicious systems characterized by exploitation of man by man.

Indeed, national brethren have been living in the Union sharing joys and sorrows since time immemorial. They joined hands in struggles to gain independence.

Only with national solidarity, will the Union enjoy development. And only when all national races enjoy equal development, will the Union earn good reputation. Conflicts, quarrels and attacks among national races can tarnish the image of the Union. So, there are no other ways but mutual respect and friendship among national races to build unity in the Union. So, our party will lay down work programmes with genuine goodwill, ardent and noble aims to ensure equal development between one national race and another in a bid to enable the Union of Myanmar to hold its head high.

Esteemed national brethren,

Our economic policy is to fulfill the basic needs of all national races and exercise the market economy to enable the nation keep abreast of other global partners. The market economy we are going to practise is to be in conformity with the world trade system. We will join hands with regional countries in exercising the market economy in the interest of the people.

Myanmar is an agro-based nation. So, only when the agricultural sector makes progress, will it be possible for other sectors to improve. Seventy percent of the nation's population gets involved in agricultural farming. So, to improve the living standard of farmers is at the centre stage of the drive for national development. We will provide short- and long-term loans. We will distribute paddy seeds of high-yield strains, and advanced agricultural methods. We will improve the socio-economic status of farmers.

As to the education sector, we will strive for launching free, compulsory primary education. We will take all possible measures for our nation's education to be on a par with that of other countries. We will ensure universities will be equipped with qualified teachers and pedagogical aids. We will encourage improvement of literature of each national race. We will set up an education system in which

school education can guarantee a bright future of students.

As to health care, we will make sure that government hospitals have all characteristics of a hospital with sufficient medicine. We will also improve rural health care in order to narrow health gap between rural and urban areas. In border areas and highlands, local people will have easy access to better health care in order to avoid premature death.

Regarding the labour sector, we will guarantee workers' rights. Workers can enjoy their rights in the framework of the law. We will fight malpractices in appointing people and promotion. We will ensure that only deserving staff get promotion. Service personnel can have duties, rights and compensations in line with the law. Retired service personnel can lead a peaceful life. We will adjust the gap of old pension rates and new ones. We will enforce carrot and stick approach in service personnel affairs and we will combat bribery, corruption and frauds.

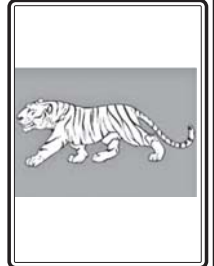
We will try to integrate far-flung areas with urban areas in terms of transport, information and communication.

Esteemed national brethren,

We will uphold loving-kindness and justice in implementing our work programmes because internal peace is essential for dealing destabilization and unrest, and confrontation, arguments and clashes cannot bring any fruitful results to the nation or the people.

All constituents should distinguish between opportunists and pro-democracy activists in the forthcoming multiparty democracy general elections. There is no need to fear in casting votes. Every eligible voter can decide on their fate by casting votes. So, I would like to urge constituents to make use of the voting right in building the nation and serving the interest of their home regions.

Therefore, I would like to urge the people to vote for white tiger party or Shan Nationalities Democratic Party.



Russia to launch space hotel

Moscow, 30 Sept—Russian companies Orbital Technologies and Energy Corporation announced the start of a joint project of building a commercial space station (CSS), RIA Novosti news agency reported on Wednesday.

The project envisages the launch of a space hotel in 2015 or 2016, head of the Orbital Technologies, Sergei Kostenko, told the agency.

The launch will be provided by Russian space booster Soyuz.

Energy Corporation has been building a first module of the CSS which has a "living space" of 20 cubic meters. The module should be completed by 2013, Kostenko said.

The space hotel has four cabins able to dwell up to seven people. The tourists will be dispatched to the orbit and back to Earth by Soyuz space ships.—Xinhua

China's largest polar marine museum opens in north China city

TIANJIN, 30 Sept—China's largest polar marine museum opened Thursday in north China's port city of Tianjin, displaying thousands of rare polar marine species from more than ten countries.

With a floor space of 47,000 square meters, the Tianjin Polar Marine

Museum has more than 2,000 polar marine species from Russia, Canada, Australia and other countries on display.

The museum includes a 30-metre long "touch pond," which gives visitors the chance to "touch and feel" a variety of fish, shrimps, crabs, shellfishes, marine algae

and coral. Also, the museum has a performance venue capable of accommodating an audience of 2,000.

The polar marine museum is part of a "polar marine world" project of Haichang (Group) Co., Ltd, which is still under construction.—Xinhua

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buildings, installation of machines and test-running, installation of machine parts at water plant, utilities, Ammonia Plant and Urea Plant.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister said that the nation has higher fertilizer demand due to development of agricultural sector. To satisfy the fertilizer demand, plans are under way to build No. 4 Fertilizer Plant (Myaungdaga) and No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein). At present, plant construction task has completed 93.99 per cent. Thus, em-

conserve environments of the plant.

He stressed the need for the staff to have capability for assembling the machines and taking innovative measures on self-reliant basis without applying technology and technicians from abroad.

In conclusion, he urged the personnel to try hard for soonest completion of the fertilizer plant with a view to satisfying fertilizer demand of the State.

The Prime Minister presented a fruit basket to the technicians from the People's Republic of

tons of ammonia daily.

In Einme, the Prime Minister asked about progress of town with departmental personnel and townselders.

At the briefing hall of Begarat (Pathein)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Hlinethaya (Yangon) railroad construction project being implemented by Myanmar Railways, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauang Lwin reported on facts about the project. Assistant General Manager U Myo Win of Myanmar Railways reported on conditions of railroad sections, construction of railway alignment, applying geotextile and building of bridges.



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views scale model of No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein).—MNA

basic education curriculums. It is required not only to teach arts in order to understand historical background and geographical facts of the

nation, forging Union spirit but also to teach science subjects that can help gain development momentum, he said.

As all-round development of the nation calls for capabilities of educated human resources, the teachers are to organize the students to be more interested in learning science subjects, he said.

The teachers are to train their students to be proficient in their subjects more than the level of just passing their exams.

On his inspection tour of the worksite of Einme river crossing bridge construction project, Deputy Minister

Thura U Thauang Lwin reported to the Prime Minister on progress of construction work.

The 89-mile Belgarat (Pathein)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon railroad which is under construction will pass Pathein, Kangyidaunt, Kyaungkon, Einme, Pantanaw, Nyaungdon and Hlinethaya.

The Prime Minister and party left Einme by helicopter and arrived at the worksite of Maubin-Twantay road construction project near Myago village in Twantay Township of Yangon Region at 11.15 a.m.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially converses with departmental officials and local people in Einme.

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phasis is to be placed on operating the plant at full capacity, to train the workers to have proficiency of production process, to maintain the machines systematically, to turn out skilled workers and take security measures.

Since its establishment, the plant has been provided with systematic drainage system and staff members of the plant are to

China.

He viewed installation of machines at the buildings. Officials conducted the Prime Minister round the plant.

The Fertilizer Plant Project started on 24 March 2004, and the plant is now in the process of going into trial operation. On completion, the facility will be able to manufacture 500 tons of urea and 325

After hearing reports on arrangements for regional development presented by the ministers, the Prime Minister attended to the needs.

In meeting with departmental officials and education staff in Einme, the Prime Minister said that government made 30-year long-term plan of education sector to give top priority to teaching science subjects in

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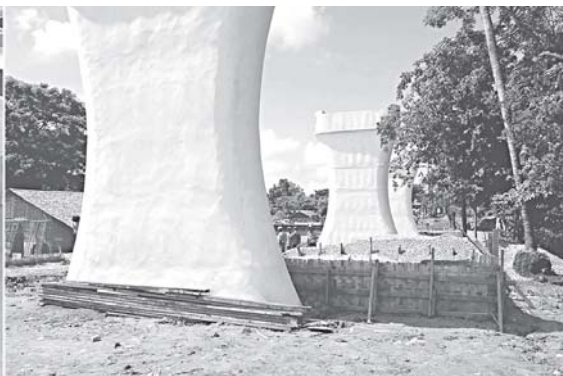


Photo shows No. 5 Fertilizer Plant (Pathein) near Ohbo Village of Kangyidaunt Township.—MNA

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At the briefing hall, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported to the Prime Minister



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views progress in construction of Einme River Bridge.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein looks into construction of Maubin-Twantay road with the use of heavy machinery.—MNA



ter on upgrading 28-mile and four-furlong Maubin-Twantay road being built by the two ministries.

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected roadwork being carried out by Yangon Region Development Affairs Department.

In upgrading Maubin-Twantay road, 16 miles and four furlongs long road section will be built by the PBANRDA Ministry and 12 miles long road section by the Construction Ministry. The 37-mile and six-furlong Maubin-Twantay road will be 12 miles shorter than the existing 50-mile Hsamalauk-Yangon road.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, the Prime Minister and party left there by helicopter and arrived back in Yangon in the afternoon.

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A bird eye's view of No. 5 Fertilizer Plant Project (Patheingyi).—MNA



Explosion occurs in Bago, leaving no casualties Public urged to come forward with information

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — An explosion took place at the back of Okthar Myothit (8) Ward Peace and Development Council Office in Bago yesterday night, leaving no casualty.

The ward PDC chairman and officials were working at the office till the clock struck 9.15 pm and then left the office. The explosion occurred at about 9.50 pm left a hole of about one square foot at the concrete fence and shattered windows of the office. After investigation at the explosion site, officials found that it was a hand-made TNT time bomb which had exploded just outside the back fence of the office.

There were attempts to blow up power grid

pylon in the paddy field near Donwun village in Thaton Township on 8 September and to detonate a time bomb on a wooden overpass near Bogyoke Aung San Market on 9 September. It is learnt that they are the works of insurgents, destructive elements and political opportunists who are trying to ramp up instigation and destructive acts with the aim of disrupting the upcoming multi-party democracy election following unrest and violence.

Public is urged to come forward with information if they find any terror suspect to stop the acts of sabotage in time.

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Strong earthquake hits 2970 miles outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that a strong earthquake of magnitude 6.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (near

the south coast of Papua, Indonesia) about 2970 miles southeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 23 hrs, 50 min 20 sec MST on 29 September 2010.

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FM sends felicitations to Nigerian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Henry Odein Ajumogobia, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.—MNA

FM felicitates Cypriot counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Markos Kiprianou, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2010.

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Dy Health Minister receives Japanese Professor of Okayama University

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe received a delegation led by Professor Shigeru Okada of Okayama University of Japan at his office here, this morning. Both sides discussed cooperation in medical research at Medical Research Departments and Universities of Medicine

and producing of medical researchers under mutual cooperation between Myanmar and Japan.

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe receives Professor Shigeru Okada of Okayama University in Japan and party.—MNA



Moderate quake jolt outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Banda Aceh, Indonesia) about 800 miles south of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (16) hrs (25) min (24) sec MST today, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA

Advancing with the passing of times

Tekkatho Hla Maung (Yedashe)

Human beings should develop together with the passing of times. The older the man the wiser he should be. As the International Day of the Older Persons is drawing nearer, a wish came into my mind to write about the senior persons. Because, I was thinking about the homes for the aged. It is important to ensure a stable and peaceful life for grandpas and grandpas.

The signboard saying, "You too will become an oldie one day" found at every home for the aged reminds us of the fact that oldness is followed by feebleness and then death a phenomenon no one can escape from. So, what will you do when you become an oldie.

Not every unaided older person goes to the home for the aged. Sometimes everything in life is fated.

One day, one of my sons met a feeble and poor old woman whose hair had turned grey at Shwedagon Pagoda. "Grandma, I feel so sorry to see you like this. I would like to help you stay at a home for the aged. You will enjoy a peaceful life there."

"Oh! Why should I go to a home for the aged. Only the lazy persons who do not wish to earn their own living stay at the home," the old woman replied.

There are elder persons who leave the home as they do not wish to say prayers, share pious merits gained and live according to discipline. Only the oldies who are happy with the Dhamma practices can stay at the homes. As for them, the homes are the real refuges. Those who revere the Dhamma they believe in will be free from hardships and sufferings. The Dhamma gives peace and happiness for any person who follows it.

It is a pleasure for every visitor to a home to witness grandpas and grandpas practising Vipassana and sharing the merits gained. It is so blissful to hear them wishing every being health and happiness.

In my view, a home is a place where intelligent oldies gather. One day, wellwishers collectively donated 500 books on religious subjects to a home. I also contributed K 100,000 for the library of the home. People of high qualification, virtues and morals are worthy for every one. We should support people who are disciplined and ethical.

We will be able to value the heritage our forefathers handed down to us only if we love them. Likewise, we will be able to value the age-old heritage of our country only if we cherish her.

Every country has its own oldie population, heritage and values. In some countries, homes for the aged charge accommodation fees. Thanks to the wellwishers, oldies of our country can stay at the homes in peace.

Moreover, we have the tradition of caring and staying together with senior relatives including parents at our own houses. It's our culture. Children share joys and sorrows and even loving kindness with their aged parents and relatives. As we believe in the law of Kamma, we are not easily moved by any secular affairs whether they are good or bad for us. We show respect for the elders and kindness for the young. That's our tradition. So, the condition of the senior citizens of our country is much better than some other countries.

The UN is praise-worthy for observing the International Day of the Older Persons to promote the work of caring aged persons with loving-kindness.

Our forefathers laid down a goal of peace and progress. Even individuals have their own goal. Deviation from own goals and work programmes may lead us to a never-ending mess.

Although our country faced a lot of sufferings during the early post-independence period, she is now on the track towards peace, stability and prosperity. When they were young our grandpas and grandpas had to make struggles to feed their family. Now they can enjoy practising the Dhamma, for their children

and grandchildren are taking care of them. We believe that the new generation will provide care to the oldies.

Time and situation makes a country developed and mature. A country gains development when she has peace and stability and is free from disturbances and chaos.

Disturbances and chaos are opposite of progress, stability and peace. Sometimes, a young nation may face turmoil and chaos. For example, there may be boycotts, strikes and commotion, and resistance movements to drive out colonial rulers. But such movements are not necessary for an independent nation. She needs stability. There are developed nations which in reality are the seething cauldrons of hate, anger and immodesty. We should not emulate such development. Our intellectual development will lead us to physical development.

History of a nation is the history of its people. The nation became mature together with the progress in public maturity. Peace is the pride of oldies. America came into existence only at the time of King U Aungzeya the founder of Konboun dynasty. Myanmar has a longer civilized history than it. We enjoy better ethics, peace and stability than the country. We should value and preserve our own virtues. We should stay away from committing acts that may disgrace our nation internationally.

There are immature older persons as well as big nations that ignore the norms of the civilized world. Some nations even fall apart after existing for a long time.

I wish every oldie enjoy better life and happiness. I would like to urge all to render assistance and care for the oldies. An old man knows most about the oldness. A person will know about his nation well only if he loves her. A person will realize the evilness of the dark only when he sees light. We all need to live in unity.

Translation: TMT

WTO warns against US possible trade protectionism measures

GENEVA, 30 Sept—The World Trade Organization (WTO) reviewed the trade policy of the United States on Wednesday in Geneva, warning against its possible protectionism measures against its trade partners.

A relating report was issued by the WTO secretariat with the review. While ranking the US trade and investment regimes as “among the most open in the world,” the report also listed possible protectionism measures applied by the United States against its trading partners.

“The United States had 246 antidumping duty (AD) orders in effect in December 2009, 22 more than in December 2007 affect imports from 40 countries or territories,” and countervailing duties (CVD) “final

orders increased from 31 in 2007 to 41 in December 2009,” the report said.

The United States is experiencing “a marked slowdown in the pace of negotiating free-trade agreements (FTAs),” the report added.

The report also expressed its concerns over “some anti-recession measures,” including “provisions that favoured domestic suppliers of goods and services.”

Trading issues between the United States and its major trading partner China are also repeatedly mentioned in the report, including the additional imports duty apply on tyre imports from China and the decision by the United States in 2007 to abolish its long-standing policy of not applying CVD on China.—Xinhua



Residents watch floodwater as they stand on the destroyed the bridge that linked the towns of Kintyre and Kingston in Jamaica, on 29 Sept, 2010. Tropical Storm Nicole caused flooding and mudslides across Jamaica on Wednesday, leaving two confirmed dead and at least 12 more missing.

INTERNET



A staff member shows two commemorative gold bars for Chang'e-2 lunar probe in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 Sept, 2010. A press conference for the commemorative gold bars for Chang'e-2 lunar probe was held here Tuesday. China is preparing for the launch of Chang'e-2 lunar probe.

XINHUA

Saudi authorities arrest 210 suspected drug traffickers in three months

RIYADH, 30 Sept—Saudi authorities arrested 210 drug trafficking suspects in three months, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry said Wednesday.

A total of 133 Saudis were among the arrested suspects, the spokesman was quoted as saying by SPA news agency. Other detainees were from Pakistan, Yemen, Syria, Philippines, Egypt, India, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Kuwait and Jordan.

According to the report, they were involved in trafficking and possessing of narcotics worth about 88 million US dollars.

During the swoops launched from 13 June to 10 Sept, three po-licemen

were killed and as many injured.

Two traffickers were killed and four others injured in the raids, the report said.

The authorities seized approximately 9.3 million amphetamine pills in the three-month haul as well as 6 tons of hashish and 10 kg of heroin.

Earlier this year, the kingdom's Interior Ministry said that police have arrested 125 people in connection with drug trafficking activities in several crackdowns across the kingdom in April and May.

Suspects of drug trafficking could face death penalty if convicted.

Saudi Arabia has exerted hard efforts to

combat drug trafficking and addiction, including campaigns to increase young people and children's awareness of the danger of narcotics.

Saudi authorities has tighten security measures along the kingdom's borders with other countries to curb drug trafficking.

Xinhua

Train rams into buses in Bangladesh capital, killing at least 7

DHAKA, 30 Sept—At least seven people were killed and 20 others injured as a passenger train rammed into two buses on Wednesday in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, police said.

Kamrun Nahar, duty officer of the Jatrabari police station in Dhaka, told Xinhua that “At least seven people died on the spot following the bus-rail collision.”

Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge of the police station, said the accident occurred around 5:15 p.m. local time.

Some 20 people were injured, six critically, he said, adding all the injured persons were admitted to hospital and they are undergoing treatment.

He said the train bound for capital Dhaka rammed into the buses which were crossing an unmanned level crossing.

Xinhua



Local people surround the dead whale in the southern coast of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 29 Sept, 2010. The 6.91-metre-long male whale was grounded on the beach of southern Sao Paulo on 28 Sept.—XINHUA

Tropical Storm “Nicole” kills nine in Jamaica

MIAMI, 30 Sept—Short-lived Tropical Storm Nicole triggered flash flooding that killed at least nine people in Jamaica and dumped heavy rain on Florida, Cuba, the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas on Wednesday.

The broad and ragged storm formed on Wednesday morning and dissipated Wednesday afternoon. US and Cuban meteorologists disagreed on whether it ever actually became a tropical storm at all.

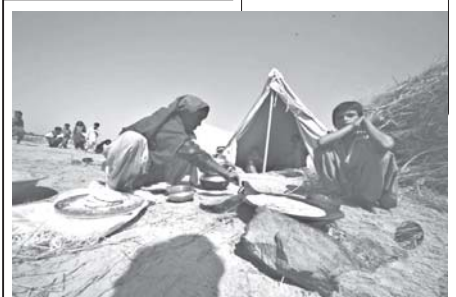
Forecasters at the US National Hurricane Center in Miami pegged its peak sustained winds at 40 miles (65 kilometres) per hour, just over the 39 mph (63 kph) threshold to become a named storm.

Cuban forecasters put the top winds at 37 mph (59 kph) and disagreed that it was a tropical storm when it crossed the island. “No tropical storm exists,” Cuba's top meteorologist, Jorge Rubiera, said on national television.

US forecasters said Nicole had a poorly defined center of circulation and had been “a marginal system.” “Their interpretation is that they don't think it's a storm ... They're on one side of the margin and we're on the other,” Richard Pasch, a senior hurricane specialist in Miami, said before the storm was downgraded.

MNA/Reuters

Photo taken on 29 Sept, 2010 shows victims cooking at a relief camp in Sehwan, Pakistan. The worst-ever flood since late July caused 100,000 people homeless in Sehwan Region. Pakistan military and local government has set up 7 relief camps covering 50,000 victims. XINHUA



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV SANG THAI LUMBER VOY NO (11)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI LUMBER VOY NO (11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W.1 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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A trouper from Zhejiang Wujia Opera Troupe performs before the opening ceremony of "100% Silk - Story of Chinese Silk" exhibition in Espoo Museum of Modern Art of Espoo, Finland, on 28 Sept, 2010.— XINHUA

Hydrogen race balloonists missing in Adriatic storm

BRISTOL, 30 Sept—Two balloonists taking part in the Gordon Bennett Cup race are missing in thunderstorms over the Adriatic. The Italian coastguard said boats would continue to search for them through the night but aircraft would have to stop at 1900 BST when it got dark. The missing hydrogen balloon, piloted by Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis, is one of three US entries. A spokeswoman at race control in Bristol said contact had been lost with the American pilots.

Massimo Maccheroni, of the Italian coastguard, said they last had contact with the pair at 0800 local time (0700 BST).

Internet



No distress beacon has been picked up from Mr Abruzzo's balloon.
INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (537)**

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Pregnant women added to flu jab list

LONDON, 30 Sept — The government is urging pregnant women for the first time to have an NHS seasonal flu jab this winter in case there is a resurgence in swine flu. Mothers-to-be have been added to the list of vulnerable groups who are recommended to get vaccinated,

just like over-65s and younger people with chronic conditions such as asthma and diabetes. This year's injection will protect against three strains of flu, including the H1N1 virus.

Professor David Salisbury, the Department of Health's director of immunisation, admitted that some expectant mothers would be reluctant. But he warned that women who caught the H1N1 virus were at much greater health risk of medical complications. People who refused a seasonal flu jab because it contained the swine flu vaccine "are quite frankly foolhardy", said Salisbury.—*Internet*

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Photo taken on 28 Sept, 2010 shows workers feed the penguins in Haichang Polar Ocean Park in north China's Tianjin Municipality.— XINHUA

US citizen arrested in Spain over terror ties

MADRID, 30 Sept—An Algerian-born US citizen with suspected links to international terror activity has been arrested in Spain, the Interior Minis-

try said on Wednesday. Mohamed Omar Debhi, 43, is suspected of raising funds and laundering money for al-Qaeda's northern Africa branch, the ministry said. Authorities arrested Debhi on Tuesday in Barcelona.

National Police probes link him with financing terrorism in the Sahel — a belt of territory just south of northern Africa — for al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). He's also suspected of fraud and forgery, the ministry said.

Internet



Pregnant women who catch the H5N1 virus have a greatly increased risk of serious medical complications.

INTERNET

Environmentally sound termite control method takes hold in E China

NANJING, 30 Sept—An environmentally friendly way to control termites has become popular in east China's Jiangsu Province and replaced an insecticide that poses a threat to human health.

The new technology uses a special smell to attract termites to take the bait. The bait stops termites from growing and reduces

the reproductive capabilities of the termite queen, according to Yu Hongxia, deputy chief of the Jiangsu Provincial Environmental Protection Bureau.

"The new termite control system is non-toxic and completely environmentally friendly," she added.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 29 Sept, 2010 shows the exterior appearance of the Canton Tower in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province. The 600-meter-high Canton Tower began its business operations on Wednesday.

Thieves leave trail of snack wrappers

Now that's taking the cake. Wichita police say whoever stole a Little Debbie delivery truck left a trail of empty boxes and snack cake wrappers after abandoning the vehicle. The truck was taken around 4 am Monday from outside a Walmart store. KFDI-AM reports the vehicle was driven into a shallow canal but not before the thieves apparently pulled out some of the thousands of dollars worth of snacks. Police are still looking for the thieves. Three wreckers pulled the truck from the canal. It's been returned to its owner.

News Album



South Korean artist Lee Won-Jae gives soap bubble performance for visitors in an amusement park named "the Window of the World" in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, 29 Sept, 2010.

Wyoming man douses himself in paint to avoid Taser

A Cheyenne man who doused himself with white latex paint in hopes of avoiding a police Taser was hit with the stun gun anyway. The Taser chase happened on 16 Sept, when Cheyenne police went to Brian Mattert's house on a domestic violence call. The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reports that when police arrived, Mattert thought they'd use a Taser on him, so he hastily covered himself in paint and told officers that if they shot him with the stun gun, he'd die. Officers told him the paint wouldn't affect the Taser's capability. According to police, Mattert scuffled with officers and was hit with a Taser twice before officers handcuffed him.

NYC forced to move oft-stolen Joey Ramone sign

Officials say a metal homage to the late punk legend Joey Ramone may be New York City's most-stolen street sign.

The Department of Transportation recently had the "Joey Ramone Place" sign reinstalled in lower Manhattan for the fourth time since 2003.

This time, it was raised 8 feet to curb temptation. The New York Post says that puts it about 20 feet above street level.

The group's longtime drummer, Marky Ramone, thinks Joey would appreciate the most-stolen distinction. But he adds: "Now you have to be an NBA player to see it."

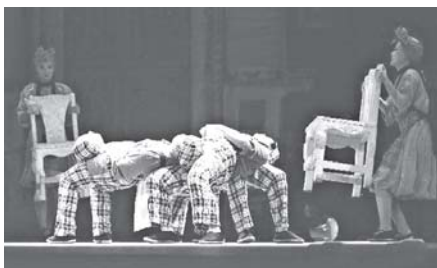
The sign is at the corner of Bowery and East Second Street.

The department says Broadway, Wall Street and Love Lane signs also have attracted sign thieves.

The sign's move was first reported on the blog EV Grieve.



A couple of chimpanzees drink beverage as Chinese wedding tradition at their wedding party organized by the staff members at Hefei Wildlife Park in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 28 Sept, 2010. The bride, named as Wanxing (R), meaning the star of Anhui, is the first chimpanzee that born in Anhui Province, while the groom came from Guinea a year ago.



Acrobats perform in the acrobatic edition of pantomime "Nutcracker" in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, Sept. 18, 2010. The acrobatic pantomime was staged Saturday evening by members of the Dalian Acrobatic Troupe, part of the Eighth Liaoning Art Festival.—XINHUA

Spain chooses candidate for next year's Oscar

MADRID, 30 Sept—Spain chose film "Tambien la Lluvia" (Even the Rain) on Tuesday as the country's candidate for an Oscar next year in the category "Best non-English Language Film."

"Tambien la Lluvia" held off strong competition from films "Celda 211," which had triumphed in Spain's Goya awards, and "Lope," a biographical account of Spanish writer Lope de Vega. The 83rd Oscars ceremony will be held on Feb. 27, 2011, but "Tambien la Lluvia" will first have to make the final selection by the American Film Academy on 25 Jan. "Tambien la Lluvia" was filmed in Bolivia and is the fifth work of director Iciar Bollain. It is a story of two people who want to make a film about explorer Christopher Columbus from different perspectives.

Xinhua

"Star Wars" movies start 3D rollout in 2012

LOS ANGELES, 30 Sept—George Lucas is set to re-release the six "Star Wars" films in 3D, beginning in 2012 with one film annually led by "The Phantom Menace."

Though the 3D versions have been rumoured for some time, Lucas was evidently waiting until there were enough 3D screens available to make the release a sizable enough event.

Fox, which released all six of the original "Star Wars" films, would also release the 3D versions.

"The Phantom Menace," originally released in 1999, would be first out of star-dock in the early months of 2012. After that, each of the films would be released in order at the same time each consecutive year, depending on how well the first re-release does. That means the original "Star Wars" and its sequels won't start rolling out until 2015.

Each conversion takes at least a year to complete, with Lucas personally overseeing

the process. He has said that "Avatar" convinced him that "Star Wars" was ready for the state-of-the-art 3D treatment.

Also pushing the timetable is a potential breakthrough in 3D television technology. With Samsung penetrating the market with 50,000-plus 3D-equipped televisions and Sony sending its version to market in recent months, the home-viewing experience could be primed for 3D DVD versions of the classic films by the time the new 3D series runs its course.—Internet



In this publicity image released by ABC, Michael Bolton, right, and his partner Chelsie Hightower perform on the celebrity dance competition series 'Dancing with the Stars.' On Monday, Michael Bolton performed what was described as the worst jive in 'Dancing With the Stars' history. On Tuesday, he was eliminated from the hit ABC show.—INTERNET



Faye Wong practices for upcoming concert

BEIJING, 30 Sept—Faye Wong has started to practice with her team in preparation for her upcoming solo concert tour, which will be performed in Beijing and Shanghai. Hailed as the pop diva's comeback tour, the theme of her concerts is "Rebirth". Faye Wong retreated from the showbiz circle six years ago when she married actor Li Yapeng and gave birth to their first daughter, Li Yan.

Previous reports suggest that besides Beijing and Shanghai, the concert will also be taken to various cities including Taipei in January of next year.

Xinhua

Pop diva Faye Wong practices with her team to prepare for her upcoming concert tour.—XINHUA

Barca frustrated at Rubin Kazan in Champions League

Moscow, 30 Sept — Spanish giants Barcelona were held to a 1-1 draw by Russian champions Rubin Kazan in their Champions League Group D encounter at Kazan on Wednesday. Both goals came from the penalty spot, with Ecuadorian midfielder Christian Noboa giving Rubin the lead in the first half and David Villa equalising on the hour mark.

The result leaves Barcelona on top of the group with four points from two matches, while Kazan have just one point, hav-

ing lost 1-0 at FC Copenhagen in their opening match. — *Internet*



Lionel Messi (R) of FC Barcelona vies with players from Rubin Kazan during their UEFA Champions League group D game in Kazan, Russia. — INTERNET

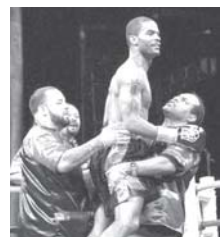
Jamaican-born Johnson replaces Kessler in Super Six

NEW YORK, 30 Sept — Jamaican-born Glen Johnson, a former light heavyweight champion, was named Wednesday to replace injured Mikkel Kessler in the Super Six World Boxing Classic super middleweight boxing tournament. The 41-year-old Johnson, whose record in 50-14 with two drawn

and 34 knockouts, will face Allan Green, an injury replacement for fellow American Jermain Taylor in the round-robin event, on 6 November at Las Vegas.

"It is gratifying to still be considered worthy of competing with some of the top fighters in the world," said Johnson, who was the International Boxing Federation light heavyweight world champion in 2004. Danish fighter Kessler dropped out of the event with an eye injury, opening the door for Johnson, who has not fought at super middleweight in 10 years.

— *Internet*



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American superstar Venus Williams

Naismith ends Rangers wait for Champions win

GLASGOW, 30 Sept — A Steven Naismith strike sent Rangers joint top of Group C as they defeated Bursaspor 1-0 at Ibrox in their Champions League clash here on Wednesday. The Scotland striker showed predatory instincts in the 18th minute when he pounced in the box to lift a Kirk Broadfoot pass over keeper Dimitar Ivankov to score the only goal of the match where the Old Firm side were rarely troubled.

The win ended a three year wait for a Champions League win for the Scottish champions, who lost all three home fixtures in last season's campaign. — *Internet*



Rangers' Steven Naismith (L) celebrates scoring with Kirk Broadfoot against Bursaspor during a UEFA Champions League, Group C, football match at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, Scotland. — INTERNET

S P O R T S

Champion League results on 29 September

Champions League - Group A		
Inter Milan	4 - 0	Werder Bremen
Tottenham H.	4 - 1	FC Twente Enschede
Champions League - Group B		
Hapoel Tel Aviv	1 - 3	Lyon
Schalke	2 - 0	Benfica
Champions League - Group C		
Rangers	1 - 0	Bursaspor
Valencia	0 - 1	Manchester U.
Champions League - Group D		
Rubin Kazan	1 - 1	Barcelona
Panathinaikos	0 - 2	FC Copenhagen

Lyon beat Hapoel Tel Aviv

TELAVIV, 30 Sept — Lyon left their dismal home form behind them to register a 3-1 win at Hapoel Tel Aviv on Wednesday, giving the misfiring French giants maximum points from their first two Champions League outings.

Lyon raced into a seventh-minute lead when England's World Cup final referee Howard Webb awarded them a penalty after Jimmy Briand was brought down by Walid Badier.

— *Internet*



France's Olympique Lyonnais player Michel Fernandes Bastos (bottom) celebrates with his teammate Dejan Lovren after he scored a goal against Israel's Hapoel Tel Aviv during their Group B UEFA Champions League football match in Tel Aviv. — INTERNET

Djokovic, Venus headline China Open

BEIJING, 30 Sept — World number two Novak Djokovic and American superstar Venus Williams are headed to Beijing for the China Open, an event that will bring many of the world's top tennis players to town from Saturday.

Both the ATP and WTA tours have made the hard-court tournament, which runs through October 10, a key part of their long-term strategies for

growing the game in the vast nation. While the sport's dominant duo Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer are scheduled to play in Shanghai in mid-October, they have opted out of the Beijing event, clearing the way for Djokovic to defend the title he won last year.

— *Internet*

Hernandez helps United sink Valencia in Champions League

VALENCIA, 30 Sept — Javier Hernandez scored an 85th-minute winner to give Manchester United a 1-0 win over Spanish league leaders Valencia in Wednesday's Champions League Group C match at the Mestalla Stadium. Mexican international Hernandez, 22, had only been on the pitch nine minutes but had an immediate impact, scoring United's first European goal of the new season as Sir Alex Ferguson's side won in Spain for the first time since 2002.

United move on to four points in Group C following their opening 0-0 home draw against Rangers,

while Valencia stay on three points, having beaten Bursaspor 4-0 in their first game. — *Internet*



Manchester United's Mexican forward Javier Hernandez (R) celebrates his goal against Valencia FC during their UEFA Champions League Group C football match against Valencia FC at Mestalla stadium in Valencia. — INTERNET

Inter thump hapless Bremen in Champions League

MILAN, 30 Sept — Champions Inter Milan thumped hapless Werder Bremen 4-0 in Champions League Group A at

the San Siro on Wednesday. Cameroon captain Samuel Eto'o scored a brilliant hat-trick, taking his tally to 11 goals in nine games this season, and Holland playmaker Wesley Sneijder added the fourth as the Germans' defence offered their hosts a plethora of gifts.

Inter now top the group with four points, while for the porous visitors it was the third time in 10 games this season they had conceded four goals.

Despite the dominant nature of their victory, Inter coach Rafael Benitez denied it had been their best performance of this campaign.

— *Internet*



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o celebrates after scoring against Werder Bremen during their UEFA Champions League football match at San Siro stadium in Milan. — INTERNET

Juventus out to test Man City's elite credentials

PARIS, 30 Sept — Manchester City's latest opportunity to prove they belong among the elite of European football arrives in the shape of a mouth-watering Europa League clash with Juventus on Thursday. The big-spending English side, who splashed out in excess of 100 million pounds (117 million euros) on new players over the summer, held onto fourth place in the Premier League with a 1-0 defeat of Chelsea on Saturday. It was the defending champions' first loss of the new campaign and it has raised expectations that City can mount a sustained title challenge this season.

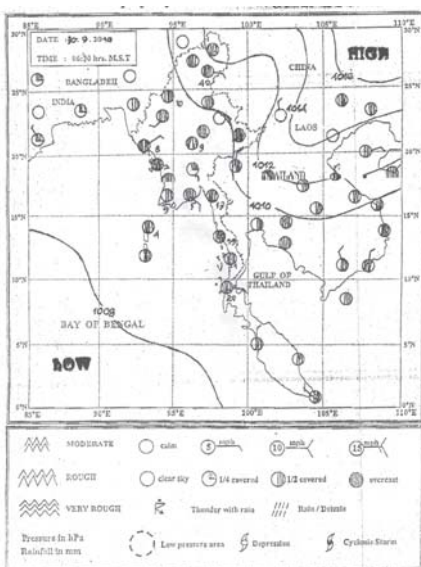
"We have now beaten Liverpool and Chelsea at home so it shows that we are developing as a unit," said Ivorian

midfielder Yaya Toure, a 24 million pounds acquisition from Barcelona. "Now we have to show more consistency. — *Internet*



Manchester City's forward Carlos Tevez (2nd R) vies with Chelsea's defender Alex (L) and midfielder Michahel Essien (R) during a match in Manchester on 25 Sept, 2010. — INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 30th September, 2010

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 Kayah States and Ayeyawady Region, scattered in Kachin State, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Magway Region, isolated heavy falls in Kachin State and Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (3.07) inches, Taungup (2.24) inches, Paletwa (2.01) inches, Nawngkhio (1.89) inches, Chauk (1.77) inches, Gangaw (1.65) inches, Mindat (1.61) inches, Machanbaw and Htilin (1.58) inches each and Taungtha (1.54) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 29-9-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 30-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-9-2010 was (79%). Rainfall on 30-9-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 29-9-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 30-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-9-2010 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 29-9-2010 was (8.2) hours.

Rainfall on 29-9-2010 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.19) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (70.08) inches at Mingaladon, (81.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.01) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 29-9-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 1st October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of light rain in the extreme southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Brazilian gov't allocates 120 mln dollars to aid farmers

BRASILIA, 30 Sept.—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva Wednesday signed an interim measure providing 210 million reais (120 million US dollars) to farmers with crop losses due to drought or rain in the Northeast Region. According to the government, farmers are responsible for 70 percent of food production and for 10 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the country.

A Brazilian law enacted in 2002 prescribes the concession of resources to compensate damage of crops due to bad weather conditions and ensure the survival of small producers. Agriculture has been a top priority of Lula's government. Since 2003, 1.3 million farmer families have had access to the credit of the National Programme to Strengthen Family Agriculture (PRONAF). For the 2008/2009 harvest, the government allocated 13 billion reais (7.43 billion dollars) to the programme.—Xinhua



A Eurasian eagle owl looks at students from a local school in New York's Central Park.

Wildlife rehabilitators and park rangers showed various birds during a program for two elementary school classes.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (1-10-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (1-10-10 09:30 am ~ 2-10-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Creative Expert in Myanmar "The Life of an Artist"
- * News
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- * Youth and Languages
- * News
- * Secret places for Yummy Foods (Episode-5) Myanmar Favourite Snacks
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Shop Shop Shop (Around the Bogyoke Market)
- * Myanmar Movie "Twin Brothers In Different Lives!"



Friday, 1 October

View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. -Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 4. Dhama Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 5. Pagodas on Sagaing
- 8:10 am
- 6. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:20 am
- 7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies (Part-2)
- 8:30 am
- 8. International News
- 8:40 am
- 9. Islands Of Dhamma
- 8:45 am
- 10. The Nine Precepts
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Song Of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 4. Frist Prize Winner

Mountain Ranges (Part-2)

- 8:10 am
- 6. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:20 am
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- 8. International News
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of The Three Time Recitation of (Dhammacakka Pavuttana Sutta (BEHS 1, South Okkalapa)

4:50 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Third Year (Philosophy)

5:05 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm
7. Songs Of Yester Years

5:20 pm
8. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS Songs

5:30 pm
9. Yoetha Phayusin Kalaydocathwin

6:00 pm
10. Evening News
6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
6:20 pm
12. Internet Garden
6:50 pm
13. Teleplay (Forest)
7:30 pm
14. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra

8:00 pm
15. News
16. Talk of the Political Parties
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
20. TV Drama Series
21. Song Lover
22. Metta Bhavana by Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi



- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Chinese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the 61st Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2010, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

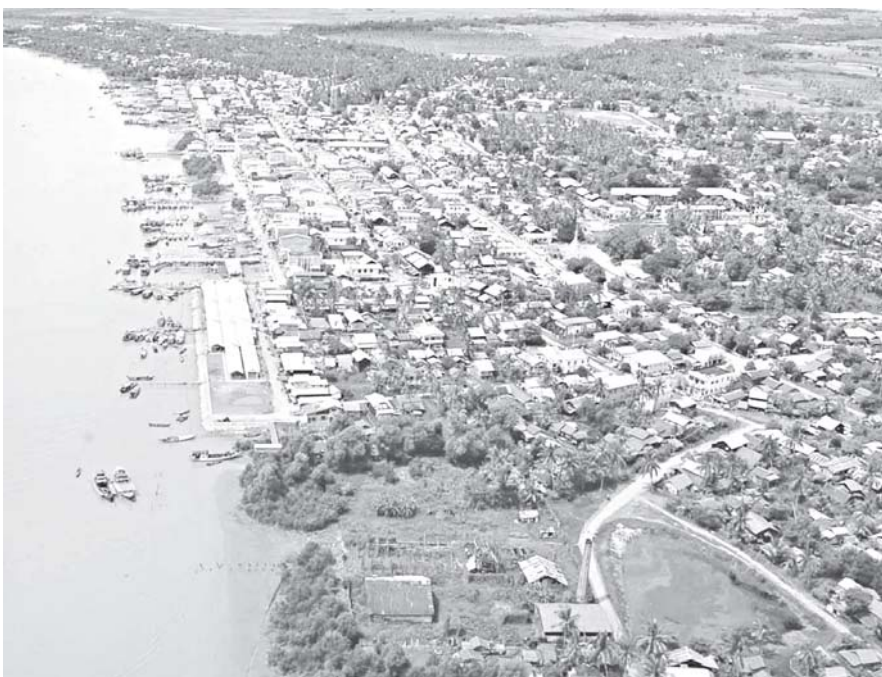


Photo shows an aerial view on progress of Labutta. (News reported)—MNA

Electoral course conducted in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Myeik Township Election Subcommission opened the electoral course for polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and members of Myitnge and Kangaung wards at the hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Myeik on 17 September.

Member of Taninthayi Region Election Subcommission Region Education Officer U Than Htay spoke on the occasion. Members of the Subcommission U Myint Kyaing and U Tin Tun explained election law and rules and work guidelines.

Members of the township Subcommission gave lectures on election law, rules and work guidelines to the trainees. A total of 228 trainees attended the course.—MNA

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