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Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct— At the invitation of His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Her Excellency Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, will pay an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for every one 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.

Quality paddy strains, utilization of modern agricultural machinery necessary for farmers to minimize wastage during harvest to ensure quality paddy

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein gave an address at work implementation meeting on agricultural development held at 500-acre model plantation of modern mechanized farming in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 8 am today.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe, and directors-general and managing directors



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein views harvesting and winnowing at 500-acre model paddy plantation in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing elaborated on continued implementation of irrigation systems of already-built 28 dams and progress in renovation of 16 canal systems which are basic needs for development of the agricultural sector of the nation; prevention of flood in townships and villages in Bago Region which experiences

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PERSPECTIVES

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Youths—key in uplifting sports sector

In nation's modernization process, promoting standards of the sports is no exception.

Uplifting the sports means safeguarding the State. Due to participation of talented youth athletes in the sports, remarkable success can be achieved in the sports sector and the larger number of healthy and fit persons will emerge. Thus, they can serve the best interests of the nation.

Today's youths are new generation of the country. They need to be healthy and fit to be able to lead the nation towards a brighter future. Thus, utmost efforts are to be made for uplifting the Myanmar sports standard so as to turn out healthy and fit new generation youths.

The government is turning out outstanding youth athletes from Institutes of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) and (Mandalay). Achievements in the sports reflect the progress of the nation. As today's youths are being nurtured systematically to become the outstanding athletes who bring honour to the State, they are to try hard to uplift their talent and brilliant skills with sporting spirit.

Those who are participating in the sports can enjoy benefits of understanding, unity, amity, happiness and compassion among them, and they will be healthy mentally and physically.

Holding the sports competitions with the participation of youths can expose talented youths. Proper trainings are to be provided to the youths to be successful in sports.

As the government is giving priority to uplifting of sports standard, the youth athletes are to grasp the good opportunity for bringing prestige to the State.



An educative talk on youth and danger of drugs was held in No (2) Basic Education High School of Sangyoung Township in Yangon on 24 September.—MNA

Slight earthquake hits outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct— A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India Region) about (265) miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (54) min (10) sec M.S.T on 1st October 2011, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Three libraries inaugurated with donations of furniture, publications in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Tsp



Union Ministers view local people reading at Yaung-ni-oo Library in Thabyegon Ward of Zabuthiri Township. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Three libraries were opened and furniture and publications were donated to libraries in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township today.

First, Alinyaung Library in Aungchantha Village was inaugurated by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo.

Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt unveiled the signboard of the library.

Afterwards, they viewed local people reading at the library.

Yaung-ni-oo Library in Thabyegon Ward was formally opened by Union Ministers U Tint Hsan and U Thein Nyunt and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan unveiled the signboard of the library.

Sarpangin Library in Shwekyarbin Ward was opened by Union Ministers U Kyaw Hsan and U Thein Nyunt and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo.

Union Minister U Tint Hsan unveiled the signboard of the library.

A ceremony to donate furniture, publications and periodicals to the libraries was held at Zabuthiri Township Hall. Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said libraries had been established in almost all villages across the country. As part of efforts for development of the libraries, local people should cooperate with the State and Myanmar Libraries Foundation to inspire rural people to reading, to systematically keep books and periodicals at the library, to raise funds for libraries

with practise of book-borrowing card system, to get land building and proper furniture for libraries, to train librarians by the Information and Public Relations Department and to set up a committee for a each library, he added.

Afterwards, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Oo also urged local people to read books for their intellectual development. Three fully-furnished libraries had been set up in Zabuthiri Township while libraries had mushroomed across the country, he added. He also called on local people for making efforts for development of the libraries.

Union Minister Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt said that libraries had been established in Zabuthiri Township to disseminate knowledge to the people while efforts were being made for all-round development of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. The buildings for libraries were donated by ACE Company, furniture were provided by the Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee and power supply to libraries was arranged by Ministry of Industry-2. Local people could pursue knowledge at their villages without going to other areas as libraries were within their reach.

Afterwards, Managing Director of ACE Construction Company handed over documents related to the three libraries to Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Htut.

A total of 5366 books including 305 books donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation, 1530 books by IPRD, 1743 books by local people and 360 books by ACE Construction Company were contributed to the libraries. Solar-power lampposts and furniture were donated by Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee.

A townselder spoke words of thanks for the establishment of libraries.

MNA

Members of MWEA leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 1 Oct— Daw Nant Su Sandi Hlaing and Daw Khin Sandar Kyaw, members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, left here this morning by air to attend the 3rd WIEF Women Entrepreneurs Workshop to be held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia from 2 to 10 October.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Joint-Secretary Daw Khin Lay of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association and responsible persons.

MNA

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct— According to the (12:30) hr.M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo (605) cm has exceeded by (5) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Second typhoon slams Philippines

MANILA, 1 Oct—Typhoon Nalgae lashed the Philippines on Saturday, killing at least one person and bringing fresh misery for more than a million people still trapped by floods from a storm earlier this week, officials said.

Nalgae made landfall on the main island of Luzon at 9:00am (0100 GMT) and was tearing southwest with sustained winds of 160 kilometres (100 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 195 kilometres, the weather service said.

Science Undersecretary Graciano Yumul said the storm was tracking the same path as deadly Typhoon Nesat, which dumped the biggest single-day volume of rain on the area this year after hitting Luzon on Tuesday.

“At this point in time, all the flooded areas should be emptied of people. Local officials should implement forced evacuation,” he told a news conference.

One person was killed and another injured when a landslide buried a van on a mountain highway near the upland resort of Baguio, said Alex Uy of the local civil defence office.

“Baguio is being pummelled by strong rain and winds,” he told AFP.

There have been no deaths in the city of 360,000, but the winds uprooted trees, he added.

Typhoon Nesat killed 50 people and left 31 others missing, according to a government tally.—*Internet*



A family is marooned after floods swamped their village during the passage of Typhoon Nesat in Pulilan, north of Manila.
INTERNET

Death toll from cholera rises to 6,435 in Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO, 1 Oct—Haitian health authorities on Friday said the number of deaths caused by cholera increased to 6,435 in the Caribbean country since October 2010.

The Haitian Health Ministry said the number of people infected with cholera almost reached half a million, although the ministry repeated the epidemic was decreasing.

The report said 455,727 people had been treated due to cholera, and 242,205 had to be hospitalized.

The western province of Artibonite suffered the plague most with 1,196 deaths. The southwest province of Nippes registered the smallest death toll of 181.—*Xinhua*

Cholera epidemic hits Central African Republic

BANGUI, 1 Oct—A new cholera epidemic has hit the Central African Republic and has already claimed at least 10 victims in the south, health minister Jean-Michel Mandaba said Friday.

His comments came the day after a health services source sounded the alarm that cholera had killed six people in the Limbo region, 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the capital Bangui.

“The government of the Central African Republic would like to officially declare that there is a cholera epidemic in the (southern) health zones of Ombella-Mpoko and Lobaye, leaving at least 10 people dead,” Mandaba said.

The minister called for calm and urged the local population to go about their usual business while “scrupulously respecting basic hygiene and cleansing measures.”—*Internet*



A boy walks through a muddy puddle of water in Kibati, DR Congo, 2008. A new cholera epidemic has hit the Central African Republic and has already claimed at least 10 victims in the south, health minister Jean-Michel Mandaba said on Friday.

INTERNET

Car bomb at Iraq funeral kills 10



A member of the Iraqi civil defence corps carries a wounded boy rescued from the site of a blast outside a bank where police officers were collecting their salaries in the ethnically-mixed oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 1 Oct—A mosque in central Iraq on Friday evening, killing at least 10 people, part of nationwide violence that left 14 dead.

The explosion

Plane flies into ferris wheel in Australia

SYDNEY, 1 Oct—A small plane crashed into a ferris wheel at a small town fair in Australia and was left dangling from the structure with its pilot and passenger trapped inside, according to authorities. Two children, a boy and a girl, who were on the ride at the time of the accident were rescued unharmed, police said.

“The ultra-light Cheetah S200 is currently stuck in the ferris wheel. The pilot and passenger were not injured in the crash,” New South Wales police said in a statement.

Police and emergency



People look at a Cheetah S200 airplane stuck in a ferris wheel after it crashed into the fairground attraction in Taree, New South Wales, on 1 October.—INTERNET

occurred at around 5:30 pm (1430 GMT) outside the Nabi Ayub Shiite mosque, just south of Hilla, the capital of Babil Province, as mourners were gathering for the funeral of Abdelamir Jaffar al-Khafaji, a leader of the Al-Khafaja tribe who died of natural causes.

A doctor at Hilla’s main hospital put the toll at 10 killed and 45 wounded, while a police lieutenant said 10 people died and 29 were injured.

“I was 50 metres (yards) away from the explosion when it happened,” said mourner Mohammed Kadhim, 45. “It happened near where the cars were parking, close to the entrance of the mosque.”

“Then I saw dozens of people. Some were dead, some were injured. It was a chaotic scene.”

Internet

NATO helicopter makes precautionary landing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Oct—A NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) CH-47 helicopter conducted a precautionary landing after receiving small arms fire in southern Afghanistan on Friday, the ISAF said.

“The helicopter was on a medical evacuation mission at the time and had one patient on board. Shortly after the landing, another ISAF helicopter arrived on the scene and transported the patient, passengers and aircrew to a nearby ISAF facility without further incident,” a Press release issued by the ISAF Friday evening said.

“The landing site has been secured and efforts are now underway to recover the aircraft. More details on this incident will be released as appropriate,” read the Press release.

Forty nine countries are contributing 130,000-strong forces in Afghanistan with over 90,000 of them American mainly stationed in the east and south, followed by 9,500 from UK mainly based in southern Afghanistan.—*Xinhua*



A doctor wearing a protective mask against flu checks an X-ray scan at a hospital in 2009. A rare virus has killed three people and sickened nearly 100 in Japan, the Philippines, the United States and the Netherlands over the past two years, US health authorities said Friday.—INTERNET

Health Rare flu-like virus on the rise

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct— A rare virus has killed three people and sickened nearly 100 in Japan, the Philippines, the United States and the Netherlands over the past two years, US health authorities said Friday.

The culprit is human enterovirus 68 (HEV68), and its respiratory symptoms can be particularly dangerous to children, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. In six separate

clusters of the virus that showed up worldwide, patients commonly experienced cough, difficulty breathing and wheezing.

The highest number of cases were found in Japan, where local public health authorities reported more than 120 cases last year.

However, the CDC said it could only confirm clinical data for 11 of those patients, all children, one of whom died. The Philippines had 21 cases in late 2008 and early 2009, causing two deaths, the CDC said.

Other cases surfaced in the Netherlands and the US states of Georgia, Pennsylvania and Arizona, for 95 total confirmed cases over

two years. The virus was first discovered in four children who were sick with pneumonia in California in 1962, but subsequent incidences have been rare and sporadic, according to the CDC.

“Identification of a large number of patients with HEV68 respiratory disease detected during a single season, such as described in this report, is a recent phenomenon,” it added.

“Whether this increase in recognized cases is attributable to improved diagnostics or whether the clusters themselves represent an emergence of the pathogen is unknown.”

Internet

China factory activity picks up, export orders recover

BEIJING, 1 Oct.—China’s factory activity picked up in September for a second month in a row and export orders strengthened, offering some reassurance that the world’s second-largest economy can weather the globaleconomic turmoil.

The official purchasing managers’ index showed inflation pressures eased slightly, but probably not enough for Beijing to relax in its battle against soaring prices. China’s PMI inched up to 51.2 from August’s 50.9, largely in line with a median forecast of 51.3 in a Reuters poll. The new export orders index rebounded to 50.9 from 48.3 in August, which was a 28-month low. The 50-point mark is the dividing line between expansion and contraction.

China is by no means immune to slowdowns in the United States and Europe, its two biggest export markets. However, strong domestic demand and solid Asian export growth have provided some insulation. Still, investors have grown increasingly concerned that China’s economy may slow more sharply than anticipated. Beijing has tried to orchestrate a modest cool-down to help curb inflation, but a deepening debt crisis in Europe threatens to trigger a recession there, which could trip up global growth. Saturday’s data suggested

fears of a more pronounced China slowdown may be somewhat overblown. September’s PMI reading was the highest since May. The index had steadily declined from March through July as growth in new orders slowed. “September’s PMI should provide some support to global investor confidence, if only at the margin,” said Alistair Thornton, an economist at IHS Global Insight in Beijing.

“However, this does little to clarify policy stance, with authorities still eyeing the situation in Europe and the United States for their cue to loosen,” he added in a note.—Reuters



An employee works on circuit boards at an electronic component factory in Hefei, Anhui Province on 1 August, 2011.—INTERNET

S Korea warns of slowing

Business export growth

SEOUL, 1 Oct—South Korea’s government warned that export growth will slow in the fourth quarter due to worsening overseas conditions, after reporting a smaller than expected September trade surplus.

The Ministry of Knowledge Economy on Saturday reported a \$1.44 billion trade surplus compared to the \$2.1 billion tipped in a Dow Jones Newswires poll of seven economists.

Exports grew 19.6 percent from September 2010, slower than the poll had predicted, while imports grew by 30.5 percent. “Export growth in the fourth quarter will slow because of deterioration in external conditions and high base effect,” the ministry said in a statement.

“The trade surplus is unlikely to widen as export conditions weaken from a global economic slowdown, while imports are expected to continue growing due to high oil prices.” The figure is the latest sign that South Korea’s export-dependent economy is feeling the pinch because of the eurozone debt crisis and the sluggish US economy.

But economic officials point out that emerging economies now account for much of the country’s exports. Exports to China were up 20.5 percent year-on-year in September, as measured over the first 20 days, while exports to members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations rose by 43.2 percent.—Internet



Containers are seen here stacked up at a terminal in South Korea’s southeastern port city of Busan.—INTERNET

Health US death toll from bad cantaloupes rises to 15

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct— with listeria from a Fifteen people have died and 84 have been sickened after eating cantaloupes infected with listeria from a Colorado farm, US health authorities said Friday. The source of the United States’ worst



A cantaloupe is seen sliced open on September 29 in Miami, Florida. Fifteen people have died and 84 have been sickened after eating cantaloupes infected with listeria from a Colorado farm, US health authorities said Friday.—INTERENT

foodborne disease outbreak in more than a decade has been traced to Jensen Farms, a family-owned operation, and a voluntary recall was issued two weeks ago.

However, investigators are still trying to figure out how the whole melons became contaminated, in what has been described as the first known outbreak of listeria in cantaloupes.

On Wednesday, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration warned that cases were sure to

mount because of the long incubation period of the unusual bacterium. People can become sick up to two months after consuming a tainted product.

Listeriosis is particularly dangerous to the elderly, those with weakened immune systems and pregnant women because it can cause miscarriage or stillbirth.

Illnesses have been reported in 19 states, according to the CDC. The previous toll, announced on Wednesday, was 13 dead and 72 people sick.—Internet

Twitter tells scientists how the world feels

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct—Hate mornings, especially on Mondays? You may be surprised to know that much of the world doesn't share that grumpy feeling. Twitter shows people are more cheerful in the morning, get gloomier as the day wears on and rebound in the evening, with a peak right before bedtime. They're

also happier from December to late June, when days gradually lengthen in the Northern Hemisphere.

Using the micro-blogging site Twitter as a gauge of global sentiment, social scientists studied 509 million tweets from 2.4 million users in 84 countries between

February 2008 and January 2010, according to research reported on Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Bad news, even if it happens to a complete stranger, brings Twitter users down, research by scientists from Cornell University suggests.

Twitter, the five-year-old site that lets users communicate 140-character posts, offers an unprecedented chance to study human behavior and social networks, the scientists said. Those brief posts get down to the nitty-gritty, showing that Twitter users prefer bacon to sausage and Cheerios to Frosted Flakes, Cornell sociologist and co-author Michael Macy said in a telephone interview on Friday.

Reuters



A Twitter page is displayed on a laptop computer in Los Angeles 13 October, 2009.

INTERNET

YouTube video of deaf woman hearing for first time goes viral

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 Oct—Deaf since birth, 29-year-old Sloan Churman had been wearing hearing aids since the age of two. Eight weeks ago, she had a Esteem hearing implant surgically placed behind her ear.

After allowing the implanted area to heal, Ms Churman went into the doctor's office to have the device turned on.

After a bit of calibration, she was able to hear her voice for the very first time and her husband captured the moment of the first moments on video as well as uploaded the video to YouTube. The video of her first moment of hearing can be seen below. The technology behind the digital implant utilizes a sound processor to translate vibrations into electrical signals. However, there's no microphone or speaker involved to capture and broadcast sounds.

The implant is placed beneath the skin making it invisible to anyone else and no external hardware, like a hearing aid, is required to make it

work.

The outer portion of the ear takes in sound and funnels it through the ear canal.

As the sounds reach the eardrum and causes it to vibrate, the implant senses the vibrations through tiny wires and converts them into electrical signals.

These signals are run through the sound processor for adjustment.



The altered signals are sent to the driver which mechanically stimulates the stapes and the cochlea. These signals spark a wave that's sent through the cochlea and the electrical signal is sent off to the brain for interpretation and understanding. After the surgical procedure, patients have to wait approximately six to eight weeks before the implant can be turned on.—*Internet*



The Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) tunnel, located at the CERN particle research centre near Geneva, is seen in this undated handout photograph.

INTERNET

US closes atom smasher, passes baton to Europe

CHICAGO, 1 Oct—The powering down of Fermilab's Tevatron particle accelerator on Friday marked the end of a quarter-century of US dominance in high-energy particle physics.

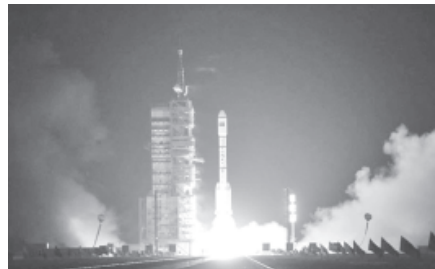
The Tevatron, which accelerates and collides protons and antiprotons in a four-mile-long underground ring, has been replaced by the Large Hadron Collider under the French-Swiss

border, which began operating in March 2010. Physicists at the US lab will now turn to smaller, more focused projects — such as building the most intense proton beam — as they pass the high-energy physics baton to the European Organization for Nuclear Research's (CERN) bigger, better atom smasher.

"Nothing lasts forever at the edge of

science," said Pier Oddone, director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Batavia, Illinois. "We need to move on to those aspects of physics where we can put our mark." Oddone said Europe has outspent the United States by a factor of three, and the United States now has to be very clever and define very carefully how it uses its resources.—*Reuters*

Could you send up a couple of pizzas?



A Long March-2FT1 carrier rocket loaded with Tiangong-1 unmanned space lab module blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China's Gansu Province, 29 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 1 Oct—China is developing a cargo spaceship to supply the nation's future space station, said Zhou Jianping, chief designer of China's manned space programme. Supply technology is one of the keys to sustaining a space station's operation with regular deliveries of fuel, food and equipment, as well as experimental devices.

"The Soviet Union's Mir space station, which

de-orbited in 2001, needed supplies from a cargo ship four times a year. Our cargo spaceship will have more capacity than that, so we will need to make fewer deliveries," Zhou said. "It is unlikely we will rely on a manned spaceship to ferry food and fuel to a space station, as a manned spaceship can take only 300 kg of cargo, far from enough for future space station operations," he said.

This cargo spaceship, yet unnamed, will weigh 13 tons when fully loaded, Zhou said without elaborating on how much cargo exactly it can carry. With a diameter of 3.35 meters, it will look like the *Tiangong-1* space module that was launched on Thursday as part of China's first spacecraft rendezvous and docking mission. It is a two-module structure - a resource module providing propellant and electricity and another module carrying supplies, he said.

Different from the manned *Shenzhou* spaceships that transport astronauts between Earth and space, a cargo spaceship will not return to Earth, which will save costs, he said. At present, a new launch vehicle, Long March VII, is under development for sending the cargo spaceship into space, he said.—*Xinhua*

Google opens its first retail store, located in London

LONDON, 1 Oct—Watching how Apple has made such a big success of its retail stores, it appears that Google now wants a piece of the action.

The Internet giant has taken over 285 square feet of space inside a computer store in central London, though it'll only be there until Christmas.

The Chrome Zone

store opened for business on Friday inside a PC World store on Tottenham Court Road and, according to an Evening Standard report, "only sells Google's Chromebook laptop and a few accessories such as headphones." Its opening was, by all accounts, a low key affair, and certainly a far cry from the commotion usually

associated with the opening of Apple stores.

Google UK's head of consumer marketing Arvind Desikan told the Standard: "It is our first foray into physical retail.

This is a new channel for us and it's still very, very early days. It's something Google is going to play with and see where it leads."

Desikan went on to say that the Chrome Zone

would give consumers a chance to try out a Chromebook for themselves and help them better understand what the device is all about. Up until now UK consumers could only buy the Chromebook online, so Google will be hoping that giving people the opportunity to get hands-on with the machine will boost sales.—*Internet*



Two nine day old kittens are seen here in August 2011. The wife of a lawmaker was found guilty of burglary on Friday after being caught on CCTV stealing a kitten from the home of her husband's lover.

INTERNET

Catnapping: MP's wife convicted of stealing kitten

LONDON, 1 Oct—The wife of a lawmaker was found guilty of burglary on Friday after being caught on CCTV stealing a kitten from the home of her husband's lover.

Christine Hemming, 53, had denied the charge, claiming she could not remember taking the four-month-old tabby cat named Beauty when she went to deliver her husband's post on 29 September last year. The incident took place three days after she separated from John Hemming, a member of the Liberal Democrats, the junior partners in the British coalition government.

CCTV footage showed Christine Hemming crawling on her hands and knees underneath a window before sneaking into the property belonging to Emily Cox in Birmingham, central England.

After her conviction at Birmingham Crown Court, Christine Hemming was bailed to return for sentencing on 28 October. The kitten has never been found.—*Internet*

After cancer treatment, Chavez playing ball again

CARACAS, 1 Oct—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez tossed a softball overhand with gusto Thursday, said his latest medical checks have been stellar and ridiculed rumours that his health might have taken a turn for the worse.

Chavez said he is bouncing back vigorously from chemotherapy and gaining weight more than three months after he had surgery to remove a cancerous tumour from his pelvic region. He declined to say what type of cancer he was diagnosed with.

"You want me to tell you more? What for?" Chavez said when asked about the cancer at a



In this photo released by Miraflores Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, left, holds a softball as he speaks with Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro after delivering a live message on state TV at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday 29 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

news conference. "Go to the hospital and ask any person who has cancer: ... 'What is it that you have? And what type is it?' Isn't there something morbid in that?"

"I had a tumour. Now, what do you want me to tell you? That I take the tumor and explain to you here what type of tumour it was and the causes?" Chavez said. "I'm not going to gratify you. A malignant tumour. What more do you all want? ... I had it here, they extracted it."

Chavez motioned to the area where he said the tumor was removed, indicating a vertical incision on his abdomen crossing his waist line.

Internet

Flood death toll rises to 141 in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 1 Oct—At least 141 people were reported dead in the Mekong River and flash floods hitting Cambodia since last month, according to the report of the National Committee for Disaster Management on Friday.

The interim report recorded that from 13 August to 29 September, the flash and Mekong River floods have inundated 15 cities and provinces and had killed 141 people. Of the figure, Prey Veng province has the highest death toll of 39 people, Kampong Cham has 32 deaths, Kampong Thom, 22, and Kratie, 19. Besides human life claims, the floods have affected 173,063 people and forced another 17,273 people evacuated for higher grounds. Also, 130,220 homes have been inundated.

The report said that about 269,953 hectares of rice paddies have been affected and another 61,473 hectares were completely damaged.

About 817 schools and 358 Buddhist pagodas have been submerged and some 100 kilometres of national roads were affected, it said.—*Xinhua*

California man, 67, rescued after six days in ravine

The car of a man who survived for five days after his car plunged 200 feet off a remote mountain is recovered in Castaic, Calif, on 30 Sept, 2011.

INTERNET



LOS ANGELES, 1 Oct—A 67-year-old California grandfather has been rescued after surviving for six days trapped at the bottom of a forest ravine and was in serious condition on Friday in a local hospital, authorities said.

Los Angeles County firefighters airlifted David La Vau from the bottom of a steep, 200-foot-deep ravine along a winding mountain road on Thursday, fire inspector Matt Levesque said. La Vau's family told rescuers that he had spent six days at the bottom of the ravine in the Los Angeles National Forest after his car careened off the road, Levesque said.

He was alert and talking at time of his rescue and was transported to Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital in serious but stable condition on Thursday, Levesque said. Firefighters rappelled down the 70-degree ravine to reach La Vau, and a helicopter lifted him and a paramedic out of the gulf.

In the process of the rescue, another vehicle was found in the ravine, along with its deceased driver, Levesque said. It is not uncommon for cars to fall over the side of road in the steep, hilly terrain of the Angeles National Forest, Levesque said.—*Internet*

Reckless driving charge dropped in deadly Virginia bus crash

CHESAPEAKE, 1 Oct—Virginia prosecutors on Friday dropped a misdemeanor reckless driving charge against the driver of a bus that crashed on I-95 when he fell asleep at the wheel, killing four people, a court clerk said.

That crash, along with several other East Coast bus accidents this year including one in March that killed 15 people returning to New York from a Connecticut casino, sparked calls for tighter regulation of discount bus operators. Driver Kin Yiu Cheung, 37, of New York, still faces four felony involuntary manslaughter charges linked to the I-95 crash and is scheduled to go to trial in January. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

Cheung admitted to falling asleep at the wheel of a Sky Express passenger bus travelling from Greensboro, North Carolina, to New York City, according to court filings. The bus veered off I-95 about 30 miles north of Richmond on 31 May, plowing into an embankment and overturning with 58 people aboard.—*Reuters*



A Virginia State Patrol cruiser sits in front of the aftermath of an early-morning bus crash that killed four people, in the northbound lanes of Interstate 95 in Carmel Church, Virginia, on 31 May, 2011.

INTERNET

MPF, law enforcement force to constantly serve interest of race, religion and State

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct—Upholding Our Three Main National Causes and four-point oaths, members of Myanmar Police Forces is a law enforcement force to constantly serve the interest of race, religion and State; they must be one with the people in discharging duty by organizing the people; through this they would achieve remarkable achievements in undertaking prevalence of law and order and law enforcement; and MPF is to maintain their good morality and protect the public interest in line with the law procedure with appreciation for people's sentiment and people's voice while the entire people are marching to the discipline-flourishing democratic nation with new system, said Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko at the ceremony to mark the 47th Anniversary of MPF at Areindama Hall of MPF, here, this morning. He also honoured an outstanding police women.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko decorated 2011 model police award winner Police

Cpl May Zin Oo of Criminal Investigation Department with police Sgt badge as one-step promotion and model police sash and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint decorated police WO Naing Soe of Hsenwi Special Anti-Drug Squad of Lashio with insignia of Sub-Police Inspector as one step-promotion.

MPF Chief Kyaw Kyaw Tun and MPF Vice-Chief Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win accepted cash donations from wellwishers and gave certificates of honour to them.

The Chief of MPF presented prizes to six outstanding police members and decorated them with insignia of one-step promotion each.

The Vice-Chief of MPF also awarded winners in the police code of conduct contests and women's outstanding award, sports and staff quarter sanitation award to the winners.

Also present on the occasion were Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, deputy ministers, deputy directors-general, guests and officials.—MNA



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko presents prize to 2011 model police award winner Police Cpl May Zin Oo of Criminal Investigation Department.—MNA

International Day of Older Persons-2011 observed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — Organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the ceremony to mark the International Day of Older Persons-2011 was held at the auditorium of the ministry, here, this morning with an address by Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi.

It was also attended by the deputy ministers for SWRR, Labour and Health, Hluttaw representative of Namhsan Constituency, Chairman of Women and Children Protection Committee U Maung Maung Swe and members, department heads, the older persons



Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi delivering address at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Older Persons-2011.—MNA

of Pinyinmana Home for the Aged and in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials, guests and responsible persons of social organizations.

The Union Minister stressed the need to maintain family value of Myanmar culture and tra-

dition, provide necessary assistance for more opening of new homes for the aged while maintaining existing ones for their durability, to actively take part in Home Care Service for the Aged Plan in cooperation with ASEAN member countries, to contribute widely establishment of the inter-older

persons care service, to make constant assessment of ageing and aged care services by intellectual and intelligentsia and to improve the abilities of the older person in Myanmar society, to make collaborative efforts between the elder persons and the youths in shaping the nation into

democratic one in accord with the motto "Towards A Society For All Ages", and to put harmonious efforts in rural region development and poverty alleviation scheme.

UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Mohamed S Abdel-Ahad extended greetings.

The Union Minister presented cash assistance for oldest grandpa and grandma of Myanmar and government-recognized homes for the aged from Regions and States to Director-General U Soe Kyi of Social Welfare Department.

Wellwishers donated cash to the funds for the homes for the aged from Regions and States. The Union Minister and Deputy Minister for SWRR U Phone Swe accepted cash donations and presented certificates of

honour to them.

The Union Minister and the Chairman of Women and Children Protection Committee donated medicines and cash assistance to the aged from Pinyinmana Home for the Aged and those in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

On behalf of the aged, grandpa U Maung Maung Khin spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the Union Minister, the Deputy Ministers and guests viewed the documentary photos on activities of the Ministry of SWRR, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Children Welfare Association and the Aged Care Service displayed at the hall.

Today's cash donations by wellwishers amounted to K 11,448,950. MNA

Young Indonesians paint the town green



Urban farmers Achmad Marendes (L), Indah Wardhani (C) and Putri Octarina (R) water organic vegetables in a vacant lot in Jakarta. INTERNET

JAKARTA, 1 Oct—Young Indonesians are breathing new life into their polluted concrete capital city with little more than buckets of soil and seeds.

A group of mostly young professionals, known as Gardening Indonesia, has joined the global urban farming movement, converting vacant patches of land between Jakarta's skyscrapers into lush green vegetable gardens. "There's concrete, concrete, everywhere. But if we look hard enough, there is vacant land we can farm," said Sigit Kusumawijaya, 30, watering freshly planted tomato seeds.

On a one-hectare (2.5-acre) lot between luxury homes in a north Jakarta suburb, Kusumawijaya and his fellow gardeners grow tomatoes, cucumbers, corn and chillies where an eyesore dumping ground once stood.

The group's goals are to encourage a healthy population and a green city while saving money on grocery bills.

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Quality paddy strains, utilization of modern...

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flood yearly; greening works of 30-mile radius of Yangon City; situation for creating job opportunities for rural folks and gearing up rural development by implementing necessary irrigation and dam construction works in open season; and implementation of plan for reclamation of modern farm on 70000-acre land in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area using heavy machinery with the fund of agricultural entrepreneurs in accord with the guidance of the President.

Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw reported the needs for implementation of each irrigation system; prevention of flood in Bago Region; simultaneous undertaking of greening works in 30-mile radius of Yangon City in three steps; and projects including Myitthar Multipurpose Dam Special Project to be implemented within three years with foreign loans.

Private agricultural entrepreneur U Kyi Sein presented plans to implement modern mechanized farming system in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area step by step with the use of heavy machinery.

The President in his address instructed to draft priority lists in each sector; to invite private companies to implement



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein views saplings of vegetables at 500-acre mechanized farmland in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

plans simultaneously and promptly; to assign experts to supervise the design works systematically for avoiding weakness in construction works; and to conduct quality control by forming expert teams systematically.

He also highlighted the need to construct production roads in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area; to build tributaries and canals systematically; to extend small farm plots to hectare plots with heavy machinery as a model, and to implement agricultural works in the en-

tire nation; Regions and States with the inclusiveness of private sector for transforming from conventional farming to mechanized one.

The President urged to foster the development of the country together with the development of the agriculture sector by ensuring increased incomes for both the farmers and the nation through rice sector.

President U Thein Sein together with Union ministers viewed portable rice and oil mill, implements for land

preparation necessary to set up mechanized farming system, combined harvesters, paddy transplanting machines, and kitchen crop saplings displayed at 500-acre farmland of modern mechanized farming system. The President and party also viewed loading output of high yield monsoon paddy onto vehicle after being harvested by two harvesters.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing reported on arrangements for growing of crops at 500-acre mechanized farming in Pobbathiri Township in coming seasons to grow cold season crop and summer paddy, preparations for cent per cent transformation in 12,000 acres of irrigated farmlands through GAP system in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and growing of 5000-acre high-yield sunflower for edible oil sufficiency in Nay Pyi Taw.

In response to the report, the President gave instructions on ensuring quality paddy strains to benefit farmers, growing of "quality paddy for quality rice", effectual implementation for utilization of modern agricultural implements necessary for farmers to minimize waste during the harvest and to ensure quality paddy.

He also instructed that as Myanmar is an agricultural-based country, it is required to seek ways in cooperation with the Ministry of Information to cover agricultural education schemes over rural areas daily.

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Machinery for land preparation, combined harvesters and paddy transplanting machines displayed at 500-acre mechanized farmland in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

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Currency exchange counters launched

YANGON, 1 Oct— Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun attended the opening ceremony of currency exchange counters, held at No. 99/103 on Theinbyu Road, Botataung Township today.

Also present were Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win, Directors-General and Managing Directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, the chairmen of banks that are granted foreign exchange licenses, Managing Directors and entrepreneurs

and guests.

The Union Minister looked into procedure of money changer counters.

The Union Minister left necessary instructions after hearing reports presented by the Vice-Governor of CBM and officials concerned on work progress and follow-up tasks.

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Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun looks into progress of currency exchange counters.—MNA





Member of Performing Arts Competitions Organizing Committee Union Minister Dr Mya Aye accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.
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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham...

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The Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions gave guidance to hold the competitions with essence and form. In accord with the guidance,

today's competitions has been made with arrangements for renewing the policies to enable the youths to take part in the song composing contest and regions and states to participate in more

sectors than that of the previous year, provide training on singing, dancing, song composing and music subjects through TV, radio and newspapers on a wider scale, send trainers to necessary regions and states, plan awarding of more special prizes, consolation prizes and honorary prizes to the

winners than that of the previous year, to award winners deservedly, give championship title this year, arrange the three-year consecutive winning champion award to the winners for good, insert new events whether Anyeint and consecration events should be held in the competitions, and scrutinize the

competitions to know whether their standards become higher.

More funds are needed as State-provided funds and previous year's balance are not sufficient. Therefore, wellwishers generously donated K 141,350,000 for the first time and K 85,700,000 for the second time, totaling K 227,050,000 with

national outlook. Later, he thanked the wellwishers for their donation that is sufficiency not only for this year's competitions but also for keeping as the fund for next year.

After the ceremony, Patron of the Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greeted those present and wellwishers.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.
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Winners awarded in International Grand Master Chess Tournament

YANGON, 1 Oct— Under the supervision of the Sports and Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Sports, the prize presentation for the International Grand Master Chess Tournament of Myanmar Chess Federation was held at

Central Hotel, here, yesterday.

Chairman of Myanmar Traditional Chess Subcommittee U Win Aung presented international level certificates to Nguyen Ven Hai (Vietnam) and Win Zaw Tun (Myanmar), President of MCF U

Maung Maung Lwin, diploma certificates to GM Bui Vinh and Nguyen Anh Dung of Vietnam, IM Mok Tze Meng of Malaysia, IM Goh Wei Ming Kevin of Singapore and FM Nguyen Van Hai of Vietnam, Zaw Win Lay, Win Zaw Tun, Myo Naing, Aung Aung,

Tun Tun Than, Min Htoo and Tun Lin Kyaw of Myanmar.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports, Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin presented individual first, second and third prizes to International Grand Master Win Zaw Tun (Myanmar), FM Nguyen Van Hai (Vietnam) and GM Bui

Vinh (Vietnam) and championship trophy to International Grand Master Win Zaw Tun (Myanmar).

The chairman of Myanmar Traditional Chess Subcommittee gave equipment of Myanmar international chess sport to chess federations of Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam.

The players participated in the

demonstration of Myanmar traditional chess sport. Next, the press conference on future tasks of the federation was held.

Altogether 13 international grand masters and masters from India, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and Myanmar participated in the tournament. Wellwishers donated cash to the funds for the tournament.

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Patheingyi Port facilitates export of rice

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

Apart from Yangon Port, Patheingyi Port can be used for exporting rice of Myanmar with smooth and speedy process, said U Thein Win, a rice merchant of Patheingyi recently. As of August this year, bags of rice were loaded onto the vessels for export purpose, he added. He continued to say that in the past, the merchants relied on Yangon Port only for exporting rice and they wasted time and expenditure than the schedule. As Patheingyi Port can accommodate vessels that can transport commodities to foreign countries, the merchants have the opportunity for exporting rice, he said. The merchant noted that thanks to facilities of Patheingyi Port, it does not need to transport rice produced from Ayeyawady Region to Yangon, so the local merchants can save much time and cost.

As Patheingyi Port has been provided with facilities to accommodate ocean liners, export process of rice can be done smoothly.

With a view to ensuring smooth and swift export of commodities from Myanmar, Sittway Port, one more facility, can be allowed for renovation. If the dream comes true for Sittway Port, transport of rice

produced from Rakhine State by vessel will be speedy at home and abroad.

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An ocean liner docks at a port.



A worker assembles a truck at the South Africa branch of China FAW Group Corporation in Johannesburg, on 27 Sept, 2011. The South Africa branch of China FAW Group Corporation started business in March 1994. The company specialized in truck manufacturing.
XINHUA

4x4 left atop British mountain for second time

LONDON, 1 Oct—Authorities say a four-wheel drive vehicle has been abandoned near the summit of one of Britain’s highest mountains — for the second time this month. Mountain rescuers found the Vauxhall Frontera atop Mount Snowdon in north Wales on Thursday. They say it is the same vehicle that was left there 3 Sept. Snowdonia National Park Authority chief executive Aneurin Phillips called the act “irresponsible” and “totally unacceptable.”

The car’s owner, Craig Anthony Williams, has been charged with dangerous driving over the earlier incident and is due in court next week. After his arrest Williams told the BBC that driving up the mountain was on his list of “50 things to do before you die.” The 3,560-foot (1,085 metre) mountain is the highest peak in England and Wales.—Internet

British military cuts 1,000 navy jobs

LONDON, 1 Oct—The British military made more than 1,000 sailors redundant as part of the country’s wider efforts to balance its military budget against a background of economic stagnation and sharp cutbacks in government spending, local media reported on Friday.

They are the first part of cuts that will see 5,000 jobs lost from the Royal Navy by 2015, as Prime Minister David Cameron’s coalition government, which came to power in 2010, struggles to keep its budgets under control.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said the cuts were “the next step after last year’s announcement of the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR). It was announced then that there would be 5,000 redundancies in the Royal Navy, 7,000 in the army, and 5,000 within the Royal Air Force.”

In addition, the MoD will also cut 32,000 civilian jobs, as part of a plan to save 5 billion pounds (about 7.8 billion US dollars).

A total of 1,020 jobs were cut on Friday, 350 of them compulsory redundancies.

Defence Secretary Liam Fox said in an interview with the *Guardian* daily newspaper Friday that the military was partly to blame for the cuts because of its bad management of projects.

Fox said that the MoD and former military leaders had to accept responsibility for a “complete breakdown of trust” between the military and the British government.—Xinhua

All 18 people in Indonesia plane crash found dead

JAKARTA, 1 Oct—All 18 people aboard a plane that crashed on Indonesia’s Sumatra island were found dead, an official said, after two days of hampered efforts to reach the remote jungle site.

“Two teams were lowered to the crash site and they have confirmed that all 18 people on the plane have died,” national search and rescue agency operations head Sunarbowo Sandi said on live television on Saturday.

The Nusantara

Buana Air Casa 212 turboprop plane went down on Thursday morning in the mountainous Bohorok area, about 70 kilometres (40 miles) northwest of the city of Medan in North Sumatra.

As Sandi confirmed the deaths, scores of relatives let out cries of despair, after their hopes were raised when a victim reportedly called her mother from the plane on Thursday night.

The incident is Indonesia’s fourth fatal air crash in the past month.—Internet



In this photo, released by an Indonesian Rescue Team on September 30, the wreckage of a Casa 212 turboprop plane is seen lying among the trees at mount Hulusekelem in Bahorok, North Sumatra, after crashing a day before. All 18 people aboard have been found dead, according to an official, after two days of hampered efforts to reach the remote jungle site.—INTERNET

Argentina’s President Cristina Fernandez announces Atucha II, the country’s third nuclear power plant, begins its trial operation on 28 Sept, 2011.

XINHUA

Mexico navy nabs alleged cartel hit man

MEXICO CITY, 1 Oct—Mexican authorities detained the Zeta drug cartel’s alleged top hit man in the city of Veracruz for the disappearance of three marines, the navy announced Friday.

Angel Mora, nicknamed “Commander Devil,” was detained Thursday in a working-class neighbourhood in the Gulf coast port along with another gunman,

the navy said in a statement.

He is the top hit man for the Zetas in the cities of Veracruz and neighbouring Boca del Rio, the statement said.

Mora, 25, and Gregorio Maldonado are believed to be part of a Zetas cell that killed three marines who were kidnapped 29 July. Troops seized six automatic rifles from the men, the navy said.

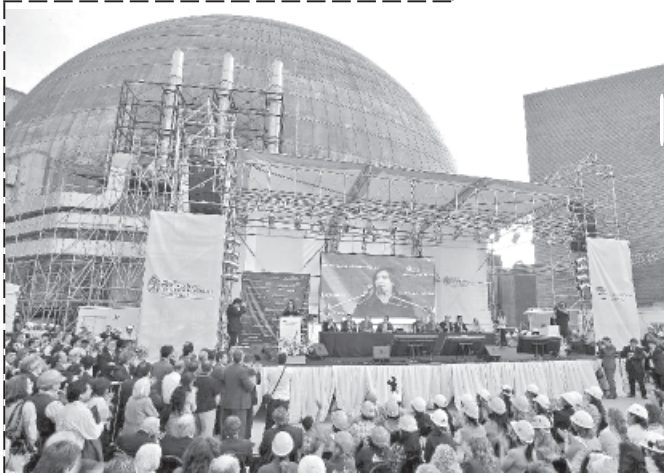
Veracruz was hit by the sensational killings of 35 people, whose seminude, bound and tortured bodies were dumped on a busy thoroughfare 20 Sept.

Veracruz state officials had said the dead all had criminal records and appeared to have been linked to the Zetas, but officials had refused to release any details about them.—Internet

More than 20 arrested in anti-drug operation in Brazil

BRASILIA, 1 Oct—More than 20 people were arrested in an anti-drug operation led by Brazil’s police in several cities to combat cocaine trafficking from Bolivia, authorities announced Friday.

The Nocturnos operation was launched in several states of the South American country in a bid to disband an international criminal group involved in cocaine trade. About 390 kg cocaine, as well as some substance to prepare, produce, and refine drugs, was captured during the operation, the country’s Federal Police said. The authorities said the cocaine was brought into Brazil from neighboring Bolivia by people who traveled across the border at night.—Xinhua





Passengers cram at Zhengzhou Railway Station in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, 30 Sept., 2011. The railway and highway transportation system witnessed a traffic peak on Friday, one day ahead of the country's National Day holidays.—XINHUA

Iran discovers "world's largest" helium reserve in southern country

TEHERAN, 1 Oct—The managing director of Iran's Pars Oil and Gas Company said Iran has discovered the world's biggest helium reserve in its South Pars gas field in southern Iran, the English language satellite Press TV reported on Friday.

Mousa Sourai said Iran has signed an agreement with a Russian company to complete the feasibility studies for the gas reserve, said the report.

The volume of the world's helium reserves is 40 billion cubic meters and the South Pars gas field holds 10 billion cubic meters of the total amount, Sourai was quoted as saying. In August, the managing director of National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Ahmad Qalehbandi, said that a new gas field containing around 495 billion cubic meters of natural gas and 658 million barrels of gas condensates, roughly valued 133 billion US dollars was discovered at Assalouyeh region in south Iran.

The field had the capacity to produce up to 2 billion cubic feet (60 million cubic meters) of gas and 88,000 barrels of condensates per day, Qalehbandi was quoted as saying by semi-official Mehr news agency. The South Pars / North Dome field is a natural gas condensate field located in the Persian Gulf. It is the world's largest gas field, shared between Iran and Qatar. According to the International Energy Agency, the field holds an estimated 50.97 trillion cubic meters (1,800 trillion cubic feet) of in-situ gas and some 50 billion barrels of condensates.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 29 Sept, 2011 shows a cargo ship in danger on the sea near Zhuhai City, south China's Guangdong Province. Cargo ship Fangzhou 6 of Qingzhou of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region lost control after water stormed into its cabin due to Typhoon Nesat on the sea near Zhuhai Thursday, leaving 12 crew members in danger. Rescuers rushed to the ship and saved them by using a helicopter.—XINHUA



Food inflation slows down in L America, Caribbean

SANTIAGO, 1 Oct—The annual food inflation slowed down by 0.2 percent to 8.5 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean region in August, the regional office of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported Friday. The falling inflation in food should be attributed to the slight decline of food price indices in almost all countries in the region, FAO said.

In August, the prices of cereals and meats increased while those of dairy, oil, fats as well as sugar declined.

Despite the decrease, the food inflation remained higher than the region's general inflation, which was up to 7 percent, the highest level since 2009, a FAO regional representative said.

"It is the one that affects the most vulnerable population, who spend a larger proportion of their income on food," Jose Graziano da Silva said.

In Chile, Paraguay and Mexico, however, the annual food price hikes have almost doubled those of ordinary commodities.—Xinhua



A resident buys vegetable at a market in Wenchang City of south China's Hainan Province, 30 Sept, 2011. Local people's daily life is resumed after Typhoon Nesat left Hainan Province on Thursday.—XINHUA

Gibson Guitars wood imports case raises concerns

NASHVILLE, 1 Oct—The chief executive of Gibson Guitars wants to talk to prosecutors about US allegations the legendary guitar maker imported rare ebony and rosewood illegally, the company said on Friday.

The highly publicized case is on hold under a judge's order, with no charges filed yet, and a spokesman for the US attorney's office in Nashville

would not comment on when authorities might meet with Gibson CEO Henry Juszkiewicz.

Gibson's case has been held up by some Republicans in Tennessee and in Washington, DC, as an example of what they argue is over-regulation threateninag US jobs. But the US logging industry and environmental groups have shot back that the law governing wood imports is justified, and tight enforcement has saved US jobs.

Some conservatives groups, including members of the Tea Party in Tennessee, planned a rally 8 October to express support for Gibson.

A planned meeting earlier this month did not take place, and neither side has explained why not.

Despite assurances by the US Fish and Wildlife Service that authorities were only after importers of bulk ebony and rosewood, Nashville's music scene was rife with rumors that musicians' instruments could be seized.—Reuters



The 'Gibson Firebird X' guitar made by US guitar maker Gibson is seen during a press conference in New York, 28 October, 2010.

INTERNET

Food aid to Pakistan reaches 7,000 tons

GENEVA, 1 Oct—Since the start of food distribution to Pakistan's flooded areas in mid-September, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has distributed around 7,000 tons of monthly family food rations to some 490,000 people, the WFP announced here on Friday.

At least 5.4 million people are affected by excessive monsoon floods in Pakistan, out of which around 1.8 million are displaced. All 23 districts in the southern province of Sindh are reported to be affected.

Malnutrition level in the flooding area has reached alarming level. WFP said it had increased the pace of food distributions, reaching close to 50,000 new beneficiaries each day, covering six priority districts including Badin, Mirpur Khas, Sanghar, Tharparkar, Shaheed Benazirabad and Umer Kot.—Xinhua

Ancient copper sword discovered in E China

NANCHANG, 1 Oct—A copper sword dating back more than 2,200 years has been discovered in east China's Jiangxi Province, local archaeologists said.

The design and shape of the sword indicate that it was forged during the Warring States Period (475 BC - 221 BC), according to Li Guoli, curator of the Nanchang Museum, where the sword is currently being stored.

Despite having little aesthetic or scientific value due to a lack of decor or inscriptions, the sword still offers insights into the type of military equipment used during the period, Li said.

The identity of the sword's original owner and the precise location where the sword was forged and used are still unknown, Li said.

The sword was discovered by a laborer surnamed Xiong in Jiangxi's capital of Nanchang. Xiong found the sword while sorting and cleaning stones that had been dredged up from a riverbank.

An argument between Xiong and another worker who was trying to claim the sword aroused attention from the local law enforcement, who then convinced Xiong to turn the sword over to archaeological authorities.

Xinhua

Study says 3D learning tools positive for pupils



Biology teacher says 3D projections of body organs have given lessons a new direction at the Abbey School in Reading.—INTERNET

LONDON, 1 Oct — A study of the impact of 3D in the classroom has found that it improves test results by an average of 17%. Increasingly schools are using 3D projectors and learning resources to add a new dimension to learning. The research, conducted in seven schools across Europe, found that 3D-enabled learning tools helped children concentrate more. It also led shy children to speak up in class discussions.

Only a handful of schools in the UK use the technology, which re-

quires a 3D-enabled projector as well as 3D glasses for all pupils and a set of bespoke learning resources. The study, conducted by researchers from the International Research Agency on behalf of Texas Instruments, assessed 740 students in schools across France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, the UK and Sweden.

Students were tested before and after the lessons with a control group learning with traditional resources only. On average, 86% of pupils in 3D

classrooms improved in test results, compared to 52% of children using traditional teaching methods. It also found that attention levels soared — with 92% of the class paying attention during 3D lessons compared to 46% in the traditional learning environment.



3D provides a wow factor in class but it has longer lasting effects, research says.—INTERNET

creased and anecdotally teachers reported that the children asking questions were those that wouldn't normally engage in class," she told the BBC.

Researchers observed a series of biology lessons, in which children learned about the functions of the body. "Children can see how things function. Instead of learning about the heart statically they can see it in a solid way, literally see blood passing through the valves, see exchange of oxygen, rotate it, tilt it and zoom in," said Prof Bamford.

Internet



Visitors view a piece of artwork made by a local artist during 2011 Asian Art Biennale in Taizhong, southeast China's Taipei, on 1 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Ten die as cement truck crashes in north Nigeria

GOMBE, 1 Oct — Authorities say 10 people are dead after an out-of-control cement truck crashed into a taxi and bus stand in a northern Nigeria town. Sector commander Chuks Osakwe of Nigeria's Federal Road Safety Corps told *The Associated Press* the crash happened Thursday afternoon in the town of Dukku in Gombe state. Osakwe said the brakes on the cement truck failed, sending it speeding into the stand.

Osakwe said the truck also destroyed seven vehicles and 15 motorcycles parked there. Accidents are common on Nigeria's poorly maintained roads.

Drivers often travel at high speed and overtake slower vehicles, leading to such head-on collisions and high death rates. Even main cities are linked by pitted, two-lane roads crammed with passenger buses, trucks laden with goods and rickety private vehicles.

Internet

Pilot's bathroom break sends plane into nose-dive, barrel roll

TOKYO, 1 Oct — A Japanese airline says one of its jets nose-dived and rolled almost upside down earlier this month because the co-pilot hit the wrong controls while trying to open the cockpit door so the captain could return from a restroom break.

Two flight attendants were slightly hurt and four passengers got airsick when the All Nippon Airways Boeing 737-700 with 117 people aboard descended sharply, veered off course and went belly up over the Pacific on its way from southern Japan to Tokyo on 6 September.

ANA said on Thursday that the co-pilot is believed to have mistakenly hit the rudder controls instead of the door lock to allow the pilot back in the cockpit. It said the crew managed to stabilize the plane after the co-pilot's error and land it safely. Japan's Transport Safety Board is investigating. — Internet

Man stuck in woodchipper calls partner to say goodbye, then calls ambulance

CHRISTCHURCH, 1 Oct — A man who lost his arm in a woodchipper's conveyor belt called his partner fearing he was going to die during the ordeal. During the accident, he called his partner — before dialling 111 — saying "I'm f****, I'm f****, I'm sorry and I love you", a friend of the man revealed. He only survived because his trapped arm stopped the conveyor belt from working.

The father of three, who did not want to be named, was working at a greenwaste plant in Christchurch, New Zealand when the accident occurred, around 4pm on Tuesday.

He was trapped for about two hours before emergency services pulled him free, and was flown to Christchurch Hospital where he underwent surgery to remove his arm.

Internet



Models present cheongsams designed by Chen Yanqin during a fashion show in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 30 Sept, 2011. More than 100 creations of cheongsams, a traditional Chinese women's dress also known as mandarin gown or Qipao, were displayed here on Friday. — XINHUA

Early bedtime children 'slimmer'

LONDON, 1 Oct — Sending children to bed early may help to keep them slim, research suggests. Scientists recorded the bed times and waking times of 2,200 Australian youngsters aged nine to 16. They found that children who went to bed late and got up late were 1.5 times more likely to become obese than those who went to bed early and got up early.

Late-nighters were also almost twice as likely to be physically inactive and 2.9 times more inclined to spend hours in front of a TV or computer. "The children who went to bed late and woke up late, and



Research suggests that sending children to bed early may help to keep them slim

the children who went to bed early and woke up early got virtually the same amount of sleep in total," said study author Dr Carol Maher, from the University of South Australia.

"Scientists have realised in recent years that children who get less sleep

tend to do worse on a variety of health outcomes, including the risk of being overweight and obese. Our study suggests that the timing of sleep is even more important." For young people, mornings are more conducive to physical activity than nights, when the temptations of prime-time TV and social networking are greater, Dr Maher pointed out.

Internet

Man survives 200ft cliff plunge

LOS ANGELES, 1 Oct — One person was found dead and another alive in two cars that plunged 200 feet off a windy mountain road in Southern California. Los Angeles fire captain Mark Savage said family members found the survivor, a man, at the scene of the crash off Lake Hughes Road in the Angeles National Forest on Thursday, after conducting their own search, and alerted authorities.

Internet

Planes diverted as Mexico City airport power fails

MEXICO CITY, 1 Oct — An unspecified number of flights have been diverted from Mexico City because a power failure darkened the capital's international airport. Airport managers say power and flight service is expected to be restored before midnight.

Officials say the apparent failure of a transformer threatened to start a fire at the facility. But they stress that passengers and planes were never at risk. The airport hasn't said how many incoming flights were diverted to terminals at Acapulco, Veracruz, Monterrey and elsewhere in Mexico as a result of Wednesday's outage. — Internet

Britain's cure for economic slowdown - drive faster



Traffic moves on the M25 London Orbital motorway near junction 22 in Herfordshire.

The government has come up with a literal cure for economic slowdown — it wants drivers to drive faster on the nation's motorways. "Now it is time to put Britain back in the fast lane of global economies and look again at the motorway speed limit which is nearly 50 years old, and out of date thanks to huge advances in safety and motoring technology," Transport Secretary Philip Hammond said.

Research: Women saving money for purses

A British building society said its research of 1,000 women found one in 10 have an average \$135 hidden away in "handbag funds."

The Skipton Building Society said the women told researchers they keep the funds hidden, even from their partners, until it becomes time to purchase their chosen handbag, 72pointblog reported Friday.

The society said some women also hide funds for shoes, vacations and plastic surgery, while one in five men have money saved for gadgets, games and clothes.

Hammond said. The speed limit on Britain's motorways is 70 miles per hour (120kph), lower than in many countries in continental Europe.

"Increasing the motorway speed limit to 80 mph would generate economic benefits of hundreds of millions of pounds through shorter journey times. So we will consult later this year on raising the limit to get Britain moving," Hammond said.

The government is seeking ways to boost a faltering economy without breaking with its austerity plans.

Its "drive faster" plan was condemned by environmentalists who said it would lead to increased oil consumption and carbon emissions. Hammond said he was confident higher speeds would have only a marginal effect on road safety.



Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: Participants wearing high-heel shoes try to squat during the 3rd annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, an event when men literally walk in women's shoes to raise awareness about ending violence against women, at Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto, Canada, on 29 Sept, 2011.

Owner tracks stolen boat 2,500 miles away

The owner of a powerboat stolen in Florida was 2,500 miles away in Nevada but was still able to tell police where the stolen craft was headed, authorities said.

A Global Positioning System device on the 32-foot, \$260,000 boat told the owner through his cellphone that the craft, stolen Wednesday in Jacksonville, Fla, was being hauled north on Interstate 95 in Brevard County, Florida Today reported.

With help from a police helicopter, deputies located the Ford F-250 towing the 2009 Yellowfin Yachts Centre Console and arrested two men after they exited the interstate.

Maykel Calafet Calderon, 28, and Manuel I. Telles, 38, both Cuban natives living in Miami, were arrested on charges of theft. "The owner giving us updates was by far the thing that assisted us the most," Todd Holland of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office said.

News Album



A model has her hair styled before the Alternative Hair Show in Moscow's Kremlin, on 28 Sept, 2011.

Idris Elba would love to be the next James Bond



Actor Idris Elba arrives at the premiere of "Takers" in Los Angeles, California, on 4 August, 2010.

LOS ANGELES, 1 Oct— You love him as British cop "Luther," you loved him as the thinking man's drug kingpin Stringer Bell

on "The Wire," and Idris Elba hopes one day you'll love him as the post-Daniel Craig James Bond.

Asked in an interview with National Public Radio if he'd be interested in the role, the Emmy-nominated "Luther" star said he would be — but only if he's not known as the "black Bond."

"I'd definitely consider it," Elba said. "I just don't want to be the black James Bond. Sean

Connery wasn't the Scottish James Bond, and Daniel Craig wasn't the blue-eyed James Bond, so if I played him, I don't want to be called the black James Bond."

NPR interviewer Linda Wertheimer then tried to elicit a more committed response from Elba, asking if he'd jump into a cab if Sony called and asked him to come to a meeting about a potential 007 movie.—Internet

Members of the Tampa-based Florida Orchestra greet the audience at the start of their all-wind program at the San Felipe Neri Oratory in Old Havana, Cuba, on 30 Sept, 2011.

INTERNET



Florida musicians play Cuba in cultural exchange

HAVANA, 1 Oct— Lilted wind tones filled the pillared hall of a historic former church in Old Havana on Friday as a

quintet of musicians from Florida performed in the latest of a string of US-Cuban cultural exchanges that have increased in recent years.

The five members of the Tampa-based Florida Orchestra, all principals on their instruments, played an all-wind programme of works from George Gershwin and five other composers during the evening recital at the San Felipe Neri Oratory, which dates to 1693 and was used as a bank for part of the 20th century before reopening as a concert hall in 2004. "It's a historic opportunity to play in such

a place," bassoonist Anthony Georgeson told *The Associated Press*. "I never thought that I'd be in Havana playing a concert." Earlier they held workshops with teens at the Amadeo Roldan Conservatory, where they were struck by the budding musicians' acumen, oboist Katherine Young said.

"As a group we were so impressed with the level of students at the conservatory and their maturity as young players," Young said. "I think American students would be surprised at how sophisticated they are."

Internet



In this 22 Sept, 2011 file photo, 2011 Clinton Global Citizen Award recipient Sting performs at the Clinton Global Initiative awards dinner in New York.

INTERNET

Sting: 'I want 25 more years of music'

NEW YORK, 1 Oct—At 85, Tony Bennett released an album that debuted at No 1 on the Billboard albums chart this week. Sting, who turns 60 on Sunday, is hoping he will still be going strong at 85, too. "Hopefully the next 25 years will be the same if I have it," the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer said of his own success. "I couldn't live without music. I'd rather play music or die." Sting is celebrating 25 years as solo artist; in the late 1970s he debuted as the leader of The Police, scoring massive hits with songs like "Every Breath You Take" and "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic." As a solo singer, he went on to sell multiple multiplatinum albums — and overall, he is the owner of 16 Grammy Awards.

This week he released "Sting: 25 Years," his 3-disc greatest hits set. On 18 Oct, he will release "Sting: The Best of 25 Years," which features 12 remastered tracks from his solo career. Sting says he has no plans to release a new album, though he says he is writing a musical-play "based on my hometown in the north of England. It's about shipbuilding." It will be directed by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Brian Yorkey.—Internet

Everton 0 - 2 Liverpool



Jubilant Liverpool players congratulate Andy Carroll (second right) after the opening goal.—INTERNET

LONDON, 1 Oct—Liverpool's £58m strikeforce of Andy Carroll and Luis Suarez scored the goals that settled the Merseyside derby at Goodison Park - but Everton were left complaining bitterly about Jack Rodwell's controversial early red card. Rodwell was sent off by referee Martin Atkinson - who has shown 15 red cards since the start of last season - after 23 minutes for what appeared to be a legitimate challenge on Suarez.

Everton had started well but were then forced to mount a rearguard action with ten men following Rodwell's dismissal. The hosts survived when goalkeeper Tim Howard saved Dirk Kuyt's penalty late in the first half after Phil Jagielka felled Suarez.

But with Goodison Park openly directing its full hostility towards Atkinson, Liverpool went ahead when Carroll turned in his first Premier League goal of the season after 70 minutes.

And Suarez took advantage of a misunderstanding between Leighton Baines and Sylvain Distin to add a second with eight minutes left.—*Internet*

Dzeko ready to move forward

MANCHESTER, 1 Oct—Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko is ready to take out his frustrations on Blackburn Rovers.

The Bosnian reacted angrily to being substituted



Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko

in Tuesday's Champions League defeat by Bayern Munich. But he has now apologised to manager Roberto Mancini and has stressed he is ready to move on and is fully focused on Saturday's Barclays Premier League visit to Blackburn.

Dzeko complained bitterly after being replaced by Nigel de Jong 10 minutes into the second-half of the 2-0 reverse.

—*Internet*

Serena and Sharapova pull out of China Open

BEIJING, 1 Oct — Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova have withdrawn from the China Open that starts on Saturday. World number two Sharapova, 24, twisted her ankle against Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in the Pan-Pacific Open quarter-finals on Thursday and was forced to quit

the Tokyo tournament.

"The good news is the MRI scan showed no big damage to my ankle. I will do my best to recover in time for Istanbul," the Russian said on her

website. Former world number one Williams has pulled out of the Beijing event for the second year in a row, according to the China Open website.

—*Internet*



Williams of the US shakes hands with Russia's Sharapova after winning their Stanford Classic tennis match in Stanford.—INTERNET

King eyes new Spurs deal

LONDON, 1 Oct — Defender Ledley King is determined to earn a new contract at Tottenham Hotspur. The 30-year-old is Spurs' longest serving player having come through the youth ranks at White Hart Lane but his contract is up at the end of the season.



Ledley King

And after managing just six matches last term, King has been warned by Harry Redknapp that he must play three times that many this term if he is to stay with the club.

King admits he needs to play more, but is confident he can achieve that and can't see himself playing for any other club. He said: "This is my biggest season at Spurs yet. It is the first time I have been in a situation like this - when my contract is up. So it is a big season.

—*Internet*

SPORTS

Man Utds' Ferguson praises Mancini over Tevez stance

LONDON, 1 Oct — Alex Ferguson has voiced his support for cross-town rival Roberto Mancini in the Manchester City manager's much-publicised dispute with Carlos Tevez. The Argentinian forward, who played for Ferguson at Manchester United before signing for City in the summer of 2009, is currently suspended by his club after apparently refusing to come off the bench against Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

Ferguson, who has enjoyed a number of verbal bouts with City and their Italian manager, refused to be drawn into specific comments about his former player Tevez. But he made it clear that he supports Mancini wholeheartedly and has been



Manchester City's Italian headcoach Roberto Mancini

impressed by the Italian's management style this week. "I have nothing to do with it," said Ferguson.

"But I think Roberto Mancini has come out showing his strength of character, his strength of management. That's important in today's management. That's it. "We have all experienced our own difficulties in management. You cope with it best you can. My own experience is strong management is important. There is nobody more important than a manager at a football club."—*Internet*

Bayern's Neuer eyes

1,000-minute clean sheet mark



Bayern Munich goalkeeper Manuel Neuer

MUNICH, 1 Oct — Bayern Munich goalkeeper Manuel Neuer is hoping to break the 1,000-minute clean sheet mark on Saturday against Hoffenheim, having last conceded a goal nearly two months ago.

Moenchengladbach are the only team to have beaten or even scored against Bayern in any competition this season after their 1-0 win in Munich on

7 August and Neuer has now gone 928 minutes without conceding a goal for the Bavarians.

Bayern picked up their 10th consecutive win with a 2-0 victory over Manchester City in the Champions League on Tuesday and confidence is sky-high in Jupp Heynckes' team. Neuer will pass the 1,000-minute mark if he shuts out fourth-placed Hoffenheim until at least the 72nd minute, but the 25-year-old says the secret of his success is down to his teammates' hard work. "I have to compliment the entire team, everyone helps in defence and we all try to avoid conceding a goal," said Neuer. —*Internet*

Greece recall veteran strikers for Euro qualifiers

ATHEN, 1 Oct — Greece coach Fernando Santos on Friday recalled veteran strike duo Fanis Gekas and Angelos Charisteas for the Euro 2012 Group F qualifiers at home against Croatia (October 7) and in Georgia (October 11). Eintracht Frankfurt's Gekas, who is a former leading scorer in both the Greek Super League and in the Bundesliga, had announced his international retirement last year, but made himself again available this month. He has been capped 52

times and has scored 20 goals. Charisteas is best known for scoring the winning goal against Portugal when Greece won Euro 2004 and last played for the national team in the 2010 World Cup qualifiers.—*Internet*



Greece coach Fernando Santos on Friday recalled veteran strike Angelos Charisteas

Dutch missing Sneijder for Euro qualifiers

AMSTERDAM, 1 Oct — Holland will face Moldova and Sweden in their remaining two Euro 2012 qualifiers without

injured trio Wesley Sneijder, John Heintinga and Ibrahim Afellay.

In contrast Tottenham's Rafael van der Vaart and Nigel de Jong (Manchester City) are once again available after recovering full fitness and the Premier League duo duly figured in Oranje coach Bert van Marwijk's squad announced on Friday for the October 7 and 11 ties.

Holland, beaten by Spain in last year's World Cup final, have already sealed their place at next year's European Championships co-hosted by Ukraine and Poland.

—*Internet*

Allegri says Pirlo left for challenge in Juventus

ROME, 1 Oct — AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri confirmed on Friday that Andrea Pirlo had left for Juventus not because of contractual or tactical problems but to seek new challenge. The 32-year-old ended a 10-year spell at San Siro to make the move to Turin, after enduring a frustrating final year with il Diavolo under Allegri's coaching.

Allegri confirmed why Pirlo left, suggesting it was not because of contract or tactical issues.—*Internet*



Inter Milan's Dutch midfielder Wesley Sneijder

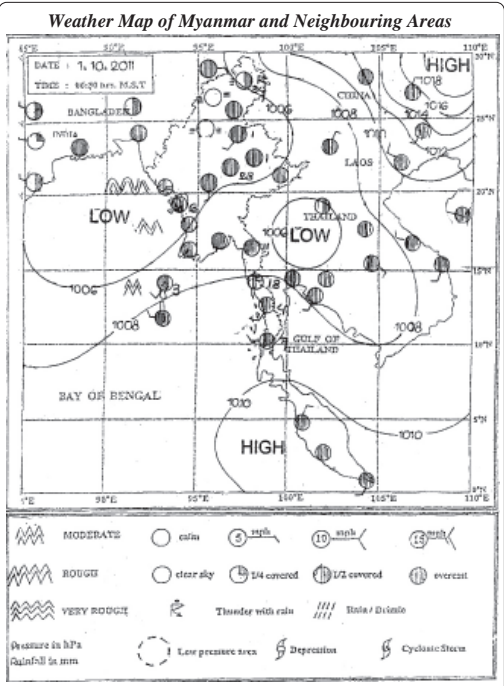
MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-10-2011) (Sunday)

	Transmissions	Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(2-10-11 09:30 am ~ 3-10-11 09:30 am) MST

- Local Transmission**
- * Opening
 - * News
 - * Myanmar Traditional Wicker Ball.....Chinlone
 - * News
 - * 1st solo show of Artist Ko Thein on Movies of Golden and Silver Jubilees (Part-2)
 - * News
 - * Myanmar Dental Association (Central) Continuing Dental Education Program

- * News
 - * Heritage of Inlay Region
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- * News
- * Fruit of Success River Ayeyawady... Demarcated Cannot be Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Thein Ga)
- * News
- * Mya Setkyar Pure Silk Fabric From Inlay Lake
- * News
- * Heart Beats of A Diva (Part-II)
- * News
- * City Night (Episode-I)
- * Myanmar Movie "Good-Hearted Bad Guy"



Weather forecast for 2nd October, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayah	28/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	21/70	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	30/86	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	29/84	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	28/82	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kayah State, Scattered in Bago Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tada U (2.24) inches, Lodel (2.05) inches, Maungtau (1.85) inches, Kyaukse (1.69) inches, Kyaukhame (1.57) inches, Mraik U (1.54) inches, Mudon (1.46) inches, Sibwesaryan (1.42) inches and Pitao (1.34) inches.

According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the tropical storm (NESAT) over South China Sea (Gulf of Tonkin) has crossed North Vietnam Coast and weakened in to a land depression.

Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

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

Continuation of thundery in the Lower Myanmar areas.



Sunday, 2 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. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
 7. (38) Phyar Mingalar

- 8:20 am
 8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2011) Oldies & Mono Classical) (Basic Education (Level Women)
- 8:40 am
 9. International News
- 8:45 am
 10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 pm
 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 pm
 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 pm
 3. Round Up of the Week's International News
- 11:35 pm
 4. TV Drama Series
- 12:25 pm
 5. Teleplay
- 1:50 pm
 6. Dance of National Races
- 2:00 pm
 7. Music Series

- 2:15 pm
 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition
- 2:50 pm
 9. International News
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
 3. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:35 pm
 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Mathematics)
- 4:50 pm
 5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
 6. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2011) (Oldies &

- Mono Classical) (Basic Education (Level Men)
- 5:15 pm
 7. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2011) Interview (Maha Gita Song)
- 5:30 pm
 8. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
 10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
 11. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
 12. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm
 13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
 15. International News
 16. Weather Report
 17. Cartoon Series
 18. TV Drama Series

Contador to focus on Tour de France in 2012

MADRID, 1 Oct—Spanish cyclist Alberto Contador said this Saturday that he is targeting next year's Tour de France cycle race as his priority for 2012.

Contador split his efforts this year and although he won the 3-week Giro de Italia in May, his efforts in that race took their toll as he could only finish fourth in the Tour, which was won by veteran Australian, Cadel Evans.

Speaking in sports paper *Marca*, Contador said that he would not repeat that mistake and focus his efforts instead on adding the three Tour de France titles he won in 2007, 2009 and 2010. "My clear objective in 2012 will be the Tour, although there is a chance that I could ride the Vuelta (Tour of Spain) later in the year," said Contador, who believes it is possible to win the Tour and Giro in the same season.

"I think it can be done, but a lot of things have an influence. This year's Giro was the hardest three week race that I have ever raced and that tires you out ahead of the Tour, but looking back, I don't think this year's Tour suited by characteristics, as



Performers of ethnic groups attend a parade during 2011 Liuzhou International Water Carnival held on a rainy day in Liuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 1 Oct 2011.—XINHUA

there was team time trial rather than an individual prologue. Then there was only one 42 km time trial while in 2007, for example there were 120km of time trials," said the rider.

There is still a chance that Contador will be suspended for next year and possibly even for 2013 should the Tribunal of Sporting Arbitration (TAS) decide to overturn the decision of the Spanish Cycling Federation to acquit him of doping charges after the Spaniard tested positive for small amounts of banned substance clenbuterol during the 2010 Tour. The TAS will announce its decision on a possible suspension this November.

Xinhua

Sippaãña; to acquire skill in sciences; this is the way to auspiciousness

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends 2nd cash donation ceremony for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attending the second ceremony to donate cash to sub-committee for funds raising, prize presentation and holding prize-giving ceremony held at the meeting hall of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, while Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan expressing thanks.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — The second ceremony to donate cash to subcommittee for funds raising, prize presentation and holding prize-giving ceremony of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here this morning, attended by Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Also present were Chairman of the leading committee Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and the leading committee members Union Ministers, the work committee members the deputy ministers, departmental heads, wellwishers and guests.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union

Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepted K 15 million donated by Kanbawza Group Co Ltd, K 13.5 million by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and affiliated associations, K 10 million by Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and K 5 million by Myanmar Winery & Distillery Co Ltd and presented certificates of honour to them.

Next, Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein and Dr Mya Aye and the deputy ministers accepted K 85.7 million including K 5 million each donated by Supper Coffee Mix Co Ltd and Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd, K 3 million by Myanmar Lion Co Ltd, K 2.5 million by Myawady Bank, K 2 million by Triple A Cement, K 1.5 million by Ga Mone Pwint Co Ltd, K 1 million each by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the

Ministry of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Immigration and Population, Pyae Son Win Naing Co Ltd, Pyi Taw Moe Co Ltd, Songda Co Ltd, Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd, Jewellery Luck Co Ltd, Chan Long Trading Co Ltd, Asia World Co Ltd, Seinwut Hmon Co Ltd, Good Brothers Co Ltd, Europe Asia Co Ltd, New Star Construction, Min Construction and Thein Construction and presented certificates of honour to them.

Next, Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan spoke words of thanks, saying that due to national requirements, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were organized, and now the new government continues holding the Performing Arts Competitions in accord with the nation's demand.

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MPF, law enforcement force to constantly serve interest of race, religion and State

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Rare flu-like virus on the rise

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A Long March-2FT1 carrier rocket loaded with Tiangong-1 unmanned space lab module blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China's Gansu Province, 29 Sept, 2011.

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United overcome wasteful Norwich



Danny Welbeck doubles Manchester United's lead.—INTERNET

LONDON, 1 Oct— Manchester United completed a club record 19th successive home league win - but few have been as unconvincing as this bloodless triumph over

plucky Norwich. The visitors carved out virtually all the best chances, with Anthony Pilkington hitting a post and rolling a shot wide after finding himself clean through.

Norwich were made to pay when Anderson powered home a close-range header midway through the second period before Danny Welbeck scored his third goal in a

week, sliding in to finish off Park Ji-sung's cut-back. Norwich did attack when they could and they were the better team for the first 20 minutes.

Internet



Caroline Wozniacki, shown after a match win at the 2011 US Open, was pushed to three set but won a second-round match Tuesday at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo.—INTERNET