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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to German President

NAY PYI TAW, 3 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. Christian Wulff, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2010.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Korean President

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — On the occasion of National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2010, 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. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Prime Minister sends felicitations to German Chancellor

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr. Angela Dorothea Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the Day of German Unity of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 the new building of October 2010.—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

Prime Minister attends opening of new building of Central Bank of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended opening of the new building of Central Bank of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the building here this morning. The Prime Minister unveiled inscription plaque of the building.

Also present on the occasion were Nay Pyi Taw Commander Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, staff members of the F&R Ministry, CEC members of Myanmar Banks Association, bankers, and responsible persons.

Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun, and Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Minister Nay Pyi Taw (See page 8)



Prime Minister U Thein Sein formally unveils bronze inscription of new building of Central Bank of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

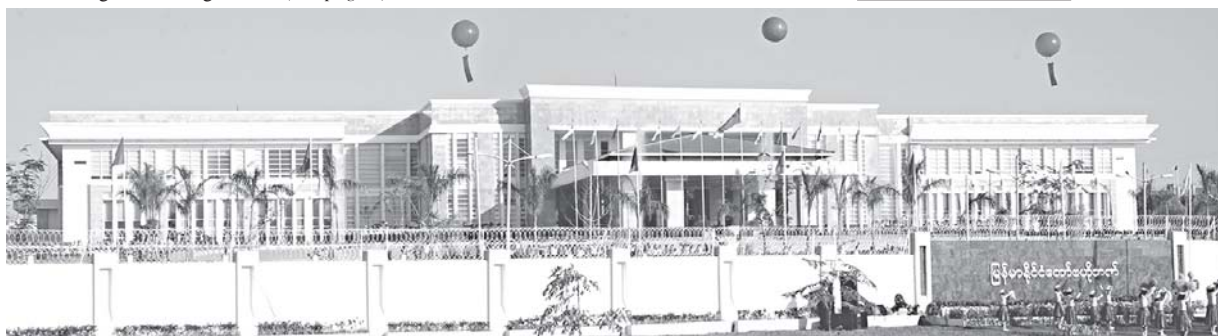


Photo shows new building of Central Bank of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw.
MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 3 October, 2010

Extend fish and prawn exports

With the burgeoning population of the world, every nation is trying to provide enough food, fish and meat for their people. Not only fishing at sea but also fresh water and sea fish breeding is being extended.

The Asian region usually is breeding herbivorous, carnivorous and omnivorous fish, and fresh water and sea prawn and crabs.

Myanmar is teeming with creeks and rivers to fish. Myanmar coastline is rich in fish and prawn. National economy will grow by engaging extensively in raising fresh water fish and prawn and on-shore and off-shore fishing.

As the nation has more than 200,000 acres each of fish and prawn breeding ponds, not only has the local demand been met but also surpluses are being exported. Modern breeding methods are being employed, and clean breeding ponds, quality feedstuff and pedigree fingerlings can contribute to the rapid growth of fish.

Among a variety of fish, labo rohita is exported most. As Cirrhira mrigala, Ngagaungpwa and prawn are being exported, it is necessary to take quality control measures. Annually, one million tons of fish and prawn are caught from Myanmar waters. With the technological and financial support of the State, fish production and foreign exchange is on the increase.

Myanmar's fresh water and sea fish and prawn are much in demand both in local and foreign markets. If breeders are to raise pedigree fish and prawn with modern techniques, Myanmar's fish and prawn breeding sector will achieve more success.

Sale promotion of Falcon engine oil launched



Managing Director U Thein Naing presents prize to a top dealer.—MNA

YANGON, 2 Oct—Han Yadana Tin Co Ltd, agent of Falcon brand engine oil from UAE, organized the sale promotion of Falcon Mega Sales Bonanza at Parkroyal Hotel, here, on 25 September evening.

Managing Director of Han Yadana Tin Co Ltd presented first, second and third prizes to the best agents for 2009-2010.

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

MPF observes 46th anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Myanmar Police Force celebrated its 46th birthday at the MPF headquarters here this morning.

Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo delivered an address at the anniversary.

Minister for Religious

Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, deputy ministers, MPF Chief Brig-Gen Khin Yi, departmental officials, social organization members and guests also showed up the celebration.

Outstanding staff were awarded at the ceremony.—MNA



Minister U Maung Oo addressing 46th anniversary of Myanmar Police Force.—MNA

Myanmar selected junior volleyball team arrives back home

YANGON, 2 Oct— Myanmar selected junior volleyball team, that clinch bronze medal in 16th South-East Asia Junior Men's Volleyball competition held in Ratchaburi of Thailand from 24 to 28 September, arrived back in Yangon on 30 September.

The competition participated by Thailand, Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam was round robin game. Host Thailand stood first place, Indonesia second, Myanmar third, and Malaysia and Indonesia fourth and fifth respectively.



Myanmar selected junior volleyball team seen after receiving bronze medal.—MVF

Before the competition, the Myanmar squad vied with Australian team in a friendly match.

MNA

Those who buy one bottle of Falcon engine oil can get one sticker impressed with lucky draw numbers during the sale promotion period. Lucky draw programmes will be launched in January and March 2011.

The sale promotion period will last from October 2010 to January 2011.

For further information, contact Han Yadana Tin Co Ltd at No 13 on Phonegyi Street in Lanmadaw Township, Tel: 226258 and 226388.

MNA

Essentials and Practical Engineering Course 11-29 Oct

YANGON, 2 Oct— Myanmar Engineering Society will organize the Essentials and Practical Engineering Course for Young Engineers at MES from 11 to 29 October from 1 pm to 5 pm daily. Engineering Mathematics, Computer for Engineers, Engineering Ethics, Engineering Mechanic, Industrial Management, Strength of Materials,

Fluids Mechanics, Electrical and Electronics and Thermodynamics will be provided to the trainees.

Trainees must have AGTI (any major) at the lowest level.

Those wishing to attend the course may enlist at MES in Hline Township, not later than 7 October. For detailed information, contact MES, Tel: 519673~6 (extension 304 and 309).—MNA

Indonesian train crash kills at least 46

JAKARTA, 2 Oct—A train crash in central Indonesia on Saturday killed at least 46 people and injured dozens, several with severe burns and broken bones, officials and witnesses said. As most passengers slept on the train, which was sitting idle at the station in Petarukan, a northern coastal city in Central

Java Province, a train from the capital slammed into it around 3 am, according to Transportation Ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan. He added that investigators were trying to determine if human error was to blame.

"It may also have been mechanical," he said. "We're checking

to see if the signals of the parked train were working properly." The force of the crash knocked part of a train car off the track, and twisted debris from the train littered the area.

By early afternoon Saturday, only one body was still trapped inside the mangled wreckage, said Marsono, a rescuer at the scene. —Internet



Rescuers search for victims of a train crash near a station in Petarukan in Central Java, Indonesia, 2 Oct, 2010. The early morning train crash killed dozens of people and injured another dozens, many of them critically, officials and witnesses said.—INTERNET

Two drone strikes kills 14 in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 Oct—At least 14 people were killed and several others injured Saturday in two separate US drone strikes in North Waziristan tribal area of northwest Pakistan, local sources said, citing security officials.

In the first strike 10 people were killed when a unmanned drone fired three missiles at a house in Dattakhel area bordering Afghanistan.

In the second strike in the afternoon, two missiles were fired at a vehicle, killing four people in the sub-district Dattakhel near Miranshah, the center town of North Waziristan.

Xinhua

Another two NATO supply vehicles attacked in Pakistan



Pakistani flood affected residents pass by the still smoldering oil trucks in Shikarpur, southern Pakistan on 1 Oct, 2010. Suspected militants set ablaze at least 27 tankers carrying fuel for US and NATO troops in Afghanistan on Friday, police said.

XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 2 Oct— At least two people were killed following a rocket attack at two NATO supply vehicles Friday evening in Pakistan's southwest city of Khuzdar, reported local media.

According to the report, the incident took place at about 6:00 pm when some unknown militants fired rockets at two NATO trucks carrying supply goods such as oil and arms. The attackers fled the scene after the attack, said the report. This is the second attack on NATO convoys in the country on Friday. Earlier this morning, some 20 militants fired rockets at a NATO convoy parking nearby two petrol stations outside the city of Shikarpur in Pakistan's southern province of Sindh, leaving at least 27 NATO oil tankers, three private vehicles completely burnt.—Xinhua

Bomb attack kills two NATO soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Oct—Two soldiers from NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in a bomb explosion in eastern Afghanistan, the alliance said on Saturday. NATO did not release the nationalities of the soldiers, but the

fresh incident took the number of foreign troops killed in the war so far this year to 551—the deadliest on record.

"Two ISAF service members died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in eastern Afghanistan yesterday

(Friday)," said a NATO press statement.

Home made bombs cause the majority of casualties among foreign and Afghan troops fighting the Taliban. The United States and NATO allies have increased the number of foreign troops fighting a nine-year Taliban insurgency to more than 152,000.

Xinhua

14 killed, more than 40 others injured in Nigerian car bomb blasts



Security agents check a damaged car following a blast in Abuja during the 50th independence anniversary ceremony. Twin car bombings claimed by Nigeria's most prominent militant group MEND killed eight people on Friday near ceremonies for 50 years of independence in the first such attack in the capital.—XINHUA

ABUJA, 2 Oct— Fourteen were killed and 40 more others injured here on Friday in the car bomb blasts which occurred near the National Day parade in this capital city of Nigeria, police confirmed to Xinhua. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) group spokesperson Jomo Gbomo issued a warning on Friday.

"With due respect to all invited guests, dignitaries and attendees of the 50th independence anniversary of Nigeria being held today, Friday, 1 Oct, 2010 at the Eagle Square Abuja, the MEND is asking everyone to begin immediate evacuation of the entire area within the next 30 minutes. This warning expires after 10:30," the statement said.

"Several explosive devices have been successfully planted in and around the venue by our operatives working inside the government security services," it added.—Xinhua

Heavy rains cause headaches for New York commuters

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—New Yorkers were confronted with a messy morning commute as heavy downpours and winds soaked the city before dawn Friday. Straphangers on the West Side of Manhattan had to find an alternate way to work after flooding caused the suspension of services on the 1, 2, and 3 subway lines for several hours Friday morning. There was also flooding in the northbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, and one off-property approach to the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel was briefly closed. The Federal Aviation Administration reported ground stops at Kennedy and La Guardia Airports, which were affecting arrivals.

Xinhua

An Afghan girl drinks water in Kabul, Afghanistan, 29 Sept, 2010.
INTERNET



Science

China announces successful launch of second lunar probe



Long March 3C rocket carrying China's second unmanned lunar probe, Chang'e II, lifts off from the launch pad at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, at 18:59:57 (Beijing time) on 1 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA

XICHANG, 2 Oct—China's lunar probe Chang'e-2 was successfully launched, control center at the Xichang satellite launch site in southwest China's Sichuan Province announced Friday.

Chang'e-2 arrived at an earth-moon transfer orbit after it separated from the carrier rocket,

which has a perigee of 200 kilometres and an apogee of about 380,000 kilometres from the earth, according to the control centre.

The control centre made the announcement after the satellite successfully entered the orbit and unfolded its solar panels.

At 6:59:57 pm, the

satellite blasted off on a Long March 3C carrier rocket from No 2 launch tower at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

The lunar satellite is expected to take about 112 hours, or almost five days, to arrive at its lunar orbit.—Xinhua

'Nano-needle' used for cell research

CHAMPAIGN, 2 Oct—US researchers say they've developed a needle so tiny it can deliver a research payload called quantum dots directly into the nucleus of a human cell.

Quantum dots are tiny specks of semiconductor material only a few molecules big that can be used to monitor microscopic processes and cellular conditions.

"Lots of people rely on quantum dots to monitor biological processes and gain information about the cellular environment," Min-Feng Yu, a professor of mechanical science and engineering at the University of Illinois, said.

"But getting quantum dots into a cell for advanced applications is a problem," he said.

Now Yu and his colleagues have come up with a "nano-needle" so fine it can inject the dots into a pinpointed location within the nucleus, a university release said.

"This technique allows us to physically access the internal environment inside a cell," Yu said. "It's almost like a surgical tool that allows us to 'operate' inside the cell."—Internet

NASA announces layoffs in shuttle programme

CAPE CANAVERAL, 2 Oct—NASA says it will lay off more than 1,200 workers even as Congress passed a \$19 billion budget for the space agency.

Many of the departing workers receiving their final paperwork Friday have been employed in the agency's space shuttle programme since its beginning in the early 1980s, CNN reported. The House and Senate have both passed the NASA Reauthorization Act, and President Obama is expected to



The NASA logo is seen during a news briefing introducing the next crew of the International Space Station at NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas on 22 January, 2009.—INTERNET

sign it. The exact amount of money allotted to each NASA programme will be decided by congressional appropriations, but not until after the November elections, CNN reported.

The passage of the bill would probably not affect the current layoffs, NASA Deputy Administrator Lori Garver said. Included in the NASA budget bill is an additional shuttle launch, moving the retirement date for the shuttle programme from February 2011 to July 2011.

It is predicted more than 9,000 shuttle workers will be laid off when the programme finally comes to an end.

Internet

Technology



Toyota Prius hybrid cars are displayed at the Toyota of Hollywood dealership in August 2010 in Hollywood, California. Toyota, which continues to work to rebuild its once-stellar reputation after a series of mass safety recalls, saw sales rise a modest 16.8 percent to 147,162 vehicles in September and 1.6 percent to 1.3 million vehicles for the year.—INTERNET

Danish biotech company develops cure for bruxism

COPENHAGEN, 2 Oct—A Danish biotechnology has developed a new product that can allegedly ease bruxism, reported *Danish daily Boersen* on Friday.

The product, Grindcare, is designed for use at night. The device has a micro-electrode which will be put on the patient's teeth and then give small electric pulses when the patient grinds his teeth. Meanwhile the device will also collect data, which can then later be evaluated.

Clinical trials show that patients using the product can have the symptoms reduced by 50 percent after three weeks and 80 percent after eight weeks, according to the report.

Medotech has gained the international patents for the product. The company's goal is to launch in

2011 in the Scandinavian region, Germany, Switzerland and neighbouring countries. The long-term is to capture the US market though it is doubtful whether or not the company will be able to launch the product on the US market by 2011.

Medotech is a Danish biotech company which produces medical equipment in the Danish city of Herlev. The company's core competence is to develop sophisticated equipment for the analysis of the human body.

Bruxism is a disease that cause the constant contraction of the chewing muscles, making the upper and lower teeth grind towards each other. This can cause both physical and mental stress.

Xinhua

Why tablet computers will succeed now

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—Some people say that Apple is the most innovative company in high-tech today. But despite playing in an industry that worships startups and market creation, Apple has never been a First Mover.

The Apple II wasn't the first PC, and numerous digital music players preceded the iPod. The iPhone debuted in 2007, many years after other smartphone players such as Microsoft (Windows Mobile), Palm (Treo), Nokia (Symbian) and of course, Research In



Motion (BlackBerry) had seemingly entrenched themselves.

With the iPad tablet, Apple practically spotted its rivals a 20-year lead. Defined as a computing

device that forgoes the usual keyboard as its main input method, numerous vendors have unsuccessfully pursued this Holy Grail.

Internet



UN soldiers from Brazil patrol a street as they past buildings destroyed during an earthquake in downtown Port-au-Prince on 28 September, 2010.

XINHUA

Health

Sleep lack may put pregnant women at risk

SEATTLE, 2 Oct — Most sleep studies exclude pregnant women, so little is known about how sleep contributes to increased risks during pregnancy, US researchers say.

Lead author Dr Michelle Williams of the University of Washington and the Swedish Medical Centre in Seattle suggests too much or too

little sleep early in pregnancy may be linked to greater risk of pregnancy complications involving high blood pressure such as preeclampsia.

“Both short and long sleep duration in early pregnancy were associated with increased mean third trimester systolic and diastolic blood pressure

values,” Williams says in a statement. “Moving forward, large-scale sleep studies should include pregnancy cohorts so that health-care providers and mothers-to-be can more fully appreciate the health risks of insufficient sleep.”

Williams and colleagues studied 1,272 healthy, pregnant women who completed a structured interview at about 14 weeks gestation.

About 20 percent reported a sleep duration of 9 hours per night — considered “normal” because prior research indicates pregnant women tend towards longer sleep duration patterns. About 55 percent of women reported sleeping 7 to 8 hours, 14 percent slept 6 hours or less and about 10 percent slept 10 hours or more.—Internet



In this undated photo, high school students Monica Andres, left, and Leticia Vargas, both 16-years-old, listen to the teacher during education class at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Lake Worth, Fla.

INTERNET

Kidney disease in heart, stroke link

LONDON, 2 Oct — Poor kidney function has been identified as an early warning of possible heart disease and stroke, US, Asian and European studies found.

An analysis of 33 studies involving more than 280,000 people by US and Taipei researchers suggests a low fluid rate through the kidneys was linked to a higher risk of stroke in later life, Britain's *Daily Telegraph* reported Friday. People with a filtration rate of about half the normal level had a 43 percent higher risk of suffering a stroke in the future, the study found.

The researchers recommended that treatments to lower the risk of strokes, such as cholesterol-lowering drugs like statins, should be given to those with poor kidney function.

A second study by British and

Icelandic researchers found that people with even the earliest stages of kidney disease were at an increased risk of developing coronary heart disease.

The study tracked nearly 17,000 people in Iceland over a 24-year period.—Internet



A south Sudanese woman lays in bed in 2009, at a health clinic in Terekeka, 82 km north of Juba, an area where the population is exposed to malaria.—INTERNET

Male infertility gene identified

LONDON, 2 Oct — A faulty gene linked to a physical defect in testicles could explain some cases of male infertility, a British researcher says.

Scientists from the Pasteur Institute in France and University College London said male infertility appears to be more common within certain families, leading scientists to speculate there may be a genetic root for some

cases even though only a handful of gene mutations that might be responsible have actually been found, the BBC reported.

In most cases doctors can't find a cause for male infertility even though it accounts for up to half of situations where couples can't conceive, the BBC said Thursday.

Internet

Business

EDF, Renault-Nissan cement cooperation on electronic cars

PARIS, 2 Oct — World's leading electricity producer EDF and car manufacturer Renault-Nissan signed on Friday an accord aiming at strengthening cooperation on electronic cars.

The agreement was signed by Carlos Ghosn, Renault-Nissan's head and Henri Proglio, EDF chairman at the Paris international Motor show that opened to press on Thursday and Friday.



A Citroen Survolt 100% electric racing vehicle displayed at the Paris Auto Show on the first of the two press days. Glamorous women draped themselves over gleaming vehicles and technicians plugged in electric cars Thursday as the world's auto industry met in Paris to showcase dozens of new models and pray that crisis is behind it.—INTERNET

The two French companies started cooperation on electronic cars since two year ago. Both seek under the new accord to confirm their partnership in development of batteries, electric vehicle testing and recharging infrastructure and offers of electric mobility customers, Renault said in a statement.

Renault-Nissan will provide electric vehicles in 2011, while EDF is expected to offer installers. The cooperation also proposed a consultancy service for enterprises and communities.

The French energy company “takes the charge to accompany buyers of Renault-Nissan electric to enjoy their new acquisition,” Proglio told reporters.

“With this partnership, the Renault-Nissan and EDF are pooling their expertise to make electric mobility a reality and making France one of the pioneers for the development of electric vehicles,” Ghosn said.

Ghosn predicted that electric cars will account for 10 percent of global vehicle sales by 2020. Renault and Nissan alliance is planning to launch eight electric vehicles by 2014.—Xinhua

A United Airlines plane with the Continental Airlines logo on its tail, taxis to the runway while another United plane heads for the gate at O'Hare International airport in Chicago on 1 October, 2010.

INTERNET

Australian finance department urges spending cuts

CANBERRA, 2 Oct — Australia's Finance Department on Saturday warned the Federal Government its plans to achieve a budget surplus by the 2012-2013 financial year are at risk without cuts to spending.

In its briefing papers to the incoming minister, the department said the Government would need to find additional savings and restrict new spending.

According to *Fairfax* news, the incoming brief to new Finance Minister Penny Wong said the government needs to find 2.4 billion dollars (1.9 billion US dollars) in savings over the next four years just to pay for the pledges, which made during its negotiations with the cross-bench independents, including the promised new 1.8 billion dollars (1.7 billion US dollars) programme for rural hospitals.

Xinhua



Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics U Aye Lwin presented party's policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 2 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-



Esteemed people,

All the people of Myanmar who have attained the age of 18 are to cast votes at the respective polling stations in the constituencies on 7 November. The people will freely choose the candidates who can represent them in the election.

The Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics has planned to compete in the elections with 25 candidates for the Pyithu Hluttaw, 11 for the Amyotha Hluttaw, 10 for the Region and State Hluttaw, totalling 46.

Esteemed people,

Our party is formed with those who accept the constitution and democratization process and abide by the policy and work programmes included in the party's constitution.

Practising the democracy in line with the national policy adopted by the party, we will always reflect the attitude of the party members and serve and safeguard the national interest.

Our party will constantly oppose the activities to undermine the prestige, rights and interest of all Myanmar people through political awareness.

Esteemed people,

Our party creates relationship between party members and responsible persons of the party, between responsible persons of the party and the people and among the party members based on mutual trusts, mutual respects, mutual recognition, mutual frankness, mutual assistance, mutual reliance, mutual equality, mutual compassion, mutual faithfulness, mutual patience mutual generosity and harmony.

Esteemed people,

In accord with the policy that "State power must derive from the people", our party has adopted the policies for the persons discharging the State duty and organizations with regard to legislative, administrative and judicial matters. They are:

- Keeping all State's mechanism to serve the national interest and represent the sentiment of the entire national people,
- Making resolutions for all matters to be in accordance with the law as no one is above the law,
- Keeping away from corruption
- Always loyal to the State and the people,
- Discarding personality cult, sectarianism, dogmatism, racism and religious extremism,
- Forging Union Spirit, nationalistic spirit and patriotic spirit
- Encouraging activities of democracy and human rights as symbol, and
- Without seeking self-interest in serving the interests of the State and the people.

The priority work programmes adopted by our party are as follows:-

- to encourage the rights of the people
- to support democracy and human rights
- to support political sector with active participation of the entire national people
- to help flourish the cardinal virtue such as justice, liberty and equality
- to give encouragement for equal rights to women in the various fields of political sector to play a role like men
- to uplift realization of market-oriented economic system in which State-owned, cooperatives, public-owned, private-owned, joint ventures and foreign investments can compete freely in the economic sector

- to generate opportunity for foreign investment in the Myanmar economic sector, and
- to place emphasis on equitable development of rural, hilly and border areas and urban areas.

Esteemed people,

With regard to the basic needs of the people, our party will protect the rights of the people for the free settlement and freely earning of livelihoods.

Moreover, we will strive for creating job opportunities and decreasing jobless rate.

In the social sector of the people, our party will focus on flourishing of the nationalistic spirit to preserve nationalities, lineage, religions, uplifting the national characteristics and preserving the national literature, fine arts and cultural heritage.

Esteemed people,

Our party has planned to minimize number of illiterates, bring about compulsory free primary education system, modernize the vocational education and improve optional learning of university education for enabling the citizens to have correct attitude and contributing to the building of a new nation.

Moreover, we will place emphasis on setting up a trust-fund for securing stipends, a trust-fund for conducting subject-wise research and a trust-fund for development of human resources.

Regarding the health sector, we will realize the free health care system, cost-sharing health care system, private health care service system, funds for health care system and health care insurance system.

Our party will manage the equal rights for State-owned, cooperative-owned, private-owned, joint venture and foreign invested businesses in competing in the education and health care services.

As to the faith of the citizens, we will encourage religious tolerance and forming of religious associations freely.

Esteemed people,

With regard to the national race affairs, our party will give priority to protection of rights and interests of the national races, development of languages, literature and culture of the national races, promotion of unity, amity and mutual assistance among the national brethren, and development of education, health, economic and transport for the national races residing in the undeveloped areas.

Esteemed people,

Our party will initiate the peasant affairs to practise the 60-year granted farmland system for the rights of farmers to freely hand over, sell, pawn and donate their farmlands to others.

Moreover, we will try hard to serve the interest of farmers to seek domestic and international markets to fetch the reasonable prices of agricultural produce, to obtain agricultural investment and loans, to receive farming equipment, fertilizer, quality seeds, pesticide, fuel and advanced technology, to have permissions to freely choose marketable crops suitable for land and nature, and to freely carry out storage of harvested crops, milling, transport and distribution.

Furthermore, we will allow farmers to freely set up the organizations and unions.

With regard to the worker affairs, our party will try to ensure welfare and worksite safety, enable workers to enjoy working hours rights in accord with international standards, earn proper wages and salaries, enjoy the rights of compensation and remuneration for occupational accidents.

With regard to the forced labour, our party will try to protect workers against forced labour in which they are forced to do without having any wages or without having wages they deserve or they are employed against their duties or their will. Moreover, we will encourage formation of organizations and unions in which rights are given to workers to act for their cause themselves.

Esteemed people,

With regard to the service personnel affairs, we will strive for the service personnel to serve in proper rank and position in accord with his ability and to enjoy sufficient salary, expense, ration and facilities in line with his rank and position.

We will try to implement a better pension system for pensioners.

We will try to create a condition needed to fully provide servicemen, police and service personnel with proper salaries and facilities to be able to discharge duties.

We will make efforts for the disabled to ensure life guarantee and for women to ensure life security and job opportunities suitable for the nature of women and we will try to protect women and

children from being trafficked.

We will try to prevent recruitment of minors for military services and forced labour.

With regard to the student affairs, we will encourage establishment of independent student organizations and unions in order to serve the interest of the student and the nation in combination.

We will provide university students with government-funded hostels and libraries in order to reduce accommodation costs. Outstanding students will be provided with grant aid for further studies.

Esteemed people,

With regard to the jurisdiction, every one has equal rights before the law and every citizen will be provided with the rights to open a case, to close a case, to defend and to appeal under the law.

In performing executive, legislative and judicial tasks, our party will try to guarantee the people not to harm their inalienable rights, democratic rights and rights and privileges.

Our party will protect the inmates from being humiliated or physically and mentally tortured.

Moreover, they will be provided with the rights to enjoy inmate's right, religious freedom and free health care and to contact with their families and relatives and read newspapers, journals and books.

With regard to the international relations, we will adopt principles of peaceful coexistence and independent and active non-aligned foreign policy, ensuring global peace and friendly relations with world nations and the policy of no foreign troops shall be permitted to be deployed in the territory of the Union.

With regard to the defence affairs, we will try to set up a sophisticated strategic defence system with high capabilities.

Esteemed people,

Our party will adopt and implement a regional trade and economic strategy in order to play a strategic role in dealing with East Asia, South Asia and Southeast Asia economies.

With a view to transforming the agricultural country into a developed and industrialized one step by step on a basis of its human resources development and industrial production, we will strive for the country to catch up with the international community in transport, communications, construction, science and technology, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, energy and electricity, finance and monetary, banking service and commerce, immigration, hotels and tourism, information and media, industrial, personal goods and pharmaceutical production sectors and sports.

Esteemed people,

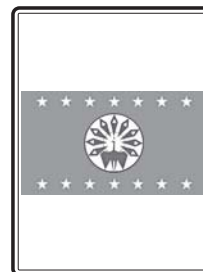
We would like to request public support in implementing the process of democratization and building a multiparty democracy with the public support.

Only with unanimous support of the people, will candidates of our party win the elections and serve the public interest legitimately.

With regard to the party's flag, equal size of seven white stars in the background of red colour are kept in a row above and under and a green dancing peacock with a white circle in the background.

We would like to request the people to tick beside the dancing peacock. We would like to note that it is an expression of support of our party, the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics, and the people for the democratization and human rights.

May all Myanmar citizens enjoy good health and happiness.



National Political Alliance presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—General Secretary of National Political Alliance U Tin Win presented the party's policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 2 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:—



Esteemed people,

I am U Tin Win, General Secretary of CEC of National Political Alliance as well as a Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Kyauklatt Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Esteemed people,

Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation is the ultimate aim of our party. Only if ours is a nation where all national races reside together in unity and amity, will all the people, irrespective of race and class, be physically and mentally strong. Only if peace and stability prevails nationwide, will a stable political system and a strong economic system that can shape a developed nation emerge. This is why the NPA has set the motto 'Peace is the first and foremost'.

A peaceful union needs a stable democratic system that guarantees people's rights to decide their own fate, to live freely and to earn their living according to their wishes. Only then, can all citizens fully enjoy social values, we believe. So, we have set the second motto 'Democracy is part and parcel of our nation'.

Esteemed people,

The Union of Myanmar is a nation blessed with rich natural resources such as teak, minerals, oil and gas and gems. In terms of human resources, our nation has more educated people than the regional countries. As ours is a nation where brilliant citizens emerge, prowess of Myanmar people can match that of any people of any nation. Laws enacted by the respective Hluttaws will guide and control economic policies. If our candidates are elected by the people, we will try our best to pass the laws that serve the public interest and revoke the laws that are against the public interest. This is why the third motto 'the development of people's life' is our first priority.

Esteemed people,

Holding the three mottos, the loyal representatives of our party will make a vow to work hard keeping the national cause in the fore.

Esteemed people,

Now, I will present our policies on politics, economy, education and health.

Our political policy is as follows:

1. We will strive constantly for emergence of a genuine multi-party system and a stable and peaceful political system.
2. We will try to seek the solutions to disagreements through negotiation.
3. We will make full use of the constitutional rights, avoiding any acts to harm the public interests.
4. We will make effective use of check and balance stipulated by the constitution.
5. We will try to know people's desire, attitude,

suffering and needs by going deep into the public.

6. We will take steps to issue necessary laws, policies and work programmes by consulting with experts from various fields in order to fulfill the people's desires.
7. We will train all our party members to be qualified and morally good and to become good leaders loyal to the State if they are to take State responsibilities.
8. We will organize educative talks to make it necessary for the people to know democratic rights as well as sense of duty.

Our economic policy is as follows:

1. The State's encouragement in various ways to achieve accumulation of wealth through the private economic sector
2. Promulgating necessary laws for distribution of wealth
3. Seeking mutual interest for promoting foreign investment and discarding unnecessary procedures
4. Giving encouragement to development of systematic banking services, the State's supervision for prevention against economic crisis followed by bank collapses, making plans for opening of regional banks
5. Reducing licence taxes and providing bank loans for development of small and medium economic enterprises
6. Encouraging limited companies to become corporate companies so that the people can invest their surplus income
7. Passing laws for creation of stock and share market essential for the market economic system
8. Giving farmers the rights to cultivate, store and trade their crops freely
9. For specialized companies to seek ways to operate farmers' bank services so as to provide capital for farmers during the cultivation season
10. Fixing lowest prices for various crops and if necessary, the State's rendering of financial assistance and extension of research work in order not to cause any losses for farmers
11. Money generated from nation's resources will be spent on public education, health and social affairs.

12. Priority will be given to getting access to electricity, clean water, stable commodity prices, low-cost housing, smooth transport, easy communication necessary among the people.

13. Establishing labour intensive private industries so as to reduce jobless rate and exemption from and relaxation of taxes for development of those industries

14. Undertaking short-term projects for enabling State-owned and private-owned industries to manufacture products in line with the global market

15. For development of the electricity sector, in addition to hydro-power, other means will be sought such as natural gas, coal-fired, solar power, wind power, bio-fuel and nuclear power.

Our education policy is as follows:

1. We will try for every one to be educated.
2. We will seek ways for families to be able to reduce education expenses.
3. We will try to promote practical education to be applied practically at worksites.
4. We will try to open higher educational institutions of international standard.

Our health policy is as follows:

1. We will try for all the people to enjoy free basic health care.
2. Health expenses will be spent more on people of ordinary class.
3. The private sector and the government will work harmoniously to open medical centres of international standard.

Esteemed people,

To implement those policies, we send our representatives, who are qualified for performing their assigned duties, serving the best interest of the people and daring to sacrifice, before the people. The candidates of National Political Alliance are—

(1) U Tin Tun Maung	Yangon Region Mingaladon, Insein Pyithu Hluttaw	Amyotha Hluttaw	Constituency (10)
(2) U Kyi Win	Pyithu Hluttaw	Yangon Region	Mingaladon Township
(3) U Ohn Lwin	Ayeyawady Region Bogale, Kyauklatt Pyithu Hluttaw	Amyotha Hluttaw	Constituency (11)
(4) U Tin Win	Pyithu Hluttaw	Ayeyawady Region	Kyauklatt Township
(5) U Thein Kyi	Pyithu Hluttaw	Yangon Region	Ahlon Township
(6) U Win Zaw	Pyithu Hluttaw	Mandalay Region	Meiktila Township
(7) U Aung Than Tint	Magway Region Taungdwingyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw	Amyotha Hluttaw	Constituency (4)
(8) U Kyaw Swa Soe	Pyithu Hluttaw	Magway Region	Salin Township
(9) U Thein Lwin	Pyithu Hluttaw	Mandalay Region	Pyinmana Township
(10) U Nyunt Maung	Yangon Region Hluttaw		Hlinethaya Township Constituency (1)
(11) U Ohn Thauang	Yangon Region Hluttaw		Mingaladon Township Constituency (1)
(12) U Kyaw Soe Myint	Yangon Region Hluttaw		Mingaladon Township Constituency (2)
(13) U Nyunt Wai	Magway Region Hluttaw		Minbu-Saku Constituency (2)

Esteemed people,

Our party has sent its reliable and loyal representatives before the people. So, I believe that the people will choose correctly with care and consideration. Let me conclude here.

May you enjoy health and happiness.



Prime Minister attends opening of new building...

(from page 1)

Mayor U Thein Nyunt formally opened the Central Bank of Myanmar.

The Prime Minister first unveiled the inscription plaque and sprinkled scented water on the plaque. And so did the commander and the ministers. The Prime Minister together with attendees posed for a documentary photo.

The Cabinet Head looked round the newly built building and viewed arrangements for banking services.

The new building of Central Bank of Myanmar lies on a 19-acre plot in Nay Pyi Taw. The building is a two-storey RC type, and 390 feet long, 350 feet wide and 48 feet high.—MNA

*Prime Minister U
Thein Sein sprinkles
scented water on
bronze inscription of
new building for
Central Bank of
Myanmar, Nay Pyi*

Taw.—MNA



*Prime Minister U
Thein Sein poses for
documentary photo
together with
attendees at opening
of new building for
Central Bank of
Myanmar, Nay Pyi*

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MNA

Kayah State Chairman oversees regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct.—Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint on 22 September inspected Auto Exchange Office of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, met with staff of Myanmar Economic Bank and presented assistance to patients at People's Hospital in Pasawng.

He also viewed the situation of Thanlwin River crossing Z craft.

He heard report on progress in construction of Htoo Creek Bridge submitted by an official.

On 24 September, he visited construction site of 50-bed hospital in Bolake, heard report on construction presented by an official and present aids to patients.

The chairman inspected Basic Education High School in Bolake and attended to the needs.

MNA

Dy PBANRDA Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct.—Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe on 29 September inspected condition of Ngayeho Creek Bridge in Magyiphay Village of Shwebo Township and instructed measures to be taken for repair of the bridge. He also looked into completed self-reliant concrete Ngayeho Creek Bridge in Hsinkwin (North) Village of Wetlet Township.

The deputy minister then inspected condition of Wetlet-Ywathagyi-Khawta Road, Chlorination Plant in Bogon Ward of Shwebo.

On 30 September, he oversaw fire preventive measure in Myoma market and visited Ingyinbin Village Basic Education Middle School, Sheinmaka Village market and Ponton water pumping station in Sheinmaka Village.—MNA

F&R Minister tours Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct—Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and departmental heads, yesterday morning visited the staff housings of

departmental personnel under the ministry in Blateikdi Ward and Danatheikdi Ward in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District, Bawgaetheikdi and Mingalatheikdi and Pinyintheikdi wards.

Officials reported on

growing of vegetable plantations at the housings.

The minister urged them to cultivate more vegetable plantations and perennial plants, beautify the housings and environs and provide welfare to the staff.

MNA

Talks hail World Rabies Day

YANGON, 2 Oct—As a gesture of hailing World Rabies Day 2010, talk on “Rabies: Prevention is Crucial” was organized by Society of General Practitioners of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) at the association hall here today.

Dr Tin Aye, Chairman of the Society, extended greetings.

Pro-Rector Professor Dr Daw Tin Tin Myaing of University of Veterinary Science (Yezin) gave talk on “Animal Rabies and Prevention”,

Professor Dr U Chit Soe of Medicines Department of Institute of Medicines (1) on “Human Rabies and Prevention (FAQ in Rabies)”, Dr Than Zaw Soe on “Verorab and Favirav: Rabies Vaccines and

Immunoglobulin” and Deputy Director Dr U Than Htain Win on “Rabies in Myanmar”. The resource personnel also answered the queries raised by audiences.

MNA



Chairman Dr U Tin Aye of Society of General Practitioners of Myanmar Medical Association (Central) extends greetings at the talks to mark World Rabies Day 2010.

MNA

Let's go to Mawtinsun...

(from page 16)

We passed Yaythoegy, Seintaung, Tatanku and Thitkadoeing camps via Pathein suspension bridge and stopped over at FM agricultural camp to have lunch.

After that, we passed Jakka, Okshitwin, Tawgyi,

South Ngayokkaung, Polaung, Ngabyema and Mayangwin villages.

On arrival at the mile post 96, we saw the sea. We proceeded to Mawtinsun Pagoda along the tarred road from PhaungdawU Pagoda.

According to the brief history of Mawtinsun Pagoda, it was built on

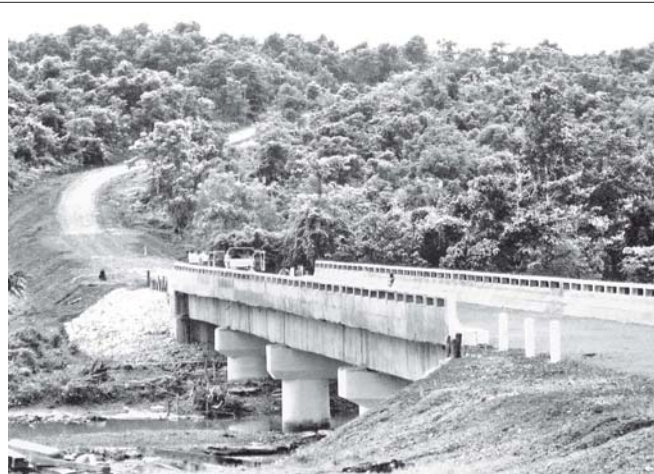
fullmoon day of Waso, 103 Maha Era. It was renovated by King Siridhammasoka in 236 Sasana Era. It was rebuilt by King Alaungsithu in 475 Myanmar Era.

We spent a night at the guest house of Public Works on Mawtin Hill. The next morning, we paid homage to the pagoda.

We saw the sea from the hill. The pagoda was thronged with pil-



Photo shows a car on Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsun Road on west mountain range.



Polaung Bridge built by Soe Moe Yadana Company lies on Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsun Road.

grims. They may take relaxation after paying homage to the pagoda. Mawtinsun Pagoda is located next to the sea. PhaungdawU Pagoda was built by King Alaungsithu at offshore on 14th waxing of Tabaung, 457 Myanmar Era. We saw a magnificent scene that waves of the sea were kissing the platform of PhaungdawU Pagoda.

After paying homage to Mawtinsun Pa-

goda, we came back to Pathein by car. Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsun road lies along west mountain ranges and plain areas. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, Road Special Group of Public Works and District Special Group totalling 27 groups and 17 private construction companies constructed the road during the period of five months

from January to May 2010.

Any visitor pilgrims from various regions of the nation to pay homage to Mawtinsun Pagoda may enjoy the magnificent scenes of mountains and forests along the road while breathing fresh and breeze air from the sea.

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600 NASA workers appear at casting call



File photo shows the "BumbleBee" is displayed on the stage during the world premiere of the film "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" in Tokyo, Japan.—XINHUA

MERRITT ISLAND, 2 Oct—A NASA spokesman said about 600 people with security clearance at Florida's Kennedy Space Centre showed up at a casting call for "Transformers 3" extras.

NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said space center workers received an e-mail last week seeking workers with "badged" security clearance to appear in scenes of the Michael Bay film being shot at the NASA facility, Florida Today reported Friday.

Beutel said about 600 people showed up for the casting call but he did not know how many would be selected to appear in the third installment of the blockbuster franchise.

Film spokeswoman Gabriela Gutentag said the director wanted extras with security access to reduce the vetting process, and having experts as extras reduces the amount of training they will require.

Internet

Japan helps hospitalize acute disease-hit Chinese sailor

TOKYO, 2 Oct—The Japanese authorities have helped hospitalize a Chinese sailor who suffered an acute disease on board a cargo ship in the waters east of Japan, said Xue Jian, an official from the Chinese embassy, on Saturday.

In a telephone interview with Xinhua, Xue said the Chinese cargo ship was en route to Shanghai from

Panama in the waters around 1,900 km east of Japan when the sailor was struck with an acute disease at about 1 pm (0400 GMT) Thursday.

After receiving emergency calls for help from the Chinese vessel, the Japanese side sent a patrol ship, an MSDF chopper as well as an airship to help transfer the patient to hospital, he said, adding that the

sailor was at last taken to a university-affiliated hospital in Tokyo.

Xue said that the Chinese embassy requested the Japan Coast Guard to try their utmost to help transfer the patient and expressed its heartfelt thanks to the Japanese side.

And the patient was now in stable condition, he added.

Xinhua

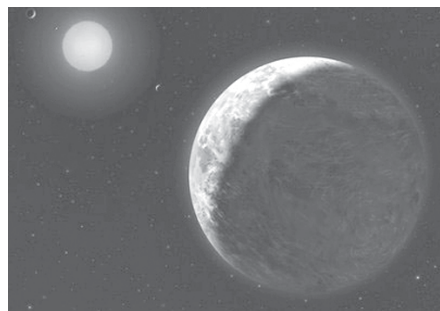
Norway bans tests on subs for Israel

JERUSALEM, 2 Oct—Norway has banned Israel from testing its new submarines at a base in Norwegian territorial waters, Haaretz reported Friday. The Norwegian foreign ministry recently informed Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft, a German shipbuilding company based in Kiel, that it would no longer allow the company to conduct naval tests on submarines intended for Israel in Norwegian territory, the daily newspaper said.

Norway's decision stems from Israel's May raid on a flotilla that attempted to break the Israeli-imposed blockade on Gaza and resulted in the deaths of nine activists, Ynetnews.com said.

Next year, Israel's Navy is to receive an improved Dolphin submarine built by HDW, and a second one in 2012. Because of Oslo's decision, the German company will have to conduct deep-water tests at another site, the newspaper said.

Internet



File photo show this undated handout artist rendering provided by Lynette Cook, National Science Foundation, shows a new planet, right. Astronomers have found a planet that is in the Goldilocks zone just right for life. Not too hot, not too cold. Not too far from its sun, not too close. And it is near Earth relatively speaking, at 120 trillion miles. It also makes scientists think that these examples of habitable planets are far more common than they thought.—INTERNET

Super virus hits six million computers in China

BEIJING, 2 Oct—Computer experts have warned that a "super" virus has attacked more than 6 million personal computers and almost 1,000 corporate computers in China.

The Stuxnet cyberworm can break into computers and steal private information, especially from industrial firms, sending it back to a server in the United States, said Wang Zhantao, an engineer at the Beijing-based Rising International Software Co Ltd, a leading

antivirus service producer in China. The super virus made use of a bug in Siemens auto-control systems used in industrial manufacturing to skip the security check, Wang said.

The virus can copy itself and spread via U-disk in the network of a company and government. "Hackers may take control of a company's machinery run under computers infected by Stuxnet, and give dangerous orders causing serious damage," he said.

Xinhua

Computer-driven trade triggers 6 May "flash crash"

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—A computer-driven sale in the value of 4-billion-plus US dollars by a single trader triggered the "flash crash" on 6 May, US regulators said Friday.

The market crash was caused by a trader's sell algorithm selling off 75,000 stocks in 20 minutes under stress on 6 May, the US Securities

and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission said in a joint report.

At 2:32 pm New York Time on 6 May, against the backdrop of unusually high volatility and thinning liquidity, a large trader initiated a selling programme to sell contacts valued at approximately 4.1

billion US dollars, according to the report.

"One key lesson is that under stressed market conditions, the automated execution of a large sell order can trigger extreme price movements, especially if the automated execution algorithm does not take prices into account," said the report.

Xinhua



Cirque du Soleil fans, wearing angel wings, dance during a promotional event to get tickets to the circus' show Corteo in Moscow on 30 September, 2010.

INTERNET

California hiker lost six days found alive

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, 2 Oct—A 64-year-old man lost for six days in California's Joshua Tree National Park thought he might die and started writing notes on his hat, officials said. Edward H Rosenthal, who got lost on a day-hike, was rescued miles from his starting point, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Rosenthal, a Culver City real estate broker, was airlifted Thursday to Hi-Desert Medical Centre in Joshua Tree and reported in good condition.

Park rangers were notified Rosenthal was missing Sunday. Rescuers found him in East



This undated image provided by the Edward Rosenthal family via Joshua Tree National Park shows Edward Rosenthal who was reported missing 24 Sept, 2010 after failing to return from a hike inside Joshua Tree National Park, Calif.

INTERNET

Wide Canyon, 6 to 7 miles from the original search area.

"He was conscious when the rescuers found him and was talking with

them, but he does have some injuries and some exposure issues," park spokesman Joe Zarki said in a Palm Springs Desert Sun report. Rosenthal wrote letters to his family and business partners on his hiking hat, and described what he thought might be his last hiking excursion.

"It's really very miraculous," his wife, Nicole Kaplan, said. "I didn't think that he'd be around." Kaplan wouldn't discuss details about what her husband wrote on his hat. "It's fairly personal," she said. "He basically wrote down everything he wanted us to know on that hat."

Internet

UNESCO confirms ancient Hanoi citadel's heritage status



A picture shows a newly restored pavilion inside the former imperial citadel of Thang Long in Hanoi. The world culture body UNESCO on Friday confirmed the ancient citadel as a World Heritage site during a ceremony to begin celebrations marking the city's 1,000th anniversary.—INTERNET

HANOI, 2 Oct—The world culture body UNESCO on Friday confirmed Hanoi's ancient Imperial Citadel as a World Heritage site during a ceremony to begin celebrations marking the city's 1,000th anniversary.

Before a statue of King Ly Thai To, who

established the capital in 1010, UNESCO's director general Irina Bokova handed over to Hanoi's mayor a large certificate that confirmed the special status of the citadel.

UNESCO had announced in August that the site and 14 others around the world would

join its heritage list.

The remains of the ancient citadel and relics from feudal dynasties were first discovered about eight years ago during excavation work to build a new national assembly.

Archeologists found thousands of artefacts, including terracotta figures of dragons and phoenix heads, ceramics, cannon, swords and coins.

Internet

Russian icebreaker starts Arctic expedition

Moscow, 2 Oct—Accompanied by brass band music, the nuclear-powered icebreaker Rossiya departed from Russia's northern port of Murmansk on Saturday for an Arctic expedition.

According to the RIA Novosti news agency, the Arktika-class Rossiya "will deliver a drifting research station, the Severny Polyus (North Pole) 38, to an ice floe, to carry out a study on the Arctic's water area and climate conditions" in a journey about 25 days.

The expedition led by presidential envoy to the Arctic and Antarctic,

Artur Chilingarov, included 15 members, 22 journalists and 50 technical support personnel.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin told a recent international conference in Moscow that disputes over Arctic should be resolved peacefully.

Russia, Canada, the United States and Denmark have been in a long-standing dispute over the vast circumpolar territories where their continental shelves exceed conventional 200-mile economic zone.

Xinhua

US balloonists plunged at 50 mph, likely dead

BARI, 2 Oct—Two missing American balloonists plunged toward the Adriatic Sea at 50 mph (80 kph) and likely didn't survive, race organizers said Friday.

Flight director Don Cameron said that high rate of descent, if confirmed, leads him to be "very pessimistic" about the fate of veteran pilots Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis.

Abruzzo, 47, of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Davis, 65, of Denver, Colorado, were participating in the 54th Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race when contact was lost Wednesday morning in rough weather over the Adriatic Sea.

Xinhua



This image provided by Robin Macey shows balloonists Carol Rymer Davis, left, and Richard Abruzzo launching for the Gordon Bennett gas balloon race at Bristol, England, on 25 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

BMW recalls 350,000 cars, including Rolls-Royces

PARIS, 2 Oct—BMW is voluntarily recalling 350,000 cars world-wide due to a possible brake problems that the world's biggest premium carmaker said have not caused any accidents.

"In some cars brake fluid has leaked into the hydraulics, preventing pressure from building up. The customer notices this since he

needs to apply more pressure to the brake, but the brakes still work," a company spokesman said on Friday. Chief Financial Officer Friedrich Eichner told Reuters he did not expect repairs to require great technical effort but he did not yet have an estimate on how much the recall would cost.

Reuters



File picture shows the headquarters of German luxury carmaker BMW in Munich.—INTERNET

BofA suspends foreclosures in 23 states

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—Amid growing public anger over US home seizures, Bank of America Corp has suspended some of its foreclosures and JPMorgan Chase & Co has come under investigation in California and Connecticut.

Bank of America said on Friday it is delaying foreclosures in 23 states to review whether it has been conducting them properly. Two other big lenders — JPMorgan and Ally Financial Inc's GMAC Mortgage — have already suspended foreclosures.

Also, a Maine state court judge reprimanded GMAC Mortgage for how it repossesses homes. The judge concluded that GMAC submitted a



A "For Sale - Bank Owned" sign sits in front of a home in Pontiac, Michigan on 19 June, 2009.—INTERNET

company official's affidavit to support a foreclosure "in bad faith." Companies are scrambling to defend and where needed improve their foreclosure procedures in the face of anger among homeowners and regulators.—Reuters

Air India flight makes emergency landing in southern India

NEW DELHI, 2 Oct—A Saudi-bound flight of the state-run carrier Air India, with 197 passengers on board, made an emergency landing at Kochi Airport in the southern Indian state of Kerala on Saturday, a senior official said.

"The flight from the southern Indian city of Kozhikode to Riyadh aborted its journey by emergency landing at the Cochin International Airport at 08:20 am. The pilot of the aircraft noticed smoke at the cabin side after being airborne for nearly one-and-a-half hours," the official said.

Xinhua

Two injured in Russian plane's emergency landing

Moscow, 2 Oct—Two out of 11 people aboard a light plane were injured during its emergency landing in Russia's south Siberian republic of Buryatiya, said the regional emergencies ministry on Saturday.

Three crew members and eight passengers have been evacuated by a Mi-8 helicopter to the district centre of Bagdarin, two of whom have leg fractures, said the Itar-Tass news agency.

The crew told an investigative commission that the plane made an emergency landing at a station of reindeer breeders when trying to avoid a thunderstorm.

Xinhua

Plane overshoots runway at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey, US

NEW YORK, 2 Oct—A plane has overshoot the runway at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey, the United States on Friday, according to the NBC report. Authorities said the pilot of the corporate jet went "too long" on the landing and the plane hit an "arrestor bed," which crumbled under the weight of the aircraft.

It was not immediately clear what caused the plane to go into the safety bed — aerated cement blocks that are designed to fall apart under the weight of a plane, stopping it from veering out of control at the end of runway. There were no injuries reported.

Xinhua

Brazil suspends sales of diabetes drug Avandia

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Oct—Brazil's National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) announced its decision on Wednesday to suspend the sales of anti-diabetes drug Avandia. According to Anvisa, the decision was based on studies which demonstrated that the risks of the drug surpass its benefits. The agency also asked its manufacturer Glaxo Smith Kline to remove the product from drugstores across the country.

Avandia is used to treat diabetes. Anvisa suggested that all patients who are currently using the drug should consult their physicians. Last week, the sales of Avandia were suspended in Europe, after studies concluded the drug increased the risk of heart attacks, strokes, and other heart diseases. In the United States, Avandia sales are not completely forbidden, but undergo severe restrictions. —Xinhua



Citizens buy vegetable at the New Green City Fair 2010, New York City's largest annual green event, held in Union Square Park, New York, the United States, on 29 Sept, 2010.

XINHUA

Researchers engineer microbes for low-cost production of anti-cancer drug

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct—A US team has engineered E coli bacteria to produce large quantities of a critical compound that is a precursor to the cancer drug Taxol, originally isolated from the bark of the Pacific yew tree. The tree's bacteria can produce 1,000 times more of the precursor, known as taxadiene, than any other engineered microbial strain.

The technique, to be described on Friday in the journal *Science*, could bring down the manufacturing costs of Taxol and also help scientists discover potential new drugs for cancer and other diseases such as hypertension and Alzheimer's, said Gregory Stephanopoulos, who led the team of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts University researchers and is one of the senior authors of the paper.

Internet

Woman held hostage in dog kennel

ST PAUL, 2 Oct—A St Paul, Minn, man faces assault and terroristic threat charges for allegedly confining his girlfriend in a dog kennel and attacking her, documents show. The Ramsey County attorney's office charged Luke Brandon Scott, 29, on Tuesday with first- and second-degree assault, terroristic threats and false imprisonment for allegedly holding his girlfriend captive and beating her after she arrived at his home Sunday night, the *St Paul Pioneer Press* reported on Thursday.

The woman, identified only by her initials CEH, went to Scott's house and, after saying she was breaking up with him, he hit her in the face, the complaint says. She complied when he later ordered her into a large dog kennel. "CEH said she went into the kennel because she thought Scott would stop hitting her if she obeyed him," the complaint said. "Scott locked the door and kept her in the kennel for 10 to 15 minutes."—Internet

Drug 'milestone' for men with advanced prostate cancer

LONDON, 2 Oct—Scientists last night hailed a new chemotherapy drug as the first ever treatment to prolong life for men with advanced prostate cancer. Researchers found those who trialled cabazitaxel in the latter, more aggressive stages of the disease, lived on average 30pc longer than those taking another medication. The drug, which has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), could offer an extra lease of life for thousands of men every year.

Cabazitaxel was tested on those with advanced prostate cancer who had developed a resistance to hormone treatment and the chemotherapy drug docetaxel. Patients were randomly assigned to receive an injection for up to a maximum of 10 cycles of cabazitaxel or mitoxantrone — a chemotherapy drug which is given to patients who develop resistance to docetaxel. —Internet

Halloween 'bigger than Valentine's'

LONDON, 1 Oct — Supermarkets are about to place millions of pounds of Halloween stock on shelves in preparation for what has become one of the UK's main seasonal events, they said.

Tesco has launched its biggest Halloween campaign yet, saying it expected to sell £55 million of Hal-

loween-related goods including 1.4 million pumpkins, 2 million toffee apples and 1.5 million fancy dress costumes. Tesco UK marketing director Carolyn Bradley said Halloween had overtaken Valentine's Day to become one of the year's main seasonal events, with sales almost trebling since 2005.—Internet

British brothers 'behind plot to terrorise Europe'

ISLAMABAD, 2 Oct — Two British brothers based in Pakistan were at the heart of a plot to launch "Mumbai-style" terrorist attacks in Britain and other European countries, it was claimed yesterday. One of the men, named as Abdul Jabbar, was killed earlier

this month in a missile strike by an unmanned American drone as part of a series of attacks directly aimed at the organisers of the plan to stage co-ordinated killing sprees by groups of commandos in major European cities.

A Pakistani intelligence official said the two Britons had been tracked for nearly a year in North Waziristan, a lawless tribal region which has become a hub for Islamist militants, along with eight German citizens who were also involved with the al Qaeda-linked plot.—Internet

US army 'kill-team' probed on war crimes

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct — A US soldier facing murder charges for allegedly killing Afghan civilians for sport has been linked to the 2004 deaths of several unarmed Iraqis, it has emerged.

Sergeant Calvin Gibbs is accused, along with four other soldiers, of opening fire on Afghan civilians in unprovoked assaults between January and May in Kandahar province. Seven others are accused of dismembering bodies and removing bones.

The career of the alleged ringleader of a self-described "kill-team" is now being scrutinised after he boasted to fellow soldiers of his exploits in Iraq, where he served two terms. —Internet

'Naked burglar' found under child's bed

WESTMINSTER, 2 Oct — An alleged burglar was in police custody today after he was found naked under a child's bed in a California home.

Edgar Lucha, 23, of Westminster, in California's Orange County, was arrested at about 8pm local time Wednesday, Westminster police officer Van Woodson said.

Mr Lucha allegedly entered a home in the neighbourhood at around 3.40am local time on Saturday, my FOXla.com reported.

Internet

Commonwealth Games medical chief Tarun Garg ill with typhoid



A security officer amidst billowing smoke from an anti-mosquito fumigation at the Commonwealth Games athletes' village. Games officials are worried about outbreaks of dengue fever.—INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 2 Oct — The chief medical officer for the crisis-stricken Delhi Commonwealth Games has been struck down with a suspected case of typhoid. The news that Tarun Garg is on sick leave was the lat-

est setback for an event already blighted by rampant corruption, allegations that safety certificates for several stadiums have been forged and scathing criticism of uninhabitable athletes' lodgings.

In the run-up to the \$3 billion Games health fears have mostly centred on a serious outbreak of dengue fever, an excruciatingly painful and potentially deadly mosquito-borne disease. Hundreds of fresh cases are being confirmed in Delhi daily by private clinics, but are not being reported by the authorities, it was revealed last week.

It has also been reported that only two of the 11 medical centres created for the Games are in operation and most of the 3000 CCTV cameras covering the event are malfunctioning.

Internet



Visitors ride a merry-go-round during the opening day of the 177th Oktoberfest in Munich on 18 Sept, 2010. Millions of beer drinkers from around the world will come to the Bavarian capital over the next two weeks for the world's biggest and most famous beer festival, the Oktoberfest, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year.—INTERNET

Hair singed by Las Vegas 'death ray'



A tourist whose hair was singed by the sun's reflection off a Las Vegas hotel attributes the attention the story has received to the term "death ray."

William Pintas of Chicago, whose

hair was singed while he was sunning by the pool of the Vdara Hotel on the Las Vegas strip in mid-September, told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* he believes media outlets including ABC News, CBS News and BBC radio are mostly drawn to his story because of the term "death ray," which is the nickname pool employees gave the reflection. Officials with MGM Resorts International, owner of CityCentre, a development including the Vdara, said they have received similar media inquiries from "Inside Edition," National Public Radio and NBC's "Today" show.

"I'm not taking away from (Pintas), but we have no other complaints that are similar to what he has told you," MGM spokesman Gordon Absher said. "The media's had great fun with this. And we've been good sports about it."



Penguins react during a collective wedding ceremony organized by Dalian Sun Asia Polar Ocean Park in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 1 Oct, 2010. The park threw a wedding for 4 pairs of penguins that were born in the park.

News Album

Man protective of his pizza leftovers

Note to folks sharing a refrigerator: Leave the pizza alone or you risk getting hit as a Florida man was for noshing on his brother's leftovers.

Port St Lucie police said Frank Starling bopped his younger brother because he was eating Starling's pizza left in the refrigerator,

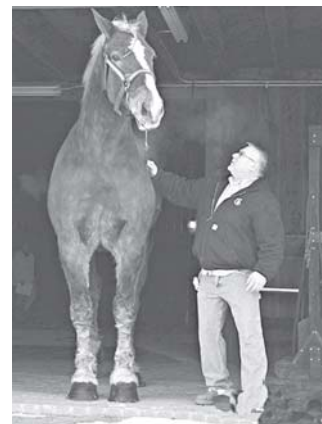


WPBF-TV, West Palm Beach, reported on Thursday. Sterling was charged with domestic battery.

Calif pot farmer sues landlord over stolen crop

A Southern California pot farmer is suing his landlord because his \$35,000 indoor marijuana crop was stolen during a break-in. Gary Hite, who rents the 1,892-square-foot unit in a Murrieta business park, filed the Riverside County lawsuit against Hunco Way LLC claiming negligence and breach of contract. Hite's suit said he grows the marijuana for medicinal purposes.

The Superior Court suit alleges the landlord failed to fix a broken door and lock after a 17 May break-in in a neighbouring unit. The *Riverside Press-Enterprise* reported burglars entered the open unit on 7 June and smashed through the drywall to get into his marijuana warehouse space. The suit said 35 plants worth \$1,000 each were stolen.



Various Guinness record: The tallest horse.



In this photo taken on 30 Aug, 2010 and provided by Harpo Productions, Inc, talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, right, is seen with 'Harry Potter' author JK Rowling during a taping in Edinburgh, Scotland for an episode of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' to air nationally on 1 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Could Harry Potter return? JK Rowling says maybe

CHICAGO, 2 Oct—Could Harry Potter return to work more magic?

JK Rowling is leaving open the possibility. She told Oprah Winfrey in a taped interview airing Friday that she may someday write another novel in the popular series.

Rowling says the characters are still in her head and she "could definitely" write several new books about them. She says: "I'm not going to say I won't." For now, she feels she's moved on to a new phase of her writing. More than 400 million copies of the books about the boy wizard have been sold. Rowling says fame brought extreme pressures, including paparazzi and reporters searching her trash.

Internet

Producer of 'The A-Team,' other shows dies



Producer and writer Stephen J Cannell

PASADENA, 2 Oct—Stephen J Cannell, the voracious writer-producer of dozens of series that included TV favorites "The Rockford Files," "The A-Team" and "The Commish," has died at age 69.

Cannell passed away at his home in Pasadena, Calif, on Thursday night from complications associated with melanoma, his family said in a statement on Friday.

During three decades as an independent producer, he distinguished himself as a rangy, outgoing chap with a trim beard who was generally identified with action dramas full of squealing

tires and tough guys trading punches.

But his range was greater than for which he was given credit. "Tenspeed and Brown Shoe" was a clever detective drama starring Ben Vereen and a then-unknown Jeff Goldblum in 1980. "Profit" was a shocking saga of a psycho businessman that was unforgettable to the few viewers who saw it: Fox pulled the plug after just four episodes in 1996. With "Wiseguy" (1987-90), Cannell chilled viewers with a film-noir descent into the underworld that predated "The Sopranos" by more than a decade.

"The Rockford Files," of course, became an Emmy-winning TV classic following the misadventures of its hapless ex-con private eye played by James Garner.—*Internet*

Singer Bruno Mars facing cocaine charge in Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 2 Oct—Bruno Mars, singer of the hit R&B song "Just the Way You Are," faces a felony cocaine charge stemming from his arrest after a performance at a Las Vegas nightclub last month. The Clark County district attorney's office filed a criminal complaint

Friday alleging the rising singer-songwriter had 2.6 grams of cocaine when he was arrested 19 Sept after being detained by a hotel security guard.

Mars, whose real name is Peter Hernandez, is due in court 18 Nov on the possession of a controlled substance

charge. If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. "Just the Way You Are" is No 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Hernandez, 24, was in Las Vegas for a performance at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Wasted Space nightclub.

Internet



In this 16 June, 2010 file photo, Bruno Mars attends the UJA-Federation's Music Visionary of the Year Award luncheon at the Pierre Hotel in New York.—INTERNET

Wigan Athletic 2-0 Wolverhampton Wanderers

LONDON, 2 Oct—Two second-half goals earned Wigan Athletic a much needed three points in Saturday's early kick-off.

Jordi Gomez put the hosts ahead with a brilliant free-kick in the 65th minute and Hugo Rodallega deflected in a second five minutes from

time.

Wolverhampton Wanderers were up against it from the 11th minute, when captain Karl Henry was sent off for a late challenge on Gomez, but it was the Wigan midfielder who had the last laugh.

Internet



**Wigan's
Emmerson Boyce
in action with
Wolves' Karl
Henry.**
INTERNET

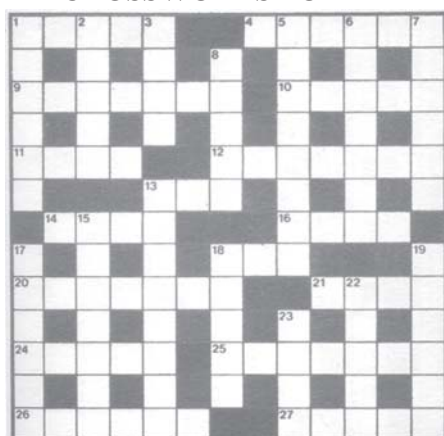
Wardrobe malfunction: US Ryder Cup golfers soaked

NEWPORT, 2 Oct— Call it Water(proof)gate.

The dozen golfers on the US Ryder Cup team got a soggy surprise on the opening day of competition when the rain gear they brought from the States didn't work any better than it looked.

Caught in a morning downpour at the Celtic Manor course that forced a seven-hour, 18-minute delay Friday, the players huddled in the clubhouse to dry off while PGA of America officials scrambled for a solution.—Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Unit of power
- 4 Coastlines
- 9 Desert
- 10 Emblem
- 11 Armoured fighting vehicle
- 12 Go back
- 13 Bishop's realm
- 14 At liberty
- 16 As well as
- 18 Every one
- 20 Avoiding
- 21 Just
- 24 Two times
- 25 Spotted beast
- 26 Fingers
- 27 Damp

DOWN

- 1 Riches
- 2 Retinue
- 3 Flank
- 5 Customary
- 6 Readjust
- 7 Afternoon nap
- 8 Trap
- 13 Lees
- 15 Awakening
- 17 Dissolved
- 18 Nimble
- 19 Carried on business
- 22 Warning sound
- 23 Scottish lake

Sunderland 0-0 Manchester United



**Manchester
United's
Michael
Owen in
action with
Sunderland's
Steed
Malbranque.**
INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 2 Oct—Sunderland held Manchester United to a goalless draw at the Stadium of Light.

Edwin van der Sar produced a fine 16th-minute save to deny Steed Malbranque and then saw compatriot Bolo Zenden hit a post eight minutes before the break as the home side enjoyed much the better of the first half.

Half-time substitute Dimitar Berbatov had a 48th-minute strike ruled out for offside and after Nani had forced a good stop from Simon Mignolet, fired inches wide 10 minutes from time as United improved after the restart. However, the Black Cats were more than good value for their point in front of an appreciative crowd of 41,709.—Internet

Dortmund a 'must-win' game, says Bayern's Hoeness

MUNICH, 2 Oct—Bayern Munich's Bundesliga game against Dortmund on Sunday is a must-win affair, the German giants' president Uli Hoeness has warned.



**Bayern Munich's
Bundesliga game
against Dortmund on
Sunday.—INTERNET**

"We absolutely have to win at Dortmund so we can get back into the championship race," Hoeness said Friday.

"If not, it will become difficult to make up the difference before Christmas."

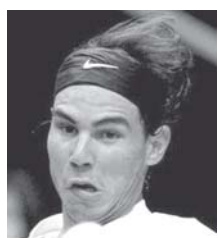
Bayern coach Louis van Gaal expressed his confidence ahead of the clash with Dortmund, who have racked up five consecutive wins in the German league.

Internet

Tennis ace Nadal fulfills hopes at Thailand Open

BANGKOK, 2 Oct—Crowd-pleaser Rafael Nadal Friday easily defeated Mikhail Kukushkin

of Kazakhstan 6-2, 6-3 to reach the semi-finals in his debut at the Thailand Open.



**Rafael Nadal of Spain
hits a return to Mikhail
Kukushkin of Kazakh-
stan during their quar-
ter-final match.**
INTERNET

Nadal, the world number one whose first appearance in Thailand has attracted huge attention, will next face compatriot Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, a winner over fourth seed Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 6-3.

Even a dozen aces could not save the erratic Gulbis from defeat as his opponent fired ten. Despite his success in 71 minutes, Nadal typically insisted he's not a favourite for his seventh title of the season.—Internet

Birmingham City 0-2 Everton

LONDON, 2 Oct—Everton secured their first win of the season at Birmingham City.

David Moyes' side moved off the bottom of the table and it was no more than they deserved after dominating possession for long periods and looking the more

threatening.

Roger Johnson could only deflect a low cross from Leon Osman past Blues keeper Ben Foster nine minutes into the second half and, in injury time, Tim Cahill turned in Leighton Baines' centre.

Internet



**Birmingham
City's Scott
Dann and
Everton's
Tim Cahill
go toe to toe.**
INTERNET

S P O R T S

Zico flies Flamengo nest after four months

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Oct—Brazilian legend Zico said on Friday he had resigned as footballing executive of top side Flamengo just four months after taking the reins of his former club, citing poor rela-

tions with officials.

"I believe that I cannot achieve right now what I wanted to for Flamengo. I have put many people's backs up since my arrival," said the former Brazil international who scored more than 500 goals for the club in two spells.

"I hope you will understand," Zico told fans, explaining he had poor relations with some of the club's officials, who he regretted he was "unable to debate" with and who, he added, did "not have the club's interests at heart."—Internet



Olympiacos' coach Zico

Atletico extends three players' contracts

MADRID, 2 Oct—Europa League champions Atletico Madrid have agreed contract extensions with winger Jose Antonio Reyes, defender Tomas Ujfalusi and midfielder Paulo Assuncao, the Spanish club said on Friday.

Former Arsenal and Real Madrid player Reyes, 27, whose contract was due to expire in June 2011, agreed to an extension until 2014, it said in a statement.

Czech Ujfalusi, 32, and Brazilian Assuncao,

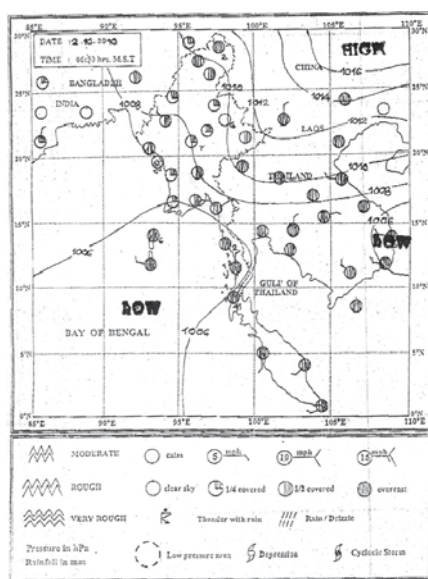


**Europa League champi-
ons Atletico Madrid have
agreed contract exten-
sions with winger Jose
Antonio Reyes, defender
Tomas Ujfalusi and
midfielder Paulo
Assuncao.—INTERNET**

30, both extended their contracts with the club by two years until 2013.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 2nd October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Mandalay Region, isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Magway and Yangon Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (1.69) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 1-10-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 2-10-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-10-2010 was (79%). Rainfall on 2-10-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 1-10-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 2-10-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-10-2010 was (69%). Total sunshine hours on 1-10-2010 was (10.2) hours.

Rainfall on 2-10-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, 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 (92.09) inches at Central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (15:30) hours MST on 1-10-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 3rd October 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State and Lower Sagaing Region rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Region and isolated light rain or thundershowers in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Wife of Singapore founding father Lee Kuan Yew dies

SINGAPORE, 2 Oct — The wife of Singapore's first prime minister, Lee Kuan Yew, has died at age 89, the Prime Minister's Office said on Saturday.

Kwa Geok Choo, who had been bedridden for over two years, unable to speak or move, passed away at 1740 (0940 GMT) in her home.

"Mrs Lee Kuan Yew, age 89, passed away peacefully at home today at 5.40 pm," the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement, adding that her funeral will take place on October 6.

Her husband, Lee Kuan Yew, 87, the architect of modern Singapore, has been in hospital since Wednesday for a chest infection. But he was shown in good spirits on Friday, talking to International Air Transport Association President Giovanni Bisignani in his hospital room.—MNA/Reuters



Tourists pose with clowns in Shijingshan Amusement Park in Beijing, capital of China, 1 Oct, 2010. Friday is the first day of the national day holidays in China, a series of activities has been carried out in the amusement park to attract tourists.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (3-10-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
 Oversea Transmission - (3-10-10 09:30 am ~ 4-10-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Cruising Along a Silver Arrow
- * News
- * Your Friendly Messenger
- * News
- * Those who never give up
- * News
- * Music Gallery

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
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- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Fabulous Bagan
- * News
- * Peak Conquerors
- * News
- * A pleasureable Journey to a boom town
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Eight Top Celebrities and Their Ceremonial Costumes Fashion
- * News
- * Myanmar's Endeavours in ASEAN
- * Myanmar Movie "Unchangeable Love"



**Sunday,
3 October
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nince & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. (38)Phyar Mingalars

8:15 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions

8:25 am

8. Musical Programme

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Teleplay (Health)

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm

6. A Film honouring the 46th Anniver Sary of Myanmar Police Force Day

2:35 pm

7. Song Of National Races

2:40 pm

8. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions

2:50 pm

9. International News

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) Football Competition(Live) (Yangon United FC & Ma Naw Myay FC)

5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. Cartoon Series

6:35 pm

6. Tamayethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm

7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

8. News

9:00 pm

9. Talk of the Political Parties

10:00 pm

10. International News

11:00 pm

11. Weather Report

12:00 pm

12. Cartoon Series

13:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series



- ★ 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

Let's go to Mawtinsun Pagoda

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Kyaw Moe Lwin*



PhaungdawU Pagoda built by King Alaungsithu seen with Mawtinsun Pagoda.

In the morning of 19 September 2010, I drove a super saloon along the 96-mile Patheingyi-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsun road in a super saloon. The road opened by the Prime Minister on 15 May was constructed by road special groups and district special groups of Public Works and construction companies.

I stopped over at the guest house of Public Works in Patheingyi. My friend Senior Engineer of Patheingyi District welcomed me and provided necessary assistance. Together with one Assistant Engineer and one Junior Engineer (2) from my friend's office, I went on my trip.

Ayeyawady Region is a granary of the

State and it has plenty of meat, fish and vegetables. In the past, the local people relied on only waterway. Now, 11 road networks are under construction in the region.

The region has been facilitated with 655 miles long tarred roads, 389 miles long gravel roads, 183 miles long hard roads and 341 miles long earth roads. New roads are under construction.

Patheingyi-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsun road is No. 9 road passing Patheingyi, Ngapudaw and Haingyiikyun townships.

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MPA issues high tide warning

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Oct — Myanmar Port Authority issued a high tide warning today, informing the public that exceptionally high spring from 20.4 feet to 21.4 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River from 7 to 11 October. The notice also says it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.9 feet high above datum in the year 2008 and 2009 and the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA

Durability of village library discussed in Pauktaw

PAUKTAW, 2 Oct—Head of Pauktaw Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw San San Aung on 4 August inspected a self-reliant village library in Dakaing Village of Pauktaw Township.

At the office of Village-tract Peace and Development Council, she met members of the village library committee and explained development of the library and undertaking five tasks of the library for its durability.—Township IPRD