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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Algerian President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency, Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2010.—MNA

True patriotism

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

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister on his return from Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport here this morning, on his return from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam after attending the 17th ASEAN Summit and related summits in Hanoi of SRV at the invitation of Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung.

Together with the Senior General, SPDC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann, SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Minister of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, departmental heads, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and officials also welcomed back the Prime Minister.

Members of the Myanmar delegation Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and high-level officials also boarded the same flight together with the Prime Minister.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister U Thein Sein on his return from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam after attending 17th ASEAN Summit and related summits.—MNA

ARTICLE

The ultimate goal of the entire people of the Union of Myanmar is to achieve successful construction of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. In that case, the great majority of the people have approved the constitution that is necessary for pursuing the national goal.

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POEM:

- * Of own volition we will shape
The future of us and country
Will cast votes
At multiparty elections
For our glory
Country's image we improve
For our dignity
People's status we raise

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PERSPECTIVES

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Elect trustworthy candidates for better future

The election is now drawing closer. All necessary arrangements have been made for successful completion of free and fair elections.

Voters can freely vote for the party and the candidate they favour, which is supported by the facts that there will be secret polling booths in every polling station; a Hluttaw candidate may appoint his polling station representative along with an assistant representative; and the votes will be counted in front of the people, polling station representatives and assistant representatives.

Nonetheless, opportunist groups, in their attempt to paralyze Myanmar through lack of peace, stability, development and national unity, are discouraging the people from voting to knock out the multiparty democracy general election.

Now, those in authority have made all they should do for the election. The people can vote freely for their favourite candidates. The media are widely reporting electoral processes for public knowledge such as polling station hours, the way to vote and put votes into ballot boxes and the way to cast in-advance votes.

Certain organizations are persuading the people to boycott the election, taking advantage of the provisions that an eligible voter can vote if he wants to, and can refuse to vote if he does not want to, thereby violating democracy rights. In reality, they are deterring the people from walking to multiparty democracy system.

Every eligible voter can be proud of voting in an election as voting is a right of a citizen. A citizen who is one day to 18 years on the date of the election is not bestowed the voting right. Even if a citizen is over 18 years, he has no right to vote if he is determined to be of unsound mind, has mental illness, and is serving prison term.

So, the people have to expose those who are resorting to disrupting the election and breaking national unity. And the people are urged to elect only trustworthy candidates, using the right to vote, to help generate a better future of the nation.

Myanmar bags eight gold in International Shaolin Wushu Festival

YANGON, 31 Oct — Members of Myanmar Wushu Federation who took part in the 8th International Shaolin Wushu Festival held in Zhengzhou of the People's Republic of China from 22 to 26 October arrived back at Yangon International Airport yesterday morning.

They were welcomed at the airport by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic

- * 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

Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence supervises relief work in storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Members of 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 provided relief aids, foodstuffs, and shelter tents for storm victims in Watkaung, Laungdareik, and Yenigyi villages in Myebon Township yesterday morning.

Maj-Gen Hla Min then met departmental personnel of Manaung Township at the town hall and gave necessary instructions. The commander and the

ministers pointed out the need of cooperation of locals in prevention against natural disasters. They then presented cash assistance to be used in health and education sectors of the township



Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence presents cash assistance to a local in Manaung.—MNA

through responsible persons.

In meeting with departmental officials of Yanbye, Maj-Gen Hla

Min heard reports and gave necessary instructions.

The commander and the ministers

elaborated on work for pervention against catastrophes, accuracy of lists of damages in storm-hit regions, systematic distribution of relief supplies and preparations of storm victims.

Next, Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander and the ministers presented cash assistance for storm victims through personnel concerned.

Maj-Gen Hla Min and party went to Paikseik and Ngayapachaing villages and provided foodstuffs, medicines and relief supplies for storm victims.—MNA



SWRR Minister U Maung Maung Swe gives cash assistance for storm victims in Yanbye.—MNA

Committee Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials.

Myanmar Wushu athletes Kyaw Zin Thit, William Thein Tun, Aye Thitsar Myint, and Wai Mar Thein won two gold medals each at the contest.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



Iraqi policemen inspected the crater left by a suicide car bombing in the town of Balad Ruz, northeast of Baghdad in 2004. Twenty-five people were killed and 70 wounded in a suicide bombing Friday at a coffee house in the town of Balad Ruz in central Iraq's Diyala province, a police official said.—INTERNET

Death toll in suicide attack in Iraq rises to 30

BAQUBA, 31 Oct—The death toll from a suicide bombing at a coffee house in central Iraq's restive Diyala province has risen to 30, a medical official said on Saturday, making the deadliest attack in October. Friday night's bombing in the town of Balad Ruz also wounded 68 people, according to Ahmed Alwan, a doctor at the general hospital of Baquba, the provincial

capital of Diyala.

"The final toll from Friday's bombing is 30 dead and 68 wounded. All the dead are men, but the wounded include three women and two children," Alwan said. Balad Ruz police chief Major Ahmed al-Tamimi had given on Friday a toll of 25 dead and 70 wounded "when a suicide bomber detonated a belt filled with explosives at a coffee house in the

centre of the city."

Suicide bombings across Iraq have fallen since 2008 when Diyala Province was an al-Qaeda stronghold. Although the militants have lost ground, the province remains one of the most restive since the 2003 US-led invasion. Friday's attack took place in a region with a Kurdish Shiite majority.

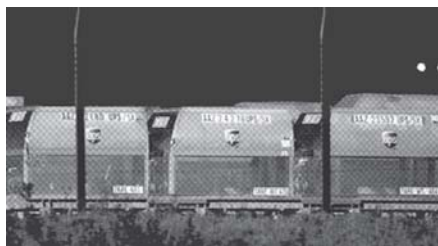
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Plane with cargo from Yemen lands in NY, searched

NEW YORK, 31 Oct—A commercial passenger jet carrying cargo from Yemen landed in New York under military fighter jet escort and its cargo was searched Friday, as parcels in transit across the globe were scrutinized after authorities overseas found two explosive packages from Yemen bound for Chicago. No explosives were found aboard Emirates Airlines Flight 201 after a search, FBI spokesman Richard Kolko said. He said the plane flew in to John F Kennedy Airport under escort as a precaution.

President Barack Obama called the coordinated attacks a "credible terrorist threat." Packages were found aboard cargo planes in Dubai and England and US officials said they were increasingly confident that al-Qaeda's Yemen branch was responsible. The Emirates Airlines plane, a Boeing 777, landed shortly after 3:30 pm. Passengers walked off the jet on two covered stairways and onto the tarmac, dragging their luggage behind them. Several police cars surrounded the airliner.

Internet



Cargo containers stand behind a security fence after they were searched by British police at the East Midlands airport, in Derby, England, about two hours north of London, on 29 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Afghan police training edges ahead as transition nears

KABUL, 31 Oct—On a dusty shooting range still dotted with rusting husks of Soviet tanks, Afghanistan police recruits fire off three machine-gun rounds, stop, advance, and then fire at the targets again — or at least most of them do. For Italian police trainer Lieutenant Colonel Massimo Deiana, even that equals progress for Afghan forces who will eventually take the lead from foreign troops in the fight against militants as Western leaders mull timelines for pulling their troops out.

"Before they would line up just firing 50, 100 rounds and finish," Deiana said. "Now we are starting to see results." Building up Afghanistan's police and army is being watched keenly in Washington and Brussels as Western forces look to hand over security to Afghan troops, a transition US President Barack Obama says will start from July 2011, when he plans to start pulling out some US troops if Afghan forces are ready.

Internet

No survivors from French helicopter crash in Antarctica

d'Urville French Antarctic research base.

A distress beacon was activated but heavy weather hampered search efforts. An Australian air force plane eventually spotted the wreckage on Friday, with three bodies sighted among the debris.

The AMSA spokeswoman said a French helicopter touched down at the crash site, 100 kilometres from the French base, on Saturday afternoon and an onboard doctor confirmed there had been no survivors. Australian and American officials from McMurdo Base were assisting with the recovery of the bodies and wreckage, she added.

Responsibility for the matter was expected to be transferred to the French authorities by evening.

Internet



An AS350 Squirrel helicopter, similar to the one which crashed in Antarctica on 28 October, is pictured in this file photo, provided by Australian Maritime Safety Authority.—INTERNET

30 fighters killed in Afghan outpost attack

KABUL, 31 Oct—Militants armed with rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars tried to storm a combat outpost in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, setting off a battle that killed 30 attackers and wounded five coalition soldiers, NATO said. Assaults struck from all sides in the nighttime attack on the outpost in Paktika province's Bermal district, where nearly all NATO

forces are from the US military.

The military called in close air-support and aircraft dropped three bombs to help repel the militants. According to NATO, the five coalition service members who were wounded in the attack continued fighting. "Militants attacked from all directions," NATO said in a statement. It provided no further details. The attack took place in an area about 125 miles (200 kilometres) south of Kabul that borders the Pakistani region of North Waziristan. The area is controlled largely by the Haqqani network, a Pakistan-based Taliban faction closely tied to al-Qaeda.

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Soldiers are patrolling a street in Kabul. A foreign soldier fighting the Taliban-led war in Afghanistan has been killed, NATO said, bringing this year's death toll to 608.

INTERNET



India backs off on BlackBerry ban threat

MUMBAI, 31 Oct — India has followed the United Arab Emirates in backing off from a threat to ban popular services on BlackBerry devices, amid growing global concern over access to encrypted information. The Ministry of Home Affairs said Friday that Research in Motion Ltd, the Canadian maker of the smart phones, has agreed to an interim arrangement for lawful interception of BlackBerry messenger services an instant messaging application and pledged to provide a final solution by January.

"Accordingly, the ... services will continue to be available," the ministry said in a statement. Citing national security concerns, India had threatened to ban corporate e-mail and messenger services by August if Research in Motion didn't come up with a way for the government to monitor them. It then extended the deadline to October. It remains unclear what solution the parties may have reached over encrypted corporate e-mails. RIM, whose competitive edge rests on ensuring security to its global users, has given no details of the possible concessions that led the UAE and India to back off from their October deadlines for access. The company said in a statement that it is optimistic about reaching a final solution with Indian regulators.

Internet

AIG unit expands Hong Kong IPO to \$20.5 billion

HONG KONG, 31 Oct—The Hong Kong listing of AIG's Asian unit, which aims to raise funds for repaying US federal bailout loans, has been expanded to \$20.5 billion. AIA Group Ltd said in a statement late Friday it increased the number of shares offered from 7.03 billion to 8.08 billion. The shares were priced at 19.68 Hong Kong dollars (\$2.54) each and surged 17 percent on their first day of trading Friday to close at HK\$23.05 (\$2.97).

The proceeds from the Hong Kong IPO will be used to repay \$20 billion AIG owes the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. American International Group Inc received \$182 billion from the US government after suffering massive losses from investments in complex derivatives — the biggest of the Wall Street bailout packages. The AIA IPO was Hong Kong's biggest ever and the world's third-biggest.

Internet



A Blackberry Torch is on display on the first day the smartphone hit the shelves at an AT&T store.

INTERNET

LCD TV companies see falling prices as demand down

SEATTLE, 31 Oct — Companies that make huge flat-screen televisions and their LCD panel components are alerting investors that demand is dropping in the US and other developed markets. The forecasts trickled out as Asian electronics manufacturers reported earnings for the most recent fiscal quarter. On Thursday, Sharp Corp of Japan slashed its earnings forecast for the fiscal year, which ends in March, saying it had to adjust its production of LCD panels in the most recent quarter to respond to a sharp decline in demand for the large-size panels.

Also Thursday, South Korea's LG Electronics Inc said strong sales of LCD TVs, particularly in emerging markets, helped push its home entertainment segment revenue up 9 percent — but its operating income sank by about 52 percent. The company said it expects price erosion in its TV business will eat into earnings in the fourth quarter.

Sony Corp of Japan reported Friday that LCD TV prices fell in the quarter that ended in September. The company cut its operating income forecast for the segment that sells the flat-screen televisions,

citing deterioration in the North American market. South Korea-based Samsung Electronics Co said Friday it also expects prices for LCD panels to decline.

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In this file photo Polish tall ship Fryderyk Chopin used to train young sailors is entering the Baltic port of Gdynia. The ship has lost both its masts in foul weather and is drifting off the coast of southern England, British coast guards said on 29 Oct, 2010. The 36 teens on board don't appear to be in any immediate danger as two ships are heading in its direction to help tow it to port.

INTERNET

Polish teen sailors safe despite severe weather

LONDON, 31 Oct — A group of teenage sailors whose ship was drifting at sea after it lost both masts in gale-force winds is safe from harm, coast guards said Friday, and the vessel was to be towed to a British port for repairs.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency said that the Fryderyk Chopin, a tall ship used to train young Polish sailors, is about 100 miles (160 kilometres) southwest of Britain's Isles of Scilly. The crew of 47 is mostly made up of 14-year-old cadets.

There have been no injuries reported and the Royal Navy has stood down their search and rescue helicopters, which are returning to base. Coast guard spokeswoman Fiona Warren said that the crew was still aboard the vessel. "They're probably very uncomfortable, but they're all safe and well," she said.

She said three vessels were already on the scene and that a fourth ship, a trawler, was due there shortly to pull the stricken ship out of harm's way. The weather, she said, had improved since the ship was damaged but was due to get worse within the next 12 hours. She could not immediately provide an estimate for when the ship would be returned to port. — Internet



Al-Jazeera slams Morocco over suspension of service

DUBAI, 31 Oct — Al-Jazeera condemned on Saturday a decision by Morocco to suspend the pan-Arab television network's operations in the northern African country, saying the move would not affect its editorial line. Morocco's government said Friday it suspended the Qatar-based satellite channel's operations and withdrew accreditation for its staff after "numerous failures" that went against the "rules of serious and responsible journalism."

"Al-Jazeera has denounced the suspension of the network's operations in Morocco," the network said on its English-language website, citing an Al-Jazeera statement. "The closure of its bureau in the capital, Rabat, would not change the network's editorial guidelines," it said. "Al-Jazeera assured that its coverage of Morocco was always based on professionalism, balance and accuracy, and said it would continue its coverage to serve the interests of viewers in line with journalistic values."

Communications Minister Khalid Naciri said Friday that action was taken against Al-Jazeera because its "refusal to be objective and impartial systematically tarnishes Morocco's image. "We reproach this channel for ignoring the main principles and transmitting a caricature of Moroccan reality," he said.

Internet



The newsroom at the headquarters of the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera satellite channel in Doha, 2006. Al-Jazeera condemned a decision by Morocco to suspend the pan-Arab television network's operations in the northern African country, saying the move would not affect its editorial line.

INTERNET

Eliminating malaria impossible without vaccine

LONDON, 31 Oct—Eliminating malaria, the mosquito-borne scourge that kills more than 860,000 people a year, would be a dream come true for millions — but medical experts say right now that goal remains completely unrealistic.

That view from leading researchers contrasts sharply with grand announcements by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization, which have declared their wish to rid the world of the disease. Far from being brave, the rhetoric around eliminating malaria is often naive," said Richard Horton, editor of the British medical journal *Lancet*.

"For sub-Saharan Africa, it's a hopelessly impossible target for now," he said, pointing to

the continent's weak health systems and chronic medicines shortage, among other problems. The idea of eliminating malaria was examined in a series Friday in the *Lancet*. Experts analyzed issues like the practicalities of wiping out malaria and its financial costs. Getting rid of malaria will be far pricier than controlling it, and economists warned that higher costs would not necessarily be offset by future savings.

Although research suggests wiping out the

parasitic disease may be feasible in Latin America and Asia, it will be nearly impossible in Africa, where most of the world's estimated 247 million yearly cases occur. Malaria is treatable if caught early but is especially deadly in children under five, who make up most of its victims. One of the main stumbling blocks toward elimination is the lack of a malaria vaccine. The most promising candidate is still being tested, but at best it is only about 50 percent effective.— *Internet*



In this photo provided by SeaWorld San Diego, Aviculturist Linda Henry helps introduce an emperor penguin chick to the adult colony at SeaWorld San Diego's Penguin Encounter, on 28 Oct, 2010 in San Diego. INTERNET

Judge fines McDonald's for obese employee

SAO PAULO, 31 Oct—A Brazilian court has ordered McDonald's to pay a former franchise manager \$17,500 because he gained 65 pounds while working there a dozen years.

The 32-year-old man says he was forced to sample food products each day to ensure that quality standards remained high because McDonald's hired "mystery clients" to randomly visit restaurants and report on the food, service and cleanliness.

The man also says McDonald's offered free lunches to employees, adding to his caloric intake while on the job. His identity was not released. The ruling against McDonald's was signed Tuesday by judge Joao Filho in Porto Alegre. McDonald's can appeal the case. A local company spokesman did not immediately return calls on Thursday.

Internet



McDonald's product is pictured in a restaurant in Washington.— INTERNET

Mothers carrying their babies attend the launching ceremony at a hospital in Kisumu, Kenya, on 29 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA



Kidney transplants for elderly double over decade

NEW YORK, 31 Oct — Elderly kidney failure patients in the United States are twice as likely to get a kidney transplant as they were in the mid-1990s, although the likelihood is still low, a new study finds. About half a million people in the United States have kidney failure, and 48 percent of them are 60 or older. The study, published in an upcoming issue of the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, included kidney failure patients, aged 60 to 75, listed in the national Renal Data System between 1995 and 2006. In 2006, these elderly patients had a 7.3 percent chance of getting a kidney transplant within three years of their first treatment for kidney failure. That rate was two times higher than in 1995.

The researchers noted that elderly kidney failure patients now have greater access to kidneys from living donors and older deceased donors, and are less likely to die while waiting for a transplant. Elderly kidney failure patients should consider transplantation over other types of treatment, suggested the study authors.

Internet

UNICEF rolls out innovative way to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission in Kenya

UNITED NATIONS, 31 Oct—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Kenyan authorities on Friday introduced into the East African country an innovative approach to preventing the transition of the HIV virus from mothers to their babies, UN officials said here.

The initiative, launched by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake, the Kenyan government officials and other partners, includes a combination of interventions and supplies such as the "Mother-Baby-Pack" of antiretroviral drugs and antibiotics, which women can easily administer at home, the officials said.

The "Mother-Baby-Pack" is part of the government's Maisha MTCT-free Zone Initiative designed to help eliminate mother-to-child-transmission (MTCT) of HIV and paediatric AIDS by 2013 in Kenya's Nyanza and Rift Valley provinces, where about half of all children with HIV live, and by 2015 in the entire country, said the official.

Lake commended the Kenyan Government for its commitment to innovative steps to expand and strengthen the quality of HIV/AIDS prevention services.

Xinhua

New drug shows promise against certain lung cancers

BOSTON, 31 Oct — An experimental cancer drug is proving effective in treating the lung cancers of some patients whose tumours carry a certain genetic mutation, new studies show. Because the mutation can be present in other forms of cancer — including a rare form of sarcoma (cancer of the soft tissue), childhood neuroblastoma (brain tumour), as well as some lymphomas, breast and colon cancers — researchers say they are hopeful the drug, crizotinib, will prove effective in treating those cancers as well.

In one study, researchers identified 82 patients from among 1,500 patients with non-small-cell lung cancer, the most common type of lung malignancy, whose tumors had a mutation in the anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) gene. Crizotinib targets the ALK "driver kinase," or protein, blocking its activity and preventing the tumor from growing,

explained study co-author Dr Geoffrey Shapiro, director of the Early Drug Development Centre and associate professor of medicine at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, Boston.

"The cancer cell is actually addicted to the activity of the protein for its growth and survival," Shapiro said. "It's totally dependent on it. The idea is that blocking that protein can kill the cancer cell." In 46 patients taking crizotinib, the tumor shrunk by more than 30 percent during an average of six months of taking the drug. In 27 patients, crizotinib halted growth of the tumour, while in one patient the tumour disappeared. The drug also had few side effects, Shapiro said. The most common was mild gastrointestinal symptoms.

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PM U Thein Sein attends 13th ASEAN-Japan Summit, 13th ASEAN-Korea Summit, 13th ASEAN-China Summit, 13th ASEAN+3 Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct.—Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended the 13th ASEAN-Japan Summit, the 13th ASEAN-Korea Summit, the 13th ASEAN-China Summit and the 13th ASEAN+3 Summit at the National Convention Centre in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 29 October.

The 13th ASEAN-Japan Summit took place at National Convention Centre at 10.15 am. It was attended by Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato



Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries pose for a documentary photo with Japanese Prime Minister.
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and prosperity and discussed promotion of cooperation in trade and economy, effective implementation of AJCEP, cooperation in development of sub-regions, preliminary realization of Mekong Sub-

tary photo taken before the summit.

They discussed promotion of partnership relationship between ASEAN and the ROK, cooperation in trade and economy, gearing up effective implementation of

all agreements within the frame of ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area, nuclear non-proliferation in Korean Peninsula, reduction of carbon dioxide, regional greening programme and cooperation in East Asian climate.

The Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, and Heads of State/Government of Japan, Korea and PRC attended a luncheon at the room No. 103 on the first floor of NCC.

After holding discus-

sions on further relations and cooperation among ASEAN+3 countries, they had the luncheon together.

At 2.30 pm, the 13th ASEAN-China Summit was held at the room No. 347 on the third floor of NCC, attended by heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, Premier of PRC Mr Wen Jiabao and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

Before the summit, they posed for documentary photo.

At the summit, they reviewed the ASEAN-China relations and exchanged views on accomplishments in work plan (2006-2010) and cooperation in the future, and regional and international issues.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends the 13th ASEAN-Korea Summit.
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Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Mr Benigno S Aquino III, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Naoto Kan and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

Before the summit, they posed for documentary photo.

At the summit, they exchanged views on regional peace, stability

region Greening Century Programme, environmental conservation and climate change, natural disasters, infectious diseases, prevention against violence, maritime security and energy security.

At 11.30 am, the 13th ASEAN-Korea Summit was held at the room No. 347 of NCC, attended by Heads of State/Government including the Prime Minister of Myanmar, President of ROK Mr Lee Myung-bak and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

They had documen-



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends the 13th ASEAN-China Summit.—MNA

PM U Thein Sein attends...

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They discussed co-ordination in G-20 matters, fully implementation of the announcement on rules for South China Sea countries, and cooperation in regional peace and stability.

After the summit, they formally launched the ASEAN-China Centre Website.

The 13th

ASEAN+3 Summit followed at the room 339 on the third floor of NCC at 3.35 pm.

It was attended by heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, Premier of the State Council of PRC Mr Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Naoto Kan, President of ROK Mr Lee Myung-bak and the ASEAN Secre-



Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and Premier of State Council of PRC Mr Wen Jiabao formally launch ASEAN-China Centre Website.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attending 13th ASEAN+3 Summit. MNA

tary-General.

At the summit, they focused on practical process for effective implementation of the ASEAN+3 cooperation work plan, participation of the ASEAN President in G-20 Summit, solving the conflicts through the peaceful ways and means, and nuclear non-proliferation at Korean Peninsula.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Japanese Prime Minister Mr Naoto Kan, ROK President Mr Lee Myung-bak and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.—MNA



Prime Minister attends working dinner of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the working dinner of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 28 October evening.

It was also attended by Sultan of the Brunei Darussalam Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh,

Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Mr Benigno S Aquino III, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and senior officials of ASEAN countries.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung extended greetings.

Next, Heads of State/Government exchanged views on regional and international affairs and

held discussion about matters ASEAN countries would like the Alternate President of ASEAN the Prime Minister of Vietnam to discuss in G-20 Summit on behalf of

ASEAN countries and broadcasting of TV programmes in each other countries. Prime Minister U Thein Sein elaborated on political progress in Myanmar and electoral

works for holding free and fair election on 7 November 2010.

Next, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries had dinner together.—MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attending working dinner of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries at Melia Hanoi Hotel.—MNA

Let's vote for reliable candidates

Myo Myat Maung

Now, it is only several days to multiparty democracy general election which runs on 7 November 2010. Political parties are presenting their policies, stances and work programmes in the media to canvass for votes. In addition to State-run media, private media are widely reporting political experience, concepts and stances of candidates of political parties and independent candidates along with the plans they will translate in the national interest if they are elected. These days, the subject on forthcoming election is in the mouth of everyone everywhere ranging from markets to tea shops, saying which candidates they will vote for and which parties they will support. It is, therefore, fair to say that the forthcoming election takes the centre stage around the country. The election will be at a crossroads for the nation and the people.

In the meantime, certain foreign media and some organizations that are no longer legitimate to stand as political parties are abetting the people to oppose and boycott the election and dissuading them from voting. They are presenting a large variety of interviews, cross talks and news stories to deal a knockout blow to the multiparty democracy general election. There are many types of contradictions between the constructive and the destructive as well as the good and the bad.

Man is the most intelligent being among the living creatures, and has the greatest creative power. Man has developed gradually over a long period of time from the early history to IT Age. I mean people are intelligent enough to distinguish between good and bad. If a person views what is happening around Myanmar, regarding the forthcoming elections, he will be able to understand well who are constructive and who are destructive.

The ultimate goal of the entire people of the Union of Myanmar is to achieve successful construction of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. In that case, the great majority of the people have approved the constitution that is necessary for pursuing the national goal. Therefore, the election is particularly designed to

enable the people to elect such candidates who are capable of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the constitution.

Now, the people have a prosperous future ahead of them.

The system to approach the goal has been laid down.

There have been reliable citizens who will materialize democratization, guiding the people towards the goal, or candidates who have a strong sense of serving the interest of the people and the nation with might and main, on behalf of the public.

What the people need to do is just to choose responsible candidates by vote.

What is the purpose of the movements launched by certain foreign media and some organizations that are no longer legal political parties to dissuade the people from voting for a particular party, and from casting votes, and abetting the people to boycott the election?

Their intention is nothing more than to get the nation and the people into great troubles.

If the election is abortive, there will not be a government that is elected by the vote of the people. Then, the ruling government had no choice, but to keep taking State responsibilities till it holds another election. If so, it will take long. For instance, the National Convention comprising representatives of all walks of life took more than 10 years due to disruptions. Again, those elements are plotting to disrupt the election.

So, the people have to assess with care the campaigns certain organizations and persons are carrying out with the intention of devastating the national goal and harming the public interest if they do not come to political power.

If the people are caught in the political tricks of those organizations, their ultimate goal will never come true, and they will lose the unique opportunity to generate a prosperous future.

The people have to notice that those who are resorting to undermining the national goal and destroying their interest cannot be their true friends.

Now, the Union Election Commission and the ruling government have announced that they will hold free and fair election.

Believing the announcement, the entire people are preparing to vote in the election and independent candidates and candidates of political parties are canvassing for votes.

Claiming repeatedly that according to the constitution, every citizen has the right to vote and the right not to vote if they do not want to, anti-government groups are abetting the people not to participate in, and boycott the election. If the people accept their ill suggestions, those who will suffer great losses are they themselves.

If an eligible voter wastes the right to vote for his favourite candidate despite any pressure on him, it means he wastes the opportunity to create his future.

Even some ASEAN countries that were not as developed as Myanmar have overtaken Myanmar in development, which is due to prioritizing national interest, not personality cult and dogmatism.

Various infrastructures have been improved to transform the nation from old to democratic system thanks to sustained efforts the government has been making to implement the 12 objectives. What is just needed is to keep approaching the ultimate goal, making good use of already-built foundations.

Amidst diverse policies and systems, the people have encountered untold miseries from post-independence period to date. In consequence of the sticking to dogmatism and personality cult, Myanmar has ever been a least developed country. Myanmar should no longer be a people that feels inferior in the international community. Myanmar should have been a people that stands tall in the world. It is true that today's Myanmar people are anxious to enjoy better living status than foreign countries.

I would very much like to be still alive in the time of a democratic government that will emerge with representatives-elect from the parties and independent representatives-elect who are elected without personality cult and dogmatism.

He who bears the burden of load knows its weight. Myanmar people are those who know the conditions of their country best. The drive for creating a better future of the nation must be carried out only through internal strength. Some say that they are deeply concerned over Myanmar's situations, which is very strange. The people should have been aware of such superficial worries and kindness to the country.

So, for the people it is so easy to decide whether they will not vote due to the abetments of certain foreign media and a local organization that are resorting to destroying the interest of the nation and the people, or whether they will show

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Let's vote for reliable candidates

Myo Myat Maung

(from page 8)

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a sense of duty by casting votes to elect candidates who will serve the interest of the nation. It is, indeed, a piece of cake.

I am a citizen who was born and has grown up in Myanmar. I am in deep favour of national development and prosperous future of the people. I swear it is the desire that comes straight from the heart.

All Myanmar citizens inside and outside the nation, let's show our dutifulness by casting votes to elect people's representatives, let's throw ourselves to the drive for successful completion of free and fair multiparty democracy general election, and let's raise the public awareness that voting is the only way to the positive change.

Let's vote for reliable candidates!

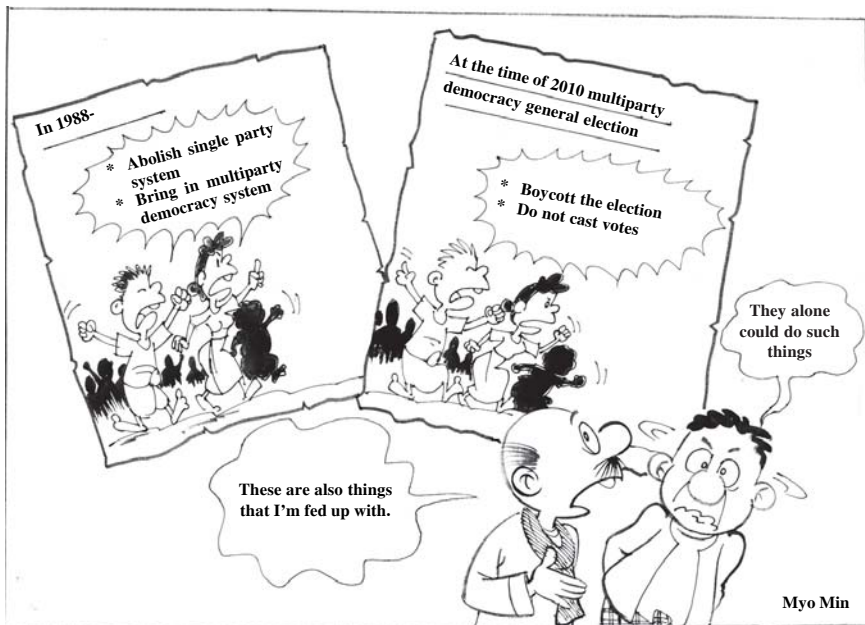
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POEM:

Vote for the new era

* Of own volition we will shape
The future of us and country
Will cast votes
At multiparty elections
For our glory
Country's image we improve
For our dignity
People's status we raise
Usher into new Union
Built by our brethren
Through voting process

Wai Yan Maung (Trns)



MASA awards winners of 10th paper reading session-2010

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Organized by Myanmar Arts and Science Academy, the prize-giving ceremony of the tenth paper reading session-2010 was held at Arts Hall in Yangon University on 29 October

First, MASA President U Than Oo made an opening address, saying that out of 249 papers, 22 have been chosen as the best as well as six for Myanmar Arts and Science Academy Award for 2009. He called for compiling more research papers.

Next, MASA Vice-President Dr Hla Wai announced the list of the names of resource persons who won Myanmar Arts and Science Academy Award for 2009

and Scholar U Sein Min, the list of the names of 22 the best research paper award winning resource persons.

On behalf of the MASA President and Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank U Thein Tun, General Manager U Nyi Than of the Tun Foundation Bank and responsible persons awarded winners of MASA Award and the tenth paper reading session-2010.

On behalf of the winners, Professor/Head of Statistics Department of the Institute of Economics (Monywa) Dr. Thauung Htay and Professor/Head of Philosophy Department of Dagon University Dr. Hsan Tun spoke words of thanks.—MNA



Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Geosciences Association U Soe Myint, Secretary U Soe Thura Tun and Executive U Kyaing Sein seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Kunming of China to attend Workshop on Resources and Environment Towards Sustainable Development in the Great Mekong Sub-region (GMS).

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein participates in 3rd ASEAN-UN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended the 3rd ASEAN-UN Summit at the room No. 347 on the third floor of National Convention Centre (NCC) in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 5.30 pm on 29 October.

Also present at the summit were Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Mr Benigno

S Aquino III, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung,

Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Ban Ki-moon and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan.

Before the summit, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN member countries and the UN

Secretary-General posed for documentary photo.

The Prime Minister of SRV and the UN Secretary-General delivered addresses.

Next, they exchanged views on creation of the

route for active participation in implementing the peace, security and development aims of the UN, realization of the Road Map for ASEAN community and Millennium Development Goals, assistance to be

provided for energy security, climate change and contagious diseases and effective implementation for the Framework for Joint Action 2011-2012 of the ASEAN and the UN.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends 3rd ASEAN-UN Summit in Hanoi of Vietnam.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends Retreat Session of Heads of State/Government from ASEAN countries



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends Retreat Session of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries in Hanoi of Vietnam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended Retreat Session of Heads of State/Government from ASEAN countries at Room No. 339 on the third floor of National Convention Centre (NCC) in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 2.30 pm on 28 October.

It was also attended by Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian Foreign

Affairs Minister Mr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa on behalf of Indonesian President, Laotian Prime Minister Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Philippine President Mr. Benigno S. Aquino III, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and high-ranking officials.

Alternate President of ASEAN Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung made an opening speech.

They exchanged views on ASEAN Charter, ASEAN society roadmap, Project for ASEAN Integration, recovery and sustainable development, food and energy sufficiency and ASEAN's external and regional affairs. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the ASEAN Alternate President.

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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.

Prime Minister attends 2nd Mekong-Japan Summit



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends 2nd Mekong-Japan Summit in Hanoi of Vietnam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 2nd Mekong-Japan Summit held at Room No. 347, third floor of National Convention Center (NCC) in Hanoi of Vietnam at 8:30 am on 29 October.

The summit was also attended by Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Naoto Kan, Prime Minister of Lao Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from Cambodia, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Before the Summit, the Japanese Prime Minister and the Prime Ministers from Mekong region countries had a documentary photo taken at the meeting hall.

After that, the 2nd Mekong-Japan Summit was held. At the summit, the Vietnamese Prime Minister acted as the chairperson and made an opening speech.

At the Summit, the Japanese Prime Minister and the Prime Ministers from the Mekong Region countries exchanged views on more development of Mekong Region countries and more cooperation between Japan and Mekong Region countries, promotion of trade and investment, development of infrastructures and rapid development of businesses, conservation of natural environments with short- and long-term plans, management of utilizing Mekong River water, further strengthening friendly ties between Mekong Region countries and Japan and enhancing mutual cooperation between the countries in implementing future tasks.

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Prime Minister attends working luncheon of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries



Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends Working Luncheon of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and leaders of ASEAN Economic Advisory Council in Hanoi of Vietnam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the working luncheon of Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, and leaders of ASEAN Economic Advisory Council at National Convention Centre in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 28 October noon.

It was also attended by Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Haji Hassanali Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the

Philippines Mr Benigno S Aquino III, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, senior officials of ASEAN countries ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and leaders of ASEAN Economic Advisory Council. Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries discussed the report submitted by ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held from 26 to 28 October in Hanoi. Next, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries had working lunch together.—MNA

Prime Minister arrives in Hanoi of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental heads, left here for Vietnam by special flight on 27 October to attend the 17th ASEAN Summit and related summits.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Nobai International Airport of Vietnam at 12:10 pm at local standard time.

There, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and Deputy Head of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Vietnam Mr Tran Thanh Cong got on special flight and



The opening ceremony of 17th ASEAN Summit in progress in Hanoi of Socialist Republic of Vietnam. (News on page 16)—MNA



welcomed the Prime Minister.

At the foot of boarding bridge, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Minister for Education of Vietnam Mr Pham Voluan and a Vietnamese girl presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

After that, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Military Attaché Col Tin Tun Aye from Myanmar Embassy, officials of the embassy and Military Attaché Office and their families. Then, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by a Guard of Honour. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party left for Hotel Nikko Hanoi in Hanoi where they stayed. —MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein takes salute of Guard of Honour at Nobai International Airport of Vietnam.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends Gala Dinner hosted by Vietnamese PM and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister U Thein Sein attended a Gala Dinner hosted by Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife at the Banquet Hall of the National Convention Centre (NCC) in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at 8.30 pm on 29 October.

Also present at the gala dinner were Sultan of the Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Prime Minister of Lao PDR Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of Philippines Mr. Benigno S. Aquino III, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of

Thailand Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Premier of the People's Republic of China Mr. Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Japan Mr Naoto Kan, President of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Myung-bak, Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of Australia Ms. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of New Zealand Mr John Key, Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the United States of America who were guests of the host SRV and senior officers.

The Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN countries, the Secretary-General of the UN and the Secretary-General of the ASEAN were warmly welcomed by the SRV Prime Minister and wife. The SRV Prime Minister

and wife posed for documentary photo together with the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and the secretary-general of the UN and the secretary-general of the ASEAN. The Vietnamese Prime Minister delivered an address at the gala dinner.

The SRV Prime Minister and wife hosted a dinner to the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries, the Premier of State Council of the People's Republic of China, the Japanese Prime Minister, the President of ROK, the Prime Minister of India, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the UN Secretary-General, the ASEAN Secretary-General, ministers and senior officers.

During the dinner, Vietnamese cultural troupe presented songs and dances to the guests. —MNA



Heads of State/ Government of ASEAN countries, UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan at Gala Dinner hosted by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife.—MNA



Visitors examine exhibits on the exhibition for Marathon Battle in 490 BC held in Athens on 29 Oct, 2010, marking the 2,500th anniversary of the battle between Greeks and Persians. The 2010 Athens Classic Marathon Race will be held on 31 October.—XINHUA

Same gun used in 3 military shootings

WASHINGTON, 31 Oct — The FBI said Thursday it has determined shots fired at three Washington-area military buildings recently all came from the same weapon. The agency has not disclosed what type of weapon they suspect was used or the caliber of the ammunition they found at the shooting scenes, *The Washington Post* reported.

The shootings occurred at a US Marine Corps recruiting station in Chantilly, Va, Tuesday, the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Va, on 17 Oct and at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va, on 19 Oct.

No one was hurt in the incidents, which occurred late at night or early in the morning. Authorities have yet to come up with a motive. "We're following all possible leads at this point," Andrew Ames, a spokesman for the FBI's Washington field office, said.

Internet

Ninja ringleader guilty of murder

PENSACOLA, 31 Oct—A jury Thursday night convicted the ringleader of a band of ninja-like robbers in the 2009 slayings of a Florida couple. The penalty phase begins Friday in which the panel will decide whether to recommend Leonard Patrick Gonzalez Jr, 36, be sent to prison or to his death for murdering Byrd and Melanie Billings, the *Pensacola News Journal* reported.

The jury deliberated about 5 hours before finding Gonzalez guilty on two counts of first-degree murder and one count of home invasion. The verdict followed three days of testimony. The Billingses were the parents of 17 children, 13 of them adopted and several with special needs. Nine were home at the time of the July 2009 break-in and killings.

Authorities said Gonzalez was a down-on-his-luck businessman who put together a gang with the goal of robbing

the Billingses, who he thought had a safe containing \$13 million in their Beulah home. The robbers were outfitted in black clothing like martial arts fighters depicted in movies when they staged the robbery, authorities said. Seven others were charged in the home invasion.—Internet



A New Zealand man will go out with a bang on Saturday when his ashes are fired from a cannon over Wellington Harbour during a ceremony to mark Captain James Cook's birthday. The ashes of Alfonse Kennedy Goss, known as AK, 58, who died last year from cancer, will be fired from an artillery piece by his friends from the Wellington Cannon Society, newswire.co.nz reported.—INTERNET

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Solar-powered aircraft Solar Impulse HB-SIA prototype airplane during a flight over Payerne on 7 April, 2010. Aeronautical authorities have confirmed world records for the aircraft that flew around the clock in July, including those for the longest and highest flight by such an aircraft.—INTERNET

British Airways beats ash and strikes with first profit in 2 years

LONDON, 31 Oct — British Airways on Friday reported a half-year net profit of 107 million pounds (\$170 million) as cost cuts helped offset the impact of cabin crew

strikes and nearly a week of canceled flights in April because of the Icelandic volcano. The profit for the six months to 30 Sept was the first since 2008. A year earlier, BA

had reported a loss of 217 million pounds for the comparable period.

Revenue rose 8.4 percent to 4.45 billion pounds; passenger revenue was up 7.9 percent to 3.88 billion pounds while capacity was reduced by 6.2 percent. Cargo revenue jumped 39 percent to 350 million pounds. BA shares were down 0.3 percent at 280 pence in early trading on the London Stock Exchange.—Internet



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Heads, legs sticking out of sand after Indonesian tsunami

JAKARTA, 31 Oct — A 10-year-old boy has found an 18-month-old baby alive in a clump of trees in the aftermath of the Indonesian tsunami, as the

nation battles to deliver aid to the tsunami-affected region. The toddler's discovery was a rare piece of happy news as the tsunami toll hit at least 394 today.

Days after the wave hit, rescuers are still finding bodies strewn on beaches and stuck in trees. Elsewhere in the disaster-prone archipelago, the nation's most active volcano was spewing searing heat clouds again today, sparking concern over the fate of residents who may have returned to their homes after an eruption left more than 30 people dead.—Internet

Halloween 'bloody foot' sparks police call

OVERLAND PARK, 31 Oct — Police in Kansas called out to investigate a report of a bloody foot hanging from the trunk of a car determined it was a Halloween decoration, authorities said. A woman motorist called police in Overland Park last week to report sighting the foot, which she said she was sure was part of a child's severed leg, a Police Department blog post by Chief John M. Douglass said.

An investigating officer contacted the woman, who gave him the car's license plate number, which led police to the registered owner's home, where they found no one at home.—Internet

'Tube free' toilet paper headed for stores

IRVING, 31 Oct—Texas-based paper products giant Kimberly-Clark said the first "tube free" toilet paper is on its way to stores in the Northeast United States. The Irving company said Scott Naturals Tube-Free toilet

paper will be available Monday at Sam's Club and Walmart stores across the Northeast, and the brand may go global if sales are high, USA Today reported on Wednesday.

Kimberly-Clark said the technology may also be

adapted to its paper towel brands if the toilet paper is successful. The company estimated 17 billion toilet paper tubes are produced each year in the United States, creating about 160 million pounds of garbage.

Internet

Tsunami destruction :
Villagers search for their belongings at a collapsed house at Taparaboat village in the Mentawai islands, West Sumatra, after a 7.7-magnitude quake triggered a tsunami that hit the area.

INTERNET



Fergie warns Rooney not to expect instant return

MANCHESTER, 31 Oct — Sir Alex Ferguson admits Wayne Rooney could struggle to win back his Manchester United place when he returns to fitness. Rooney has always been



Sir Alex Ferguson

Second-half display delights Bayern's van Gaal

MUNICH, 31 Oct — Coach Louis van Gaal was delighted with his Bayern Munich side's second-half display as the defending champions moved up the Bundesliga table with a morale-boosting

4-2 win over Freiburg. Friday night's win at Munich's Allianz Arena put Bayern seventh in the league, before this weekend's matches, and narrowed the gap behind leaders Mainz.

"I'm happy with the result, but we didn't play well in the first half," said van Gaal after his side's fourth win in ten games. "We were far better after half-time, but we've conceded goals again."

Internet

one of the first names down on Ferguson's team-sheet at Old Trafford, but he is currently sidelined with an ankle problem and Ferguson has hinted that the emergence of Javier Hernandez is threatening the England striker's position.

With Rooney recovering from his injury in Dubai, young Mexican forward Hernandez has seized his chance to such an extent that United's star striker may not walk straight back into the side. Hernandez struck late winners at Stoke last weekend and in the League Cup victory over Wolves in mid-week. And United manager Ferguson is impressed by his new signing's exploits.—Internet

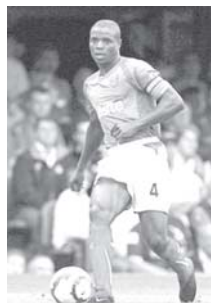
South Africa's Mokoena signs new Portsmouth deal

LONDON, 31 Oct — South Africa captain Aaron Mokoena signed a new two-and-a-half-year contract with English Championship club Portsmouth on Friday. Mokoena was keen to extend his stay with Portsmouth even though the Fratton Park team were relegated from the Premier League last season.

The 29-year-old, who joined Portsmouth from Blackburn in 2009, has been a key figure this season as Steve Cotterill's team recovered from a poor start to climb away from the relegation zone. With Portsmouth finally under new ownership following Balram Chainrai's takeover, the club was able to reward

Mokoena for his loyalty by handing him a new deal. Mokoena told Portsmouth's website: "I wanted to commit myself to Pompey because this is where I belong."

Internet



Aaron Mokoena in action during an English Premier League football match.

INTERNET

Dementieva announces unexpected retirement

DOHA, 31 Oct — Olympic champion Elena Dementieva unexpectedly announced her retirement at the age of only 29 after losing her last group match at the year-end

WTA Tour Championships here on Friday. Dementieva, who reached two Grand Slam finals but enjoyed her greatest moment at the Beijing Games, bowed

out amidst tearful scenes after a 6-4, 6-2 loss to Francesca Schiavone, the French Open champion from Italy.

Many people expected the tall, heavy-hitting Muscovite to carry on for a while yet, and make a few more attempts at the elusive Grand Slam title her powerful game seemed more than capable of achieving. But the Russian has been troubled by injury and seemed to be hampered by an ankle problem that restricted her movement this week. "It's so difficult to say goodbye," she said, fighting back her emotions.

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Russian tennis player Elena Dementieva wipes her tears after announcing her retirement following her WTA Championships match against Italy's Francesca Schiavone in the Qatari capital Doha.—INTERNET

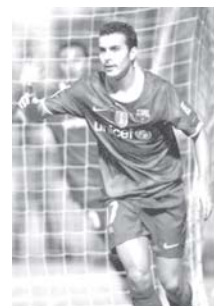
S P O R T S

Goal-shy Barca braced for Sevilla test

MADRID, 31 Oct — Champions Barcelona have taken the plaudits over the past two seasons for their stylish football but Jose Mourinho's goal-plundering Real Madrid have bagged the limelight of late while Barca look a shadow of the side that has won back-to-back league titles. Barcelona lie a point behind Real Madrid in third place, but Pep Guardiola's side have a tough test on Saturday at home to Kings Cup holders Sevilla while Real are at promoted Hercules.

"The fact that we have won (the previous) two titles doesn't mean we don't have any pressure to deal with," said Barca coach Guardiola. "It is a huge challenge for us this season." Barca's Spanish World Cup stars have looked jaded and have been struggling for goals with Argentine Lionel Messi the only striker on

top of his game with four goals in his last two matches in all competitions. David Villa may be Spain's joint all-time leading goalscorer with 44 goals, but the World Cup winner has just two league goals to his name since joining Barcelona from Valencia.—Internet



Barcelona's forward Pedro Rodriguez celebrates after scoring during their Spanish Copa del Rey (King's cup) football match against Ceuta on 26 Oct, 2010 at Alfonso Murube stadium in Ceuta.—INTERNET

Song-Hee Kim leads in South Korea

INCHEON, 31 Oct — South Korea's Song-Hee Kim birdied four holes in a row on the front nine Friday and finished with her second straight 4-under 68 for a one-stroke lead over defending champion Na Yeon Choi in the LPGA Hana Bank Championship. Winless in 73 LPGA Tour starts, Kim finished second in the LPGA Championship in late June, then lost a playoff to Choi the fol-

lowing week in the Jamie Farr Classic.

"I played really well in the early part of the round, but I struggled with my shots in the last part of the round," Kim said.

"I managed to overcome the adversity with my putting. I think I can play well tomorrow if I play the way I played today." Choi also shot a 68 on Sky 72 Golf Club's Ocean Course.

Internet



Michelle Wie of the United States watches her tee shot on the 9th hole during the second round of the LPGA HanaBank Championship at the Sky72 Golf Course in Incheon, South Korea, on 30 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

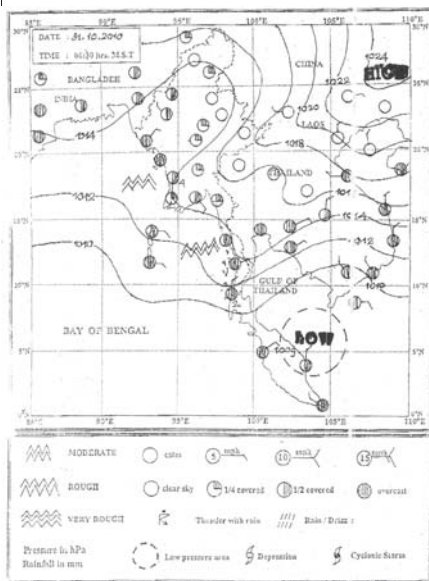
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Milan's Ronaldinho back on Brazil roster

SAO PAULO, 31 Oct — Ronaldinho is back on Brazil's national team for the first time in 1 1/2 years, and young forward sensation Neymar is returning after an absence for disciplinary reasons. Coach Mano Menezes said on Friday he included Ronaldinho for the 17 November exhibition against Argentina at Doha, Qatar, because he "can add value in a sector where we must still evolve."

Ronaldinho, a midfielder and forward for AC Milan, was left off the World Cup roster and hasn't played for Brazil since a World Cup qualifier against Peru in April 2009. He was voted FIFA player of the year in 2004 and 2005. Neymar scored against the United States in August in his international debut, then was dropped for exhibitions against Iran and the Ukraine this month after Santos suspended the 18-year-old for offending his teammates and coach.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 31st 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 Bago and Taninthayi Regions, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady 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 Paletwa and Maungdaw (1.78) inches each and Monywa (1.65) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 30-10-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 31-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-10-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 31-10-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 30-10-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 31-10-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-10-2010 was (56%). Total sunshine hours on 30-10-2010 was (10) hours.

Rainfall on 31-10-2010 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 (10)

mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 30-10-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 1st November 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and weather 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 Delta, 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 isolated rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-11-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-11-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-11-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

US man pleads guilty to illegally trading elephant ivory

WASHINGTON, 31 Oct — A Florida man pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to illegally selling and exporting African elephant ivory, a violation of the Endangered Species Act. Joseph Barringer, the owner of pool cue company Cue Components, sold ivory laden cue sticks to an undercover London police officer with Scotland Yard, the Justice Department said.

Federal agents seized 197 pounds (89 kilograms) of elephant ivory from Barringer's offices, including 24 elephant tusk tips. They also took in over 1,800 Cuban cigars, which are prohibited in the United States and can only be imported through clandestine means. The plea agreement said there was insufficient evidence to determine whether the ivory was illegally smuggled into the United States.

Court papers showed Barringer once told his customers, including the undercover London police officer, that "we're loaded up and I do mean loaded up with beautiful elephant ivory right now."

Internet



A Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) ranger unpacks elephant tusks in August 2010, that were part of an ivory haul seized overnight. A Florida man pleaded guilty in US federal court on rsday to illegally selling and exporting African elephant ivory, a violation of the Endangered Species Act.

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MYANMARINTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(1-11-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions

Times

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

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
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- * Journey to the Golden Rock (Kyaik Htee Yoe Pagoda)
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Beikthano The Ancient Glory of Myanmar
- * News
- * Being Young (Youth and Music)
- * News
- * A Day In Zalun
- * Myanmar Movies "Sweet Revenge"



**Monday,
1 November
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

8:25 am

8. Teleplay (Industry)

8:35 am

9. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Philosophy)

4:45 pm

5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:00 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:15 pm

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

5:30 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News
15. Demo Birthday (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone)

16. International

News

17. Weather Report

18. Documentary

19. TV Drama Series

20. Fine Arts Square

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Prime Minister U Thein Sein attends opening of 17th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the opening of the 17th ASEAN Summit held at National Convention Centre, Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 28 October afternoon.

It was also attended by Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Haji Hassanah Bolkiah Muissaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa on behalf of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Mr Benigno S

Aquino III, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung,

ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Surin Pitsuwan and high-ranking officials of ASEAN countries.

The 17th ASEAN Summit was opened with ASEAN anthem. Next,

Prime Minister congratulates Algerian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov —On the occasion of the National Day of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 2010, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Ouyahia, Prime Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.—MNA

Alternate President of ASEAN Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung delivered an opening speech. Next, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries posed for a

documentary photo and the opening of ASEAN Summit came to an end. MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with Heads of State/Government from ASEAN countries at the opening of 17th ASEAN Summit.—MNA