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Maj-Gen Hla Min inspects relief work for cyclone victims in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence arrived at Danyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters yesterday. He was briefed by an official on preparedness measures before the cyclone had crossed Rakhine State, damage to houses and buildings, distribution of relief supplies and relief and rehabilitation work.

Next, Maj-Gen Hla Min presented food gifts and cash assistance to the families of the station. Then, Maj-Gen Hla Min, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, member of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Com-

mittee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe and Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein and departmental officials, inspected the loss and damage that occurred due to the storm. They then viewed giving of health care to the victims at the temporary relief camp in the village primary school and greeted them.

Maj-Gen Hla Min and party inspected arrangements for repairing of the embankment on Pinyinphumaw village road and left necessary instructions there.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

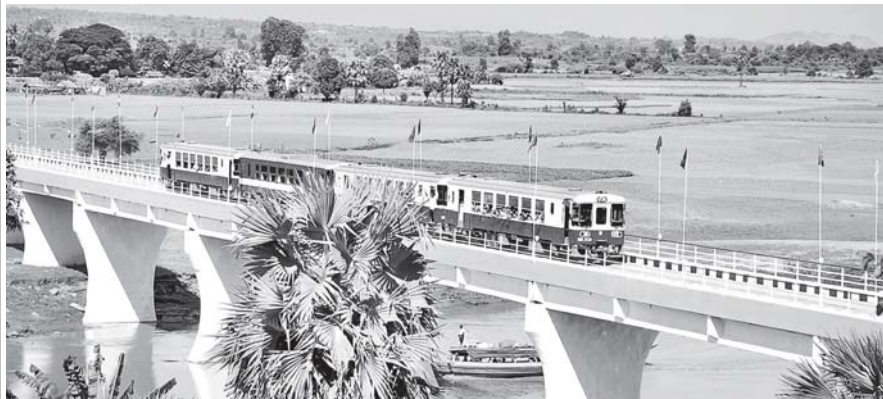
- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Railroad networks cover the whole country

Article: Moe Myint Lin Let



Local people enjoy better transportation with the inauguration of Pyawbwe-Phayangasu railroad.



A passenger train on Kanma-Thayet railroad, a section of Union Railway Network.

I have recently read the news on the opening of Seikpyu-Sinbyugyun railroad section. I felt very happy to see smiling faces of local people. As part of its programme to lay foundations for development of the country, the government is opening rail roads one after another across the country, including border areas and extending its services. It contributes not only to regional development and promoting relations between national races.

Regarding construction of rail roads across the country, before 1988, there were 1976 miles of railroads, 487 stations and 5650 overpasses. Now, there exist 3433 miles of rail roads, 875 stations and 10,908 small and big bridges.

Before 1988, the regions lagged behind in development due to poor transport. After taking bitter lessons from the past, the government has been making endeavors for the benefits of people and the country. So, people are now enjoying the fruits of development.

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 October, 2010

Cast your ballot in view of a new era

The multiparty democracy general election will be held on 7 November, 2010. It will take place in accord with the state constitution. In deed, we are beginning to walk to the way to multiparty democracy for a change of an era or system.

Candidates from 37 political parties will run for the election. Different parties have different stances, ideas, policies and work programmes. We can see respective parties' stances on every walk of life in their canvassing for votes.

All necessary measures have been taken to ensure that the election is free and fair. Political parties are enjoying the rights to canvass systematically and stand for election. Voters have the right to choose the party and candidate they like. The successful completion of a free and fair election is the democratic right.

A democratic nation will emerge with the democratic rule as desired by the people. We will reach the age of democracy through elections. Each and every voter will cast vote for the success of the election. It is a time when every citizen deserving democracy will have to make a collaborative effort with nationalistic fervor.

The multiparty democracy general election is the beginning of a trip to a democratic nation. It is a democratic right of each citizen. The success of the election is the first priority, and so is the system change.

With these rights and opportunities, all voters are to shoulder national duties by casting their votes and choosing the candidates they like in a correct way.

Special criminal appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Chief Justice of the Supreme Court U Aung Toe, Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court U Tun Tun Oo, Supreme Court Judge of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Kyaw Win, sitting at the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) heard case number 14/2010 and 15/2010 special criminal appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000 today.

MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.

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

Indian Army delegation on study tour of Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — A delegation led by Major General GS Malhi, VSM of Army Higher Command Course of Indian Defence Services of the Republic of India arrived at Yangon by air on 24 October evening.

The delegation arrived at Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon by air on 25 October morning. The Indian guests called on Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence at Paunglaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw, and visited the National Defence College.

Next, the delegation members visited Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), the Uppatasanti Pagoda and Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden. Major General GS Malhi, VSM, and wife and party visited Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and the National Landmark Garden on 25 October morning.

On 26 October, the Indian delegation went to Monywa in Sagaing



Personnel see off Major General GS Malhi, VSM of Army Higher Command Course of Indian Defence Services at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Region via Mandalay and called on Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin at the command meeting hall. The commander then hosted a luncheon to the Indian delegation. The Indian guests also visited the Sutaungpyae Pagoda on Mandalay Hill.

On 27 October morning, the delegation paid homage to the Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image

and visited U Pein Bridge, arts and crafts shops in Amarapura and Mya Nann Sankyaw Golden Palace and Golden Palace Cultural Museum.

The Indian delegation arrived back in Yangon by air in the evening.

Yesterday morning, the Indian delegation made a study tour of National Races Village, Bogyoke Market, King Zafar Shah's Tomb in

Ziwaka Street in Dagon Township and the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Major General GS Malhi, VSM and delegation members this afternoon visited Htaukkyant War Cemetery in Mingaladon Township and left for home by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by senior officers of the Ministry of Defence.—MNA

WFP Resident Representative calls on PBANRDA Minister



Minister U Thein Nyunt meets Resident Representative of WFP Mr Carlos Alberto Veloso. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt received Resident Representative Mr Carlos Alberto Veloso of World Food Programme (WFP) at the ministry

here today.

Minister U Thein Nyunt and Mr Carlos Alberto Veloso held discussions on successful implementation of long-term relief and rehabilitation project (2010-2012).—MNA

Six young men killed in shooting in Mexican capital

MEXICO, CITY, 29 Oct—Gunmen killed six young men in a gritty neighbourhood of the Mexican capital Thursday, an official said. The men in their late teens and early 20s were hanging out together on a street when the gunmen arrived, Mexico City Attorney General Miguel Angel Mancera said in an interview with the Televisa network. He said angry words were exchanged, and the gunmen opened fire.

It was the fourth major shooting in Mexico in less than a week. All have occurred in different parts of the country and appear un-related. Mancera said he did not know if drug gangs were involved in the middle-of-the night shooting in Tepito, a

working-class neighbourhood just north of Mexico City's colonial centre. Drug dealing is rampant there, but Mancera said there also have been problems with disputes among carjacking gangs.

"It is a complicated zone, a very delicate zone," Mancera said. "We would like to reassure the population that we are going to find those responsible. Mancera said bullet casings of two different calibers 9 mm and 2.23 mm were found at the scene, suggesting there were at least two gunmen. He said police were interviewing relatives and witnesses to determine the background of the victims and a possible motive.

Internet

'US terrorist tried to bring slaughter to subway in Washington'



A Metro Transit police officer watches Metro trains arrive at the Gallery Pl - Chinatown Station in Washington, DC.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—A Pakistani-born US citizen has been charged over a plot to bomb Washington's subway system, it was announced last night. The suspect was arrested after an undercover FBI operation over the past six months, which allegedly caught 34-year-old Farooque Ahmed handing over video of northern Virginia subway stations, suggesting the use of

rolling suitcases rather than backpacks to kill as many people as possible and offering to donate money to al-Qaeda's cause overseas.

It emerged last night that the people Ahmed thought were his al-Qaeda superiors were actually FBI agents. The public was never in danger, said the FBI, because its agents were aware of Ahmed's activities and monitored

him throughout. Ahmed was arrested on Tuesday and the charges were made public last night. He is accused of attempting to provide material support to a terrorist organisation, collecting information to assist in planning a terrorist attack on a transit facility, and attempting to provide material support to carry out bombings to cause mass casualties.

Internet

Russia test launches three missiles

MOSCOW, 29 Oct—Three intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) have been test launched on Thursday, one from the northern Plesetsk launching site, and two from strategic submarines, news agencies reported. Russian strategic forces launched a Topol ICBM at 01:59 pm Moscow time (0759 GMT) in normal mode from Plesetsk launching site in northern Russia. The Topol RS-12M's warhead successfully hit a target in the far eastern Kamchatka peninsula some 20 minutes later. The missile that was launched was manufactured in 1987 and had been on combat duty at the Teikovo missile unit in the Ivanovo region until August 2007. The launch was designed to confirm the missile's performance after extending its service life. The Topol-M missile, with a range of about 11,000 km, was said to be immune to any current and future US missile shield defense. The service life of Topol RS-12M has been extended to 23 years.—Xinhua

Indonesia's Mount Merapi spews volcanic ash again

YOGYAKARTA, 29 Oct—Mount Merapi in Central Java, Indonesia, sent out hot volcanic ash again at 4:40 pm local time on Thursday, indicating it remains dangerous after a major eruption on Tuesday left at least 33 people dead and over 40,000 displaced. "The trajectory of the volcanic material was short, namely 3.5 kilometres from the peak," said Subandriyo, head of the Volcanology Technology Development and Assessment (BPPTK). He predicted it would be followed by emission of lava and urged people to remain alert. Some of the victims died as they fled their house or after being admitted to hospital, said Trisno Heru Nugroho, spokesman of the DR Sardjito Hospital in Yogyakarta. The hot ash left at least 14 others seriously injured, most of them suffer from severe burn in the face and hands, and are being treated in the hospital.

Xinhua



A wounded policeman is seen in a hospital after gunmen stormed a jewellery store in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday, 26 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Suspected Yemen Qaeda chief 'surrenders'

ADEN, 29 Oct—A suspected al-Qaeda commander in the southern Yemen province of Abyan has surrendered to the authorities after negotiations conducted by tribal leaders, a security official said on Thursday. "Jamal Ahmed Mairan, leader of al-Qaeda in Loder and Modia (towns) handed himself in on Wednesday after mediation by tribal authorities," the official told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said Mairan, whose home town is Modia, is wanted in connection with an attack on intelligence officers in Abyan and a bank hold-up in the spring in Aden, the main southern city. On Monday, 15 suspected al-Qaeda militants surrendered to the governor of Abyan Province in the presence of tribal leaders and their relatives.

Internet

Auditors find US Afghan aid contract system chaotic

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—The first comprehensive audit of US contracts to rebuild Afghanistan found a "confusing labyrinth" of agencies and contractors in a poorly coordinated aid effort, a US audit body said on Wednesday.

The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, known as SIGAR, found that 17.7 billion US dollars the Pentagon, State Department and US Agency for International Development spent on reconstruction in Afghanistan in 2007-9 went to 7,000 contractors but often with little coordination.

The audit shows that navigating the confusing labyrinth of government contracting is difficult, at best," SIGAR said in a statement accompanying the audit, the first full survey of the aid contractor situation in the nine-year Afghan war. Pentagon, State and USAID "are unable to readily report on how much money they spend on contracting for reconstruction activities in Afghanistan," SIGAR said.

MNA/Reuters



Yemeni troops are seen near the Mudia town in the southern Abyan province, on 17 October. A suspected al-Qaeda commander in Abyan has surrendered to the authorities after negotiations conducted by tribal leaders, a security official said.

INTERNET

Nintendo sinks into the red for first half

TOKYO, 29 Oct— Nintendo sank to a first-half loss, its first in seven years, as a rising yen and long-delayed release of its 3-D gaming machine set the scene for a weak full-year result. Kyoto-based Nintendo Co, which makes Pokemon and Super Mario video games, said Thursday it posted a 2.01 billion yen (\$24.7 million) loss for the six months through September. First-half sales dropped nearly 34 percent to 363.2 billion yen (\$4.46 billion).

Nintendo last month shocked the gaming world by announcing its much awaited 3DS, a handheld packed with glasses-free 3-D technology, wouldn't be ready for the year-end shopping season when Nintendo rakes in about two-thirds of its earnings.

It will be released in February in Japan missing Christmas and then January, a key sales month because of the New Year's gifts

In this 29 Sept, 2010 file photo, a visitor operates a Nintendo 3DS featuring 3-D imagery. INTERNET



Japanese children get. Releases for Europe and the US will follow in March.

The half-year loss is the first for the maker of the Wii home console and DS handheld since 2003. Nintendo did not break down quarterly numbers. It posted a 69.5 billion yen profit for April-September 2009. Nintendo spokesman Yasuhiro Minagawa said the yen's strength against the dollar, which reduces earnings brought back to Japan, drove down first-half sales by 28.1 billion yen (\$345 million).

Internet

Hyundai Motor announces brisk earnings in Q3

SEOUL, 29 Oct — South Korea's No1 automaker Hyundai Motor Co on Thursday announced its earnings for the third quarter, which rose from a year ago thanks to strong overseas sales. According to the company's regulatory filing, its net profit posted 1.35 trillion won for the third quarter of 2010, up from 979.2 billion won (871 million US dollars) a year ago.

The net profit, however, was a slight decline from the previous quarter, falling 2.6 percent from the second quarter. Hyundai's Q3 sales advanced 9.2 percent to 8.85 trillion won (787.4 billion US dollars) from a year ago, while its operating profit also leapt 28.1 percent to 751.8 billion won (669 million US dollars), the company said in its filing.

Hyundai Motor's brisk earnings owed heavily to its robust exports to the global market, such as China and the US, it explained. During the same period,



Workers assemble sedans at a plant of Hyundai Motor in Asan, about 100 km (62 miles) south of Seoul, on 28 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA

Hyundai Motor sold around 967,000 vehicles in the global market, with its global market share jumping from 5.1 percent to 5.5 percent quarter-on-quarter. Meanwhile, shares of Hyundai Motor closed at 169,000 won (150.4 US dollars), down 1.17 percent from the previous session.

Xinhua

Nissan recalls more than 2.1 mln vehicles worldwide

BEIJING, 29 Oct — The Japanese automaker Nissan Motor Co announced on Thursday that it would recall more than 2.1 million vehicles worldwide for engine problems, according to CNN. Nissan said that the problems in the ignition relay could cause the engine to stall or fail to restart. So far, there was no related accident reported from the defect.

The recalls are mostly in Japan, with 835,000 units, and the United States and Canada with a combined 762,000 units. All the affected models were built between August 2003 and July 2006. The recall will affect six models in the United States. They are Armada, Frontier, Pathfinder, Titan, Xterra and Infiniti QX56. In Japan, the models affected include Cube, Lafesta, March, Note, Serena, Sylphy, Tiida, Tiida-Latio and Winglord. Nissan did not provide names of models affected in other countries.—Xinhua

US targets front companies for Iran shipping line

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—The United States on Wednesday named five Iranian individuals and three dozen companies that it said were helping Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines in trying to avoid sanctions. US Treasury Department said "front companies" based in Germany, Malta and Cyprus were facilitating Iran's use of its national maritime carrier to advance its illicit programme for developing weapons of mass destruction and for transporting military cargo.

By designating the companies for assisting

Iran, the Treasury Department isolates them from US financial and commercial systems because US citizens are forbidden from dealing with them. In addition, any assets they have that fall within US jurisdiction can be seized.

Among the companies named were 15 shipping companies, each of which was the registered owner of a vessel already on the Treasury's list of designated nationals and blocked persons as well as 11 holding companies that own the shipping companies.

Internet

Stocks rise after earnings, drop in jobless claims

NEW YORK, 29 Oct— Stocks rose Thursday after some positive earnings and a surprise drop in first-time claims for unemployment benefits. Investors were encouraged by a batch of earnings from a wide variety of companies heavily reliant on selling products to consumers, including Dow Chemical Co, Eastman Kodak Co, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. and Motorola Inc. The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 45

points in early morning trading.

Pharmaceutical companies Bayer AG and Sanofi-Aventis SA and automaker Hyundai Motor Co kicked off a strong day of earnings worldwide, sending overseas markets higher before the US market opened. Mixed earnings over the past few days had helped grind a market rally to a halt after stocks were lifted earlier this month by upbeat corporate profits and outlooks. Avon Products



A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 27 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Inc and 3M Co were among the companies whose results disappointed and their shares fell sharply.

Traders were also upbeat after a surprise

drop in first-time claims for unemployment benefits bolstered hopes that companies might start ramping up hiring soon.

Internet

High exposure to BPA linked to low sperm count

CHICAGO, 29 Oct — Chinese factory workers exposed to high levels of the plastics chemical BPA had low sperm counts, according to the first human study to tie it to poor semen quality. The study is the latest to raise health questions about bisphenol-A and comes two weeks after Canada published a final order adding the chemical to its list of toxic substances.

Whether the relatively low sperm counts and other signs of poor semen quality translate to reduced fertility is not known. Study author Dr De-Kun Li, a scientist at the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif, noted that even men with extremely low sperm counts can father children. But Li said finding that BPA may affect sperm is troubling because it echoes studies in animals and follows his previous research in the same men that linked BPA exposure with sexual problems. If BPA exposure can reduce sperm levels, "that can't be good" and means more study is needed to check for other harmful effects, Li said. The

study was published online Thursday in the journal *Fertility and Sterility*. The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health funded the research. Andrea Gore, a pharmacology and toxicology professor at the University of Texas who was not involved in the research, called it an important but preliminary study.

The results "are at least suggestive of the possibility that BPA may be one of the compounds that are causing some of these changes" in sperm, she said. But Gore said stronger evidence is needed to prove that BPA is indeed the culprit. BPA is used to make resins and strengthen plastics and is found in many consumer products: hard plastic bottles, metal food container linings, dental sealants and eyeglasses. Most Americans' urine contains measurable levels of BPA. Studies in animals have linked the chemical with reproductive problems and cancer. That's led to millions of dollars in new research in people.

Internet

Jerusalem hosts first-ever breast cancer race

JERUSALEM, 29 Oct — The holy city is decked out in pink for Israel's first-ever race to support breast cancer awareness and research. Five thousand participants are expected to run the four kilometre (2.5 mile)

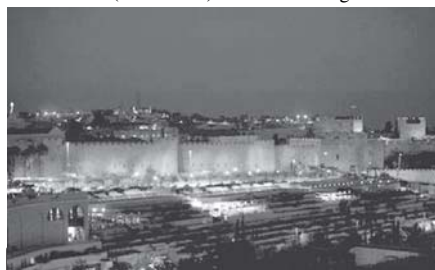
course Thursday through streets lined with pink banners and past Jerusalem's Old City walls, which have been lit in pink.

Susan G Komen for the Cure, the Dallas-based organization

sponsoring the event, organizes similar races in 141 world cities. Founder Nancy Brinker is in Israel for the race. Organizers say breast cancer kills more Israeli women than any other disease.

Tamar Peretz, an oncologist at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre in Jerusalem, says the high rate appears to be connected to environment, lifestyle and to a lesser extent, genetics.

Internet



In this Monday, 25 Oct, 2010 file photo, pink lights used to promote breast cancer awareness light up Jerusalem's Old City.

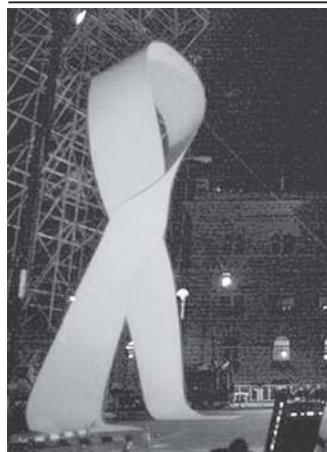
INTERNET

Tiger cub under care of "Human mom" in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 29 Oct — Unbelievable .. the new mom refused her bubbly baby. While he was screaming for the very first drop of breast milk that guards him from all bacterial attacks, the mom ignored the newly born and disappeared into her den. The watchful eyes of the locality gave only 10 hours for the mother to neglect him. When they realized she did not want her baby any more, they separated the baby from her. The tiny bundle of joy was lucky to escape death at the hands of his mother.

Today, the six-day-old Bengali tiger cub born in Sri Lanka's one and only zoo Dehiwala Zoological Gardens (DZG) — is in safe hands but struggling to survive without his mother's milk and warmth. Yet to be named, the tiger cub is slowly gaining weight as he is bottle-fed with special milk formula for cat species. Though the baby's health is slowly improving, he needs the round the clock support of the zoo workers to survive for the next three months, which is the risky period for a tiger cub as he lost the precious protein—colostrum— in mother's milk. He is vulnerable to illnesses during this time and needs to develop high immune system to survive. DZG Director General Bhashwara Gunarathna said the maximum care was given to the cub and he was now out of danger. "Every one in the zoo is concerned about the cub and wants to save his life. He is under the care of the best caretaker who has experience of taking care of neglected and abandoned animal babies," Gunarathna said.

Xinhua



A pink ribbon is seen as a symbol of breast cancer awareness. In an unprecedented event for women in ultra-conservative Saudi Arabia, women are massing at a Jeddah stadium in a bid to form the world's largest-ever human pink ribbon to raise awareness about breast cancer. — INTERNET

Saudi women aim for record pink ribbon

JEDDAH, 29 Oct — In an unprecedented event for women in ultra-conservative Saudi Arabia, women on Thursday were massing at a Jeddah stadium in a bid to form the world's largest-ever human pink ribbon to raise awareness about breast cancer.

More than 1,000 Saudis and foreign residents — Indonesians, Americans, Filipinas and others — had arrived at the education ministry facility by late afternoon, with organisers confident they would be able to top the previous record of 3,640 in Germany in 2007. The women were flocking into the stadium dressed in the ubiquitous all-black, shroud-like Muslim abaya robe which women are compelled to wear in public in the kingdom.

But inside, as the evening event gained momentum at the start of the Muslim weekend, organisers said they would all don pink ponchos and scarves as they massed together in the shape of the global symbol of breast cancer awareness. Bowing to the Islamic regime's strict rules keeping men and women separated, men were not allowed to view the event.

Internet

Sodas, other sugary beverages linked to increased risk of type 2 diabetes

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — A new study has found that regular consumption of soda and other sugar-sweetened beverages is associated with a clear and consistently greater risk of metabolic syndrome and type 2 diabetes. According to the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) researchers, the study provides empirical

evidence that intake of sugary beverages should be limited to reduce risk of these conditions.

The study appears online Wednesday in the journal *Diabetes Care* and will appear in the November print edition. "Many previous studies have examined the relationship between sugar-sweetened beverages and risk of

diabetes, and most have found positive associations but our study, which is a pooled analysis of the available studies, provides an overall picture of the magnitude of risk and the consistency of the evidence," said lead author Vasanti Malik, a research fellow in the HSPH Department of Nutrition. — Internet

Director Massy Tadjedin (2nd R) and cast members attend the "Last Night" photocall at the Auditorium Music Park in Rome, Italy, 28 Oct, 2010. "Last Night" by Massy Tadjedin opened the 5th International Rome Film Festival on Thursday.

XINHUA



Railroad networks cover the whole country

Article: Moe Myint Lin Let

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One can see emergence of new rail roads one after another across the country. The 12-mile-long Pyitawtha-Sittway-Yaychanbyin railroad section and the 22.72-mile-long Kwantaung-Ponnagyun railroad section, which is a part of the 257-mile-long Minbu-An-Sittway railroad, have been opened. Minbu-An-Sittway railroad will link Rakhine State with Magway Region. Upon completion, people from Rakhine State can get easy access to the four corners of the country by train. What's more, there exist railroads between Myitkyina in the northern part of the country and Dawei in the southern part, between Mongnai in the eastern part and Kalay in the western part and to Loikaw in the southeast.

Trains are running to Bagan, Pyay, Mandalay, Shwenyaung, Loikaw, Chauk and Yangon through Nay Pyi Taw. Passengers can travel to the places they want to by trains.



An aerial view of Katha-Moetagyi railroad section.



Local people at the inauguration of Pyawbwe (Yanaung)-Ywataw railroad section of Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad.

The railroads which are under construction across the country are the 183-mile-long Thayet-Kyunchaung railroad, 98-mile-long Katha-Bhamo railroad, 226 mile-long Mongnai-Kengtung railroad, 95-mile-long Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway railroad, 132-mile-long Dawei-Myeik railroad, 245.54-mile-long Yaychanbyin-An-Minbu railroad, 89-mile-long Pathein (Baegayat)-Nyaundon-Yangon (Hlinethaya) railroad, 120-mile-long Pyay (Shwedagar)-Tounggo (Kyaetaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad, 48-mile-long Hinthda-Nyaundon railroad and 105-mile-long Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Pinlaung railroad.

The Head of State gives guidance on completion of the aforesaid railroads ahead of target date. If the projects are complete one day ahead of schedule, it will contribute to development of the regions one day ahead. Emergence of new railroads one after another generates better transport and swift commodity flow as well as promoting economic, education, health and social status of the people.

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Construction site of Mognai-Langkho railroad section in Shan State (South).

Railroad networks cover the whole country

Article: Moe Myint Lin Let

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Plans are under way to build new railroads. These are 67.25-mile-long Bago-Kayan-Thongwa-Thanlyin (Okaphosu) railroad, 145-mile-long Lashio-Muse railroad and 84.35-mile-long Kalay-Tamu rail-road. Bago-Kayan-Thongwa-Thanlyin (Oakphosu) railroad will link between Bago

Region and Yangon Region and so will railroads across the country. Lashio-Muse rail road will connect the whole country through Shan State (north). Kalay-Tamu rail road will link upper Myanmar and the whole country.

With a view to the benefits of the people and the country, the present government is building the

railroads across the country with the genuine goodwill and benevolent attitude. In the future, maintenances of already-built railroads are to be carried out whichever party comes to power. Whatever it is, the ruling government continues laying foundation for the development of the new country.

Translation: MT

New railroads under construction

Sr	Railroad section	Mile
1.	Katha-Bhamo	98.00
2.	Mongnai-Kengtung	26.00
3.	Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway	95.00
4.	Dawei-Myeik	132.00
5.	Yaychanbyin-An-Minbu	245.54
6.	Pathein (Begarar)-Nyaungdon-Yangon (Hlinethaya)	89.00
7.	Pyay (Shwedagar)-Tounggo (Kyaetaw)-Nay Pyi Taw	120.00
8.	Hinhada-Nyaungdon	48.00
9.	Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Pinlaung	105.00
10.	Kyangan-Pakokku	60.00
11.	Myitkyina-Momeik-Hsipaw-Leikha	474
12.	Monywa-Yargyi-Kalay	135
13.	Tounggo-Yartha-Loikaw	150
Total (mile)		1777.54

Progress of rail transport sector after 1988

Sr	Particular	1988	2010	Progress
1.	Passenger train	243	412	169
2.	Cargo train	18	21	3
3.	Locomotive	239	319	80
4.	Railways (mile)	1976	3517	1541
5.	Railroad (mile)	2793	4402	1609
6.	Station	487	893	406
7.	Railway Bridge (total)	9000	21000	12000
8.	Passengers (million per year)	36	73	18.2
9.	Tonnage (million per year)	1.5	3.5	2

Railroad projects to be built

Sr	Road Section	Mile
1.	Bago-Kayan-Thongwa-Thanlyin (Oakposu)	67.25
2.	Lashio-Muse	145.00
3.	Kalay-Tamu	84.35
Total (mile)		296.60



Panorama of a train crossing a bridge on Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Saikkhaung-Namsan-Mongnai railroad section in Shan State (South) with the background of greenish mountain ranges.

Remain vigilant against elements sowing hatred among national people

Myint Aung (Zeyamyne)

My nieces and nephews,

I am satisfied with the discussions I held with you all. Now, I am writing to tell you some notable points for your knowledge.

I think you have heard of it. Multiparty democracy general elections we are all looking forward to will be held on 7 November 2010 (Sunday). The Union Election Commission issued Announcement (89/2010) on 13 August. Now, you all have turned 18. So, you have an opportunity to show your sense of duty by casting votes in the elections. I want you all to be dutiful in the elections because that is the first step to the goal of discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

My girls and boys, here I must admit that the book "The State, Citizens, Politics and Democratic Practice" by Minbedar (Pwintpyu) inspired me to tell you these points. It states an interesting question about five sorts of citizens. The question is "What sort of citizens do you like among the five sorts of citizens? What sort of citizen are you?" The five sorts of citizens are:

- (1) isolate citizen who is not interested in politics, who keeps off politics and whose business is not associated with politics,
- (2) bystander citizen who has a watchful eye to political processes. He studies politics enthusiastically, and is ready to do politics if necessary. However, he observes with folded arms what is happening without taking part
- (3) Participant citizen who takes interest in politics and studies political processes. He is capable of doing politics and participates in politics little by little.
- (4) Activist citizen who not only studies but also actively participates in politics. As for him,

politics has priority over his personal affairs.

- (5) Diehard citizen who devotes his life to political affairs at risk to life, and his concepts and ideas.

As you know, our country will practise genuine and discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy system. Today is in the transitional period to democracy, so the youth should not place trust in instigations. Indeed, politics is the affairs of a nation. In other words, politics means what is happening in the human society, isn't it? And politics is of two types: party politics and national politics. Short and to the point, party politics means activities that are concerning with getting support for one political party in a country. My suggestion in that regard is that after a political party comes to power, it should continue to serve the interest of the people and the nation. So, you should vote for such candidates who are reliable for national interest or who keep the promises they have given since the run-up to elections.

To be able to make correct choices, you have to stay in touch with what is going on in the nation and in the world. Therefore, the people should not ignore politics.

You should not take politics for granted. You should not consider "I'm not qualified enough to stand for election, so whoever comes to power, it doesn't matter". To choose a candidate, you should take into consideration what he has worked for the public and his historical background. As the theme of democracy, the people who are the real owner of sovereignty of the nation have to elect the candidates who will exercise sovereign powers on their behalf. So, you have to choose a candidate and elect him with votes. In addition, that means you take part in

electing candidates without wasting the chance of voting.

The people have waited for long to vote. The people of us will soon pass through the gateway to democracy to march to a prosperous democratic nation. The voters (the people) will have to vote for reliable candidates who are capable of exercising sovereign powers on behalf of the public. However, certain internal and external elements are dissuading the people from casting votes, instead of extending a helping hand to the strengthening of democratic foundations. I am sure the people know well that they are trying to disrupt the nation's democratization. So, you need to be aware of their plots. It is known to all that their activities are due to subjective rather than objective conditions. In other words, it is time the entire people opened the gate to democracy, but their intention is that the people become confused and they cannot pass through the entrance to democracy. To tell you a bit more, they are criticizing elections unreasonably.

In a country, stability and peace are essential for development. Now, the people of us abhor the plots to destabilize the nation. In fact, election is the first step to democracy, but they are trying to block the first step. That is based on personality cult, rather than political situations. They are turning a blind eye to the historic events of the nation, objective conditions, and requirements for flourishing of democracy. And they are trying to divert the goal of democracy from its course. Apparently, they are making something dishonest. I am sure that they are resorting to various ways to sow hatred among the people. Here, I would like to tell you a true story. In the time of the Buddha, Vesali in Vijji was prosperous, so, King Ajatasatta wanted to occupy the country. So, the king asked Vassakara Brahmin, his adviser, to enquire about the conditions of the country. After inquiry, the Brahmin came to know that Licchivi princes of Vijji practised the Buddha's seven principles for prosperity and development of a nation, and the citizens remained harmonious with prosperous future. So, the Brahmin addressed formally to the king and suggested that the king sow discord among the people of the country to break up the national unity. And he said that the means of sowing hatred among the people of the targeted country was the only way to win victory. Then, the Brahmin got to Vijji and sowed hatred among the people to undermine national unity, and then King Ajatasatta launched a war against and occupied Vijji.

That is to day: now there are so many people who are like Vassakara Brahmin and are trying to drive a wedge among national people when our country is poised to become a democratic nation. So, you should be constantly vigilant against their schemes, and you should do your bit in the democratization. I want you to try to become

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Remain vigilant against elements sowing hatred among national people

Myint Aung (Zeyamye)

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crave for political power are the root cause of the collapse of a country. Despite their knowledge of such horrible incidents, anti-government groups are resorting to all possible ways and means to push our country to another war-torn country. It is crystal clear that they are seeking their own interest, rather than our national interest.

So, I would like to urge you to elect reliable candidates by casting votes in the forthcoming election that is the first step to democracy.

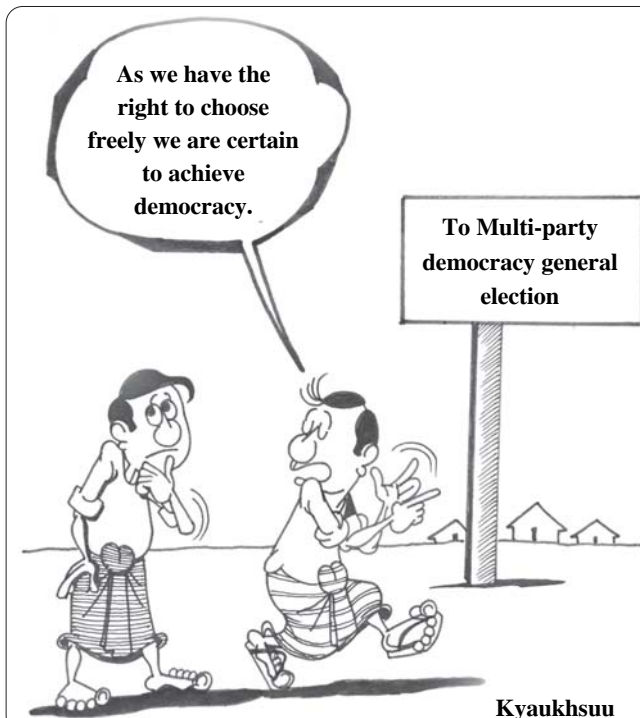
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POEM:

Cast votes all eligible voters

- * **Use your ballots**
Voters of the country
Should not miss
Right of democracy
- * **With conviction**
And correct vision
Vote for persons
Work with goodwill
In nation's interest
- * **Aware of wicked persons**
Short-term view they are holding
Doing politics just for advantage
Never choose such candidates
So dangerous they are
- * **Cast votes dutifully**
All eligible voters
Democratization process
A national assignment

Soe Moe-Pathein (Trns)



Kyaukhsuu

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dutiful citizens. Surely, by then, you have understood that the election is to be completed successfully as the first step to democracy. We cannot introduce democracy to our country overnight. To achieve the goal of democracy, every citizen has to take part in democratization and practise democracy correctly. In this regard, there are many countries they are now going through the hell of untold misery including bloodshed due to the fact that they tried to make a carbon copy of the democratic practice of democracy countries. Such incidents are usual because selfishness and

Cash and kind donated to cyclone victims



BDA Chairman U Maung Maung Soe Tint donates medicines for storm victims through Director-General U Soe Aung.—MNA

YANGON, 29 Oct—A ceremony to donate cash and kind to storm victims of Rakhine State took place at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) on Oakponseik Street in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

U Maung Maung Soe Tint (Retd Ambassador)-Daw Khin Kyi presented K 200,000; Vice-Chairman Dr Tin Shwe, on behalf of Myanmar NGO Network, K 1 million and medicines

worth K 2,415,500; and Chairman U Maung Maung Soe Tint, on behalf of Border Development Association, medicines

worth K 500,000 through Director-General U Soe Aung of the Relief and Resettlement Department.

MNA

Computer Journal comes out

YANGON, 29 Oct—Computer Journal (November issue) has come out today.

The journal features articles on computer science, computer lessons, education project competitions, experience recount, apply of cloud computing in e-government transformation, shopping guide articles and so on.

The journal is available at bookshops, supermarkets, and for home delivery service, one may contact Novel Light Express, Ph: 391186, 095080850.—MNA



Maj-Gen Hla Min presents foodstuff, consumer goods, first aid and medicines for cyclone victims.—MNA

Maj-Gen Hla Min inspects relief work for cyclone...

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Afterwards, they visited the cyclone-battered households in Myoma sports ground in Kyaukpyu and donated bags of rice to them.

On arrival at the relief and rehabilitation camp in Kynthaya village, Maj-Gen Hla Min and party met

the victims and presented medicines, foodstuff, fishing nets and cash assistance to them.

At Pyinwin village, Koeanpyin village and Laundaris village, Maj-Gen Hla Min and party inspected the debris left due to the cyclone and went to Myebon. They looked into carrying out of cleaning of the debris and rescue work, arrival of relief aids at the port and distribution of the supplies to the victims, met with the departmental officials on board the helicopter

and rendered necessary assistance. Maj-Gen Hla Min and party met with the local people at the town hall of Myebon and presented foodstuff, consumer goods, first aid items and medicines to the victims.

Maj-Gen Hla Min and party met the township level departmental officials at Kyaukpyu town hall and gave necessary instructions. Then, they met with servicemen and their families at the hall of Kyaukpyu Station and presented cash assistance to them. —MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence attends opening of Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010

YANGON, 29 Oct — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening of Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010, jointly-organized by Myanmar Computer Professional Association and Myanmar Computer Entrepreneur Association under the supervision of Myanmar Computer Federation, held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisaya Road here this morning.

First, a responsible person explained the purpose of organizing the ceremony.

Next, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, the president of MCF and chairman of MCEA formally opened the ceremony.

Then Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe unveiled the signboard of the exhibition. Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander and party viewed around the exhibition. —MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe views booths at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Exhibition 2010.

MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung unveils signboard of upgraded Basic Education Middle School of Kyaukka Ywama village.

MNA

Upgraded BEMS opened in Kyaukka Ywama village

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — Upgraded Basic Education Middle School was opened in Kyaukka

Ywama village of Taungtha Township, Myingyan District in Mandalay Region yesterday.

Chairman of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council U Hla Moe, Mandalay Region Education Officer U Myint Zaw and Headmistress Daw Yi Yi Myint formally opened the signboard of the school.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung unveiled the commemorative stone plaque and sprinkled scented water on it. The minister then planted a commemorative tree.

The minister delivered an address at the ceremony and the Region Education Officer explained the purpose of upgrading of school.

Wellwishers presented cash donations to the school through Member of School Board of Trustee U Zaw Myo Aung, who later spoke words of thanks.

The headmistress presented commemorative gifts to the minister and officials. —MNA



Instructions to be followed in voting process

1. Try to know your serial number of ballot list in order to cast vote without any delay.
2. Voting process can be quick by giving your serial number of ballot list to the ballot list inspector.
3. Put a tick in the box next to the candidate and the symbol you want to choose on your ballot paper.
4. Do not sketch or write anything on your ballot paper, except putting a tick.
5. Do not sketch anything impossible to decide whether it is a tick or cross on your ballot paper.
6. Make sure that your ballot paper is not torn.
7. Put the ballot paper you have put a tick on into the ballot box concerned.

Notable points to avert having votes cancelled

Election Rule 66 (c) states that the following types of ballot papers shall be cancelled.

- (1) A ballot paper that does not have the seal of the commission
- (2) A ballot paper that does not have the signature of the returning officer
- (3) A ballot paper with more than one tick to favour more than one candidate
- (4) A ballot paper with no tick
- (5) A ballot paper with an unclear tick
- (6) A ballot paper the returning officer decides to be a fake one
- (7) A ballot paper with a mark designed to hint
- (8) A torn-up ballot paper

To amplify the provisions on cancelled votes for the knowledge of voters,

- (1) A voter must put a tick in the square box shown against the name of the candidate he favours.
- (2) If a voter puts at least two ticks or crosses in square boxes shown against candidates, the ballot paper is cancelled.
- (3) A vote with no tick is cancelled.
- (4) If a ballot paper carries only one mark in a box, but the mark is not clear enough to decide whether it is a tick or cross, it is cancelled.
- (5) However, if a vote is cast with one tick to favour only one candidate, it can be deemed to be a firm vote even if the tick is in the square box, or it passes through the line of the square box, or it is put diagonally or horizontally, or it has a bent line at its end or not.

To decide whether a ballot paper is valid or invalid is up to the returning officer. Candidates to hluttaws, their election representatives, and the representatives of a polling station are allowed to check the cancelled votes. The reason why a vote is cancelled will be put on record with the designated form.

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 29 Oct — Nine venerable monks led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhama Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bharmo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa left here by air this morning to attend a ceremony to hoist the Htidaw (Umbrella) atop the Shwedagon Replica Pagoda in conjunction with a consecration ceremony to be held in Indonesia from 29 to 30 October. The venerable monks were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and departmental officials.



Nine venerable monks led by Bharmo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa being seen off by Minister Thura U Myint Maung at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

The venerable monks were also accompanied by Director General U Khaing Aung of the Department for Propagation of the Sasana and officials. **MNA**

UMFCCI meets Mitsubishi Corporation

YANGON, 29 Oct—General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Maung Maung Lay, joint-general secretaries Dr Myo Thet and Dr Pwint Hsan and CEC members received Member of the Board and Executive Vice President Mr Hideto Nakahara of Mitsubishi Corporation (Japan), General Secretary Mr Manabu Takeuchi of Mitsubishi Corporation

(Yangon Branch) and Senior Manager Mr Masahiro Kageyama at the office of the federation in Yangon on 22 October.

They frankly discussed promotion of bilateral trade and conducting Spoken Japanese course and other courses at the UMFCCI for human resources development.

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Kayah State achieving...

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The paddy strains local farmers of Kayah State grow commonly are Shwe Yin Aye, Thee Htat Yin, and Hmawby (2). Paddy seeds of quality strains and high-yield strains are sowed and seedlings are nurtured in Ngwedaung paddy plot and Dimawhso Farm. The paddy saplings are distributed to voluntary farmers. Then, produced paddy seeds are distributed to local farmers for agricultural purposes.

Regarding distribution of quality paddy seeds, the manager said, "We grow paddy in 408 acres of model fields yearly with the help of voluntary farmers to produce quality paddy seeds. We achieve huge success in producing quality paddy seeds due to the participation of voluntary farmers and related or-

ganizations. So, paddy output is on the increase yearly."

We were accompanied by officials of Kayah State Myanmar Agriculture Service on our visit to paddy fields in Kontha, Saungkan and Htiyi villages, about 12 miles from urban areas.

It was very pleasant to view thriving plantations of paddy, corn and pigeon pea on both sides of Loikaw-Aungban Road with greenish mountain

ranges in the background.

Pointing to thriving paddy fields, farmer U Moszart of Kontha Village said, "Paddy farming is our family business. These years, we get good harvests, and we have not achieved that success before. That is largely due to the fact that we grow paddy seeds the Myanmar Agriculture Service supplies to us."

We also found that paddy fields of Hsinweyin, Shwe Yin Aye, Hsin Shwe Wah and Hmawby (2) strains were all successful

in plot No. 116.

Kayah State puts 143,393 acres under crops including monsoon and summer paddy; 40,427 acres beans and pulses; and 36,708 acres under edible oil crops. It also grows vegetables on a large scale. Local farmers are enjoying increased crop yields year by year. As a result, Kayah State has produced surpluses of many crops.

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Farmer U Maung Le of paddy plot No. 116.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1042)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1042) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (99)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKACHAI VOY NO (99) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Villagers feast on rare whale shark

MANILA, 29 Oct — Villagers in the Philippines have butchered for food an endangered whale shark that was trapped in a fish pen, stunning officials who vowed to file criminal charges for the slaughter of a rare creature. Environmental officer Job Tagle said he found about a dozen people with knives running away with big basins of meat carved from the whale shark when he

reached the village of Bios in the central Philippines on Tuesday. Mr Tagle said only the head of the whale shark — the world's biggest fish species — was left when he and police arrived.

It took at least 10 men to carry the head, which weighed about 200kg, onto a van. It had what looked like several bullet and spear wounds and was later buried, he said.

The owner of the fish pen, located about 500 metres from shore, said the animal was dead when he found it, but police suspect it was killed based on its wounds, Mr Tagle added. An official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Negros Oriental province, Oscar Moncopa, said charges will be filed against the owner. — Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KANGURU 05 VOY NO (-)**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV CHENG YUN VOY NO (118)**

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Kittens are presented in a bucket to Britain's Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, during her visit to open the new cattery at the 150 year old Battersea Dogs and Cats Home in London on 27 Oct, 2010. — INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (124)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (124) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (123)**

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FarmVille-playing mum faces life for killing baby

FLORIDA, 29 Oct — A Florida mother charged with shaking her baby to death, after he interrupted a computer game, has pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

Alexandra V Tobias, 22, was arrested after the January death of three-month-old Dylan Lee Edmondson. Angered that the baby was crying while she played FarmVille, a computer game that uses Facebook

as its platform, she allegedly started shaking the baby, the *Florida Times-Union* reported. Tobias told investigators she then laid Dylan on the living room couch and smoked a cigarette to compose herself.

The family dog apparently knocked the baby off the couch, causing him to cry some more, and Tobias shook Dylan again until he stopped breathing.

She told investigators the boy's head "could have" hit the computer while she abused him, according to police reports. Prosecutor Richard Mantei told the *Times-Union* that Tobias' plea will help the family avoid reliving the tragedy during a jury trial. Florida state guidelines call for 25 to 50 years in prison for a second degree murder charge, but Tobias could face a life sentence, the paper said. — Internet



Amur tiger bathes in a pool of Kiev Zoo, September 2010. Nature conservation body WWF said key tiger habitats in Russia's Far East were slated for logging in what would be a new blow to the dwindling population of the highly endangered Amur tiger. — INTERNET

Lady A, John Legend to sing anthem at World Series

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—Country, R&B and pop sounds will take the field at the 2010 World Series.

Major League Baseball announced Tuesday that soul singer John Legend will perform the national anthem on Wednesday at Game 1 of the series between the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers.

Country trio Lady Antebellum is set to perform "The Star-Spangled Banner" on Thursday at Game 2. Games 1 and 2 will take place in San Francisco.

On Saturday at Game 3 in Arlington, Texas, pop singer and former "American Idol" champion Kelly Clarkson will sing the anthem. Texas is her home state.

Game 3 is scheduled to begin a few minutes before 7 pm EST, the earliest start for a World Series game in more than 20 years.—*Internet*

'Life,' according to Keith Richards



In this 11 May, 2010 file photo, musician Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—Mother Nature knows how to welcome Keith Richards.

The afternoon is warm and sunny minutes before Richards is to be interviewed at his manager's office in downtown Manhattan, a veritable Keith shrine with posters and pictures on the wall, and a director's chair with his name on it, ready for him to be seated.

At the top of the hour, the clouds darken. The

door swings open and the grinning Rolling Stone arrives.

He is 66, his face tanned and lined, his walk slightly bent, an old cowboy gone electric. He's wearing a tan, wide-brimmed hat, black leather jacket, black pants and a loose-hanging white T-shirt. He has on sneakers, turquoise, a distant cousin to blue suede shoes.

Unlike Mick Jagger, Richards has never been knighted. But he can claim honors in the world of letters. Nearly 30 years after Jagger gave up on writing a memoir, alleging he had forgotten everything, Richards has emerged as a best-selling author who seems to have retained it all. "Another feather in my cap," he says with his smoke-ringed laugh, lighting up the first of several Marlboros.

Internet

An artist dressed in traditional Japanese costume performs in Japan Industrial Pavilion at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China recently.

XINHUA



In this 10 June, 2010 file photo, Lady Antebellum performs during the CMA Music Festival at LP.—*Internet*

James Cameron to make sequels to "Avatar"

LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct—Academy Award-winning filmmaker James Cameron has agreed to make a pair of sequels to the sci-fi blockbuster "Avatar" next year, after nearly a year of waiting by an expecting public, Fox announced on Wednesday. In a renewed collaborations with Twentieth Century Fox, Cameron is slated to begin working on scripts of "Avatar 2" and "Avatar 3" next year, with the first sequel being released in December 2014, Fox said

in a press release.

He planned to start production later in 2011. The third sequel is tentatively slated for a December 2015 release. "With two new films on the drawing boards, my company and I are embarking on an epic journey with our partners at Twentieth Century Fox," Cameron said. "Our goal is to meet and exceed the global audience's expectations for the richness of AVATAR's visual world and the power of the storytelling." "In the

second and third films, which will be self-contained stories that also fulfill a greater story arc, we will not back off the throttle of AVATAR's visual and emotional horsepower, and will continue to explore its themes and characters, which touched the hearts of audiences in all cultures around the world.

Internet

This photo shows a poster of James Cameron's box office behemoth "Avatar".

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Morgan Library facelift brings treasures to light

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—A \$4.5 million facelift of New York's Morgan Library and Museum has brought out of the shadows and drawn from storage rare Near Eastern, Biblical and early Americana items, some exhibited for the first time.

Based on a collection amassed by Pierpont Morgan, America's top financier of a century ago the Morgan now houses over 500,000 objects. The core of the museum, the Madison Avenue

library, reopens on Saturday after extensive renovation. "This project is the first comprehensive restoration of the building since its construction at the beginning of the last century," said Morgan director William Griswold. "And it has transformed every room." Modeled on Italian Renaissance villa architecture, the historic library was hamstrung, museum officials say, by too little space, uneven lighting and century-old grime.

Comparing before and after renovation photographs, the most stunning transformation is the three-tier East Room library.

Newly illuminated, gold-tooled bindings gleam from book spines. A 9th-century metal binding of the Gospels is encrusted with jewels like sapphires and emeralds.—*Reuters*

NYPD called to Charlie Sheen's hotel

NEW YORK, 29 Oct—Charlie Sheen was hospitalized Tuesday for a psychiatric evaluation after a woman called police to say the star was throwing furniture and yelling in his room at The Plaza, a law enforcement official said.

Police were called to the room at about 2 am and Sheen appeared highly intoxicated, the official said. He was not arrested and went voluntarily. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the incident and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. It's not clear who the woman was in the hotel room with him. Sheen was reportedly in New York on a family vacation.

His publicist Stan Rosenfield said the 45-year-old was expected to be released Wednesday.

"What we are able to determine is that Charlie had an adverse allergic reaction to some medication and was taken to the hospital," he said.

It was the latest in a series of troubles for Sheen, the star of CBS' "Two and a Half Men," who has had problems with alcohol and drugs in the past.

Internet



In this 8 Feb, 2010 file photo, Charlie Sheen arrives at the Pitkin County Courthouse in Aspen.

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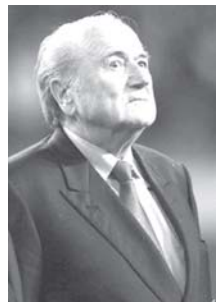
SPORTS

Blatter plays down concerns over Brazil 2014 work

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Oct — World football chief Sepp Blatter has played down concerns over delays to renovation work being carried out on the stadiums which will host the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Work on 12 sites

was scheduled to begin in May 2010 but in several cases has been delayed, causing concern the stadia will not be finished by the 31 December, 2012 deadline. FIFA president Blatter gave his full backing to the organizers.

"There are a few problems, just like there were in the early stages for Germany 2006 and South Africa 2010," Blatter told *Lance* sports daily. "If there were no problems, then we could start staging the matches as of tomorrow!" He added: "For the moment, I'm happy with the progress of the work. I've no doubt it will be a hugely successful World Cup.—*Internet*



FIFA president
Sepp Blatter

Owen may retire if Man Utd refuse new contract

LONDON, 29 Oct — Michael Owen has hinted he will consider retiring if Manchester United don't offer him a new contract at the end of this season. Owen's current deal expires at the end of the season and the former Liverpool and Real Madrid striker has yet to be offered a new contract.

The 30-year-old has endured an injury-ravaged time with United and is sidelined again at present due to a hamstring problem. He has started just six league games since arriving at Old

Trafford last year and with the emergence of young Mexico striker Javier Hernandez this season, Owen knows there is decent chance boss Sir Alex Ferguson will deem him surplus to requirements.

—*Internet*



Michael Owen

Barnes shoots 63 for lead at Asia Pacific Classic

SELANGOR, 29 Oct — Ricky Barnes shot an 8-under 63 on Thursday to take the lead after the first round of the inaugural Asia Pacific Classic, the first PGA Tour-sanctioned event in Southeast Asia. The 29-year-old American, seeking his first professional victory, had what he called a "stress-free" round

sprinkled with eight birdies.

"I got off to a good start by making some good swings and had a 10-foot look at eagle on three which kind of got my round started," Barnes said. Ryan Moore (64) trails by one stroke, while Canadian Open winner Carl Pettersson (65) was two back along with Brian Davis and Charlie Wi. Moore, who arrived in Malaysia on Friday to acclimatize to the time change and humid weather, had seven birdies. He has earned more than \$2 million this season on the PGA Tour but has no victories.

—*Internet*

Ricky Barnes of the US hits a shot on the 18th hole during the first round of the CIMB Asia Pacific Classic Malaysia 2010 golf tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.—INTERNET



Arsenal cruise into League Cup last eight

LONDON, 29 Oct — England winger Theo Walcott scored twice as Arsenal cruised into the quarter-finals of the League Cup on Wednesday with a 4-0 rout of Newcastle at St James Park. Walcott's brace, an own goal from Newcastle reserve keeper Tim Krul and a Nicklas Bendtner strike settled the tie for Arsene Wenger's men, riding high after last weekend's victory over Manchester City. Wenger was left purring over the contribution of Walcott, scoring his first goals since returning from injury sustained on England duty last month.

"Walcott is more composed in front of goal this season. His first touch is better. He is an intelligent

boy and because of that he will always improve."

—*Internet*



Arsenal's Danish striker Nicklas Bendtner (C) celebrates scoring against Newcastle United with Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas (L) and Ivorian defender Emmanuel Eboue (R) during the Carling Cup fourth round football match at St James' Park, Newcastle upon Tyne.

—*INTERNET*

Desai could rename Rovers' stadium to boost cash

BLACKBURN, 29 Oct — Blackburn's prospective new Indian owner has admitted that the club's Ewood Park stadium could be renamed to raise funds. Anuradha Desai, chairperson of Venky's — the Indian poultry and pharmaceutical firm on the verge of buying the English Premier League club — is considering marketing plans to increase revenue streams.

She revealed on Thursday that one of the options to bring new cash into the club would be allowing sponsorship of the sta-

dium, but was quick to insist Venky's would respect Blackburn's traditions. "We will do the best by the fans and also by the club and it is very important to continue the traditions of the club," Desai told the *Lancashire Telegraph*.

"We are going to be good responsible owners and we want to make the club stronger. "There are a lot of marketing plans but nothing is certain yet. One of the things we are considering is sponsorship of Ewood Park but no decision has been made."—*Internet*



Venky's employees talk outside a Venky's XPRS Take-away Chicken outlet in Pune. Anuradha Desai, chairperson of Venky's — the Indian poultry and pharmaceutical firm on the verge of buying Blackburn Rovers Football Club — has admitted that the club's Ewood Park stadium could be renamed to raise funds.—INTERNET

FIFA opens 2-day meeting on scandal-hit World Cup

ZURICH, 29 Oct — FIFA's ruling executive committee started a two-day meeting on Thursday could alter the shape of the scandal-hit 2018 and 2022 World Cup bids. FIFA president Sepp Blatter chaired a meeting that will consider delaying one or both World Cup decisions until more credibility and public confidence has been restored to the process.

Originally, the session was for the executive committee to select a voting procedure for the 2 Dec secret ballot to choose the two hosts. But allegations of bribery and corruption involving FIFA executive committee members Amos Adamu and Reynald Temarii, along with two of the nine bidders, have shaken FIFA's control over the two-year, multimillion dollar global lobbying contest. FIFA vice-president Chung Mong-Joon of South Korea told *The Associated Press* on Thursday he expected a "constructive and productive" meeting.—*Internet*

No room for sentiment as old boys down Lyon

PARIS, 29 Oct — Goals by former Lyon stars Mathieu Bodmer and Ludovic Giuly saw Paris Saint Germain come from behind and defeat Lyon 2-1 after extra-time handing them a place in the League Cup quarter-finals on Wednesday.

Defeat comes at the end of a period when Lyon under coach Claude Puel had reacted well to an ultimatum by president Jean-Michel Aulas after a poor start to the league campaign — they have strung together four wins and a draw in the league and are well placed to reach the knockout stages of the Champions League.

Aulas later said that despite going out of the



Paris Saint-Germain's forward Ludovic Giuly (R) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal during the French League Cup football match Lyon vs PSG at the Gerland stadium in Lyon.—INTERNET

League Cup Puel would be remaining in the hotseat. Antoine Kombouare, the PSG coach, said he had been delighted with the manner in which his side had pulled themselves together after a poor first-half showing.—*Internet*

Courier named as USA's Davis Cup skipper

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — Jim Courier was on Wednesday named as the new captain of the USA's Davis Cup team, the American tennis federation (USTA) announced. Courier, who helped the USA to two Davis Cup titles as a

player in 1992 and 1995, replaces 2007-winning captain Patrick McEnroe, who stood down in September after a record ten year tenure in the post.

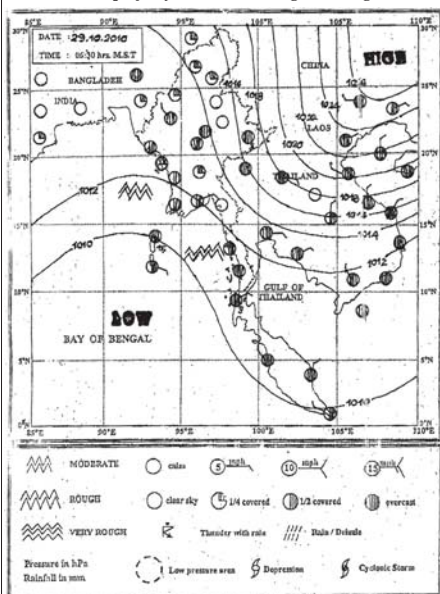
Courier told the USTA's official website: "It's something that I certainly aspired to. I definitely thought that being the captain would be something that I'd enjoy, and now I get to see if I will." The two-time Australian Open and French Open champion's appointment was warmly received by among others Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi. Roddick tweeted: "Jim Courier new Davis Cup captain.... great choice!"

—*Internet*



Jim Courier

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**Friday, 29th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State and Bago Region, isolated in Shan State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sagaing (1.81) inches, Nyaunglebin (1.54) inches, Shwegyin and Loikaw (1.18) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 28-10-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 29-10-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-10-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 29-10-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 28-10-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 29-10-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-10-2010 was (68%). Total sunshine hours on 28-10-2010 was (8.4) hours.

Rainfall on 29-10-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.19) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (16:30) hours MST on 28-10-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 30th October 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Shan State and Bago Region, isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather For Outlook First Weekend Of November 2010: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

Russia, Ukraine fail to agree new gas deal

KIEV, 29 Oct — Russia and Ukraine were unable to agree a new gas supply deal sought by the cash-strapped Ukrainian Government on Wednesday, leaving the threat of a new year gas war hanging in the air. In January 2009, a pricing row between Moscow and Kiev resulted in a stoppage of Russian gas flows to Europe for about two weeks, tarnishing Russia's image as a reliable exporter and spurring a European quest for new suppliers.

The two ex-Soviet nations will continue gas talks, senior Russian officials said on a visit to Kiev on Wednesday, indicating Moscow continues to seek control over Ukraine's transit pipelines as a condition of a price discount.

Ukraine depends heavily on imports of Russian gas, governed by a 10-year deal struck in 2009. But Kiev, which transships 80 percent of Russian Gazprom's gas bound for Europe, says the current agreement is unacceptable.

MNA/Reuters

Donor of Religious Structures
Brigadier General Kyaw Win (Retd)
MBBS (Rgn), DTM & H (London), MRCP (UK),
FRCP (Edin)
Director of Medical Services (Retd)
Retired Ambassador
CEO at Panhlaung Hospital
Aged 73

Brigadier General Kyaw Win (Retd), son of (U Phoe Sa + Daw Kin Lay) of No. 74/C, Inya Street in Yangon, son-in-law of U Chit Maung + Daw Than Myint living at No. 76, Boyar Nyunt Street in Yangon, brother of (U Nyan Win), (Major Thar Win + Daw Than Nyunt), Daw Khin Khin Win + (U Maung Maung Kyi), Daw Tin Mar Win + (U On Tin), Daw Khin Su Win + (U Tint Swe), Dr. Daw Khin Aye Win + U Than Swe, dear husband of Daw Kyi Kyi living at No. (74/C), Inya Street in Yangon, father of Dr. Htut Kyaw Win + Dr. Sandar Khin (Temporary Stay in USA), Daw Aye Sandar Kyaw Win + U Aung Kyaw Soe (Temporary Stay in UK), U Aung Kyaw Win + Daw Kyi Kyi San (Temporary Stay in Singapore), grandfather of Ma Than Thar Kyaw Soe, passed away at No. 2 Tatmadaw Hospital (bed-500) at 1.07 pm on 29-10-2010 (Friday). Funeral service will be held at Yayway Cemetery at 11 am on 31-10-2010 (Sunday) and buses will leave No. 2 Tatmadaw Hospital (bed-500) at 10 am on the same day.

Relatives and acquaintances and far near are informed to attend Soonkjiwei and religious sermon from 7 am to 11 am on 4 November.

Bereaved Family

MYANMARINTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-10-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions**Times**

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (30-10-10 09:30 am ~ 31-10-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Charity Feast; for your merit
- * News
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- * Weddings of Bridal Bliss
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- * Taking an Oath for Life
- * News
- * Bagan: The Land of Pagoda
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Ponnnya Rama Mogok Vipassana Meditation Monastery
- * News
- * A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
- * Myanmar Movies
- * "Good-Hearted Bad Guy"



**Saturday,
30 October
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am

2. Dhamma Puja Song
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. Poem Garden

8:10 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:20 am

8. Teleplay(Health)

8:35 am

9. Local Talent

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:25 am

3. Game For Children

11:50 am

4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:50 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

1:10 pm

6. TV Drama Series

2:10 pm

7. Mahowthada (Part-6)

2:50 pm

8. International Science News

2:55 pm

9. International News

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Rayal 2010 (Live) (Kanbawza FC Vs Yadanabon FC)

5:20 pm

2. Musical Programme

5:35 pm

3. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:40 pm

4. "How to Cast Vote" (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone)

6:00 pm

5. Evening News

6:15 pm

6. Weather Report

6:20 pm

7. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm

8. Yindagomae

7:00 pm

9. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone)

8:00 pm

10. News

11. Talk of the

- Political Parties (Repeat)

12. International News**13. Weather Report****14. Demo Birthday****15. Documentary****16. Cartoon Series****17. TV Drama Series****18. Gitadagale****Phwinfbaohn**

- ★ 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

Kayah State achieving bumper harvests of crops

Byline & Photos: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)

On our second-time trip to Kayah State, we noticed that the region had developed a lot. Kayah State does not have much sown acreage of crops, but it has enjoyed food security now. Kayah State has an area of 2,898,921 acres, 175,138 acres of which are arable lands, accounting for only 6.04 per cent of the total area of the state. Kayah State grows 102,400 acres of paddy, 9730 acres of summer paddy and other crops. Kayah State is constituted with eight townships and 75 village-tracts with a population of over 300,000. Its local people enjoys food security. Manager U Hla Myint Aung of Kayah State Myanmar Agriculture Service told the Myanmar Alin, "We aim to help farmers boost their agricultural production. To crease per acre yields of crops, we supply more and more quality strains of crops every year. In addition, we get right up to fields and educate farmers about scientific methods."

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Workers do the weeding at a paddy field in Kontha Village.



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Despite their knowledge of such horrible incidents, anti-government groups are resorting to all possible ways and means to push our country to another war-torn country. It is crystal clear that they are seeking their own interest, rather than our national interest.

MYINT AUNG (ZEYAMYE)

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POEM:

- * Use your ballots
Voters of the country
Should not miss
Right of democracy
- * With conviction
And correct vision
Vote for persons
Work with goodwill
In nation's interest

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