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It is necessary to make efforts for development of the State through combined strength of nations' natural resources and human resources

Myanmar has taken first step towards the goal of national industrialization

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Prime Minister U Thein Sein addressed the opening ceremonies of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) and Yatanarpon Internet Exchange at Yatanarpon Cyber City in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, ministers, deputy ministers, the Mandalay mayor, heads of department, rectors and principals of technological universities and colleges in Mandalay Region, the



Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils the signboard of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).—MNA

principal, faculty members and students from Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City), departmental officials, members of social organizations, officials from the companies that will make investment in Yatanarpon City, and guests.

The opening of

Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) took place at the university at 9 am. The commander, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw formally opened it.

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It is very important to improve the ICT sector in nurturing human resources in this age of information. Therefore, Yatanarpon Cyber City has been built in accord with the farsighted guidance of the Head of State.



Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits the factory of ASIA Mega Link Co Ltd.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Better health care of mothers and children

In its drive for longevity and good health of the people, the Ministry of Health is approaching three methods: giving health education talks across the nation including rural areas, prevention and control of diseases, and effective treatment.

In this regard, health care of mothers and children including newborns is centre stage with the aim of reducing epidemic outbreaks and mortality rates of mothers, newly-born babies and under-one-year children in Myanmar.

The government is working hard to achieve one of the millennium development goals for health—to reduce maternal mortality rate of 1990 by four-thirds by 2015.

Annually, about 1.3 million women are pregnant in Myanmar, and priority is given to improvement of health care for mothers and newborns and safe births.

Maternal and child health care covers health education talks, care of pregnant women, pasteurization methods for systematic births, care of mothers and under-fives, fulfilling nutritional requirements of mothers and babies, and prevention and control of diseases.

Systematic breastfeeding plays an important role in taking care of mothers and children. So, children are to be breastfed and fed additional foods till they turn two years.

Indeed, children are the future of the nation. Only when mothers and children are in good health will they have high physical and mental powers.

Therefore, the entire people should extend a helping hand to health staff in improving the health standard of mothers and children.

Toyo Battery honours big sellers

YANGON, 17 Oct—Proven Technology Industry Co Ltd (TOYO Battery) hosted a dinner in honour of big sale agents at Western Park Royal Restaurant in Kandawgyi here yesterday evening.

MD U Ohn Lwin introduced new products—tubular

battery and Lion motorcycle dry battery and awarded 19 sale reps who hit highest sale volume in 2009-2010.

Born in 1996, TOYO battery got ISO 9001 (QMS) certificate in 2008. The contact addresses are F/S 14, Shwesabe Complex, opposite of Institute of

marine Technology Kamayut Township, Tel: 701719, 701720, 527667, 530694, in Yangon and No. 371, 81st Street, between 29th Street and 30th Street, Chan-ayethazan Township, Tel: 02-72761, 02-21884 in Mandalay.

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People's Desire

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

A & I Ministry honours outstanding students and athletes



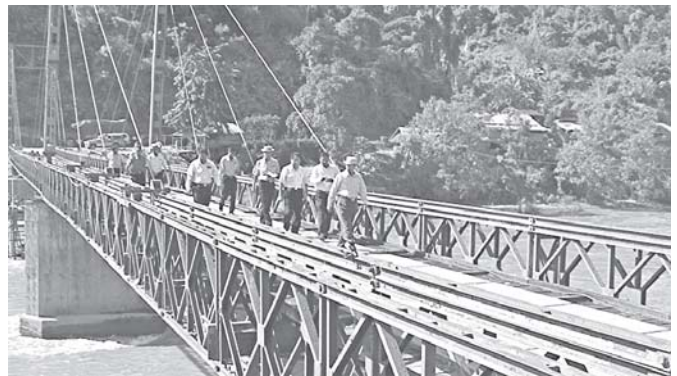
NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation honoured offspring of staff who passed 2009-2010 academic year matriculation examination with three distinctions and above and athletes of the ministry who won prizes in sports events home and abroad at the ministry here this morning.

Minister U Htay Oo spoke on the occasion and awarded outstanding students. Next, officials awarded medal winner athletes and coaches. Athletes from the ministry won four gold medals, five silver medals, and 10 bronze medals in sports events in abroad and 238 gold medals, 134 silver medals, and 122 bronze in medals in sports events at home.—MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo awards six-distinction winning student of matriculation examination for 2009-2010.—MNA

Construction Minister inspects upgrading of Lashio-Mansan road section

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected upgrading of Lashio-Mansan road section of Lashio-Mansan-Nanmatu road to tarred one by Lashio District and road special group (1) on 15 October.



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint looks into maintenance of Laylu Suspension Bridge on Namhsan-Panlon Road.—MNA

The minister inspected the repaving of Hsipaw-Panlon road section of Hsipaw-Mansan-Nanmatu road between mile post No.17/7 and No.18/0. And he instructed officials to carry out works with set

standards, to stockpile paving stones so as to accelerate works in open season and to dig canals on both sides.

The minister then proceeded to 320 feet long Laylu Suspension Bridge near mile post

No. 21/1 on Namhsan-Panlon road. There, he inspected maintenance of the bridge on Namhsan side, passing of trucks and maintenance of steel truss and pillars. He urged the officials to check it regularly for its durability and to control traffic in line with the bridge's withstanding.

MNA

Managing Director U Ohn Lwin of Proven Technology Co Ltd (Toyo Battery) speaking at ceremony to honour big sale agents.—MNA

Attacks hit Kandahar, killing two Afghan civilians

KANDAHAR, 17 Oct—A series of blasts killed at least two civilians and wounded several others Saturday in Afghanistan's main southern city, the scene of several recent deadly attacks on police.

Helicopters patrolled above the city as NATO and Afghan troops were deployed to seal off the attack sites. Ambulances with sirens wailing ferried victims to local hospitals.

In one attack, a motorized rickshaw carrying explosives detonated behind police headquarters in the centre of the city, said

Zelmai Ayubi, spokesman for the governor of Kandahar Province. One bystander was killed and three others wounded, Ayubi said. On the eastern side of the city, militants attacked an oil tanker with gunfire, causing it to explode. One civilian was killed and at least two others were wounded.

A rocket fired by militants slammed into a prison compound in the city's west, police said. No casualties were immediately reported. Another explosion went off in the city's business district, also in the west. Details were not

immediately available.

Kandahar city has been a target for militants this month. Two explosions killed nine people and wounded two dozen others on 6 Oct. Three blasts just minutes apart killed three Afghan police officers in the city on 5 Oct.—*Internet*



Men injured in a blast are brought to hospital in Kandahar city, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 16 Oct, 2010. A series of blasts killed at least two civilians and wounded several others in Kandahar city Saturday.
INTERNET

Nigeria beefs up security at key airport after bomb threat



Security agents check a damaged car following a blast in Abuja during the 50th independence anniversary ceremony in Abuja on 1 October.—INTERNET

ABUJA, 17 Oct—Nigeria tightened security Saturday at the busy Abuja international airport, a day after the militant group MEND threatened an imminent attack in the nation's capital, travellers said.

The officials, armed with bomb detectors, screened

vehicles about 250 metres (800 feet) out on the airport access road, including conducting physical inspections of some vehicles. "There was no such security measures were in place at the airport three days ago," one traveller said.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) threatened in a statement on Friday an "imminent" bomb attack on Abuja, which experienced twin car bombings two weeks ago in which at least 12 people died and several others injured. The threat came in a statement that criticised the government's response to the 1 October Independence Day bombings.

MEND, which claimed responsibility for the Abuja blasts, said that opponents of President Goodluck Jonathan have been falsely implicated ahead of elections early next year, and vowed to carry out another attack to prove them innocent.

Internet

Two Taliban commanders killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Oct—Security forces during operation against Taliban militants in Jalai District of Taleban birthplace Kandahar Province in south Afghanistan eliminated two militants' commanders, a press statement released by Kandahar provincial administration on Sunday said. "The operation covered Pashmol and Reg villages on Saturday during which two commanders of militants namely Abdul Khaliq and Kako were killed," the statement

added.

Another commander Mullah Rahmatullah received injuries during the operation, it further said. Taleban militants have yet to make comment. Kandahar has been the scene of increasing Taleban-led militancy over the past couple of years.

To ensure lasting peace there in Kandahar, a joint Afghan and NATO-led forces operation has been going on in parts of the province since early September.

Xinhua

Somali pirates seize S Korean fishing boat

SEOUL, 17 Oct—A South Korean fishing boat with 43 people on board has been seized by Somali pirates off the coast of Kenya, the foreign ministry said Sunday.

The 241-ton crab fishing vessel, which was carrying two South Koreans, two Chinese and 39 Kenyans, was hijacked on 9 October near the Kenyan island of Lamu in the Indian Ocean, the ministry said in a statement. "We are investigating the exact circumstances surrounding the incident by setting up an emergency team at our embassy in Kenya," it said, without revealing whereabouts of the vessel and crew. YTN news channel reported that the fishing boat and its crew had been taken to a pirate stronghold in northern Somalia, citing South Korean sources in Kenya. The latest hijacking came as South Korea increases efforts to counter piracy in international waters. South Korea has an anti-piracy warship patrolling Somali waters because of a rise in hijackings near the Horn of Africa, a key route leading to the Suez Canal. In April, a South Korean oil tanker with 24 crew members was hijacked by pirates off the coast of Somalia and has been held since then.

The 300,000-ton ship, the Samho Dream, was on

China battles to save 11 trapped miners as Chile offers help



Rescuers are ready to go underground after an explosion at the state-run Pingyu Coal & Electric Co Ltd mine in Yuzhou city.
INTERNET

BEIJING, 17 Oct—Dozens of rescuers battled thick dust Sunday as they tried to reach 11 coal miners trapped underground after a gas leak killed 26 of their colleagues, as Chile offered help in the salvage operation.

A "sudden coal and gas outburst" hit the mine in the central province of Henan on Saturday while 276 miners were at work below ground, the national work safety agency said, confirming the death and missing toll.

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera offered to help China, saying his country had learned from the San Jose mine disaster in northern Chile, where 33 miners were trapped for two months before being pulled out alive last week.—*Internet*

Two Ecuador miners may be alive after collapse



Rescuers set up a remotely operated probe at Casa Negra mine in Portovelo, Ecuador.
INTERNET

PORTOVELO, 17 Oct—Two of the four workers trapped in a collapsed gold mine were found dead but the other two may have survived and could be hiding deep within the mine, a cabinet minister said late Saturday.

Non-Renewable Resources Minister Carlos Pareja denied earlier reports from a Civil Defence official that three of the miners had been confirmed dead. Only two bodies have been recovered, he told reporters in Portovelo, close to the mine.—*Internet*



Two suspected pirates standing in a whaler off the Somali coast.—INTERNET

its way from Iraq to the US state of Louisiana with a crew of five South Koreans and 19 Filipinos.

Somali pirates, targeting one of the world's busiest maritime trade routes, raked in an estimated 60 million dollars in ransoms last year.—*Internet*

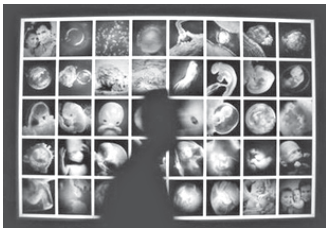
Science

First babies born in IVF full gene screening study

LONDON, 17 Oct—Two women have given birth to healthy babies from eggs screened for genetic defects before being implanted in the womb, in a study of a new technique that could improve the success rate of in-vitro fertilization.

Twin girls born in Germany in June and a boy born in Italy in September are the first deliveries in a pilot study of a technique called comparative genomic hybridisation (CGH) by microarray, European scientists said on Friday.

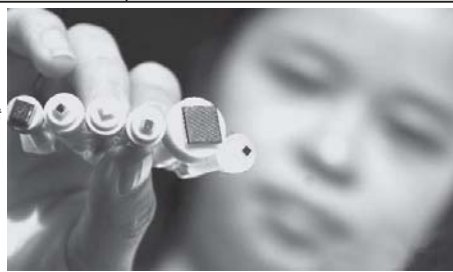
The technique is a new way of screening eggs and embryos for genetic defects to increase the odds a woman achieves a healthy pregnancy from in-vitro fertilization (IVF), when eggs are fertilized with sperm in a lab dish and implanted into her womb. The births were part of a "proof of principle" analysis on whether this method of screening of oocytes, or egg cells, and embryos before transfer in IVF can help to increase birth rates. "We have learnt from more than 30 years of IVF that many of the embryos we transfer have chromosome abnormalities," Luca Gianaroli,



A doctor is silhouetted as he walks past a poster showing images of the development of a human fetus at a fertility clinic in Rome 6 May, 2005.—INTERNET

chairman of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) and one of the scientists who worked on the study, said in a statement.—Reuters

A staff member shows the painless percutaneous drug delivery arrays made with nano-technology at Suzhou Natong Bionanotechnology, Ltd, in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 16 Oct, 2010. —XINHUA



Glaciers protected Antarctic range

PASADENA, 17 Oct—An Antarctic mountain range, buried in ice and out of view, has escaped the erosion experienced by other mountain ranges on Earth, US researchers say.

The Gamburtsev Mountains are evidence of a counterintuitive theory that glaciers don't always carve down and erode mountains but can in certain conditions protect them, ScienceNews.org reported Friday.

"It's feasible for topography to be preserved," Stephen Cox, a graduate student at Caltech and coauthor of a study paper, says. The study of the range's erosion rate during the past 250 million years found the Gamburtsevs eroded just 1-1/2 miles to 5 miles, an order of magnitude slower than modern erosion in places like the Alps and other mountain ranges.—Internet

Scientist ready to 'weigh' distant stars

CAMBRIDGE, 17 Oct—Determining the weight of a distant star usually yields just an estimate, but one US scientist says in special cases a star can be "weighed" directly.

Astronomers have found more than 90 planets that cross in front of, or transit, their stars, and by measuring the amount of starlight that's blocked, they can calculate how big the planet is relative to the star. But they can't know exactly how big the planet is, because they can only estimate the size and the mass of the star, scientists at the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics say.

Research by center astrophysicist David Kipping shows that in some cases, the exact weight can be determined, an institute release says. If the star has a planet, and that planet has a moon, and both of them cross in front of their star, their sizes and orbits and the weight of the star can be calculated, Kipping says. "Basically, we measure the orbits of the planet around the star and the moon around the planet," he says. "Then through Kepler's Laws of Motion, it's possible to calculate the mass of the star."—Internet

Technology



Technicians of the computer aided engineering department work in Chery's automotive engineering and research institute in Wuhu City, east China's Anhui Province, 13 Oct, 2010. INTERNET

Discovery of GPS tracker becomes privacy issue

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Oct—Yasir Afifi, a 20-year-old computer salesman and community college student, took his car in for an oil change earlier this month and his mechanic spotted an odd wire hanging from the undercarriage.

The wire was attached to a strange magnetic device that

puzzled Afifi and the mechanic. They freed it from the car and posted images of it online, asking for help in identifying it.

Two days later, FBI agents arrived at Afifi's Santa Clara apartment and demanded the return of their property — a global positioning system tracking device now at the center of a

raging legal debate over privacy rights. One federal judge wrote that the widespread use of the device was straight out of George Orwell's novel, "1984".

"By holding that this kind of surveillance doesn't impair an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy, the panel hands the government the power to

track the movements of every one of us, every day of our lives," wrote Alex Kozinski, the chief judge of the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals, in a blistering dissent in which a three-judge panel from his court ruled that search warrants weren't necessary for GPS tracking.

But other federal and state courts have come to the opposite conclusion.

Law enforcement advocates for the devices say GPS can eliminate time-consuming stakeouts and old-fashioned "tails" with unmarked police cars. The technology had a starring role in the HBO cops-and-robbers series "The Wire" and police use it to track every type of suspect — from terrorist to thieves stealing copper from air conditioners.

Internet



In this undated photo provided by Yasir Afifi, shows a GPS monitoring device he found on his car in Santa Clara, Calif. INTERNET

US studying Australian Internet security programme

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—The government is reviewing an Australian programme that will allow Internet service providers to alert customers if their computers are taken over by hackers and could limit online access if people don't fix the problem.

Obama administration officials have met with industry leaders and experts to find ways to increase online safety while trying to balance securing the Internet and guarding people's privacy and civil liberties. Experts and US officials are interested in portions of the plan, set to go into effect in Australia in December.

But any move toward Internet regulation or monitoring by the US government or industry could trigger fierce opposition from the public.

The discussions come as private, corporate and government computers across the US are increasingly being taken over and exploited by hackers and other computer criminals.

White House cybercoordinator Howard Schmidt told *The Associated Press* that the US is looking at a number of voluntary ways to help the public and small businesses better protect themselves online.—Internet

Health

Pine bark may reduce tinnitus symptoms

CHIETI, 17 Oct—Pycnogenol, an antioxidant extract from the bark of the French maritime pine tree, may relieve tinnitus symptoms by improving blood flow, researchers say.

"Impaired blood flow to the ear is a common cause for tinnitus, a disturbing and very debilitating condition that can considerably impact overall health and quality of life," lead researcher Dr Gianni Belcaro of Irvine3 Vascular labs at Chieti-Pescara University in Italy, says in a statement. "With few options available for treatment, this study gave us the opportunity to explore a natural solution to tinnitus symptoms and its causes."

The study involved 82 patients ages 35-55 with mild-to-moderate tinnitus in only one ear, while the other remains unaffected.

During a four-week period, patients were assigned to one of three groups — Group A consisted of 24 patients who were administered 150 mg/day of Pycnogenol; group B consisted of 34 patients who were administered 100 mg/day of Pycnogenol; and the control group consisted of 24 patients who received no Pycnogenol. Using a Subjective Tinnitus Scale, study subjects were instructed to rate their symptoms from zero for low intensity of symptoms to 15 for constant and severe symptoms. The initial average value was approximately 8.8 among patients in the Pycnogenol group and 7.9 in the control group.

Internet

Waist size key predictor of heart risk

ATHENS, 17 Oct—Waist circumference is the best predictor of a child's future cardiovascular risk, Australian and US researchers suggest.

Researchers at the University of Georgia in Athens, the Menzies Research Institute in Hobart, Australia, and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute in Melbourne suggests waist circumference rather than the height/weight measure called the body mass index is the best clinical predictor of a child's risk later risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

The study, published online in the *International Journal of Obesity*, finds children whose high-waist circumference values put them in the top 25 percent for their age and sex were five to six times more likely to develop metabolic syndrome as young adults than children whose low-waist circumferences placed them in the bottom 25

percent. Metabolic syndrome a cluster of key cardiovascular risk factors is associated with an increased risk of coronary artery disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes.

"We wanted to identify which clinical measure of childhood body composition best predicts long-term cardio-metabolic health risks," lead author Michael Schmidt of the University of Georgia says in a statement.—Internet

Obesity drug blamed in French deaths

PARIS, 17 Oct—French health officials say an anti-obesity drug pulled from the market in 2009 because of concerns about heart problems may have killed as many as 1,000 people.

Studies have shown that benflourex, the main component of the drug Mediator, could weaken heart valves and also cause pulmonary arterial hypertension, French English-language newspaper *The Connexion* reported Thursday.

The drug, originally developed to help diabetics combat insulin resistance,

was found to be an appetite suppressant and was used to control obesity.

Seven million boxes a year were being sold and some 300,000 people in France were taking it before it was withdrawn in November.

French health agency officials were asked to examine files and they estimated between 500 and 1,000 people may have died as a result of the drug. Long-term users were being urged to talk to their doctors about a heart scan, *The Connexion* said.

Internet



US jazz singer Randy Crawford, center, performs during Beirut Jazz Festival in Beirut, Lebanon, Saturday, 16 Oct, 2010.

INTERNET

Business

JCDecaux wins deal for 26 Saudi airports

JEDDAH, 17 Oct—French advertising giant JCDecaux said on Saturday its Saudi subsidiary had won exclusive rights for advertising at all 26 airports in Saudi Arabia.

The 10-year contract was granted by the Saudi General Authority for Civil Aviation to JCDecaux ATA, and includes the busy international airports in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam and Medina and 22 domestic terminals, the company said.

More than 45 million passengers passed through the airports in 2009, including 39.4 million in the four international airports, the company said.

Passenger traffic in the Middle East grew 7.1 percent in 2009, the



Passengers queue at the airport in the Saudi Red Sea city of Jeddah in 2009. French advertising giant JCDecaux says its Saudi subsidiary has won exclusive rights for advertising at all 26 airports in Saudi Arabia.

INTERNET

fastest regional growth in the world, it said.

JCDecaux ATA is 60 percent-owned by the French company and 40 percent by Saudi partner ATA.

Internet

OPEC caught in dollar crossfire

VIENNA, 17 Oct—OPEC nations seeking higher oil prices to boost revenues may get their wish as the sliding dollar sees investment switch from the US currency and into crude and other commodities, according to analysts.

Yet higher commodity prices, which help to push up inflation, are also seen as a threat to the economic recovery. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps 40 percent of world oil, chose last week to keep its official production target unchanged at a ministerial meeting in Vienna, home to the cartel's headquarters.

OPEC left its target at 24.84 million barrels a day where it has stood since the start of 2009 claiming the market is well supplied amid risks to the economic recovery and against a backdrop of mainly steady oil prices.

Crude oil futures have traded between 70 and 80 dollars for much of the past

year but shot above 85 dollars in recent days, helped by the tumbling dollar and data showing surprisingly strong global demand for energy. The spike came as OPEC members Algeria, Libya and Venezuela said they wanted to see prices at 90-100 dollars a barrel. "Because the dollar is getting eroded, the price of commodities, particularly food and wheat are high," Libya's OPEC official Shukri Ghanem said on the sidelines of the Vienna meeting.—Internet



Delegates wait for the start of an Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ministerial meeting on 14 October, 2010 in Vienna. OPEC, which pumps 40 percent of the world's oil, began a ministerial meeting today to decide whether to make changes to its oil output amid a pick-up in demand for energy.

INTERNET

India's 'King Coal' sale to raise billions

MUMBAI, 17 Oct—India is set to launch its largest ever share sale in a public company this week as the government looks to raise 3.5 billion dollars with the divestment of 10 percent of Coal India.

The group is the world's largest coal miner, producing over 80 percent of India's coal through 471 mines across eight states.

It also holds the largest extractable coal reserves in the world with over 22 billion tonnes, ahead of rivals state-run China Shenhua Energy and the world's largest private miner Peabody Energy in the United States.

Coal currently accounts for more than half of India's energy use and consumption is set to increase as the country's economic development accelerates in energy-intensive sectors such as steel and cement manufacturing.—Internet

Britons trust ministers on cuts, expect unfairness

LONDON, 187 Oct—Almost half of Britons think that major cuts in public spending due to be unveiled this week will be unfair but they trust ministers more than the opposition to fix the economy, a poll revealed Sunday. Prime Minister David Cameron's coalition government is due to unveil plans on Wednesday to cut 83 billion pounds (130 billion dollars, 95 billion euros) in government expenditure by 2014-15 to help pay off a record deficit.

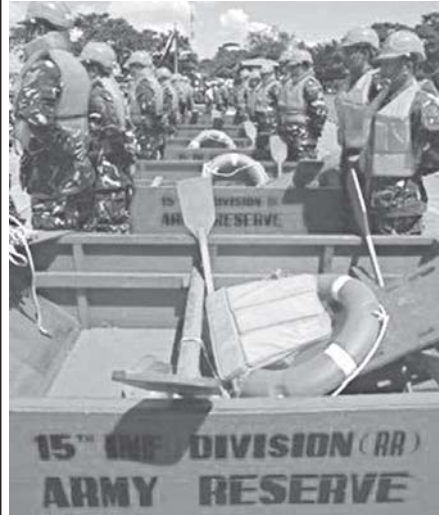
A ComRes poll for the *Independent* on Sunday and *Sunday Mirror* newspapers revealed that despite Cameron's vow that the cuts would be fairly distributed, just 30 percent expected them to be "fair" and 43 percent did not.

However, 45 percent of respondents said they trusted

Cameron and his finance minister George Osborne to steer the economy out of recession, compared to 23 percent who trusted opposition Labour leader Ed Miliband and his team.

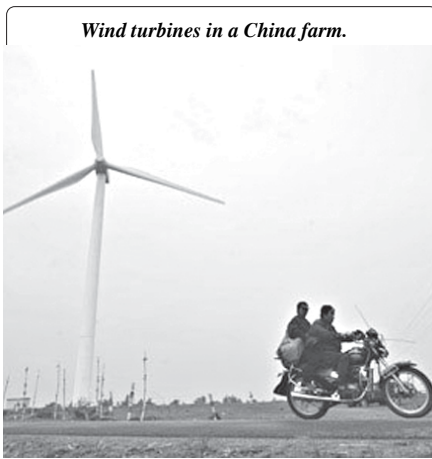
Details of where the axe will fall in Wednesday's spending review began to emerge this weekend, with some ministries set to suffer far more than others.

Internet



Military rescuers stand beside their life saving equipment as Typhoon Megi approaches in northern Philippines during a formation at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City Metro Manila 17 October, 2010. An approaching typhoon triggered warnings in 19 northern Philippines provinces with forecasters expecting it to intensify to a super typhoon with winds in excess of 250 kph (155 mph) as it makes landfall on Monday.

INTERNET



Wind turbines in a China farm.

Int'l Boat Show launched in Athens promoting "affordable gateways for all"

ATHENS, 17 Oct—The 32nd annual Athens international Boat Show opened on Saturday, presenting to thousands of Greek and foreign visitors "affordable gateways for all" amidst a severe global economic crisis that has hit hard Greece this year.

This is the main motto of the event which is hosted at the Metropolitan Exhibition Centre next to the "Eleftherios Venizelos" International Airport and runs to 24 October.

Sea adventurers are offered the opportunity to visit the stands of 186 exhibitors from Greece to Denmark and Japan and see and learn everything about approximately 1,000 sailboats, cruisers, speedboats and rubber boats. More than 10,000 products and services, such as engines, electronic systems, fishing equipment, marine sports accessories, yacht rentals and aqua sporting items are presented to the public.

"Amidst a difficult economic period, we do have the potential to return to the path of development. Shipping is our strength. United, we will make it," said Greek Minister of Maritime Affairs, Islands and Fisheries Giannis Diamantidis, inaugurating the event on Saturday afternoon. Since the outbreak of a debt crisis in late 2009, Greece reached the brink of default this year and since May aided by International Monetary Fund and European Union implements a harsh austerity and reform program to exit the crisis in three years.—Internet

China rejects US green-tech trade charges

BEIJING, 17 Oct—China on Saturday rejected US allegations that it was engaging in unfair trade practices in the green technology sector, calling the charge "groundless and irresponsible". The statement from the commerce ministry followed an announcement Friday by US trade authorities that a probe had been launched into claims China is handing out huge illegal subsidies in a bid to dominate the sector.

The United Steelworkers union had petitioned US trade officials to investigate practices it claims contravene World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and cost American jobs. "The union's complaint is groundless and irresponsible," China's commerce ministry said Saturday in a statement posted on its website.

The US union—one of the nation's largest—accused China of blocking access to materials used in green technologies, illegally linking subsidies to export sales, curbing imports and demanding that foreign investors hand over technology secrets.

It also accused China of providing more than 216 billion dollars' worth of subsidies to green technology makers.

Internet

Basque says ETA should declare 'permanent truce'



Arnaldo Otegi

MADRID, 17 Oct—Arnaldo Otegi, the jailed top leader of ETA, said the Basque group should declare a permanent ceasefire, in an interview published by *El Pais* daily on Sunday.

Otegi, a former spokesman for Batasuna, said if he had the ETA

leadership before him, he would ask them to eschew violence and declare a "unilateral and permanent truce which can be verified by the international community." "There is no other path to independence other than those that follow the peaceful and democratic paths," he said in a long interview to the Spanish newspaper.

Otegi, who was jailed for two years in March for "glorifying" terrorism in remarks he made at a 2005 rally in memory of a jailed ETA member, Jose Maria Sagarduy, said ETA was not likely to resort to violence as it had announced "the end of armed action.—Internet

A family crosses a flooded street in a horse drawn cart in the district of Tipitapa in Managua, Nicaragua, 16 Oct, 2010. Heavy rains caused Xolotlan Lake and rivers to overflow, forcing people from their flooded homes in several neighbourhoods.

INTERNET



Venezuela inks oil deal with Belarus

MINSK, 17 Oct—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez agreed on Saturday to supply the former Soviet republic of Belarus with 30 million tonnes of oil over three years from 2011 in a deal worth as much as \$19.4 billion.

Belarus has slashed imports of Russian Urals blend oil and increased purchases from Venezuela since Moscow imposed export duties, a step that raised the price of Russian exports to Belarus by about 36 percent.

"Belarusian refineries will have no shortages for the next 200 years," Chavez said after over seven hours of talks with his Belarusian counterpart, Alexander Lukashenko, in Minsk.

"We are proud of the fact that our vessels can supply our oil to Belarus," Chavez added after officials from the Venezuelan state oil company PDVSA and the Belarusian Oil Company signed the accord.

Neither side disclosed the price tag for the deal. But state statistics show Belarus is currently buying Venezuelan crude for \$647 per metric tone, pricing 30 million tonnes at about \$19.4 billion, according to Reuters calculations.

That is a major boon for Belarus, whose gross domestic product is just \$55 billion.—Reuters

LID Commander's Shield Football Tournament concludes



NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—The prize presentation ceremony for No. 66 Light Infantry Division Commander's Shield Monsoon Football Tournament took place at the sports ground of the station yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by the commander of the LID, senior military officers, commandants of regiments and units, servicemen and family members.

The prize presentation ceremony followed. Officials presented third

UEC member meets subcommissions of Mandalay Region, Districts and Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—Member of Union Election Commission in-charge of Mandalay Region U Myint Naing had a meeting with members of Mandalay Region/District and second prizes to the respective football teams.

The commander of the LID awarded championship shield to the first prize winning team.

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and Township Election Subcommissions at the office of the region's subcommission on 11 October morning.

After delivering an address, UEC member U Myint Naing explained electoral process.

Chairman of Mandalay Region

Subcommission U Aung Htut and chairmen of District and Township Subcommissions reported on progress of their works and future tasks.

UEC member U Myint Naing reviewed their reports and made a concluding speech.

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Thunder strike kills three

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—In heavy rains at 8 pm on 14 October, three members of a family took shelter at an empty hut near the bank of Ayeyawady River between Hlinetet and Aungpyisoe villages in Myingyan Township were killed by a strong thunder strike.

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Taungdwingyi Township sees a growing number of plantations

Byline & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

Forest coverage is high in Bago Yoma mountain range in central Myanmar. Many plantations of teak and other hardwood trees have been established there.

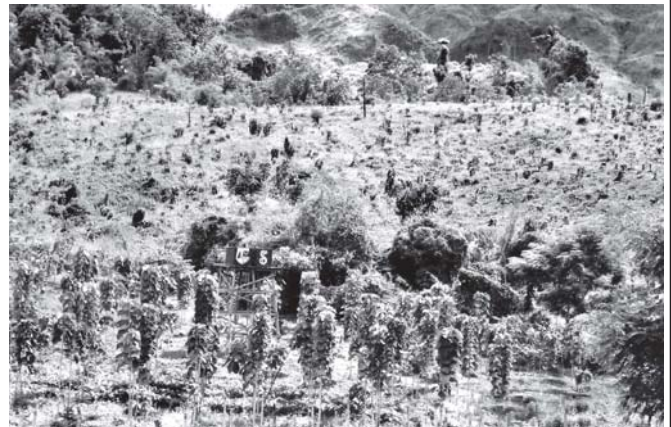
On our trip to teak plantations, Staff Officer U Hla Myint of Taungdwingyi Township Forest Department took us to Wan-awgyi forest reserve on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungdwingyi Road in Taungdwingyi Township.

A 300-acre teak plantation was set up in Wan-awgyi forest reserve in 2003-2004. There, 800 more acres were put in 2005-2006, and 500 acres, under

Yinma (Chukrassia tabularis) in 2006-2007. A 100-acre teak plantation was formed at plot No. 34 in 2008-2009. The 300-acre teak plantation (2003-2004) was found thriving.

As separate plantations, 300 acres were put under teak at plot No. 31 in 2004-2005 and 800 acres under teak at plot No. 29-30 in 2005-2006 in Kinpundaung Forest Reserve in Taungdwingyi Township. In the forest reserve, the three-acre model teak plantation set up in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 was also found growing well. Kinpundaung Forest Reserve saw Yinma and teak

plantations with a total area of 50 acres in 2007-2008. The 100-acre physic nut plantation set up in 2006-2007 in plot No. 78 of Kyaukmichaung Forest Reserve is successful. One thousand acres around Yanpei Dam (Hsinkyia Village) were put under neem, eastern gooseberry, thitphyu, rain tree and mezali (cassia siamea) in 2004-2005 to form a watershed forest. The cross-breeding of trees was carried out for 6250 acres in Gyochaung and Minpundaung forest reserves from 2004-2005 to 2006-2007, and for 2000 acres in 2007-2008 and for 450 acres in 2008-2009 in Kinpundaung



The 100-acre teak plantation in Wan-awgyi Forest Reserve in Taungdwingyi Township.

Forest Reserve.

Wan-awgyi Village was designated as a model forest village in 2005-2006. Plantations

for firewood for villages were established for 18 acres in Thebyu Village in 2005-2006 and for 100 acres in Thabyebin Village in 2008-2009.

As value-added plantations which play an important role in forestation, about 6450 acres of were put under teak in Yanpei and Kinpundaung forest reserves from 2004-2005 to 2008-2009.

On our way to Sunchaung Dam along Myothit-Nay Pyi Taw Road, we saw the 11,195-acre natural forest after driving 12 miles, where diverse species of trees grow well.

Upon arrival at Satagan Forest Reserve, we noticed that several forests of various species of hardwood trees were conserved. We also visited the 100-acre teak plantation at plot No. 9 of Sun Forest Reserve.

Now, reforestation is in full swing in Taungdwingyi Township. Deforestation is one of the biggest causes of climate change. So, the people are urged to grow trees and conserve forests and woodlands.

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A plantation of teak saplings in Kinpundaung Forest Reserve in Taungdwingyi Township.



Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers an address at opening of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).

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The Prime Minister and entourage posed for a documentary photo together with officials.

Next, the Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the university.

The Prime Minister inspected the practical rooms of Information and Technology Department (M.A), where deans conducted him round the university.

At the conference hall, the Prime Minister gave a speech, saying that the opening of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) is a milestone in the history of the Union of Myanmar. The world is advancing as time goes by, and information technology is improving constantly around the world. So, IT and electrical engineering play more important roles in enabling the nation to keep abreast of other countries.

Due to IT, the world has been like a global village and seen many

changes and developments. In olden days, labour intensive industry was applied to achieve national economic growth. Today,

be able to apply nano-technologies to produce sophisticated electronics and mineral and alloy products.

Myanmar is trying to achieve soon the goal of national industrialization. In this regard, the nation is improving the

threshold of sustainable economic development. Myanmar is now working hard to get advanced industries and technologies, while encouraging development of IT and research. In this case, the Ministry of Science and Technology is to play a

Cyber City) is designed to cooperate with international universities so as to produce experts in the fields of technology and research.

Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) is also intended to produce hu-

constituted with four departments, under which of it are 15 research.

Universities around the world focus on international cooperation and innovation in the education sector. China, India and Singapore, for instance,



Prime Minister U Thein Sein hears a report on matters related to e-Cinema presented by Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.—MNA

however, IT is in place of the industry to achieve the goal. Therefore, many countries are enjoying development on the ground of IT outsourcing, and their success is, indeed, something to be emulated.

Technologies associated with electronics and industry in combination are essential for building a modern nation. It is also needed to

agricultural sector. Now, Myanmar has taken the first step towards the goal and has the potential for sustainable development. Without doubt, Myanmar will become a peaceful, modern and developed industrialized country in the future.

The government is encouraging IT-based production process to put the nation on the

leading role in producing a growing number of engineers in the fields of production, innovation and research. Moreover, in line with the economic and social reforms of the nation, the government is in pursuit of the objective of upgrading all its technological universities to the level of top universities of ASEAN. The Technological University (Yatanarpon

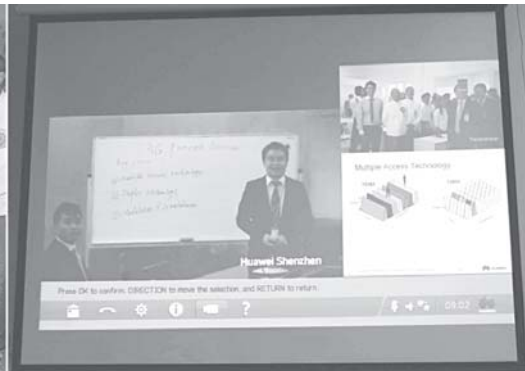
man resources capable of producing new products with innovations based on ICT, electronics, communication, state-of-the-art technologies for production of machines, and advanced technologies for production of heavy equipment. The university will soon begin to produce experts of various fields.

The university is

are trying their utmost to produce experts in advanced technologies. So, these countries have Asia's leading universities on research that can penetrate the world's education. They deal with world leading organizations through student exchange and research. Therefore, Myanmar is to take into consideration production of new generations of production engineers through international cooperation and research.

With regard to nurturing technological human resources, Myanmar had one technological university to confer degree of engineering on the graduates in the past. In the time of Tatmadaw government, technological universities, colleges, institutes, technical

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein views applying modern teaching aid communication systems at Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).—MNA

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high schools and universities of computer studies have been opened in all parts of the nation for training the students with modern technology. At present, a new technological university was already opened by linking international universities to turn out qualified technicians who will be able to pursue higher engineering courses and to hunt



Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils Yatanarpon Internet Exchange, Yatanarpon Web Portal and Tripple Play Soft Switch of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd.—MNA

higher education at foreign countries. At present, a significant technological university has emerged for providing training to the students to be able to

of the People's Republic of China and Infosys Company of India achieve remarkable progress of their corporate Universities. As Myanmar has planned to establish

a peaceful, modern and developed nation as national goal. After receiving the degrees, the graduates have to run their own businesses and join the private companies and governmental departments. Especially, engineers and technicians must have research skills to be able to penetrate into the international community.

Due to adding Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City)

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged those present to strive for achieving technological progress to build a modern and developed nation to keep abreast of global countries; to participate in transforming the Union of Myanmar from the successful arable country into a modern and industrialized one; to shape the nation into a modern and developed industrialized country with the strength of advanced technical en-

progress of works with investment companies.

The Prime Minister stressed the need to develop communication works in line with the State policy on communications and place emphasis on cyber security and security measures for men and materials.

At 10.30 am, the Prime Minister attended a ceremony to open Yatanarpon Internet Exchange, Yatanarpon Web



Prime Minister U Thein Sein visits booths of Yatanarpon Cyber Hall.

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jobs in foreign countries. Therefore, the students have to effectively utilize the good opportunity. Indeed, establishment of the technology is a valuable opportunity for new generations.

In nurturing the technicians, the government has turned out many young engineers holding doctorate degrees and IT technicians who pursued

conduct applied research works.

Nowadays, corporate colleges and corporate universities play an important role in rapid development of higher education sector of the world countries. Now, the number of these institutions increased two times more than that of the past. Hwawei Technologies Company

Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) linking with international, universities, corporate colleges and corporate universities, new generation engineers and technicians will get joint certificates of international community and enjoy job opportunity.

The university students play the most important role in building



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views products displayed at Technology Research Department (PynOoLwin) in front Yatanarpon Cyber Hall.

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Students learning modern technology at Faculty of Information and Technology of Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City).

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into the science and technological field, the Ministry of Science and Technology has 109 university/college/institute/schools including 36 government technical high schools, 12 Government Technical Institutes, four Government Technological Colleges, 31 Technological Universities, 25 Universities of Computer Studies and one Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University. As such, the highly-qualified and technicians can be turned out in the future.

engineers and advanced researchers trained by Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City); and to provide training to the skillful persons with good morale and patriotic spirit to become the highly-qualified technicians who adore the nation.

At the briefing hall of the university, Minister U Thein Zaw reported on progress of Yatanarpon Myothit construction project and progress of installation of communication machines, power and water supply and

Portal and Tripple Play Soft Switch of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd held at Yatanarpon Cyber Hall in Yatanarpon Cyber City. First, he formally opened the ceremony.

Addressing the opening ceremony, the Prime Minister said peace and stability of the State, strong national economy and human resource development are essential for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

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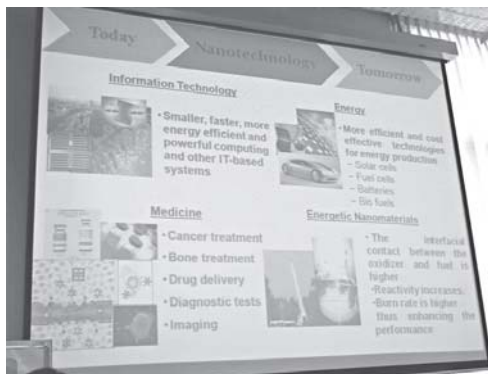
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It has been known to all that the nation today has seen more peace and stability than ever before. Endeavours are being made to develop the agricultural and industrial sectors harmoniously for national economic growth. So, continued efforts are being made to speedily improve all sectors, including the industrial sector while keeping the development momentum of the agricultural sector. It is necessary to make efforts for development of the State through the combined strength of the nations' natural resources and human resources.

It is very important to improve the ICT sector in nurturing human resources in this age of information. Therefore, Yatanarpon Cyber City has been built in accord with the farsighted guidance of the Head of State.

The Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) was opened with the aim of serving the best interest of the State by nurturing human resources and establishing knowledge based industries.

For the speedy development of the ICT industry, telecommunication infrastructure projects have been systematically laid



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views products displayed at Technology Research Department (PyinOoLwin) in front of Yatanarpon Cyber Hall.—MNA



down. More than 10000 kilometers of fiber optic cables have been laid nationwide and 335 digital microwave stations and 75 IP microwave stations built. In the regions with difficulty in installation of fiber and microwave systems, VSAT, IPSTAR and I-Direct systems have been built.

As for the international communication, SEA-ME-WE 3 (South East Asia-Middle East-Western Europe 3 system linking 34 countries, underwater cable system and satellite communication system and cross-border transmission link system have been built. With the extended communication links with the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, Thailand and Vietnam, the ICT sector of the nation will develop remarkably.

Through these infrastructures, the people

are using fax by phone and IP services with ADSL, WiFi, WiMAX wireless broadband systems. Newly opened Yatanarpon IXP, Yatanarpon Web Portal and Tripple Play Soft Switch will fulfill the requirements for speedy development of IP services.

Yatanarpon IXP (Internet Exchange Point) is installed with machines necessary for ISP (Internet Service Provider). So, Internet services can be provided with the help of the IXP. Yatanarpon Web Portal is a first ever service of the State. It is built for Internet users, knowledge seekers and information gatherers to be able to browse the websites they like by using the nation's own search engine in Myanmar language. With no reliance on foreign websites, students, those studying their specialized subjects and those seeking knowledge will be able to

browse local and international websites via Yatanarpon Web Portal. The tripple play service is made up of the Internet service, information and communication.

Yatanarpon IXP, Yatanarpon Web Portal and Tripple Play Soft Switch are a milestone in the history of ICT development in Myanmar. With the ICT development, the education, economic and social conditions of the people, thereby contributing to their socio-economic improvement. Moreover, the three services opened today are interconnected. In conclusion, the Prime Minister said the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Yatanarpon Teleport, technocrats and entrepreneurs are to continue to cooperate in the efforts for ICT development.

Next, Internet services provided by

Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd were explained with video clip. Minister U Thein Zaw presented a commemorative painting of the scale model of Yatanarpon Teleport to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party viewed Yatanarpon Web Portal booth, FJTH service providers' booths and e-cinema booth of Shwe Thanlwin Media Company. Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan reported on facts about e-cinema.

The Prime Minister and party viewed research works on car engines and gear boxes, 22 HP power tillers, accessories for 6-megawatt hydropower turbines displayed at the booth of the technological research department (PyinOoLwin) of the Ministry of Science and Technology. They were conducted round the booth

by Minister U Thaug.

Then, the Prime Minister inspected use of telephone with TV and Internet with SkyNet Multi Play mobile terminal of Shwe Thanlwin Media Co and communication services to be provided by the vehicles of the CPT Ministry.

On arrival at the factory of Elite Tech Manufacturing Co Ltd in Yatanarpon Cyber City, the Prime Minister studied production of CDMA-800 and 450 top-up cards, BBU 3900 (basedband unit of BTS) and BTS 3606CE (CDMA 450 MHz) 4th generation. The Prime Minister also inspected production of fibers at Yatanarpon Fiber Co Ltd.

Later, the Prime Minister visited the factory of Asia Mega Link Co and viewed production of solar panels, solar controllers and accessories for phones and exchange. — MNA

Hopang, a land...

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Manager U Kya Win of Kunlong District Perennial Crops Enterprise said that Kunlong District had 8436 acres of rubber farms, 1500 acres of which were being harvested. It was such a large area of rubber farms that it was like a man-made forest. All the vacant lands in Kunlong, Hopang, Namtit and Mongmao regions are covered with rubbers farms with a total area of thousands of acres.

Up to 1988, those regions did not see any rubber plantations. Only in 1990, did they see rubber farms grown as a poppy-substitute plant by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State. U Kyan Par reclaimed 385 acres of fallow lands and put them under rubber in Shwewah Village in 1997. He started to tap latex in 2004. UP to now, he gets over 100,000 lbs of latex from 150 acres of rubber farms a year. The rubber species he grows are RRIM 600, GT1 and BPM-24. He said that staff of the Perennial Crops Enterprise had urged him to grow rubber as it grew well in the border areas of

China close to Hopang, and he therefore entered rubber farming; that before that he had used to grow and trade crops; that then the acreage of mature rubber plantations was growing, that he chose rubber farming as major business; and that his success was due to the application of agricultural methods provided by the enterprise. The face price of rubber, also known as white gold, is two million to three million kyats a ton. It is in high demand worldwide. Now, rubber farming is very popular in Myanmar thanks to the encouragement of the government, technical assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and interest of entrepreneurs.

The ministry yearly honours outstanding townships, farmers, workers and entrepreneurs in the agricultural field. World Food Day commemorative awards for rubber farming went to U Shaik Shin, U Kyin Wan and U Maung Myint of Hopang Township in previous years. This year, U Kyan Par won the award. There are many other entrepreneurs trying to achieve the award.

So, I would like to urge farmers to work harder to achieve all-round development in the agricultural sector, making good use of the encouragement of the government, and assistance of relevant ministries.

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A female worker collecting latex in a rubber farm.

Haze in Singapore due to Sumatra fires

SINGAPORE, 17 Oct—The skies over Singapore were slightly hazy on Saturday.

The National Environment Agency (NEA) attributed this to the smoke haze from the fires in Sumatra brought in by the prevailing southwesterly winds. "The latest satellite pass today detected 80 hotspots mainly in the Riau Province in Sumatra," added the NEA in a statement.

The air quality in Singapore, as measured by the PSI readings, was in the moderate range - which is one level below the good range. At 4pm, the 24-hour PSI reading was 54.

"The winds are expected to remain southwesterly tomorrow and showers with thunder are expected in the morning. The showers should help to mitigate the smoke haze but there is still a possibility that some slight haziness may remain tomorrow," said the NEA.—Internet



A medical personnel treats a local as Kenya's Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka (2nd R, front) visits Chinese navy hospital ship Peace Ark in Mombasa, Kenya, on 15 Oct, 2010. The Chinese navy hospital ship Peace Ark arrived in Kenya on Wednesday for providing 5-day medical treatment for locals. It is the first overseas medical mission for Peace Ark.

XINHUA

Training plane crashes in western Turkey

ANKARA, 17 Oct—A training plane crashed in western Turkey Saturday but the pilot was rescued, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The training plane which belonged to Anadolu Stars Flights School took off from Corlu Airport in Tekirdag province, 135 km west of Istanbul and crashed near Yenice village, said the report.

The pilot is in good conditions and an investigation into the crash is underway, according to the report.—Internet

Three Zambian ministers survive plane crash

LUSAKA, 17 Oct—Three Zambian ministers have survived a plane crash in northwestern Zambia's Kasempa district, one of the ministers confirmed on Saturday.

The three officials include Finance and National Planning Minister Situmbeko Musokotwane, Works and Supply Minister Mike Mulongoti and Community Development Social Services Minister Michael Kainga.

They were part of an advance team of Zambian President Rupiah Banda who was visiting the province for a traditional ceremony.

The Zambia Air Force (ZAF) plane crash-landed at Munkinge airstrip in the morning, but all the ministers escaped unhurt.

Xinhua

Memory improves more with testing

KENT, 17 Oct—Regular testing and practicing for tests can improve memory by helping the brain become more efficient at storing and recalling facts, US researchers say. Researchers at Kent State University found that testing helps the brain come up with mental keywords called mediators that trigger memories, something that doesn't happen with just study, Britain's *Daily Telegraph* reported.

"Taking practice tests particularly ones that involve attempting to recall something from

memory can drastically increase the likelihood that you'll be able to remember that information again later," Kent State psychologist Katherine Rawson says.

Testing is good for memory because it supports more effective encoding strategies, she says.

"Given that hundreds of experiments have been conducted to establish the effects of testing on learning, it's surprising that we know very little about why testing improves memory," she says.

In an experiment, subjects were tested on a

foreign language vocabulary, like the Swahili-English word pair wingu/cloud.

"To learn this item, you could just repeat it over and over to yourself each time you studied it, but it turns out that's not a particularly effective strategy for committing something to memory," Rawson says.

"A more effective strategy is to develop a keyword that connects the foreign language word with the English word. 'Wingu' sounds like 'wing', birds have wings and fly in the 'clouds,'" she says.

Testing is more conducive to keyword formation than study alone, she says.

Internet

New storms hit flood-ravaged Hainan Province

HAIKOU, 17 Oct—Thousands of residents have been evacuated from flood-ravaged areas in Hainan Province, focal disaster relief authorities said on Saturday.

In Wancheng County, the worst-hit county in Wanning City, southern Hainan Province, about 15,700 villagers were isolated by surging floods. Government staff and troops have since been mobilized to help evacuate the flood-stricken villagers.

Also, more than 1,600 villagers have been evacuated from Wancheng County, and reporters at the scene saw armed police rescuing the trapped villagers and goods in Knee-deep waters.—MNA/Xinhua



Philippine civil defence officials on Saturday put the country's north on notice for a typhoon that could hit the area early next week. Typhoon Megi, packing sustained winds of 140 kilometres (87 miles) an hour near the centre, was churning slowly toward the northeast coast of the main island of Luzon, said government weather forecaster Leni Ruiz.—INTERNET

One dead, 39 hurt in Jamaica bus crash; driver flees

KINGSTON, 17 Oct—Police in Jamaica say a bus has plunged over a cliff on the Caribbean island's north coast, killing a teenage girl and injuring 39 people. Police Constable Yanique Matthews says the bus driver fled after the accident late Friday and has not been found.

Matthews said Saturday that the bus was carrying church members to a weekend retreat when it went off the road in St Ann, Jamaica's largest parish. She says a 16-year-old girl died and several of the 39 injured people are in critical condition.

Jamaica Urban Transit Co spokesman Reginald Allen says the person driving the bus was not scheduled to be the designated driver. The bus company and police are investigating.

Internet



People stand near a car damaged by a fallen tree in Havana 15 October, 2010. Tropical Depression Paula spun itself out over Cuba on Friday after smacking the capital Havana and the island's western tobacco-growing province with driving rain and high winds. There were no reports of deaths or major damage from the storm, indicating the communist-ruled Caribbean nation was spared the destruction it suffered from three powerful hurricanes in 2008.

XINHUA

Rabies claims 100th fatality in Indonesia's Bali

BALI, 17 Oct—A rabies outbreak on Indonesia's resort island of Bali has now killed 100 people. Ken Wirasandhi, a doctor monitoring the epidemic, said Friday that a 40-year-old villager died overnight after being hospitalized with rabies symptoms. Bali, an island of 3 million people and one of Asia's top tourist destinations, has been grappling with the outbreak for nearly two years. Several countries have issued advisories, telling travelers they should get shots and stay clear of dogs roaming the white-sand beaches.—Internet



A 401.4-meter long bullet train of 16 compartments is lifted up to receive repair in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 15 Oct, 2010.

XINHUA



Flight attendants walk in front of an Emirates Airlines A380 at the International Aerospace Exhibition (ILA) in June. Canada has found itself entangled in a complex row after its refusal to grant UAE airlines new routes soured bilateral relations and forced the closure of a military base in Dubai.— INTERNET

Study warns obesity threatens US national defence

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct—Climbing obesity rates among Americans are posing a threat to national defence, US researchers warn. From 2007 to 2008, 5.7 million American men and 16.5 million women of military age were ineligible for duty because they were overweight or obese, researchers at Cornell University said.

In the past half-century, the number of women of military age who exceed the US Army's enlistment standards for weight-to-height ratio and body fat

percentage has more than tripled, the researchers said in a working paper published Friday by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

For military-age men, the figure has more than doubled, said the paper entitled, "Unfit for Service: The Implications of Rising Obesity for US Military Recruitment." Being too heavy or fat meant 23 percent of applicants were rejected from the military, according to a 2006 National Research Council (NRC) report.—Xinhua

Tropic islands's biodiversity declining: WWF

WELLINGTON, 17 Oct—Tropical islands like Fiji have suffered a 60 percent loss in biodiversity in less than 40 years, according to the 2010 edition of the World Wildlife Fund's (WWF) Living Planet Report. Produced in collaboration with the Zoological Society of London and the Global Footprint Network, the report showed a decrease by 30 percent since 1970.

"There is an alarming rate of biodiversity loss in low-income, often tropical countries while the developed world is living in a false paradise, fueled by excessive consumption and high carbon emissions," the Fiji Live news website on Friday quoted Kesaia Tabunakawai, Representative of WWF South Pacific Programme Office (SPPO), as saying.—Xinhua

New data on effects of alcohol during pregnancy

LONDON, 17 Oct—Scientific data continue to indicate that higher intake of alcohol during pregnancy adversely affects the fetus, and could lead to very severe developmental or other problems in the child. However, most recent publications show little or no effects of occasional or light drinking by the mother during pregnancy. The studies also demonstrate how socio-economic, education, and other lifestyle factors of the mother may have large effects on the health of the fetus and child; these must be considered when evaluating the potential effects of alcohol during pregnancy.

A very large population-based observational study from the UK found that at the age of 5 years, the children of women who reported light (no more than 1-2 units of alcohol per week or per occasion) drinking did not show any evidence of impairment on testing for behavioral and emotional problems or cognitive ability. There was a tendency for the male children of women reporting "heavy/binge" drinking during pregnancy (7 or more units per week or 6 or more units per occasion) to have poorer behavioural scores, but the effects were less clear among female offspring.

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World's longest tunnel completed in Switzerland

GENEVA, 17 Oct—After two decades' construction, the Gotthard Base Tunnel in southern Switzerland broke through the final 1.8 meters on Friday to create the world's longest tunnel at 57 kilometers. The trans-Alps railway tunnel is a major feat in establishing a new flat rail link between the southern and northern flank of the mountain range. It will cut 40 kilometers from the current route and reduce the travel from Zurich to Milan by one and a half hours.

With a maximum altitude of no higher than 550 meters above sea level, much lower than the existing trans-Alps tunnels, the Gotthard is designed

for high-speed passenger and cargo trains. It is expected the amount of freight will be doubled to around 40 million tonnes per year, once the new link is opened, backing the EU's environmental efforts to move freight from road to rail.

To achieve the engineering marvel, an estimated 24 million tonnes of rocks have been excavated, which, according to Swiss media, is the equivalent of five times the volume of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

Xinhua

*The raven :
A raven flies
above an
installation
by Swiss
artist Ugo
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"Turn back
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US FDA issues warnings to 8 marketers of unapproved "chelation" products

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday warned eight companies that their over-the-counter chelation products are unapproved drugs and devices and that it is a violation of federal law to make

unproven claims about these products. The companies that received the warning letters include World Health Products of Draper, Utah, Cardio Renew of Apple Valley, Minn., and Hormonal Health of San Bernardino, Calif.

The companies claim that their products treat a range of diseases by removing toxic metals from the body. Some claim to treat autism spectrum disorder, cardiovascular diseases, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, macular degeneration, and other serious conditions. Some also claim their products will detect the presence of heavy metals to justify the need for chelation therapy.

Xinhua

Peugeot 'had no heavy-driver test'

LONDON, 17 Oct—Peugeot had never crash-tested one of its cars for any driver weighing more than 78kg (12 stone 4lb), an inquest heard yesterday.

Judith Evans, a Peugeot 107 driver who weighed almost 100kgs (16 stone), died in a head-on crash with a Vauxhall Vectra on her way home

from work on 20 January last year.

Asked whether the car company had carried out crash tests on the Peugeot 107 model with dummies weighing more than 78kg, a Peugeot safety expert said it had not.

The driver of the Vectra only suffered fractures to her kneecap and internal bruising, the

inquest at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court in Buckinghamshire, UK, has heard.

Internet

Scientific data continue to indicate that higher intake of alcohol during pregnancy adversely affects the fetus, and could lead to very severe developmental or other problems in the child.

INTERNET



Man arrested after baggage carousel ride

Police in Florida said they arrested a man who took a ride on the luggage carousel at Miami International Airport.

Investigators said Bradley Bromlow, 40, rode the carousel through the curtains into the internal baggage area, a secure area of the airport, WPLG-TV, Miami, reported Friday.

Miami-Dade police said Bromlow told them he took the ride to tape the reactions of his friends.

Bromlow was charged with trespassing, police said.



A stunt airplane performs during Shaanxi Weinan 2010 Luyanghu International Aviation Festival, in Weinan, of northwest China's Shaanxi province, on 15 Oct, 2010. The festival kicked off on Friday.

World's longest cable car line opens in Armenia

Armenia on Saturday launched the world's longest cable car line, a 5.7-kilometre (3.5-mile) engineering feat that spans a spectacular gorge to the country's ancient Tatev monastery.

Gathered in Armenia's southern mountains near the border with Iran, guests including President Serzh Sarkisian and the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Karekin II, took part as the cable car link launched its first official voyage over the Vorotan River Gorge.

The link will allow year-round access to Armenia's ninth-century Tatev monastery complex, one of the country's most important religious centres and a major tourist attraction.



A humanoid robot code-named HRP-4C, centre, performs with dancers at DIGITAL CONTENT EXPO in Tokyo 16 Oct, 2010.

Piglet seized to recover woman's debt

This little piggy went to market — to pay off a Russian woman's overdue debt to a bank.

Court officers in far eastern Russia have seized a piglet from a woman who owes a bank 13,000 roubles (\$432) and put it up for sale to recuperate some of the money, the regional branch of the Federal Bailiffs Service said on Thursday.

The woman had been given the seven-month-old piglet for safekeeping, but it was taken away after a court survey of her property found it to be her most valuable possession, the bailiffs service said in a statement.

The piglet was seized after the woman failed to comply with a court order to pay off her debt within 10 days, it said. Consumer debt in Russia has crippled local economies in some of the country's poor rural and industrial areas, which have been hardest hit by the economic crisis that followed nearly a decade of rising living standards.



The cable car line is the world's longest, a 5.7-kilometre (3.5-mile) engineering feat that spans a spectacular gorge to the ancient monastery.

At the opening ceremony, Sarkisian said the link was of "exceptional importance for Tatev and the surrounding region" and praised the project for overcoming the many difficulties involved in construction. "This cable car line shows that even dreams that seem unrealistic can be realised with faith and purpose," he said.

Karekin II said the launch of the link was an important step in restoring access to "a centuries-old holy shrine which was a place of pilgrimage from apostolic times."

News Album

Michael Jackson's name uncovered in LA public school

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct— The late pop icon Michael Jackson, who was charged with child molestation seven years ago, was reinstated in a spectacular way, this time by a sting of gleaming silver letters dedicated to his name in a Los Angeles elementary school on Friday.

The sign, proclaiming The Michael Jackson

Auditorium at Gardner Street Elementary School in Hollywood, was uncovered from behind white plywood boards at the direction of Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Ramon C Cortines, ending a period of seven years when the tribute was covered by the school after Jackson was arrested on suspicion of child molestation in 2003.—Xinhua



Michael Jackson stands on his car to wave to fans after leaving the courthouse where he was arraigned in Santa Maria, California in this 16 January, 2004 file photo.—XINHUA

"Leave It to Beaver" mom Barbara Billingsley dies

LOS ANGELES, 17 Oct— Actress Barbara Billingsley, best known for portraying the quintessential suburban American mom on the 1957-1963 US television comedy "Leave It to Beaver," died on Saturday at age 94.

A family spokeswoman said Billingsley, who also played a memorable cameo as a jive-talking elderly passenger in the 1980 hit comedy film "Airplane!," had been in poor health in recent years and died of rheumatoid disease at her Santa Monica, California, home. In her signature role as June Cleaver in "Leave It to Beaver," which ran for six seasons, Billingsley personified the ideal middle-class mother and housewife in an era when relatively few American women with children worked outside the home.—Reuters



In this 27 Sept, 2007 file photo, Barbara Billingsley, of 'Leave It To Beaver,' smiles as the cast members reunite in Santa Monica, Calif. Billingsley, who gained the title supernum for her gentle portrayal of June Cleaver, the warm, supportive mother of a pair of precocious boys in 'Leave it to Beaver,' has died Saturday, 16 Oct, 2010. She was 94.

China's new film royalty rule stirs debate

BEIJING, 17 Oct— China's new regulation on charging copyright fees for playing movies in Internet cafes and on long-distance buses has stirred debate among the Chinese public.

The National Copyright Administration issued the regulation Thursday "in a bid to improve films' copyright protection," said Zhu Yongde, president of the China Film Copyright Association (CFCA).

Zhu said the regulation would be first carried out in eight municipalities and provinces, including Beijing, Shanghai and eastern Jiangsu Province. Officials said the CFCA would begin collecting copyright royalties on 1 Jan, 2011.

Xinhua

Once-great Philippine comic industry fights for survival

MANILA, 17 Oct— Philippine comic books have nurtured talent for international TV and animation blockbusters, but the once-mighty industry is fighting to survive as it comes up against the Internet and other new media.

Comic books that dominated the Philippine publishing industry just a couple of decades ago are now largely relegated to photocopied titles sold in a few specialty stores and at conventions, lamented veteran artist Rico Rival.

"There are still a lot of good Filipino artists. They just don't have an outlet anymore. They just photocopy their own works," said Rival who has worked for local publications as well as US comic and animation companies.—Internet



Terry Bagalso, editor of Atlas publishing, displays an old copy of 'komiks' magazine at the company's library in Manila.

INTERNET

New era, same old story as Liverpool crashes



Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard (R) and Everton's midfielder Phil Jagielka compete for the ball during their English Premier League football match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, north-west England.—INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 17 Oct—That was the length of time required for Everton to turn a dominant first half display into a goal, one carved out by a superb run from young Irish midfielder Seamus Coleman.

He skipped past three challenges, the last a despairing lunge from Paul Konchesky, before

pulling the ball back from the right-hand by-line for Cahill to beat Jose Reina with a flourishing finish from six yards.

The only surprise was that it had taken Everton that length of time to convert possession and pressure into a lead.

In a physical and

highly-emotional opening to the game, the first shot of the encounter came from Everton defender Phil Jagielka who scooped his effort well over from a promising position after 11 minutes; an attempt mirrored soon after by fellow centre-half Sylvain Distin who changed feet neatly in the area but still failed to hit the target from 15 yards.—*Internet*

Ancelotti contented despite Villa stalemate

PARIS, 17 Oct—Carlo Ancelotti is a contented man at this stage of the season, despite his team missing a golden opportunity to open up significant daylight over their chief Premier League title rivals. Chelsea were held to a 0-0 draw by Aston Villa on Saturday as their poor record at the venue continued. A poor miss from French striker Nicolas Anelka cost Chelsea the chance of extending their lead to seven points, instead of the five-point advantage they have as they break for Champions League duty in Moscow on Wednesday.

Given Chelsea's record of just one win in their last 12 visits to Villa Park and the fact that Villa defeated them 2-1 almost exactly 12 months ago, Ancelotti

feels his side should be praised for the manner in which they avoided defeat, despite missing Didier Drogba, Frank Lampard and other key players.—*Internet*



Aston Villa's John Carew (left) clashes with Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic during their English Premier League match at Villa Park in Birmingham.—INTERNET

Federer to face Murray in Shanghai final

SHANGHAI, 17 Oct—Roger Federer will face Andy Murray in the Shanghai Masters final after edging out Novak Djokovic 7-5, 6-4 in the

semi-finals on Saturday.

The Swiss came through an hour-long first set at the Qi Zhong centre to regain form and defeat the Serb, who had triumphed over Federer a month ago in the US Open semi-finals. "Today was a good match, I'm playing really well, I've had a great buildup," said Federer. "Here I'm playing well right off the bat.

Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland

Lack of killer instinct worrying Fergie

MANCHESTER, 17 Oct—Sir Alex Ferguson feels that his Manchester United side are paying the price for failing to kill teams off this season. United's 2-2 draw with West Brom was their fifth draw in eight Premier League matches this term and the second time they had given up a two-goal advantage to drop points. The worrying thing for Ferguson is that his team's under-par opening to the campaign has not included matches against any notable opposition, other than a struggling Liverpool side.—*Internet*



Manchester City's Carlos Tevez and Blackpool's Elliot Grandin challenge for the ball. INTERNET

added a third before Gary Taylor-Fletcher scored Blackpool's second.

Internet

Blackpool 2-3 Manchester City

LONDON, 17 Oct—Manchester City edged out Blackpool in a five-goal thriller at Bloomfield Road.

Carlos Tevez scored a brace as City claimed second place in the Barclays Premier League thanks to a rousing second-half display.

The Argentina striker made the breakthrough before substitute Marlon Harewood equalised for the home side.

Tevez then took his tally for the season to seven goals and substitute David Silva

Serbia top seeds for tennis Hopman Cup

SYDNEY, 17 Oct—The Serbian team of Ana Ivanovic and Novak Djokovic are the top seeds for the Hopman Cup mixed teams event in Perth in January, organizers said on Sunday.

The Serbs beat off the American team of Serena Williams and John Isner and Britons Laura Robson and Andy Murray for the top ranking. The Belgian duo of Justine Henin and Steve Darcis are the fourth seeds. "This is the most we have ever deliberated over who would be top seed," tournament director Paul McNamee said.

Internet



The Serbian team of Ana Ivanovic and Novak Djokovic (pictured) are the top seeds for the Hopman Cup mixed teams event in Perth in January, organizers said on Sunday.—INTERNET

Hodgson wants to welcome new owners with derby win

LIVERPOOL, 17 Oct—Roy Hodgson admits Liverpool must mark the club's takeover by New England Sports Ventures (NESV) with a victory in Sunday's Merseyside derby against Everton.

Hodgson's side make the short trip to Goodison Park desperately in need of a win at the end of one of the most turbulent weeks in the club's long and illustrious history.

The 18-time English champions are stuck in the Premier League relegation zone after their worst start to a season for 57 years, but Liverpool's future finally looks brighter following the conclusion of NESV's acrimonious

300 million pounds (480 million dollars) buy-out of Tom Hicks and George Gillett.—*Internet*



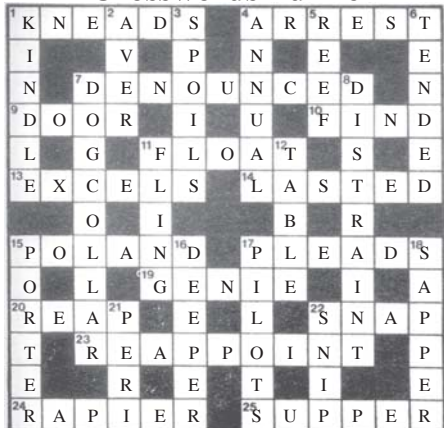
Liverpool's manager Roy Hodgson

Red-carded Wilshere 'not dirty,' says Wenger

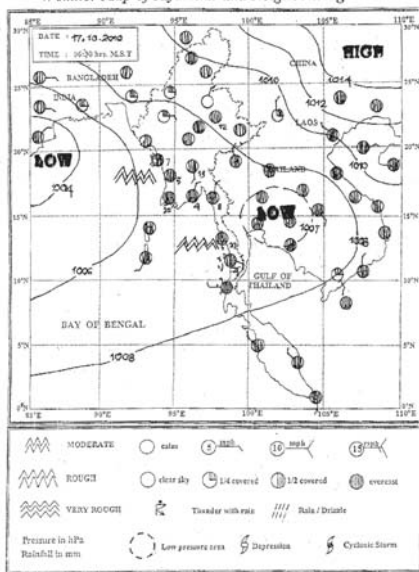
LONDON, 17 Oct—Arsene Wenger admitted Jack Wilshere deserved to be sent off at the end of Arsenal's 2-1 victory over Birmingham but insisted the England youngster is not a dirty player. Wilshere, 18, received a straight red card for an ugly lunge on Nikola Zigic in the final seconds of a clash that was decided by Marouane Chamakh's 48th minute goal.

Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 17th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States and upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Bago Region and isolated heavy falls in Ayeyawady Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ngathaingyau (4.53) inches, Bago (4.02) inches, zaungtu (3.90) inches, Gyobingauk (2.56) inches, An (2.01) inches and Kyaukse (1.30) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 16-10-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 17-10-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-10-2010 was (94%). Rainfall on 17-10-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 16-10-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 17-10-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-10-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 16-10-2010 was (6.7) hours. Rainfall on 17-10-2010 was (1.14) inches at

Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.31) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (76.89) inches at Mingaladon, (88.19) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.84) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 16-10-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 18th October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Kayah and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with Likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Lincecum outduels Halladay, Giants lead NLCS 1-0

PHILADELPHIA, 17 Oct.—All those derisive whistles sounded like cheers to Tim Lincecum. The Freak outdueled Roy Halladay, Cody Ross hit a pair of solo homers and the San Francisco Giants beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 Saturday night in the NL championship series opener. In a mega-hyped matchup between marquee pitchers, neither starter came close to matching his sensational postseason debut last week. Both gave up homers to No. 8 hitters. "It was big, it sets the pace for the series," Lincecum said. Halladay's bid for a second straight no-hitter lasted until Ross connected with one out in the third.

Lincecum, who tossed a two-hitter in the division series, gave up three runs on homers to Jayson Werth and Carlos Ruiz in seven innings. But Lincecum got the big outs when he needed them, and the Giants earned their fourth one-run win in the playoffs. The two-time NL champion Phillies lost their first series opener since getting swept by Colorado in 2007. "I don't think we can do nothing to bring this game back tonight," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "It's a loss. So we come out tomorrow, and we come out and play in that moment, try to win that game.—Internet



San Francisco Giants' Cody Ross hits a home run during the fifth inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the Philadelphia Phillies, on 16 Oct. 2010, in Philadelphia. The home run was Ross' second of the game.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-10-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (18-10-2010 09:30 am ~ 19-10-2010 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Beautiful Sunrise in MraukU
- * News
- * Welcome To A Rural Pagoda Festival
- * Music Gallery
- * Father of Myanmar Modern Art
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Fishery)
- * News
- * Annual Pilgrims From the River
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smile (Popa)

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Beautiful Sunrise in MraukU
- * News
- * Welcome To A Rural Pagoda Festival
- * Music Gallery
- * Father of Myanmar Modern Art
- * Traditional Chin Clothes
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Fishery)
- * News
- * Annual Pilgrims From the River
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smile (Popa)
- * News
- * Inside Myanmar's Music World
- * Pleasant Taunggyi
- * News
- * Myanmar Paper Toys
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Chin Cultural Museum (New)
- * Today's popular Rattan Industry
- * News
- * Enchanting Myanmar Innlay
- * Zar Ni Aung & Her Goal of Arts
- * Myanmar Movie "Love Be Won"



**Monday,
18 October
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Vanarable
- 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. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Dance Of National Races

8:05 am

7. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:35 am

9. Documentary

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme (The Radio

Myanmar

- Modern Music Troupe)

4:35 pm

4. University Of

Distance

Education

(TV Lectures)

- Frist Year

(History)

4:50 pm

5. Songs For

Upholding

National Spirit

5:00 pm

6. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

7. Myanmar

Language

5:30 pm

8. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

12. TV Drama Series

7:45 pm

13. "How to Cast

Vote" (Myanmar

Motion Picture

Asiayon)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. Talks of the

Political Parties

(Repeat)

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. TV Drama Series

19. Fine Arts Square

- ★ 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

Hopang, a land of rubber farms

Byline & Photos: Win Hlaing Oo



A thriving rubber plantation in Hopang Township.

In spite of a hot afternoon, the site we were staying remained cool due to a constant cool breeze. The observation desk on the hill overlooked a very large rubber farm stretching to the horizon.

It was the rubber farm of local U Kyan Par of

Hopang who won the outstanding rubber farm owner award to mark World Food Day (2010) presented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. The farm is on Kunlong-Hopang Road by the Namtein Creek in Shwewah Village, one mile from Hopang.

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Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India Region) about (370) miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (16) hrs (46) min (37) sec MST on 17th October, 2010.

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Talks on traffic rules given in Ottara Thiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct— Under the supervision of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, the Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force organized talks on vehicles and traffic rules in Taungnyo Village of Ottara Thiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District on 14 October evening.

It was attended by Chairman of Village Peace and Development Council U Than Swe, Chairman of Taungnyo All Bus-line Supervisory Committee U Tin Maung Win and 79 people.

IP Tun Tun of B Company of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on rules for road users and drivers and number of deaths and injuries in the road accidents.

The documentary video clip on traffic accidents was presented. Later, pamphlets published by Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee were given to those present.

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