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## Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence renders assistance to storm-hit areas

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe and departmental officials, inspected the conditions of storm-hit Yaynigyi, Thinbaungchaung and Ngashwebyin villages in Myebon Township yesterday.

On arrival at the local regiment of Minbya Township, they inspected the conditions of the storm-affected buildings and held a meeting with the officers

and other ranks and their families there.

Maj-Gen Hla Min and party presented cash assistance, foodstuff and medicines to the families.

They met officials at the township level, and members of social organizations at the assembly hall of Minbya Township, and inspected the conditions of Kyauknganwa, Kannitaung and Kya-in-taung villages in Myebon Township, and Meilwan, Pharypyaw and Kyetyet villages in Minbya Township, and Kyaukkok, Kantha and Taungnyo villages in Pauktaw Township.

They attended the ceremony to donate relief supplies to the storm victims at the town hall of Pauktaw Township.

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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

## Progress of ICT sector contributes to change of lifestyle in Myanmar society

Article: Zaw Moe Thauk



*Yatanarpon Teleport in Yatanarpon Myothit of PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay Region contributing much to improvement of Myanmar communication sector.*

The world today becomes global village due to improving information and communication technology. The world people are applying inexhaustible modern resources of information and communication technology. The communication sector of Myanmar is being upgraded to be able to keep abreast of information and communication technology of the world. As a result, remarkable progress of communication net-

work can be seen in the Union today.

In the past, Myanmar lagged behind in development of communication sector. The people had relied on facilities of post offices and telegraph offices. Therefore, they encountered poor communication. Sending a letter took many weeks from one place to another. Villages from far-flung areas and border found it difficult to enjoy services of communication sector. Up to 1988,

even Yangon and Mandalay had to be content with tens of thousands of telephones. Other major towns relied on magneto telephone system. For instance, a telegram informing the death of my elder uncle sent from Bu Village of Sedoktara arrived in my hands in Yangon over seven days later. Therefore, I prayed for him from my place.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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## Cast your votes to shape a democracy

Efforts are being made to build up a new democratic nation aspired by the people. The multiparty democracy general election will take place in accordance with the state constitution. Systematic measures are being taken for successfully holding a free and fair election in line with the laws and rules.

It is, indeed, a democratic right for a system change on the Myanmar political course. Voting by holding elections is essential for the transition to a democratic state. Likewise, casting your ballot of your own accord is a basic human right.

All eligible Myanmar citizens, associate citizens, naturalized citizens and temporary certificate holders who have attained 18 years of age will be able to cast votes. Even the Myanmar citizens who are working legally and pursuing education abroad will cast their ballots in Myanmar embassies.

For a citizen, voting in elections is his or her basic right. In other words, it is the national duty of all citizens. Every citizen who values democracy and wants democratic rule must cast their votes without fail.

However, some people are inciting the people to refrain from voting in the elections. They are attempting to mislead the people who are walking along the road to multiparty democracy for a change of a new era with instigated words. Their attempt is tantamount not only to violating the democratic right of other people but also to barring their own right.

The multiparty democracy general election is the first step towards the emergence of a democratic country. All voters are therefore urged to choose their candidates correctly who are capable of serving the best interests of the state and the people in accord with the democratic rights.

## Promotion Computer Training Centre shares computer knowledge

YANGON, 30 Oct—Promotion Computer Training Center, under the leadership of Saya Myo, conducts Applied Computer Technology Proficiency Course and Designs & Drawings Course under the arrangement of one computer set for one trainee.

Auto CAD (International & Advanced) Engineering, M & E Drafting, Civil+Archi Drafting, Micro station Power Draft, 3D Studio Max (Archi Modeling), 3D Studio Max (Archi Rendering & Animation), Google Sketch Up, Solid Work, i-Office, DTP and Web Design course are available at the centre.

For further information, contact Promotion Computer Centre at No. 226 (first floor) on Seikantha Street (Middle) in Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Ph: 389038).—MNA

## Peoples 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

Sports Minister hands over State Flag to sports contingent participating in 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games

YANGON, 30 Oct—On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint met athletes who will participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games 2010 to be held in Guanzhou of the People's Republic of China, at Kyaikasan Stadium here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were members of MOC, personnel of the Ministry of Sports, chairmen of respective sports federations, the chairperson of the central work committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, guests, managers, coaches and athletes.

In his speech, Minister Thura U Aye Myint said that



Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint hands over State Flag to Leader of Myanmar Sports Contingent.

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Myanmar participated in seven sports events in the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Games held in Doha, Qatar in 2006 with 40 athletes and ranked 27th in 45 participating countries. Except the tenth Asian Games held in South Korea held in 1982, Myanmar has taken part in every Asian Games since the first Asian

Games in India in 1951. He then urged athletes to try utmost to win every game so as to bring honour to the country.

Next, Minister Thura U Aye Myint handed over the State Flag to Leader of Myanmar Sports Contingent Joint-Secretary of MOC

Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Naw Taung who vowed to bring honour to the country.

The minister and guests then viewed sports equipment to be used by the athletes in the game and attended to the needs.—MNA

## Donation ceremony for cyclone victims held

YANGON, 30 Oct—On behalf of Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister U Kyaw



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myint accepts K 1 million donated by Daw Hla Ngwe (Pathein) and family for storm victims.

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Myint attended the donation ceremony for cyclone Giri victims at the hall of Fire Services Department (Headquarters) here this morning.

Daw Hla Ngwe (Pathein) and family donated K 1 million, U Sithu Htin Kyaw and wife Daw Ei Thet Thet Swe and family of Soil Emergency Co Ltd K 0.5 million, Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Nwe Yi and son Dr. Tint Soe Lin and family K 2 million, Maj-Gen Tin Tun and wife Daw Khin Myint Wai and family K 0.5 million.—MNA



## Iran, Iraq, meet over search for 1980-88 war missing



*A procession of coffins carrying the remains of Iranian soldiers are carried home at the Iraq-Iran Shalamjah border crossing some 15 kms southeast of the city of Basra in 2008.*

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GENEVA, 30 Oct — Iraq have held a meeting in Geneva to spur efforts to trace people reported missing on both sides following the 1980-1988 war between the two countries, the ICRC said Thursday. Since the two countries signed an agreement in 2008 to expedite the long-stalled search with the help of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the remains of more than 250 people have been repatriated, it added. Information was also obtained on the fate of more than 2,000 missing people.

“Over 20 years have passed since the war ended, and tens of thousands of Iranian and Iraqi families still do not have closure, as they still do not know what happened to their missing loved ones,” said Eric Marclay, ICRC senior deputy head of operations for the Middle East. We very much welcome the progress achieved, and the commitment and determination of the authorities on both sides,” he added. No details were given on any concrete outcome from the two-day meeting between representatives of Iran and Iraq at the Geneva-based ICRC, the first of its kind since the agreement was signed two years ago.

Ties between predominantly Shiite Iran and Shiite-majority Iraq have warmed

considerably since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's Sunni-dominated regime in a US-led invasion in 2003. On Monday, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad telephoned his Iraqi counterpart Jalal Talabani and discussed boosting relations between the two neighbours, Iranian state media reported. About one million people died in the 1980-88 war. — *Internet*

## Suicide bomber kills 22 in attack on Iraqi cafe

BAGHDAD, 30 Oct — A suicide bomber blew himself up in an Iraqi cafe usually packed with Shiite Kurds in a town northeast of Baghdad on Friday, killing at least 22 people and wounding 60, officials said.

The blast in the Diyala Town of Balad Ruz was the first major suicide bomb attack in Iraq since early September, as political factions continue to tussle over positions and power almost eight months after an

inconclusive election.

Small bombings and assassinations have, however, continued daily following the formal end of US combat operations on 31 August, 7-1/2 years after the US-led invasion that triggered ferocious sectarian warfare in Iraq.

“I was near the cafe and suddenly a big explosion happened inside and there was chaos in the area,” said Sadeq Abbas, a 41-year-old Kurd from Balad Ruz, which lies roughly halfway to the Iranian

border from the volatile city of Baquba.

“Security forces started shooting in the air to disperse the crowd and prevent people from going near the cafe,” Abbas said by telephone.

The cafe, a popular venue for playing dominoes, smoking shisha pipes and drinking sweet tea, was destroyed, said Colonel Kadhim Bashir Saleh, a spokesman in Baghdad of Iraq's civil defence force.

MNA/Reuters

## Iran ready for nuclear talks after 10 November



*Iranian workers stand in front of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, about 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran 26 Oct, 2010.*

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BRUSSELS, 30 Oct — Iran is ready to discuss its disputed nuclear programme with the six world powers any time after 10 November, EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said on Friday. It would be the first such meeting in the long-running dispute since October 2009 and also the first since the United Nations, the United States and European Union imposed tougher sanctions on the Islamic Republic earlier this year. Western officials say the punitive measures are increasingly damaging the economy of the world No 5 oil producer and that this may persuade it to agree to curb sensitive atomic activity. Iran has dismissed the impact of sanctions and shown no sign of backing down over a uranium enrichment drive that it regards as its sovereign right but which the West suspects is aimed at producing atom bombs, not generating electricity as Teheran says.

Ashton said she had received a letter from Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, in which he agreed to meet “in a place and on a date convenient to both sides” after November 10. Earlier this month, Ashton invited Jalili to hold three days of talks in Vienna from 15 to 17 November. — *Internet*

## Mexico suffers wave of murders

MEXICO CITY, 30 Oct — Mexico has seen a wave of multiple murders carried out by gunmen in the past two weeks. The murders feature three grisly firsts: the first attack on factory workers, the first mass killing in Tijuana, the largest city in the northern Mexican state of Baja California, and the first in Tepic, the largest city in the Pacific coast state of Nayarit.

The deadliest attack was in Tepic on Wednesday last week, when gunmen entered a car wash in three vehicles and opened fire with machine guns. Thirteen people died on the spot and two more died later of their

injuries. The Tijuana killing took place on Sunday night when four men arrived in two vehicles at the El Camino aged care centre in the city's Buenos Aires neighbourhood. The killers then lined up all the centre's residents against a wall and shot them with high powered machine guns.

Following the attack, the killers broadcast a threat on police radio frequencies, saying “the party is only just starting.” Another four massacres very similar to the Tijuana killing have taken place in Chihuahua City and Ciudad Juarez, the two largest cities in the northern state of Chihuahua. — *Internet*



*Police inspect the site of shooting in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 28 Oct, 2010. Eleven people died and 15 were injured in two separate shooting incidents in Mexico, Mexican newspapers reported on their websites on Thursday. — XINHUA*

## Chlorine blast sickens Iraqis

BAGHDAD, 30 Oct — Officials say more than 200 people were sicked by a chlorine gas explosion at a water purification plant in southern Iraq. Dr Saadoun al-Aalal, deputy director of Al-Sadr hospital in Amarah, says no one died in the Thursday evening blast at a water purification plant there. He says four people who were hospitalized overnight in critical condition from breathing the poisonous gas were released Friday morning.

The provincial governor, Sheyaa al-Sudani, says 200 sickened Iraqis initially sought medical treatment but most recovered quickly. The cause of the blast in Amarah, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, was not immediately known, but there was no immediate indication of an attack. — *Internet*

## Malaysian bus plunges into ravine, at least seven killed, many injured

BENTONG, 30 Oct — A bus plunged into a ravine at Genting Highlands, one of the famous highlands here in the Pahang State of Malaysia on Friday, killing at least seven people and injuring many others. Confirming the accident here Friday, an official from the Malaysian Fire and Rescue Department described the accident as a serious tragedy.

He said the accident took place at around 8 pm, adding that the death toll might increase as some passengers were flung to the outside of the bus following the incident, while tens of others were trapped in the bus. As the number of passengers on board the bus was unknown, the official said the capacity of the bus could be up to 40 passengers. — *Internet*

## Studies examine costs, prospects of ending malaria

LONDON, 30 Oct—Eliminating malaria can be achieved only with repeated investment over the long term and will require a major shift in policy and funding now focused on control of the disease, experts said on Friday. In one of a series of studies in the Lancet medical journal about the prospect of trying to eradicate the often deadly infectious ailment, scientists said that for many countries, eradicating malaria will not be a quick win.

Like immunization, it would require long-term investment over and over to make sure the disease does not come back, even after the intense activity of wiping it out is over. "Successful elimination will need a fundamental shift in the perception of malaria investment from a so-called quick win to a routine expenditure," said Oliver Sabot of the Clinton Health Access Initiative in the United States, who led one study.

According to the World Health Organization, about 3.3 billion people — half of the world's population — are at risk of malaria, which is spread by mosquitoes. There are about 250 million malaria cases and almost a million malaria deaths each year, and people living in the world's poorest regions are most vulnerable.— *Internet*



*Women cover their faces as a health worker fumigates a slum to prevent malaria in Mumbai on 15 Dec, 2009.*

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## Shanghai Expo's "smoke-free" goal accomplished

BEIJING, 30 Oct — The goal of a smoke-free Shanghai World Expo has been achieved, the World Health

Organization (WHO) and China's Ministry of Health said Friday. China fulfilled its tobacco-control promise at the six-month Shanghai Expo, the two organizations said after a joint inspection of the Expo site on 20 and 21 Oct.

The Shanghai Expo's tobacco control

commitment included a "public place smoking control regulation" in Shanghai and the returning of funds donated by tobacco companies. It also included a smoking ban at the Expo site and a ban on outdoor tobacco advertising. The last day of the Expo is on Sunday, 31 Oct. — *Xinhua*



*A motorist drives through snow and ice on Main Avenue in Bismarck, ND on 27 Oct, 2010. Travel was difficult across much of North Dakota, with visibility reduced by blowing snow and roadways covered by ice, snow and slush.*

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## Common drug may help to slow dementia

CANBERRA, 30 Oct—Australian researchers on Friday said they are hoping the use of a common psychiatric drug will slow the progression a common type of dementia. Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is a type of dementia that affects personality, behavior and language on people in their 50s and 60s. There is currently no treatment to slow or stop this disease.

In a statement released on Friday, Dr John Kwok, and colleagues from Sydney-based Neuroscience Research Australia, have discovered a gene which causes abnormal proteins to build up in the brains of those suffering frontotemporal dementia. Dr Kwok said there were already several drugs approved for human use that were known to act on this same SIGMAR1 gene.

"Common psychiatric drugs, such as haloperidol, used to treat schizophrenia, are known to act on this gene," Dr Kwok said in a statement on Friday. "Our hope is that these drugs will slow the progression of the disease. Like in Alzheimers disease, people with FTD develop unusual protein deposits in their brains, and Dr Kwok said identifying this gene gives researchers greater insight into how brain degeneration occurs in dementia.

*Xinhua*

## FDA rejects highly-anticipated diet drug Qnexa

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct—Federal health regulators have decided not to approve an experimental diet pill called Qnexa, which had been touted by many experts as the most promising weight-loss

drug in more than a decade.

The drug's maker, Vivus Inc, said in a statement Thursday that the Food and Drug Administration declined to approve the drug in its present form. The

agency asked for more study results and additional information on its possible health risks, including major cardiovascular events and risks for women of childbearing potential. The FDA did not ask for any new clinical studies, but more may be required if the agency's concerns aren't addressed, Vivus said. The company plans to respond to the FDA in about six weeks.

*Internet*

*Director of the Doha Tribeca Film Festival Amanda Palmer and actor Andrew McCarthy arrive at the 'Certified Copy' premiere during the 2010 Doha Tribeca Film Festival in Doha on 28 Oct, 2010.*

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*We Energies employees disassemble a downed power line on Wednesday morning, on 27 Oct, 2010 that fell north onto the Case-New Holland plant in Mount Pleasant, Wis, near Racine, when heavy winds and an F1 tornado passed through Mount Pleasant Tuesday morning.*

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## 24 countries vow to cut maternal mortality rates

JAKARTA, 30 Oct—An alliance of 24 countries representing more than half of the world's population pledged to boost family planning campaigns to reduce the number of women dying in pregnancy and childbirth, the *Jakarta Post* reported on Friday.

Members of Partners in Population and Development (PPD) announced Thursday in a declaration in Yogyakarta province that they were committed to alleviating the two main causes of high maternal mortality rates by training skilled birth attendants and improving access to emergency obstetric care. The announcement followed a two-day conference attended by health, population and social affairs ministers from PPD member countries, academics and representatives from the United Nations and several NGOs.— *Xinhua*



## The world's largest cruise ship Allure of the Seas put into service

HELSINKI, 30 Oct—The world's largest cruise ship "Allure of the Seas," built in Finnish Turku Shipyard, left Turku on Friday and proceeded directly to Florida Fort Lauderdale of the United States. The construction of cruise ship "Allure of the Seas" was completed and handed over to Royal Caribbean International on 28 Oct. The cruise ship will be serving its first cruise trip in December 2010.

The "Allure of the Seas" is an architectural fantasy on the sea. It is 361-meters long, 66-meters wide, 72-meters high above the water, and its gross tonnage is up to 225,000 tons. There are altogether 16 decks and 2,704 passenger cabins in the



*The STX Finland shipyard's vessel The Allure of the Seas sails out on 29 Oct, 2010 from the shipyard in Turku Finland.*

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vessel, which maximum capacity is 6,360 passengers and a crew of 2,100.

The "Allure of the Seas" seems like a large-scale maze. There are many facilities as the same as cities on land in the creative cruise ship. The designers implanted the concept of

"community" to the ship, and divided it into 7 theme zones, such as catering, entertainment, fitness, leisure life, etc. Different kinds of people at different ages can possibly choose their own activity zone they prefer, as the same as living in cities.

Xinhua

## Scientists report success in transgenic monkey breeding

KUNMING, 30 Oct—Chinese scientists said on Friday they had bred the country's first genetically engineered rhesus monkey, a step that could speed up the development of cures for diseases ranging from cancer to Alzheimer's.

Scientists used green fluorescent protein (GFP), a substance that was originally isolated from a jellyfish and is now commonly used as a biotech marker, and implanted transgenic embryos in the uterus of surrogate mother monkeys, said Ji Weizhi, a researcher with Kunming Institute of Zoology under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Two transgenic monkeys were born in June 2008, both carrying the GFP gene, said Ji, who heads the transgenic monkey research team. An animal tagged with GFP glows green when exposed to ultraviolet light, proving that a key gene sequence has been switched on. One of the transgenic monkeys has survived till today, making China the third country in the world to have genetically engineer a monkey, after

the United States in 2001 and Japan last year.

The success could eventually lead to lab monkeys that replicate some of human's most devastating diseases, and provide a new model for exploring how they are caused and how they may be cured, said Dr Niu Yuyu, a member of Ji's research team. "The work is important because medical researchers have hankered for an animal model that is closer to the human anatomy than rodents," said Dr Niu.

Mice and rats, genetically engineered to have the symptoms of certain human diseases, are the mainstay of pre-clinical lab work, in which scientists test their theories before trying out any outcome on human volunteers. Monkey tests, however, are internationally controversial, as some experts have warned of a potential ethics storm, brewed by fears that technology used on primates could be then used to create genetically-engineered humans.

Xinhua

## Eutelsat loses newly launched satellite

PARIS, 30 Oct—European satellite operator Eutelsat announced the loss of the newly launched satellite W3B on Friday, noting an anomaly detected after launch. The Paris-based company said in a statement on its website the anomaly "was detected on the satellite's propulsion subsystem after its launch by an Ariane 5 rocket".

The W3B "was scheduled to be located at 16 degree East to replace Eutelsat's EUROIRD 16, W2M and SESAT 1 satellites," the company said, adding the three old satellites would continue to work until a new replacement was prepared. Eutelsat said it would "initiate a new satellite programme, called W3D, for a planned launch in the first quarter of 2013."

Eutelsat Communications chief executive officer Michel de Rosen called the loss a "disappointment" and promised to compensate it with a "new programme." Arianespace, the world's leading commercial satellite launcher, announced the liftoff of dual communication satellites Friday morning was successful.—Internet



*Museum of the Confederacy collections manager, Catherine Wright, closes up a box of Civil War era dolls dubbed Nina, left, and Lucy Ann, at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia hospital radiological center in Richmond, Va., on 27 Oct, 2010.*

INTERNET

## Dino ancestor's skeleton found in China

DENVER, 30 Oct—Scientists say they've found the first complete skeleton of a dinosaur that is an ancestor to the sauropod, the largest creature ever to walk the planet. The 30-foot-long skeleton, complete with skull, may help reveal the story of how the 120-foot-long, giant-necked sauropods evolved and became solely plant eaters.

The bones were found in southern China, Texas Tech paleontologist Sankar Chatterjee said Thursday. He planned to present preliminary findings of the discovery Sunday at

the Geological Society of America meeting in Denver. "It's like a manuscript. Many pages are missing. We are still trying to piece it together," Chatterjee said. "This is one of those missing links. Now we'll know better how these dinosaurs evolved."

The skeleton, estimated at more than 200 million years old, was found by one of Chatterjee's colleagues in 2005 in flood plains around Lufeng in Yunnan province, which has been rich with dinosaur finds, he said.

Internet

## Space shuttle Discovery crew prepares for the last lift-off

HOUSTON, 30 Oct—Thousands of people are expected to turn out on 1 Nov to watch the final launch of the space shuttle Discovery. Discovery's 35th journey to the International Space Station will be conducted by Commander Steve Lindsey and his five-member crew: Pilot Eric Boe and mission specialists Michael Barratt, Tim Kopra, Alvin Drew and Nicole Stott. The 11-day mission will deliver a pressurized logistics module called Leonardo, a humanoid robot named Robonaut 2 and key spare parts to the space station. Two space walks are also planned, AFP reported. The oldest vessel in the space shuttle fleet, Discovery has traveled to space more than any other shuttle. First flown in 1984, Discovery launched the Hubble telescope in 1990 and took seasoned astronaut John Glenn back into space in 1998.

Lift-off is scheduled for 4:40 pm EDT. Tickets for viewing the launch on the NASA Causeway, about 6 miles from the shuttle's Launch Pad 39A at Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, sold out weeks ago, Space.com reported.—Internet



*US space shuttle Discovery is seen on 7 Oct, at Kennedy Space Centre's launch pad 39-A.*

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# Progress of ICT sector contributes to change of lifestyle in Myanmar society

Article: Zaw Moe Thauk



Photo shows CDMA-450 Station in Daw Nyein Village of Pyapon Township for enabling local people to have easy access to better communication.

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Significant progress has been made in the communication system of Myanmar. The village in far-flung areas have been installed with telephones. Huts in most of the villages have been upgraded to the better housing with satellite dishes. Younger people in some villages are using motorbikes and hand phones. In addition, almost all the towns have been facilitated with Internet Cafes. Therefore, the people are easily using e-mail and fax. Most of the areas in Myanmar have easy access to speedy postal service.

The above progress of communication sector after 1988 in Myanmar is due to the 30-year long-

term communication plan adopted by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications is realizing its object that priority must be given to covering the national communication network across the nation for enabling all the people to have easy access to telephone service. Nowadays, everybody witnesses progress of the communication sector throughout the nation.

Remarkable development of post office and telegraph communication can be seen in comparison between 1988 and today. Number of post offices across the nation stood 1114 in 1988, and now the nation has 1379 post offices, extending 265 more offices. Likewise, the number of telegraph offices

increased from 310 to 513 extending 205 more offices. Despite applying 10 facsimiles in the past, the country has 5446 facsimiles today. Although there was no computerized telegraphic facility in 1988, the people are now applying 140 computerized telegraphic facilities.

In making strenuous efforts for development of communication sector, significant progress can be witnessed in telephone service of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. Due to installation of auto-telephones and mobile telephones, 1.92 telephones ratio to 1000 people in 1988 increased to 39.95 for 1000 people in the year of 2010.

People have been able to use telephones through trunk-call system, overseas communication system, local communication system, Internet communication system and rural area communication system. Although there were 74,855 ordinary telephones lines in 1988, number of telephone lines reached 229,741 in September 2010. Indeed, the telephone communication contributes much to economic and social development of the regions, natural disaster preparedness measures and prevalence of law and order of the respective areas. Moreover, it earns money through charges of telephone installation and telephone calls for the State.

In addition to improving communication sector in the urban areas, the PCO-Public Call Offices have been installed in States and Regions for uplifting the communication sector of rural people in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Use of CDMA-450 system mobile phones commenced in Nay Pyi Taw in June 2009. CDMA-450 (PCOs) were constructed in wards and villages surrounding Nay Pyi Taw beginning 2010. PCOs across the nation have been installed with GSMs and CDMA-450 mobile phones.

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GSM tower station seen in Chauk for progress of GSM mobile phone communication.

## Rural PCO communication stations

No.	States/Regions	States/Regions	States/Regions	States/Regions
1.	Nay Pyi Taw	-	603	-
2.	Kachin State	-	1942	-
3.	Kayah State	-	105	-
4.	Kayin State	-	105	-
5.	Chin State	-	108	-
6.	Sagaing Region	-	2511	-
7.	Taninthayi Region	-	1412	-
8.	Bago Region (East)	565	150	-
9.	Bago Region (West)	-	208	-
10.	Magway Region	2	3019	-
11.	Mandalay Region	638	620	-
12.	Mon State	-	2744	-
13.	Rakhine State	-	192	-
14.	Yangon Region	-	242	-
15.	Shan State (South)	431	52	-
16.	Shan State (North)	-	427	-
17.	Shan State (East)	-	192	-
18.	Ayeyawady Region	851	3400	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2487</b>	<b>17892</b>	<b>20379</b>





Auto-exchange and microwave tower in Nay Pyi Taw.

## Progress of ICT sector...

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Furthermore, relentless efforts are being made for development of the communication sector. Present situation of the communication sector can be studied as follows:-

Ongoing tasks	unit	number	lines
<b>Digital microwave installation</b> - the stations under way	station	81	-
<b>Auto-telephone installation</b> - installing exchanges	exchange	80	35966
<b>Mobile telephone installation</b> - building GSM radiostation	station	30	61400
<b>CDMA-450 mobile phone (iPstar)</b> - building station	station	151	281000
<b>CDMA-800 WLL mobile phone</b> - building station	station	42	100000

MPT Satellite Terminal project was implemented in cooperation with Thailand with the aim of enabling the far-flung areas and poor transport areas of States and Regions and border regions to have easy access to better communication and enjoy development fruits of social, economic and health sectors. As a result, the remote and



Auto-exchange and communication tower in Loikaw of Kayah State.

far-flung areas across the nation have easy access to telephone, fax and Internet through MPT Satellite Terminals.

On 16-7-2004, GSM mobile system was implemented for creation of better communication system among Yangon, Mandalay and other major towns. Therefore, the residents of these areas can use new mobile phone system to make calls to any part of the nation and can apply advanced communication technology in connection with other countries through Internet. During about two decades, new facilities of communication sector have uplifted the living standard of the people. Significant progress can be seen in social, education, economic and health sectors.

With regard to the overseas communication links, satellite communication system, fibre communication system, under water cable communication system and border crossing communication system have been established in the nation. So far, the country has 4025 international communication channels and 316 microwave links.

Moreover, concerted efforts are being made in substitution of cable lines across the border areas with fibre optics lines for creation of rapid Internet communication in the countryside.

To be able to manage office works applying electronic communication system on a wider scale, e-Government system is being realized. It is a system to make effective connection among the ministries based on ICT technology without losing its original working styles. In addition, e-Government system can store personal data files of service personnel.

Applying e-Banking, e-Passport, e-Credit, e-Library and e-Learning Centre creates better communication at home and abroad. Furthermore, Yatanarpon Myothit is being built for manufacturing of communication accessories at home and emergence of a cyber city.

Nowadays, facilities of Internet Cafes, fax and e-mail services are development of communication sector of the nation.

Improvement of communication sector is one of the development sectors being realized by the State. By overcoming many obstacles, the government is steadfastly building a modern and developed nation to be able to serve the long-term interest of the State and the people.

Nowadays, the national brethren are enjoying development results of new communication networks linking across the nation. The government has created the communication networks for the public interest by applying modern communication technology in two decades. Thanks to rapid and easy communication and construction of linkages between international communication networks, significant progress can be witnessed in administration, management, economic, education, health and social sectors of the nation.

Change of system and technology is noteworthy for improving efficiency of the communication sector. Information and communication technology advanced in leaps and bounds in late 20th Century and early 21st Century. In creating new lifestyle of the Myanmar human society that occurred after 1988, progress of information and communication technology helps shape the new nation.

Translation: TTA

## Progress of communication sector across the nation after 1988

Subject	number	1988	2010	Progress
Post office	office	1114	1379	265
Telegraph office	office	310	515	205
Fascimile	number	10	5446	5446
Computerized telegraphic office	number	-	140	140
<b>Telephone office</b>				
- Digital auto-telephone	exchange	12	392	380
- Magneto exchange	exchange	211	296	85
- Rural telephone exchange	exchange	-	234	234
<b>Telephone service</b>	line	74855	2297419	2222564
- Digital auto-telephone	line	12000	794279	782279
- ARTS radio telephone	number	-	3856	3856
- DECT radio telephone	number	-	1949	1949
- CDMA (Fixed) telephone	number	-	20038	20038
<b>Mobile telephone service</b>	number	-	1435250	1435250
- CDMA (Mobile) telephone	number	-	583750	583750
- CDMA 800	number	-	250000	250000
- D-AMPS telephone	number	-	38400	38400
- GSM telephone	number	-	485100	485100
- WCDMA telephone	number	-	28000	28000
- Mc WLL telephone	number	-	50000	50000
Telephone density	(in 1000 person)	1.92	39.95	39.95
e-mail/Internet	station	-	7885	7885
Local satellite communication ground station	number	-	1825	1825
Local satellite communication channel	number	-	7300	7300
International telephone channel	number	26	4025	399
<b>Trunk-call communication links</b>				
- Overseas satellite communication ground station	number	1	2	1
- Overseas satellite communication channel	station	26	804	778
- Overseas under water cable communication channel	number	-	1815	1815
- Fibre Optics links	mile	-	1348	1348
- Inland cross border fibre cable links	number	-	1406	1406
- Digital microwave links	station	-	316	316
- Analog microwave links	station	71	-	to digital
- carrier	station	124	-	to digital

## Although having different choices, let's vote for the common goal

*Kyaw Myo Naung*

I explained to my daughter who attained the age of 18 years last June voting process as she asked me how to cast a vote. I am delighted to see she is eager to enjoy the taste of the voting right for the first time in her life and anxious to vote. The reason why I felt happy is to see a youth who has attained 18 years of age recently is taking an interest in upcoming elections. I explained in detail the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Region/State Hluttaw and national race representative. She understood what to do. I noticed she has shown an interest in reading journals that carry articles about voting process. This is the attention given by a new generation second year university student to the upcoming elections.

I became aware recently that broadcasting stations like BBC, VOA and RFA were repeatedly airing broadcasts designed to instigate the people to refrain from voting in the upcoming elections. Although they said they aired stories as they had learnt, I noticed they are inciting the people not to exercise the voting right with intent to disrupt the 2010 election. I asked myself and tried to answer the questions of who are instigating the people to refrain from voting and why they are persuading the people like this. I got answers in a short time without going anywhere. I have found out that those who are dissuading the people from voting are members of an old political party that had been dissolved and anti-government groups. There is no need to make a special explanation for their subversive acts designed to disrupt the 2010 multiparty democracy elections that they quit.

The constitution won 92.48 per cent approval of eligible voters in 2008. The forthcoming election is the fifth step of seven-step Road Map. Moreover, it is an event to elect candidates for respective hluttaws in accord with the constitution.

As the elections are drawing nearer, candidates from legal parties are canvassing for votes in their respective constituencies. Demonstrations on voting process are being conducted by respective township/ward subcommissions. The people are studying voting process. It is merely a situation in which authorities responsible for holding elections are making all possible arrangements for the upcoming elections while eligible voters are paying attention to

the voting process. At the same time, certain destructive elements are resorting to various ways and means to protest against the elections.

They are inciting the people that the 2010 elections will not be free and fair; that an eligible voter has the right not only to cast vote but also to refrain from voting; and to refrain from voting by boycotting the elections. Possible arrangements have been made for ensuring free and fair elections by facilitating voters to express their wishes in secret ballot booth, giving permission to the candidates to appoint polling station agents and assistant agents and conducting counting of votes in the presence of the public, polling station agents and assistant agents. So I felt confused why they are making negative comments that the elections will not be free and fair.

A total of 37 political parties and 3059 candidates will compete for the respective hluttaws in elections. Among them, 82 will take part in elections as independent candidates. The current situation indicates that political parties and the people are eager to take part in forthcoming elections. It is strange to see those who are preventing the people from exercising voting right while some candidates and responsible persons of some political parties are expressing their views that we have to go through the elections to meet the goal of democracy and the upcoming election is the first step to the change for Myanmar's democratization. They are subversives attempting to puncture the big drum as they stand no chance to play the leading role.

A country must possess population, territory, government and sovereignty. Out of these characteristics, our country has gained three, except for government. So measures are being taken for an executive body or a government. As the Constitution had been approved firmly for the future of the nation, the upcoming elections are not only the first step to the goal but also the beginning of the Constitution.

Voting is a highly prestigious opportunity for a citizen who is eligible to vote. Persons who are less than a day away to attain the age of 18 years shall not have the voting right. Even though the requirement of 18 years is met, persons of unsound mind and those serving prison terms shall not have voting right. Arrangements have been made systematically for those who cannot get into the polling station due

to health reasons and are receiving treatments at the hospital, and service personnel who have been assigned temporary duties to go somewhere at the election day to cast votes in advance. But they can cast votes in advance if they are willing to cast votes. Such persons will be free from pressure of casting votes without fail.

I would like to present a rumour I have heard. The rumour is that a party is asking for advance votes to win in elections. In this context, there are points to take consideration. Parties are not responsible for conducting advance votes. Only election subcommissions are responsible for it. These advance votes cannot be conducted in secret. When the casting of ballot papers is over, advance ballot envelopes will be opened in the presence of the public in the time of counting votes. Besides, an advance ballot paper that does not have the seal of the commission and subcommission and the signature of the in-charge, with more than one tick to favour more than one candidate, with no tick, with unclear tick and the commission, the subcommission or the returning officer decides to be a fake one will be rejected.

Such rumours are designed to get voters to be hesitant, underestimating that the people are not capable enough to decide if these rumours are true or not. Rumours have appeared to coincide with the incitement of those who are persuading the people to protest against voting. Moreover, a party was accused of giving gifts to win in elections. BBC, VOA and RFA are airing these groundless and fabricated news stories overstating them along with review and analysis programmes. But the public who are capable enough to distinguish between good and bad and differentiate right and wrong will not accept it. Only an idiot believes it.

Rome was not built in a day, and likewise democracy cannot be introduced overnight. It takes time. It is the law of nature that everything develops step by step. Whether the US, the godfather of democracy, had democratic rights like us now when its constitution came into force is a question worth examining. We have to pass through the election to march towards a democratic nation. We have to cast votes to elect candidates who will work for development of the nation. This is the procedure and this is democracy. Those who really understand politics never say about instant practice of genuine democracy. Those who are saying so at present, in reality, do not understand politics but are dancing to tunes of their masters.

A drop of water cannot form an ocean, but an ocean is made of many many drops of water. Any citizen cannot create the opportunity to have participated in an important case to shape a prosperous future of the nation. We have right not to cast votes, but in my opinion, voting is constructive and the reverse is destructive. One has to decide himself whether he takes part in democratization process or not. However, he should distinguish between right and wrong and be proud of himself having made positive contribution to practice of democracy.

(See page 9)

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**Now that the election is drawing nearer, representatives-elect from different parties and individual representatives are conducting election campaigns in their respective constituencies. They are also presenting their party policies, stances and work programmes through air. We, voters have the right to vote for representatives we favour. The choices may be different. But, anyway it is in the public interest that everyone has to cast votes for the success of multi-party democracy election. The country is in need of young citizens who take great interest in election. I would like to urge all eligible voters to think the same as me and cast ballots in the election despite the fact that their choices may be different.**

(from page 8)

I have learnt that there are two to eight candidates according to constituencies. But, in some constituencies, there is only one candidate and thus he will become a representative. Candidates elected in the elections may change the policy of the State within the frame of law. They will officially submit points that need to be amended in the constitution to the Hluttaw and seek approval.

It takes all sorts to make a world and so there is no doubt that our human society has diversity. But, we have to consider the interest of the community. We have to pass through the election, the gateway to democracy, only then can we reach our goal. Casting votes means promoting the interest of the community. And working for the interest of the community is democracy. So, whoever supports democracy should cast votes and those dissuading the people from casting votes are mere destructive elements outside democracy world.

It is usual that contrast perspectives lie in diverse ideas. But, contrast perspective can be profitable as well if used correctly with right

approach and objective analysis. Contrast perspective cannot deviate from the interest of the community. No constitution in the world gains satisfaction of the entire nation concerned, but it is the choice of the majority. Democracy means respecting the wishes of the majority. The interest of the community can not be harmed for the interest of an individual or a party.

Members of an old particular party that refused to participate in the election are saying that parties participating in the forthcoming election are reactionaries. Furthermore, they are even criticizing the election unreasonably and dissuading the people from casting votes. In fact, they should have registered to participate in the election, in order that they can amend certain points they disagree democratically in the parliament. But, now they are saying the forthcoming election is sour grapes. It is none other than harming the interest of the community.

A voter can choose not to vote, but a person who is found guilty of inciting the people to boycott the election is liable for not more than one year's prison term, or a fine of up to 100,000 kyats or both

under Election Law Article 57. If a person is found guilty of trying to destroy the voting process or the election by giving public talks, writing, and distributing posters or in other ways, action may be taken against that person according to Election Law Article 58 (d).

Every democratic nation holds elections according to their schedules. Those who have right to stand for the election participate in the elections and those who have right to vote cast votes. And they are proud of having right to stand for the election and having right to cast vote. Those who have not been naturalized yet also take interest in voting right and try to become citizens in time. They are taking pride in doing so. We should also be proud of having right to vote. Having a chance to take first step towards democracy goal is something we should be proud of.

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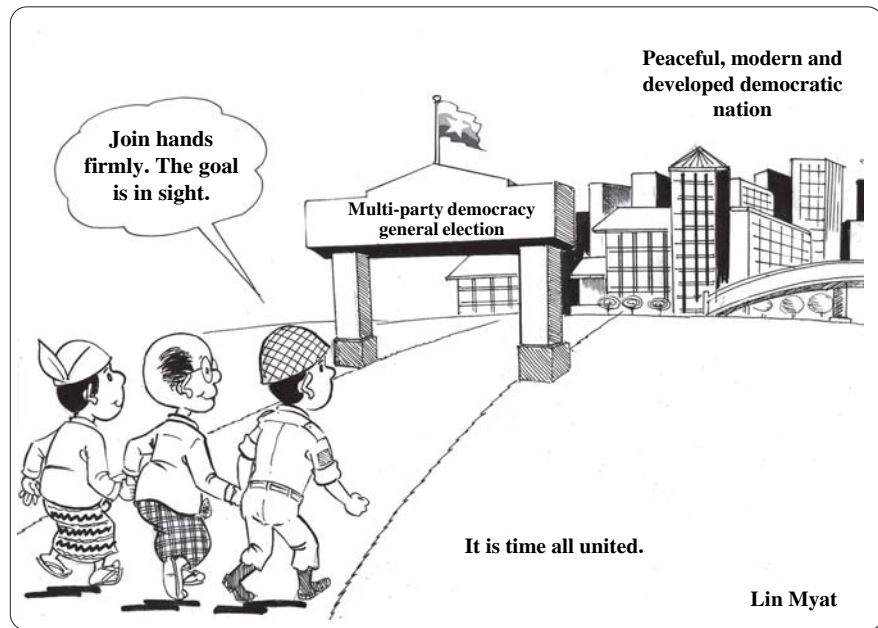
Translation: YM+TKK

### POEM:

### To the polling station

- \* **Strength of unity and amity**  
**Quality of Myanmar people**  
**Successive eras have passed**  
**Still strong is our strength**
- \* **Always keep in hearts**  
**Danger of disunity**  
**Ever placing in fore**  
**Our Three Main National Causes**
- \* **Working with energy**  
**Developing own nation**  
**Paving the way**  
**For democracy rights**
- \* **Vision for long-term benefit**  
**Implement new Constitution**  
**Choosing good and able persons**  
**Mission of the nation**
- \* **All citizens partake**  
**In choosing better-quality**  
**representatives**
- \* **To the polling station all go**  
**Cast votes of own free will**

*Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt (Trns)*



## Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence renders...

(from page 1)

A responsible person gave an account of damage due to the natural disaster, and progress in implement-

ing rehabilitation tasks in Pauktaw Township. Maj-Gen Hla Min called for distribution of relief supplies without any delay, and cooperation of local

people with officials concerned.

Ministers U Maung Maung Swe and U Thein Swe reported on loss of Rakhine State in the storm, and close supervision over the relief and rehabilitation tasks.

Maj-Gen Hla Min,



the commander and the ministers presented foodstuff and shelter boxes to

the households of victims through officials of the villages concerned.—MNA

**Minister U Maung Maung Swe presents shelter boxes for storm victims through responsible persons.**

MNA

**Maj-Gen Hla Min presents foodstuff for storm victims through responsible persons.**

MNA

## Fire engines, ambulances donated to FSD

YANGON, 30 Oct—Minzoku Forum of Japan donated three fire engines and two ambulances to the Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at the FSD (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

Director Mr.

Tatsuo Yasumuro of Minzoku Forum of Japan explained the purpose of the donation. Deputy Minister for SWRR U Kyaw Myint accepted the donations and presented certificate of honour and gifts

to the donor.

Three fire engines and two ambulances donated by Japan will be used in fire fighting and relief works and these items will be distributed to necessary areas.—MNA

**Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myint accepts documents related to three fire engines and two ambulances presented by officials of Minzoku Forum of Japan.—MNA**



## Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road

(from page 16)

in Magway Township, and 18 feet wide from Kanbya Village to Magway.

Pyawbwe-Natmauk Road had been a gravel road since 1964. In 1995-1996, it was upgraded to a tarred one. Along that road

are thriving farms of peas, sesame, chili, cotton and onion.

The old road was about 153 miles long: 27 miles from Pyawbwe to Meiktila, 65 miles from Meiktila to Kyaukpadaung; and 61

miles from Kyaukpadaung to Magway. So, using the new road, travelers can reduce the distance by about 50 miles. The road snakes itself near Saikaung Village. When

rain water falls into the dry creeks, vehicles have to wait till the currents have flowed away from the creeks. So, the Ministry of Construction is now building concrete bridges over Nabugwe Creek at mile post No. 38/3, Myo Creek at mile post No. 48/2, Kyweminkya Creek at mile post No. 58/2 and Wahkhok Creek at mile post No. 61/3. For the vehicles on the road to avert traffic accidents, approach roads to the bridge at mile post No. 70/40 are being expanded.

In addition, there is a plan to upgrade the bridges over Kyarhtoo and Yayyo creeks to broad crest type ones in order that the road will be an all-weather facility. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State to upgrade

Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road to a facility serviceable in all seasons, Public Works has assigned duties to respective construction groups.

On our visit to Magway Region Chief Engineer's office, senior engineer Daw Thuzar Nyunt and Assistant Engineer Daw Ohnmar Hlaing made further clarification to the project. Then, we reached Magway through Kanbya. According to our firsthand experience, people can travel with convenience at all time between Magway and Mandalay regions through Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road, saving time reducing the distance.

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**Translation: MS Kyemon: 23-10-2010**



A signboard at the entrance to Pyawbwe saying "62 miles to Natmauk".



## 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.

## Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Taungtha, Myingyan

*Minister U Aung*

*Thaung visits Vest*

*Factory*

*(Taungtha).*

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the classifying of raw Ngwechi-6 strain long staple cotton, the operation of cotton grinding machines, and plantations of Ngwechi-6 strain long staple cotton in the compound of Cotton Factory (Taungtha) this morning.

He called for minimizing wastage of cotton and meeting the production target.

Upon arrival at Vest Factory (Taungtha) under the Myanmar Textile Industries, the minister inspected the conditions of the factory, and stressed the need of quality control.

On his visit to Textile and Dying Plant (Myingyan), the minister inspected the functions of the plant and called for exceeding production target.—MNA

## FIFA Grassroots Coaching Course commences



*President of MFF U Zaw Zaw makes a speech at the opening of FIFA Grassroots Coaching Course 2010.*

MNA

YANGON, 30 Oct — President U Zaw Zaw of Myanmar Football Federation addressed the opening of FIFA Grassroots Coaching Course 2010 at the meeting hall of the federation here this morning.

It was also attended by officials from MFF and No. (3) Basic Education Department under the Ministry of

Education, FIFA Instructor Mr. Ono (Japan) and Mr. Sam (Switzerland), trainees and journalists.

Targeting the emergence of promising young players constantly and the cultivation of interest in the sport among young students, MFF conducted the course with the sponsorship of FIFA for

coaches training the schoolchildren participating in Grassroots Football Festival-2010 being held jointly by MFF and the Education Ministry. The training will help them understand more about the Grassroots Football

Coaching.

The course started today will be last till 2 November and is being attended by 40 trainees from No (3) BED. The MFF is planning to conduct similar courses in the coming year.

MNA

## Relief and rehabilitation work carried out in Myebon

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—As relief and rehabilitation work are being carried out in storm-hit regions in Sittway of Rakhine State, Tatmadawmen of the local station in Myebon cleaned the roads of the township yesterday.

Staff members of the township Electric Power Enterprise are also repairing lamp posts to resume

electricity supply. Relief aids and temporary tents supplied by wellwishers and departments are being provided to wards and village-tracts in Myebon Township. Vessels of Inland Water Transport are now running regularly and Myebon Port is hustle and bustle with travelers and transaction activities.

MNA

## AKP to start new hotel and tourism classes on 1 Nov

YANGON, 30 Oct — AKP International Hotel & Tourism Centre which is conducting courses for F&B Service Associates, F&B Production Associates, Guest Service Agents and Housekeeping Associates will start new classes on

1 November.

The centre, providing free services for Hotel and Tourism Entrepreneurs who are searching new staff to recruit, may be contacted at Ph: 254541 and 250489.

MNA

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

### MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (353)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (353) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 31-10-2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P. 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.

### SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES  
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

### INVITATION TO TENDER

#### TENDER NO (1)(Utl) A.M.D (2010-2011)

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of Lubricants (5 Items) stores in Myanmar Kyats.
2. Tender Closing date 15-11-2010, 12:00 hrs
3. Tender documents are available at Utilization Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD Office No. 50, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (1-11-2010) Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.
4. For more details, Contact, 067-431245, 067-431243

Director General

Agricultural Mechanization Department

### Wellington man AK Goss's ashes to be shot out of cannon

WELLINGTON, 30 Oct — A New Zealand cannon enthusiast is going out with a bang this weekend. The ashes of Wellington man, AK Goss, who died last year after being diagnosed with melanoma, will be shot from a cannon over Wellington Harbour on Saturday, during celebrations to mark Captain Cook's birthday.

The unconventional scattering of ashes will honour and farewell Goss, who was an active member of the Wellington Cannon Society, newswire.co.nz reports. "Each time you hear a boom

there will be a little bit of AK's ashes in every one," society founder Brian "Gunner" Townsend said.

Internet



*Prestige hoops : Finland's La Salima performs during the "Prestige" Bouglione circus show at the Cirque d'Hiver in Paris. — INTERNET*

## Prehistoric man on cutting edge for knives and spears

CAPE TOWN, 30 Oct — A group of prehistoric people mastered a difficult and delicate process to sharpen stones into spears and knives at least 75,000 years ago, more than 50,000 years earlier than previously thought, according to a report.

This technique, known as pressure flaking, allowed for the more precise shaping of stones to turn them into better weapons for hunting, a paper published on Thursday in the US periodical Science said. "These points are very thin, sharp and narrow and possibly penetrated the bodies of animals better than that of other tools", said Paola Villa, a curator at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History and a study co-author.

The new findings show pressure flaking took place



*In this 26 Oct, 2010 photo, spray towers over the 57-foot (over 17 meters) tall Ludington Lighthouse in Mich. as wind gusts reached 64 mph (103 km/h). The storm packed wind gusts of up to 81 mph (130 km/h) on Tuesday as it howled across the Midwest and South, snapping trees and power lines, ripping off roofs delaying flights. — INTERNET*

## Unknown actor chosen for Life of Pi film

LONDON, 30 Oct — Oscar-winning director Ang Lee has cast an unknown actor from India to star in his latest movie, an adaption of the novel Life of Pi. Suraj Sharma will star in the film, which will be shot in 3D. The 17-year-old has no acting experience and beat over 3,000 hopefuls for the part. The book, by Yann Martel, won the Booker Prize in 2002 and went on to sell more than seven million copies worldwide.

It tells the story of an Indian boy, who survives 227 days while stranded



*Ang Lee's (left) film is scheduled for release in December 2012. — INTERNET*

on a boat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger following a shipwreck. "It has been a daunting and exciting process to develop a motion picture that brings Yann Martel's fascinating, mind-boggling story to the big screen," Lee said. He added that casting the lead

## Sri Lankan arrested in India with diamonds in stomach

MADRAS, 30 Oct — Police in India have arrested a Sri Lankan man with 2,060 diamonds and other precious stones in his stomach.

The man was arrested on arrival at the airport in the southern city of Madras (Chennai) on Tuesday, police said. The stones — estimated to be worth between \$337,000 (£211,747) and \$674,000 (£423,485) — have been recovered, police said.



Once doctors confirmed the presence of stones in his body, the man was fed laxatives and bananas to eject them. Senior police officer in Madras SR Jangid told a Press conference he received a call about the man on Tuesday morning from a "reliable informant".

The man had successfully cleared the customs and immigration and a search of his bags did not yield anything, police said.

"Even during questioning, he could not sit comfortably and when questioned, he told the police that he was suffering from piles," the Times of India newspaper quoted Mr Jangid as saying. — Internet

## Woman picked up own head after horse fall

OXFORDSHIRE, 30 Oct — A horrific fall from a horse left a woman with such a severely broken neck she was forced to pick up her own head.

Thea Maxfield, who runs a stud farm in Oxfordshire, England, suffered a "hangman's break" a clean break of the upper cervical vertebra when she fell from her dressage horse.

She tried to get out of the animal's way as it galloped around after the fall, but when she tried to pick herself up, the horrified 26-year-old found her head stayed where it was.

Internet

## Building collapse kills Afghan wedding guests

KABUL, 30 Oct — At least 60 people have been killed after part of a building collapsed on guests at a wedding in northern Afghanistan, officials say. The incident occurred in Jelga, a remote district in the northern province of Baghlan. Officials said

most of the dead were women and children who were celebrating separately from the men, according to Afghan tradition.

It was not clear if the roof or a floor had given way at the mud brick house. Munshi Abdul Majid, the governor of Baghlan, said the wedding party was being held in a three-storey house and one of the floors had collapsed.

Internet



MNA/Reuters





*Faith is a labrador-chow mix born without one front leg and another that was severely deformed. Despite having only her two hind legs, she can still walk on them.—XINHUA*

## Australian artist to create largest land art in Antarctica

CANBERRA, 30 Oct—An Australian artist will travel to Antarctica next month to finish the creation of the world's largest contemporary land art, local media reported on Friday. Australian artist Andrew Rogers has spent the past 13 years working with more than 6,700 people in 13 countries across six continents on the project, called 'Rhythms of life'.

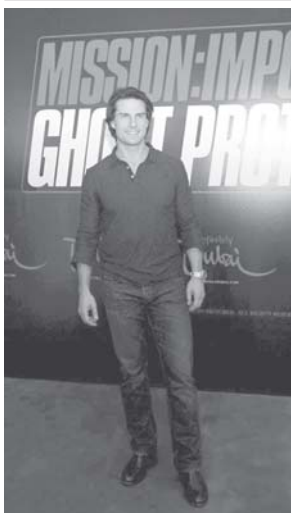
The project will form a chain of massive stone sculptures around the globe, and 46 of which have already been created. The goal of the project was to "draw around the world." Rogers will depart on 21 Nov for Antarctica to construct and put in place the final 47th piece, which will be 300 meters in length.

"I will have four polar explorers working with me on the project,"

he told *Australia Associated Press* in Sydney. "We will have up to 1,000 people working with us on the site for three days in a row, and then it's going to be photographed by satellite. 'I'm doing something pretty spectacular - I'm creating the first piece of land art that's ever been created in Antarctica.'"

The idea for the project came after Rogers was invited to do the first structure in Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 13 years ago. The entire work will be photographed over three days from 21 Nov by a satellite 450 km above the earth. Rogers is currently exhibiting his sculpture, 'From optimism to hope', at the outdoor Sculpture By The Sea seaside exhibition at Sydney's Bondi of Australia.

Xinhua



*Actor Tom Cruise poses on the red carpet during a news conference at a hotel in Dubai on 28 October, 2010. The fourth sequel of "Mission Impossible" starring Oscar-nominated actor Tom Cruise will be partly filmed in Dubai. XINHUA*

## Vending machines sell miniature art in boxes

BERLIN, 30 Oct—An artist who wanted to make art more accessible has installed vending machines across Germany offering unique art miniatures in small boxes. Lars Kaiser, a 35-year-old artist from Potsdam, said he came up with the novel idea to give art lovers the chance to buy the inexpensive art samples from vending machines around the clock.

He has installed about 100 of the uniquely decorated art vending machines in public buildings, bars and on exterior walls throughout Germany. The refurbished vending machines once sold cigarettes, chewing gum or condoms in the 1960s and 1970s. "We wanted to get art into places that don't have anything to do with art so that it would become a part of everyday life," Kaiser told *Reuters*.

The one-off sculptures, collages and paintings fit into small boxes which the machines sell. They have been created by about 140 professional artists. The vending machines are also pieces of art themselves in a wide array of colors and styles. "The artists are very creative," he said. "The boxes contain every kind of art you find in a larger format elsewhere."

Internet

## NYC museum displays rare blue diamond

NEW YORK, 30 Oct—One of the rarest diamonds in the world is on display at a New York City museum. The fancy, deep grayish blue Wittelsbach-Graff Diamond was discovered in India in the 17th century. The gem is 31.06 carats. It originally weighed 35.56 carats before it was recut to enhance its clarity and colour. It will be on display at the Museum of Natural History from Thursday through 2 Jan, 2011.

It was purchased by London-based jeweler Laurence Graff in 2008 for \$24.3 million. Christie's says that's a world record for any diamond and jewel sold at auction. The world's largest known deep blue diamond is the 45.52-carat Hope Diamond, discovered in the 1600s. It's on permanent display at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum in Washington.

Internet

## Over 240,000 people apply to be London Games volunteers

LONDON, 30 Oct—Over 240,000 people have applied to become Games Makers with the London 2012 volunteering programme, the London 2012 Olympics Organizing Committee (LOCOG) said on Friday. Applications for the London 2012 volunteering program have now closed and the volunteering team at the LOCOG will now be working through the applications to make selection. Selection and interviews of short-listed applicants will take place from February 2011 to February 2012 before training will begin, the

LOCOG said.

Sebastian Coe, chairman of LOCOG said, "We're thrilled with the response we've had to date for our volunteering program and would like to thank the 240,000 people who have pledged to give their time during the Games in 2012. Now we begin the task of finding the right people and ensuring that we match them to the most appropriate roles. This is a long process and will take time but we're asking people to be patient - this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is really worth it!"

Xinhua

*An Iranian girl smells flowers while visiting the 9th edition of the Teheran Exhibition of Flowers and Plants, Parks Equipments and Related Industries in Teheran, capital of Iran, on 28 Oct, 2010. The five-day flower exhibition opened here on Monday.—XINHUA*



## Museum in Chicago to attract more Chinese visitors with Mandarin audio tour

CHICAGO, 30 Oct—The Oriental Institute Museum of the University of Chicago now offers a Mandarin audio tour to attract more Chinese visitors. The tour features highlights of the museum to help visitors understand the remarkable artifacts on display from the ancient Middle East. "It is a great opportunity to show Chicago as such a global city," Joleen Haran, assistant director of tourism at the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, told *Xinhua*.

Haran said that China has been a fast-growing market of international travelers

to the United States since both countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2007. By 2013, visitors from China to the United States are expected to grow 61 percent over 2008, Haran said.

Gil J Stein, director of the Oriental Institute, pinpointed the importance of intensifying mutual understanding between people from the United States and China, suggesting that visits are the perfect solution. "We welcome visitors from China."

We have 300,000 objects here and have arranged a tour of our exhibit in Mandarin so

that our visitors from China will come and learn about the US and Chicago," Stein said. The Oriental Institute Museum is known for housing leading collections of art and artifacts from ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and Persia, as well as other areas in the region stretching from present-day Turkey to Israel.

The preliterate scripts on tortoise shells and animal bones dating back to the Shang Dynasty (1600 BC-1100 BC), from which the Chinese characters originate, will be on display during the museum exhibition.

Xinhua

## Maradona eyes UK Premier League coaching role

LONDON, 30 Oct — Argentina football legend Diego Maradona has revealed his desire to man-



Argentina's football coach Diego Maradona

age in the English Premier League. Maradona is seeking a new challenge after parting company with the Argentina national side which he led to the quarter-finals of the 2010 World Cup. The former World Cup-winning captain, who will celebrate his 50th birthday on Saturday, is now seeking a return to management, and admitted he was attracted by England's top flight.

Internet

## Three-week lay-off for Germany's Klose

BERLIN, 30 Oct — Germany striker Miroslav Klose is set to spend the next three weeks on the sidelines at Bayern Munich after aggravating a thigh muscle injury, it was revealed on Thursday. Klose, 32, tore a muscle in his thigh in Germany's 3-0 win over Kazakhstan in a Euro 2012 qualifier earlier this month and will sit out Bayern's Bundesliga match against Freiburg on Friday.

The Munich hot-shot was enjoying a superb run of form for the national side,

with six goals in four games this season leaving him only 10 shy of Gerd Mueller's all-time record of 68 in a Germany shirt. Having sat



Germany striker Miroslav Klose

## Liverpool owner pledges to strengthen squad



Owner of the Boston Red Sox baseball team, and new owner of Liverpool Football Club, John W. Henry.

LIVERPOOL, 30 Oct — Liverpool owner John Henry pledged Friday to strengthen his squad rather than allow top players to leave the struggling Premier League club.

Spain striker Fernando Torres is constantly linked with a departure from Anfield, while manager Roy Hodgson has warned Manchester United that goalkeeper Pepe Reina is not for sale after reportedly being a transfer target.

Henry, whose New England Sports Ventures bought English soccer's most successful club from Tom Hicks and George Gillett Jr. earlier this month, is focused on rebuilding a team that is off to its worst start in more than 50 years with only two wins from nine matches.

Internet

## UEFA suspend Barcelona's Pinto for whistling

GENEVA, 30 Oct — UEFA have banned Barcelona's reserve goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto for the next two Champions League matches over "gross unsporting conduct" during the Spanish side's 2-0 defeat of Copenhagen.

The 34 year-old "whistled to stop a promising attack from striker Cesar Santin in the UEFA Champions League Group D match" on October 20, the

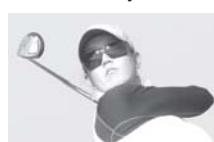
disciplinary committee of European football's governing body said on Friday. — Internet



Barcelona's goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto

## Hurst, Kim lead LPGA Tour event in South Korea

INCHEON, 30 Oct — American Vicky Hurst and



Michelle Wie of the United States watches her tee shot on the sixth hole during the first round of LPGA HanaBank Championship in Sky72 Golf Course in Incheon, South Korea, on 29 Oct, 2010. — INTERNET

South Korea's Song-Hee Kim shot 4-under 68s in chilly conditions Friday to share the first-round lead in the LPGA Hana Bank Championship.

"It was really cold this morning," said Hurst. "I thought that it was going to be warmer today, but standing on the putting green, I was really cold. I just tried to keep warm starting out and stay steady because balls aren't going to be flying as far."

Internet

## Dark horses Dortmund and Mainz clash for Bundesliga top spot

BERLIN, 30 Oct — Both Bundesliga leaders Mainz and closest rivals Borussia Dortmund will be looking to get over German Cup disappointments on Sunday when



Bayern Munich's Bastian Schweinsteiger. Bayern Munich, who are 12th in Bundesliga 1 table, host Freiburg, seventh, hoping to make up the 12-point gap behind Mainz after coach Louis van Gaal demanded his side take all three points.

INTERNET

they clash in the German league with top spot up for grabs. Mainz suffered only their second defeat of the season on Wednesday when they were shocked 2-1 at second division Alemannia Aachen in the German Cup second round, while Dortmund lost 4-2 on penalties at third-tier Kickers Offenbach.

"We will learn the lessons from the defeat at Aachen and make things better at Dortmund on Sunday," vowed Mainz manager Christian Heidel. Both sides have begun the season with a hiss and a roar and their young rising stars have played some eye-catching football.

Internet

## Rooney to be out longer than first thought

LONDON, 30 Oct — Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney could be out of action for longer than the initial prognosis of three weeks, manager Sir Alex Ferguson said on Friday. Rooney, who signed a new five-year contract at Old Trafford last week after first shocking the club by saying he wanted to leave, is currently on holiday recovering from an ankle injury. When asked at a press conference Friday if three weeks was still the prognosis for his return, Ferguson said: "I think it may be longer."

Rooney was injured in training last week following a challenge with team-



Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney

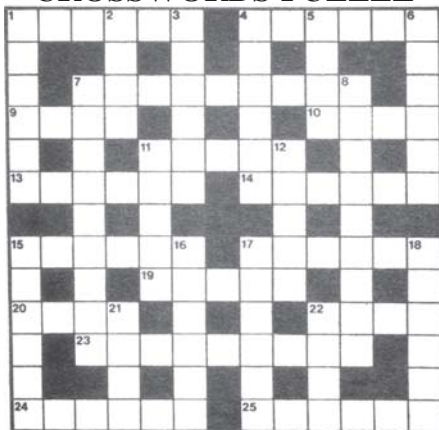
mate Paul Scholes. The 25-year-old has since been given permission to travel to Dubai to recuperate and celebrated his birthday there with wife Coleen last weekend while United were winning 2-1 at Stoke. Ferguson has no plans to rush Rooney back and he believes a longer than expected period of rest is the best cure for the England striker. — Internet

## FIFA to go ahead with 2018 and 2022 WCup votes

ZURICH, 30 Oct — FIFA will go ahead with bidding votes for the 2018 and 2022 World Cups despite its probe into alleged bribery and collusion. FIFA President Sepp Blatter said Friday that the Dec. 2 vote will proceed as scheduled, with the executive committee selecting the hosts for both tournaments by secret ballot in Zurich. "There was never a question of changing anything in the procedure," Blatter said at a news conference after a two-day executive committee meeting. Two executive committee members, Nigeria's Amos Adamu and Reynald Temarii of Tahiti, are currently suspended after being accused of offering to sell their votes. — Internet

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## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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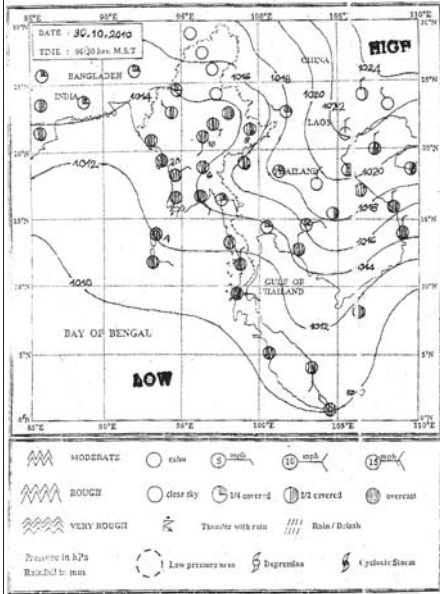
- 1 Resort in SE France
- 4 Deposit on teeth
- 7 Flawed
- 9 Wise man
- 10 Benevolent
- 11 Move quickly
- 13 Snobbish
- 14 Soup-dish
- 15 Pirate (3-3)
- 17 Penman
- 19 Scrap used in mending
- 20 Mark left by wound
- 23 Symbolic offering
- 24 Hate intensely
- 25 Scattering seed

### DOWN

- 1 Strong boxes
- 2 Appellation
- 3 Drowsy
- 4 Low seat, mound
- 5 Sway to and fro
- 6 Blush
- 7 Fool
- 8 Clock
- 11 Bend the body forward
- 12 Of Holland
- 15 Duellist's attendant
- 16 Attic
- 17 Jeers at
- 18 Insect
- 21 Female horse
- 22 Flat-bottomed boat



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Mon States, Yangon Region, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.18) inches, Yamethin (2.99) inches, Taungdwingyi (3.61) inches, Hinthada (2.44) inches, Thayawady (2.12) inches, Thazi (2.04) inches, Zalun (1.69) inches, Mahlaing (1.50) inches and Pyawbwe (1.38) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 29-10-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 30-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-10-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 30-10-2010 was (1.18) inches.

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 29-10-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 30-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-10-2010 was (71%). Total sunshine hours on 29-10-2010 was (9.6) hours.

Rainfall on 30-10-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon each. 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (10:30) hours MST on 29-10-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South and West central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until afternoon of the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing Region scattered in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Strong Easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, 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 decrease of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## Kidnapped Swedish engineer freed in Yemen

SANA' A, 30 Oct—Security officials say a Swedish engineer and his driver who were kidnapped by tribesmen in southern Yemen have been released. The officials in Abyan province say the two were released Friday after tribal mediation. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

The Swede, who works at a cement plant in Abyan, and the Yemeni driver were abducted at gunpoint shortly after leaving the plant in Batis on Thursday afternoon. Abyan's deputy governor, Saleh al-Shamsi, said the kidnappers were demanding the release of a fellow tribesman jailed in San'a. Kidnappings are frequent in Yemen and are usually carried out by disgruntled tribesmen hoping to win concessions from the government.

Internet

## Leader in Fla couple's killing faces execution

PENSACOLA, 30 Oct—A karate instructor who lured a group of armed men dressed as ninjas to rob and kill a wealthy Florida couple while their nine special-needs children cowered or slept nearby faces the death penalty.

Jurors on Friday will decide the fate of Patrick Gonzalez Jr, 36, who also could serve life in prison. The same jury of 11 women and one man deliberated about five hours before finding him guilty Thursday of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of home-invasion robbery for leading the 9 July, 2009, attack on Byrd and Melanie Billings.

Some 25 family members in the courtroom hugged and wiped away tears after the verdict was read. They included the Billings' daughter Ashley Markham, who, along with her husband, are raising the children, who were between 4 and 11 when their parents were killed.—Internet

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (31-10-2010)(Sunday)

**Transmissions**

**Local** - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST  
**Oversea Transmission** - (31-10-10 09:30 am ~ 1-11-10 09:30 am) MST

**Times****Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- \* Reflection of Myanmar Fashion "Pyu Period Hairstyle"
- \* News
- \* Song for you "Eternity Band"
- \* News
- \* MI People Celebrities
- \* Shinning Lives From Gloomy Place
- \* News
- \* Singapore Higher Education Exhibition 2010

**Oversea Transmission**

- \* Opening
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- \* Singapore Higher Education Exhibition 2010
- \* News
- \* Muse 105-mile Border Trade Zone
- \* "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture" Golden Land
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- \* News
- \* Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- \* Myanmar Movies "The Spouse and The Lover"



**Sunday,  
31 October  
View on today**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am**  
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**  
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**  
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**  
5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am**  
6. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:15 am**  
7. Musical Programme
- 8:20 am**  
8. Documentary
- 8:35 am**  
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am**  
10. International News
- 8:45 am**  
11. Teleplay (Health)
- 11:00 am**  
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**  
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**  
3. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:30 am**  
4. TV Drama Series

- 12:30 pm**  
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm**  
6. Myanmar Movies
- 2:30 pm**  
7. Yoke Myin Yatha Taysucanna
- 2:45 pm**  
8. Song Of National Races
- 2:50 pm**  
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:55 pm**  
10. International News
- 3:45 pm**  
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup (2010) (Live) (Delta United FC Vs Magway FC)
- 5:45 pm**  
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**  
3. Evening News

- 6:15 pm**  
4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**  
5. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone)
- 7:00 pm**  
6. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**  
7. News
- 8:00 pm**  
8. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone)
- 9:00 pm**  
9. International News
- 10:00 pm**  
10. Weather Report
- 11:00 pm**  
11. Monthly Weather Report
- 12:00 pm**  
12. Documentary
- 13:00 pm**  
13. Cartoon Series
- 14:00 pm**  
14. TV Drama Series
- 15:00 pm**  
15. Dispersing Loving Kindness By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

### People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

## Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road

Byline & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



*A car on Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway road section.*

As part of the government's drive for completion of the network of roads and railroads covering the whole country, Public Works has been upgrading Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya-Magway Road since June 2010.

Natmauk feeder road is an 18-foot-wide tarred road which is branched from Yangon-Mandalay Highway. Natmauk is 62 miles and four furlongs from Pyawbwe. So, the road is 98 miles and four furlongs long from Pyawbwe to Magway. When we left Pyawbwe, we noticed thriving plantations of crops such as sesame, beans and pulses, and corn in the plains on both sides of the road. The area, 25 miles and four furlong long from Pyawbwe is the border between Mandalay Region and Magway Region. So far, the 37 miles long section from the border to Natmauk and the 36 miles long section from Natmauk to Magway have been built. The alignment of the road passes along the watershed through Bago Yoma mountain range. It is 12 feet wide up to Kanbya Village

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### ARTICLE

A country must possess population, territory, government and sovereignty. Out of these characteristics, our country has gained three, except for government. So measures are being taken for an executive body or a government.

Kyaw Myo Naung

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### POEM:

#### To the polling station

- \* Strength of unity and amity
- Quality of Myanmar people
- Successive eras have passed
- Still strong is our strength

Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt (Trns)

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### CARTOON



Lin Myat

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