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## Myanmar medical professionals urged to suggest in time for improvement by reviewing cause and effects of health sector based on science and technological development

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Myanmar Academy of Medical Science has been formed for 12 years; and in reviewing its tasks, the executive committees and members have made concerted efforts for achieving success to some extent, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Academy of Medical Science for 2010-2011 at the hall of the University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street yesterday morning.

The Union Minister noted that nowadays, technology and communication technology is developing in leaps and bounds and it transforms the world into a global village. He invited Myanmar medical professionals to give suggestions in time for improvement of the academy by reviewing the cause and effects of health sector based on science and technological development.

At the AGM, President of the MAMS Prof Dr Myo Myint delivered an address. Vice-President Prof Dr Nay



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressing at the Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Academy of Medical Science for 2010-2011.—MNA

Win made clarifications and replied to queries raised by those present.

An oration entitled Scientific Revolution and Paradigm Shift in Medicine followed. It was presided by Dr Ko Ko and introduced by Prof Dr Maung Maung Wint. As an orator, Prof Dr

Myint Myint Khin gave a talk.

At 10.30 am, Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin received Professor Dr B Espan of Oslo University of Norway at the hall of the Public Health University, here, and discussed cooperation in academic matter between the medical uni-

versities of both countries, exchange of scholarship students and cooperation in research works.

Also present at the call were directors-general of departments, Rector of Public Health University Dr Nay Soe Maung, directors and officials.—MNA

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## Kyakuni Village in process of development

Kyakuni Village, one of the villages in Tachilek District of Shan State (East) is located on hill area, 27 miles north of Tachilek. The

local people are engaged in agriculture and livestock breeding on a manageable scale.

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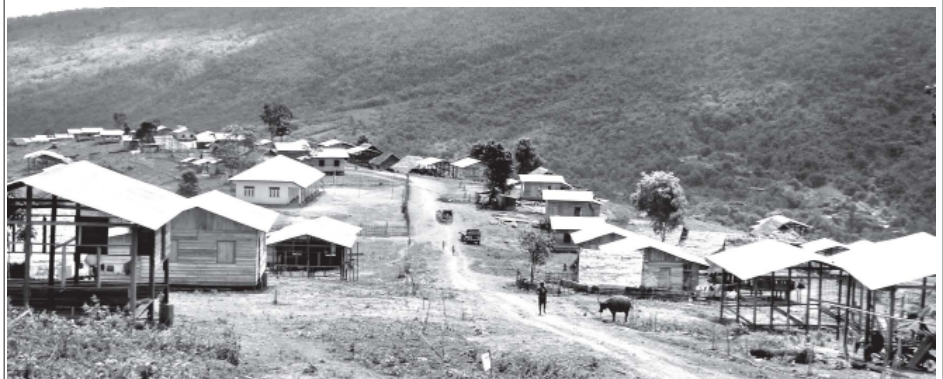


Photo shows progress in construction of housings in Kyakuni Village.

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Ensure perpetuity of libraries

Literacy for all is essential for enhancement of economic and social sectors of the State. All-round development across the nation depends on intellectual development based on literacy.

Nowadays, earnest efforts are being made for basic literacy campaigns throughout the nation including rural and border areas with momentum.

With a view to widening the scope of knowledge for the rural people, self-reliant village libraries have been established one after another, and more and more libraries are opened in the regions where these facilities had never been provided. Thus, the local people are to contribute towards durability of libraries.

Extended establishment of libraries contributes much towards broadening horizon of the rural people. As a total of 70 per cent of the nation's population are rural people, village self-reliant libraries will disseminate knowledge to them.

At present, modern science and technologies are developing day by day, including modern agricultural technology and livestock breeding technology. As the rural people need to have wider scope of knowledge for improving their businesses, the libraries will provide them with necessary fulfillments. Thanks to opening of the libraries for increasing the reading habits, the people can apply their knowledge and experience in their professionals, businesses and development tasks of socio-economic life.

As today is knowledge age, all the tasks including production, education, health, etc. of the human society are being uplifted through technologies. Applying knowledge through reading habit can keep the nation abreast of international community. All the people are to harmoniously participate in perpetuity of libraries and their development by maintaining and setting up the trust-funds.

### President of RUMFCCI meets representatives of ITOCHU

YANGON, 8 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and vice-presidents met a delegation led by Senior Corporate Advisor Mr Kouhei Watanabe of ITOCHU Corporation of Japan at the federation, here, on 5 October afternoon.

They discussed opportunity for garment industries based on human resource development in Myanmar, exporting quality agricultural produce and foodstuff from Myanmar to Japan consumer market and continuous cooperation of Japan in Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Forum.—MNA

### Kayin State Chief Minister visits model farm in Hpa-an

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, accompanied by state ministers, departmental officials and farmers from Hpa-an, Hlinebwe and Kawkaeik townships observed thriving rice plantation of Sinthukha quality strain in Hpa-an central farm on 29 September.

The state chief minister and party then visited Yadanatoe-strain rice plantation of farmer U Myint

Thein near Myinegalay model farm. Then, an educative talks on 14-point scientific cultivation methods was given to farmers at the village monastery.

On 30 September, the state chief minister addressed the concluding of 16<sup>th</sup> intake of nursing course at Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Hpa-an which was attended by 57 trainees.

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### Yangon Mayor inspects roadworks



Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint inspects progress of paving concrete on Thanthuma Street in Thingangyun Township.

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YANGON, 8 Oct—Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister U Hla Myint today inspected installation of 24-diameter reinforced concrete underground pipelines in Waizayanta Street in Mayangon Township, which are to be linked with first-phase water pipeline of Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project, today. The mayor also assisted in upgrading of the six-lane concrete Thanthuma Street from University of Dental in Thingangyun Township

to Independence Street, construction of Ayeyawun Street from Maungmakan Kantha Street to Bago River Street in Dagon Myothit (South) Township as concrete street, tarmacking of Yadana street section from Bago River Street in Seikkan Township of Dagon Myothit and Nawarat Street in Thakayta Township, and mini excavators imported by Ministry of Industry (2) at Factory and Automobile Department in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.—MNA

### Education Ministry opens Developing the Speaking Skills Course

Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe delivering address at Developing course the Speaking Skills Course for primary and middle school teachers.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The opening ceremony of Developing the Speaking Skills Course for primary and middle school teachers of the Ministry of Education was held at the hall of No (6) Basic Education High School here this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe.

The deputy minister said in his address that English language, the international one, will help connect the world; students have to read English

since their very earlier years in school; it is designed to use as classroom language once a week; the course intended to cover the ways to teach students in English; learning English is targeted for international relations and modern subjects; and it is urged to adore the mother language and use English as the communication language. The deputy minister cordially greeted trainers and trainees.

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### Region/State Women's Football Tournament (Open) goes on

YANGON, 8 Oct—As the 16<sup>th</sup> Region/State Women's Football Tournament (Open) 2011 is going on, Yangon

Region team beat Magway Region team 9-0 at Padaetha Pitch yesterday.

In the second-round

knock-out tomorrow, Yangon Region plays against Kayin State at Padaetha Pitch, Sagaing Region against Shan

State at Padonma Pitch and on 10 October, Mandalay Region plays against Ayeyawady Region at Padaetha Pitch and Bago Region against Mon State at Padonma Street.—MNA

## Three killed, four wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct—Three people were killed and four others were wounded in separate attacks in central and northern Iraq on Friday, local police sources said.

A traffic police officer was killed in the southwest of Baghdad by unidentified gunmen using silenced weapons, a Baghdad police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

An army checkpoint was attacked in

west Mosul by gunmen on the same day without inflicting casualties on Iraqi army's side. Soldiers at the checkpoint traded fire with the gunmen and forced the latter to flee.

One of the gunmen was killed during the exchange of fire, a local police source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

In south of Mosul, a roadside bomb hit a car, killing a woman inside and wounding another civilian, the same source

said. Another bomb targeting a police patrol ripped off in Mansur neighbourhood of western Mosul, wounding three children, the source added.

Violence in Iraq has ebbed since its peak in 2006 and 2007 when the country was plunged into sectarian killings, but deadly shootings and bombings still occur on daily basis.

*Xinhua*



*Afghan police and security forces investigate the scene of an explosion in Herat, western Afghanistan recently. A police officer says a bomb set up on a motorbike exploded near Herat airport, killing one female policewoman and two civilians.*

INTERNET

## Largest militant attack on NATO foiled

KABUL, 8 Oct—The largest coordinated militant attack since 2009 against NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) bases was foiled Friday morning, said an ISAF news release issued late Friday night. "At least 25 militants were confirmed killed during the attacks" near the border with Pakistan, according to the news release.

Militants unsuccessfully used indirect fire from multiple locations in the Gormal, Sarobi and Barmal districts of Paktika Province, some 160 km south of Afghan capital Kabul. ISAF troops in Paktika, bordering Pakistan in the east, is under the command of Regional Command-East (RC-East).

"One Coalition member was slightly wounded," said the news release issued by ISAF RC-East.

Troops stationed at Combat Outpost Margah "positively identified and destroyed an militant vehicle bomb before it could get close enough to the base."—*Xinhua*



*Iraqi security forces inspect the damaged at a police station in al-Baghdadi west of Ramadi, 70 miles (115 kilometers) west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 Oct, 2011.*

INTERNET

## Four US posts attacked in Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 Oct—Four American outposts were attacked in simultaneous strikes in Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan Friday, on the 10th anniversary of the start of the Afghan war.

The militants struck the US positions with multiple rockets and, at one base, a suicide bomber who exploded his vehicle near the walls, reported the *New York Times*.

The outposts were near the border with Pakistan in Paktika Province.

The coordinated attack did not cause much damage and wounded one American soldier.

But it underscored the frustrating complexities of a war

entering its second decade. Most of the high-explosive 107-millimeter rockets striking the outposts were fired from just inside Afghanistan, suggesting that the attack had been prepared and launched from Pakistan, and as the American troops fired back, the rocket crew withdrew there.

It also highlighted

the relative weakness of Afghan soldiers and police officers living and working on the American-built bases, the NYT said. As the attacks escalated, only the US military possessed the firepower, communications and skills to fight back in what developed into a long-range, artillery-and-rocket duel.

*Internet*

## Afghan police kills four Taliban including group commander

KUNDUZ, 8 Oct—Afghan police backed by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) raided a house in the capital of Kunduz Province 250 km north of Kabul and killed four Taliban militants Saturday, provincial police spokesman said. "Acting upon an intelligence report, police in coordination with NATO-led forces raided a house in Kanduz city at 3 am local time today as a result four Taliban rebels including their commander namely Qari Shafiq were killed," Syed Sarwar Hussaini told *Xinhua*.

Shafiq along with three of his men hidden in the house had planned to organize subversive activities, Hussaini said, adding with their elimination several Taliban terrorist conspiracies had been foiled.

There were no casualties on civilians or security personnel during the operation, he contended. Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led forces have yet to make comment.—*Internet*



*An Afghan wounded man lays down in hospital bed after he was injured by a roadside bomb in Herat Province Afghanistan recently. A station wagon packed with Afghan civilians struck a roadside bomb in western Afghanistan, triggering an explosion that killed a number of men women and children, Afghan officials said.—INTERNET*

*Internet*

## Russia rejects US presence in Afghanistan after UN mandate expires

MOSCOW, 8 Oct—Russia will not agree to US military presence in Afghanistan after the expiration of a UN Security Council mandate, Russian envoy to NATO Dmitry Rogozin said Friday.

Rogozin told Russian reporters said the United States is pursuing the same tactic in both

Afghanistan and Libya by offering training for armed forces of those countries in NATO standards.

"This is only a pretext for preserving their military presence in those counties," Rogozin said.

"This is something we have never agreed with. Afghanistan should be free from foreign interference in its internal affairs, and therefore the coalition forces should only perform the duties mandated by the UN Security Council in 2001," he added.

Also on Friday, Deputy Foreign Minister Alexei Borodavkin said Moscow will insist on scaling down the US military presence in Central Asia after its counter-terrorism operation in Afghanistan is completed.

"The point is that when the counter-terrorism operation in Afghanistan is over, when American armed forces leave this country, and the need to send supplies to them becomes irrelevant, we will insist that the American military presence in Afghanistan and Central Asia must be scaled down," Borodavkin told a meeting of the Russian State Duma, or the lower house of the parliament.

*Internet*



*Iraqi firefighters extinguish flames after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq recently. A suicide bomber detonated his explosives packed car near a bank where policemen were picking up their paychecks, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.*

INTERNET

## Universal Postal Union's Director General Message on World Post Day 2011

9 October, 2011

### The Post, an invaluable public service worldwide

The world postal network is an enormous web that spans the four corners of the globe. Still today, it is the largest physical delivery network in the world. Each day, more than 600,000 post offices serve billions of people, and each year they handle more than 438 billion letters and six billion parcels, and offer a vast range of electronic, financial and logistics services.

On this World Post Day, we should remember the fundamental values of the Post and the numerous public services it offers to people everywhere, which contribute to the economic development of countries.

Today, of all the billions of letters processed and delivered by Posts throughout the world each year, it is estimated that more than 80% come from businesses, associations or government entities. Personal letters account for 5 to 11% of mail volumes.

Meanwhile, parcels are on the rise, as Posts have taken advantage of the growing popularity of e-commerce to become the preferred distributors of those who buy and sell over the Internet.

Postal financial services are also a popular postal product, and an ever increasing number of Posts throughout the world are focusing on this business sector. Postal financial institutions hold more than one billion of the estimated 5.18 billion current and savings accounts in the worldwide retail banking market. What is more, these institutions also offer savings and loan products as well as other services which, for people without banking facilities or with low incomes, would be difficult to access through traditional financial institutions.

Like other sectors, Posts are faced with economic crises and increased competition, but in this era of rapidly developing information technologies they are still managing to hold their own. They continue to ensure a vital communication link between people and businesses worldwide, not only in daily life but also in the face of natural disasters.

After Japan was hit by this year's massive earthquake, we heard many moving stories about Japanese people who had turned to the Post to send supplies to friends and relatives who had suddenly been left out on a limb, or to withdraw money from mobile post offices set up to serve the most severely affected areas. The Post played a major role in cementing solidarity among the people and lifting their spirits, offering hope to victims who had taken refuge anywhere they could find it.

This is the human value of postal services. Beyond the services provided, the five million postal employees—and in particular postmen, counter staff, messengers and others—are all the face of an immense public service with social and economic dimensions the world could ill afford to live without.

On this World Post Day, let us take some time to think about all the services offered by postal workers throughout the world.

## China's JAC Motors to invest 500 mln USD in Brazil plant

SAO PAULO, 8 Oct—China's automobile maker JAC Motors on Friday announced it will invest 500 million US dollars in its first overseas plant, which will be located in Brazil's northern state of Bahia.

Years of strong economic growth and a rapidly growing middle class have made Brazil the fourth largest car market in the world, according to statistics. As Jianghuai Automobile Co (JAC Motors)' first plant outside China, it will have an annual production capacity of 100,000 cars and trucks and is scheduled to start operations in 2014. The new plant is expected to bring some 3,500 new jobs to the town of Camacari, some 50 km northeast of the state capita of Salvador.

Segio Habib, president of the JAC Motors operations in Brazil, said that with this new

investment JAC Motors can hopefully be exempted from paying a 30-percent import duty on foreign-made cars — a tax policy designed to foster automobile industries in the Common Market of the South (Mercosur), which groups Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Under the tax law, foreign companies are required to pay a 30 percent import duty unless they can prove that at least 65 percent of the cars or car parts are produced in Brazil or other Mercosur countries.

JAC Motors' announcement came just one day after Japan's Nissan Motor Company said it will invest 1.4 billion dollars in a new plant in Brazil which will create some 2,000 new jobs and produce 200,000 cars per year.—Xinhua



The Bank of Spain is seen behind a sign in Madrid on 10 March, 2011.—INTERNET

## Chinese experts working on new ways to "inject" hepatitis vaccines

BEIJING, 8 Oct—Chinese scientists are developing new methods like spraying or dropping hepatitis vaccines into people's noses to replace traditional injections, according to a leading expert on immunology.

Such researches were sponsored by a key national science project, according to Wen Yumei, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, also the chairwoman of the 14th International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis and Liver Disease, which is scheduled to be held in Shanghai next July.

At a press conference held here Friday for the symposium, experts believed that broad-coverage inoculations is an effective way in facilitating the country's goal in controlling Hepatitis B.

China's Ministry of Health has also credited its national immunization programme for having protected about 80 million people from being infected with the Hepatitis B virus (HBV) in the 19 years after 1992.

Recent report showed that about 93 million Chinese are HBV carriers, accounting for more than a quarter of the world's total.—Xinhua

## Mobile phone users risk 'text neck'

LONDON, 8 Oct—A condition dubbed "text neck" is being seen in people who spend time hunched over their mobile phone and tablet computer screens, British chiropractors say.

The say the condition occurs because the joints and tissue in the neck are not meant to flexed for long periods, and hours spent peering down at a screen causes too much stress, *The Daily Telegraph* reported Friday.

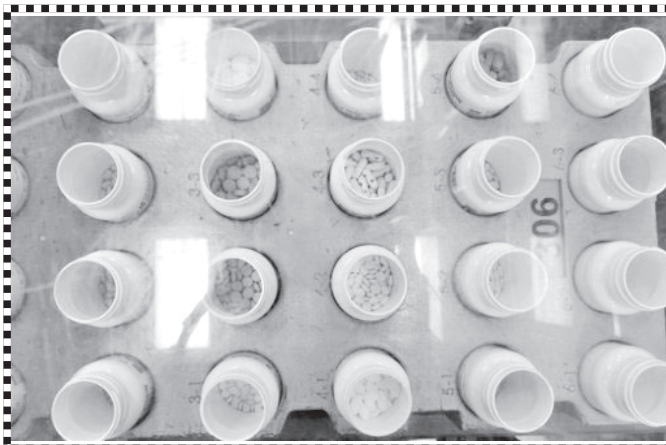
"Imagine sitting on your ankle sideways for 10 minutes," Rachael Lancaster of Freedom Back Clinics in Leeds said.

"It would feel stiff and sore when you returned it to its natural position.

"That is exactly what people are doing with their necks. If people continue to put their necks in these positions, the body will gradually adapt to the stresses."

This could eventually cause the natural curvature of the neck to reverse with possible serious health issues, she said.

Children are more at risk because their heads are larger in relation to their body size than adults, Tim Hutchful of the British Chiropractic Association said. People should take regular screen breaks, sit up straight while texting and hold their phones or tablets a little higher to avoid problems, chiropractors said.—Internet



Bottles of prescription pills go through an automated packaging machine in New Jersey in 2010. Americans who suffer both diabetes and high cholesterol will now be able to take a single pill to combat both illnesses as the United States Friday approved a combination tablet for use by adults. INTERNET

### Tiny drones used in archaeology

Moscow, 8 Oct—European archaeologists say a tiny remote-control drone is helping them capture images to construct a 3-D model of ancient burial mounds in Russia. It can be difficult to reach and map sites in remote and rugged areas, given limited budgets archaeologists often have to work with, and the small, inexpensive drones offer another tool



The Microdrone md4-200, a four-propeller "quadcopter" that weighs in at just 35 ounces.—INTERNET

in the research arsenal, Live-Science.com reported Friday.

In the Tuekta region of Russia scientists are using a battery-powered four-propeller "quadcopter" to hover a camera over burial mounds said to be 2,300 to 2,800 years old and as much as 250 feet wide.

"There are a lot of possibilities with this method," researcher Marijn Hendrickx, a

geographer at the University of Ghent in Belgium, said of the 35-ounce, 27-inch helicopter drones.

The mounds, called "kurgans," located in the Altai Mountains where Russia, China, Kazakhstan and Mongolia come together, probably are tombs of chiefs or princes of the Scythians, a nomadic people known for their horsemanship who once had a rich, powerful empire, researchers said.

Internet



In this photo, Joe Cabey, a monkey trapper, holds a vervet monkey he captured in the mountains in Basseterre, St Kitts & Nevis. Thousands of vervet monkeys, which arrived in St. Kitts and Nevis on slave ships from West Africa, have lived uneasily with islanders for three centuries. Now locals are growing frustrated with the primates who are raiding local farms.—INTERNET

### China puts French satellite into space

BEIJING, 8 Oct — China Friday successfully put a French telecom satellite into space from its Xichang launch centre. A Long March-III 2 carrier rocket, launched from Xichang in southern China, put the W3C telecom satellite into orbit Friday afternoon, Xinhua reported.

The launch marked the first time for China to cooperate with a European satellite operator since the signing of a China-France satellite launch agreement in 2008. The W3C satellite was built by Thales Alenia Space, a French satellite manufacturer, and is owned by Eutelsat, a leading provider of satellite communication services. The W3C has a designed lifespan of 15 years and will provide television, radio, broadband, video and internet service.—Internet

### Scientists to develop deep ocean seismic network

SAN DIEGO, 8 Oct—The Scripps Institution of Oceanography has been awarded a \$1 million grant to develop a deep sea seismic

network. Scientists hope this new system will plug current monitoring gaps. Ships typically deploy earthquake sensors in the ocean that gather data for a certain amount of time before they are retrieved by vessels.

Scripps will pair with industry in the project that's being funded by the National

Science Foundation. Data from the sea floor sensors will be transmitted to a surfboard-sized autonomous unmanned vessel on the ocean's surface, and then to shore via satellite.

Researchers say the unmanned vessel would be able to stay stationary for longer periods of time, allowing for more data collection.

Internet

### Steve Jobs' funeral held Friday

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Oct—The funeral for Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, who died Wednesday at the age of 56, is taking place on Friday, US media reported.

The funeral is termed as a small private gathering, *The Wall Street Journal* quoted a person familiar with the matter as saying.

The source would not disclose where or

when the event was taking place, citing respect for Jobs and his family's privacy.

Apple said it has no public services planned for Jobs. In an e-mail sent to Apple staff on Wednesday, Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook said "a celebration of Steve's extraordinary life" would be held soon for employees.

On its website,

Apple has encouraged people to send their memories and condolence to a special e-mail address. Meanwhile, online magazine *deading.com* reported Friday that Sony Pictures is making a hefty deal to acquire feature rights to "Steve Jobs," the only authorized biography of the Apple co-founder which will be published on 24 Oct.—Xinhua

### EU approves acquisition of Skype by Microsoft

BRUSSELS, 8 Oct—The European Commission on Friday gave the green light to Microsoft's acquisition of voice and video communication provider Skype, thus

removing the last hurdle in the process.

According to a statement released by the Commission, "the deal would not significantly impede effective

competition in the European Economic Area (The EU plus Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway) or any substantial part of it."

The Commission explained that it found that in the area of consumer communications, the parties' activities overlap in video communications, where Microsoft is active through its Windows Live Messenger. However, the Commission considered that there were no competition concerns in this growing market where numerous other players, including Google, were present.

Xinhua



President of Softbank Masayoshi Son speaks to reporters at a press conference at the company's headquarters in Tokyo on 7 October, 2011. Softbank announced they will start to sell the new iPhone 4S handset from 14 October in Japan.—XINHUA

People visit the Shandong provincial science and technology park during the National Day holidays in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, 7 Oct, 2011. XINHUA



### Russia completes deployment of global positioning satellites

Moscow, 8 Oct—Russia has completed the deployment of its global positioning satellite group "Glonass", head of the Russian Space Agency Roscosmos Vladimir Popovkin said on Friday.

Glonass, the Russian equivalent of the US Global Positioning System (GPS), is designed for both military and civilian use. The system requires 24 operational and 2-3 reserve satellites in orbit to ensure global coverage.

"Today Russia's Glonass group is really global and ready at any moment to show (the user's) whereabouts....We completed the formation of the orbiting cluster with the launch of a Glonass-M satellite in early October," Popovkin told a meeting in the Russian State Duma, or the lower house of parliament.

"Now we will develop the system's land-based infrastructure, which will increase the Glonass precision to one meter from current five to six meters by 2015," he added.

Currently, there are 28 Glonass satellites in orbit — 23 of them are operating, two are being put into service, and three are out for maintenance.

According to Popovkin, in the next few years, one of the priorities of the Roscosmos is to develop weather and communication satellites as well as the Earth's remote sounding.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 Oct, 2011 shows the design works presented during an exhibition in Taipei, China, on 7 Oct, 2011. More than 6,000 works of over 1,200 designers around the world were presented during the exhibition.—XINHUA

## WWII mines cleared from Normandy beach

PARIS, 8 Oct—Mines were being cleared Friday from a French beach where one of the decisive battles of the Normandy invasion took place in 1944.

The two-day operation at Pointe du Hoc began Thursday, Radio France Internationale reported. Explosives experts were working both on the beach and underwater to a depth of about 150 feet to find and remove an estimated 500 mines dating back to World War II.

About 20 people

living near the beach were asked to evacuate during the clearing.

US Army Rangers seized Pointe du Hoc after scaling the heavily defended cliffs on June 6, 1944. In 1984, on the 40th anniversary, President Ronald Reagan paid tribute to the Rangers, saying,

“These are the boys of Pointe du Hoc, these are the men who took the cliffs.”

Pointe du Hoc, about 4 miles west of Omaha Beach, now has a museum and a memorial to the Army Rangers. About 500,000 people visit every year.

Internet



Troops in an LCPV landing craft approach Omaha Beach in Normandy, France on D-Day, on 6 June, 1944.—INTERNET

## UFO sightings reported in Missouri

KANSAS CITY, 8 Oct—UFO experts in Missouri said strange lights were reported above Kansas City on three consecutive nights.

Margie Kay, assistant state director for the Mutual UFO Network, said Kansas City residents reported bright lights and hovering craft in the sky above the city Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

night, WDAF-TV, Kansas City, reported. “We do have other reports of very large craft hovering in different areas, and that’s quite unusual because normal airplanes do not have that behaviour. Helicopters do, but these are not described as helicopters,” Kay said. She said the organization spoke with area airport officials, who said some of the sightings could have been attributed to stunt planes in the area. However, she said many of the reports remain unexplained.—Internet



A photo of the alleged UFO, submitted to the MUFON database.—INTERNET

## Keppel confirms deadly incident at Subic Shipyard

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—Singapore’s business conglomerate Keppel has confirmed the death of five workers in an incident at its Subic Shipyard in the Philippines on Friday morning.

The incident occurred at a dock where a vessel was being repaired, said Mok Kim Whang, president and general manager of Keppel Subic Shipyard.

“A stern ramp fell on a scaffolding underneath a ramp where the workers were working. As a result, five of the workers died while seven others were injured,” Keppel said in a statement.

The injured workers have been sent to the hospital. Keppel said that the investigation is still going on, and that it is cooperating with Philippine authorities.—Xinhua

## Computer virus hits US drone station

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—A stubborn computer virus has reportedly hit the US Nevada control station that remotely pilot US military drone aircraft on missions in Afghanistan and other war zones, Xinhua reported.

The virus has infected the cockpits of American Predator and Reaper drones, logging pilots’ every keystroke.

According to Wired magazine, the virus, first detected about two weeks

ago by the military’s Host-Based Security System, has not prevented pilots at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada from flying their missions overseas. However, the virus has proven very difficult to eradicate. “We keep wiping it off, and it keeps coming back,” Wired quoted a source as saying. “We think it’s benign. But we just don’t know.”

The virus has infected both classified and unclassified machines at the base, but it was reported that no classified information has been lost or transmitted outside, the report said Friday. The US uses the unmanned aircraft to conduct surveillance and carry out strikes on enemy targets. They are used particularly in remote and mountainous areas of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen. The affected US drones used to kill Anwar al-Awlaki and other Al Qaeda chiefs.

In 2009, US forces discovered drone footage on the laptops of Iraqi militants, Wired said.—Internet

## 111 arrested in biggest ID theft in US history

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — Over a hundred people have been arrested and charged in New York city in what authorities are calling the largest identity theft ring bust in US history.

According to officials, a total of 111 suspects, from a Queens-based group having with ties as far away as Africa, were indicted for ripping off countless victims of more than 13 million dollars. The suspects stole credit card account numbers and forged credit cards.

“Shoppers” were

then given those cards and sent on shopping sprees in New York, Florida, Massachusetts and Los Angeles to buy high-end electronics, designer handbags and expensive jewelry, the *New York Daily News* reports.

The other crimes listed in the indictments included a 95,000-dollar cargo theft from JFK Airport and a 850,000-dollar theft of computer equipment from the Citicorp building in Long Island City.

The 16-month investigation, dubbed

“Operation Swiper” that began in October 2009 has revealed that those goods were often later sold over the Internet.

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said the cost of the theft is incalculable.

“Even after the culprits are caught and prosecuted, their victims are still faced with the difficult task of having to repair their credit ratings and financial reputations,” the paper quoted Brown, as saying. “In some cases, that process can take years,” he added.—Internet



People visit the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, capital of China, 4 Oct, 2011. During the week-long National Day Holiday starting from 1 Oct, the country’s 119 scenic spots under monitoring list received over 24.3 million visitors, up 8.84 percent year-on-year, with the tourism revenues reaching 1.25 billion yuan (196 million US dollars), up 10.57 percent year-on-year.

XINHUA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Diploma in Teachership Education and appointments for primary assistant teachers were conferred on 279 teachers by Monywa Education College at the graduation of the Diploma in Teachership Education Course No.7/10 of the college yesterday.

A total of 3932 teachers in the country would be conferred on the diploma and appointments of primary assistant teachers this year.

At the graduation ceremony, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye said that teachership diploma courses has been held at the education colleges to turn out qualified primary teachers as part of efforts for promoting the education sector meeting international standard.

Region ministers, departmental officials and teachers attended the graduation ceremony.

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## Over 3900 to be appointed as primary teachers



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye addresses seventh ceremony to confer Diploma in Teachership Education at Monywa Education College.—MNA



Mandalay Region playing against Ayeyawady Region in the semi-final of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Region/State Men's Hockey Tournament jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Hockey Federation on 8 October at Theinbyu Turf Hockey Pitch (Mandalay beat Ayeyawady 3-2).—MNA

## Farmers provided with agricultural loans in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—A ceremony to provide agricultural loans to farmer members of rural development and poverty alleviation cooperative syndicate was held at Myinkyadoe Village in Ywangan Township of Danu Self-Administered Zone on 6 October, attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

A total of K 13.1 million was provided to 150 members of nine villages for 262 cultivation acres. Likewise, a ceremony to provide agricultural loans to farmer members of Myattaung Laylone agriculture and general dealing coop-

erative syndicate was held at Taunglaylone Village in Taunggyi yesterday, with an address by the Shan State Chief Minister. A total of 53.9 million Kyats were loaned to farmers from nine villages.

The chief minister then met the artistes taking part in the 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at Taunggyi Town Hall and handed flag of encouragement to the leader of participating team representing Shan State.

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## Kyakuni Village in process...

(from page 1)

In the evening of 24 March 2011, the villagers happily enjoyed the anniversary of the church in the village, singing religious songs. At about 8.30 pm, an earthquake of 7.0 Richter Scale jolted the village. The natural disaster destroyed 146 houses, leaving 264 men and 305 women homeless.

The local authorities provided rescue and relief works at the village as soon as they knew.

Two roads—Tahlay-Kyakuni Road

and Tachilek-Mongkoe-Kyakuni Road—leading to Kyakuni Village were in poor condition. However, officials and members of the rescue and relief teams overcame the difficulties along the roads to the village. They provided medicine, food and purified drinking water to the local people and comforted them. The wounded persons were rushed to Tachilek Hospital for giving medical treatment. The dead bodies were buried in the local tradition.

On 2 April, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers,



Photo shows Basic Education Primary School in Kyakuni Village.

Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat, deputy ministers and officials arrived at Kyakuni Village and presented relief supplies to the quake

victims and comforted them.

Departmental personnel concerned surveyed the proposed land of villagers at an altitude of 2900 feet, northwest of the old village. Land reclamation was carried out with the use of heavy machinery. New Kyakuni Village can be settled on 44.5 acres of land with 140 100 feet square plots for housings and six another plots, 149 plots for school, playground and church.

The collapsed houses were substituted with 136 newly-built 18x18 feet houses at a cost of K

1,625,194 each. These houses were constructed by the government free of charge. A total of 10 houses that did not collapse were provided K 700,000 each for movement cost.

At present, new Kyakuni Village is facilitated with a playground, a Basic Education Primary School, a church, rural health centre and pre-primary school and others in accord with the model village characteristics. Moreover, a 450 MHz CDMA of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is temporarily installed at

the village for carrying out social, economic, health and education tasks of the village.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government and departments concerned, construction of Kyakuni Village has completed by 74.59 per cent. The village was a small rounded with dense forest in the past and it collapsed in the intensified hit of earthquake. Amazingly, the neat and tidy village with new housings for village families will emerge in the near future.

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Myanma Alin: 25-9-2011



Work underway for supply of water to people of Kyakuni Village.

## Genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy

*Ko Ko Aung*

Section 7 in the Chapter (I) of the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says "The Union practises the genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system."

Democracy is a system that emerges according to necessity of both man and his society. As democracy is a practice that protects and promotes human dignity and fundamental rights, it is deemed as an ideal that man should have. Democracy is founded on the primacy of the law. Every individual person enjoys their rights and privileges in the frameworks of law. Thus, prevalence of law and order, and paying respects to human rights are sound foundations for flourishing of democracy. In practising democracy, although everybody has rights to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions, to assemble peacefully and hold procession, these must be in accord with the law.

Section 354 under the heading of Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens in the Chapter (VIII) of the constitution states **every citizen shall be at liberty, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions.** Therefore, democratic rights mean privilege to be enjoyed in accord with the law as well as responsibilities to be taken under the law. Everybody needs to make sure that his expressions and publications are not contrary to the existing law and prejudiced against any person or organization.

While observing democratization process in Myanmar, I have mixed feeling of joy and anger. Thus, I, being a citizen, confessed that creation of this article was based on my own thought.

In the verdict on the amendment to note of election objection No. 8/2011 dated 9-9-2011 adopted by the Union Election Commission that appeared in the Gazette Part I of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued on 30 September 2011, I have read the detailed arguments of prosecutors from both sides and the court acquaintance (the Director-General of the Union Attorney-General's Office) for amendment complainant U Aung Kyaw Zan versus defendant U Tun Aung Khaing and the verdict of the Commission under the law.

I would like to extract the salient points from the verdict given by the electoral court bench No. 6 that U Tun Myint of National Unity Party, U Tun Aung Khaing of Union Solidarity and Development Party and U Aung Kyaw Zan of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP) contested for election in the Pyithu Hluttaw constituency of Pauktaw Township. After the election, U Tun Aung Khaing submitted a note of election objection to the sub-commission because he did not satisfy the election of U Aung Kyaw Zan. According to the statements from both sides made before the court, an eleven member group inclusive of U Aung Kyaw Zan went to Kanchaung Village and Thazay Village in Thazay Village-tract in the constituency on 6-11-2010. At the house of the Village-tract Election Sub-commission chairman, without any authority, they opened

the ballot box in which envelopes of ballots in advance were kept. After looking at the envelopes of ballots in advance, they said that all were ballots for USDP only and then took photos at the ballots. Although the chairman of the Village-tract Election Sub-commission stopped their activity, he, without obeying the deterrence, said that as a representative he had the right to check the ballot and why they did not allow them to do so, and used foul language. His activities were clear in statements of witnesses and documents and evidences. U Aung Kyaw Zan himself confessed that he went to obstruct the casting of ballots in advance. Thus, it was obvious that U Aung Kyaw Zan attempted to deter the casting of ballots in advance. In accord with the Section 59 (e) of the Election Law, the behaviors of U Aung Kyaw Zan, a candidate of the Hluttaw, committed offences of opening without authorization the ballot box which is being used or destroying the ballot paper or advance ballot paper, and whoever is found guilty of committing such act be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats. Moreover, the process of casting ballots in advance stopped due to his acts on that day, so under the Section 66 (a) (ii) of the Election Law this was a malpractice. Based on the above-mentioned salient points and other evidences, the electoral court bench No (6) in its verdict reviewed that U Aung Kyaw Zan was elected through malpractice and judged that U Tun Aung Khaing, the first runner-up, became winner in the election by cancelling the election of U Aung Kyaw Zan.

Due to dissatisfaction against the decision of the election court bench, U Aung Kyaw Zan submitted the amendment to note of election objection to the Union Election Commission in accord with the Section 74 of the Election Law. The Chairman and all members of the Union Election Commission in a full bench heard the amendment to note of election objection and gave verdict on 9-9-2011.

**In the judgment of the amendment to note of election objection No. 8/2011, the Union Election Commission made assessments that opening the ballot box without authority or destruction of ballots or ballots in advance committed by U Aung Kyaw Zan who submitted the case of amendment breached the Section 59 (e) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law.** The judgment stated that as disturbance against casting ballots in advance was designed to harm the right of casting vote, it cannot be said that the decision of the electoral court bench was wrong that according to the Section 66 (a) (ii) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law his act was wrong. Moreover, U Tun Aung Khaing showed witnesses namely U Oo Hla Saw (witness-1) of Kanchaung Village in Pauktaw Township, U Oo Khin Maung (witness-2) of Thazay Village, U Maung Thein Mya (witness-3) of Dahkaing Village and U Tha Chain of West Ward in Pauktaw to oppose the unlawful acts of U Aung Kyaw Zan according to Section 66 (k) of the Election Law. Based on statements of the witnesses, the electoral court bench decided that he breached provision of the Section 66 (k) of the Election Law as the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party, in their canvassing for vote, motivated the people to cast

votes based on the racism or urged them to act abstention. U Aung Kyaw Zan could not rebut the statements of the witnesses and did not submit that these witnesses were not trustworthy. The original electoral court bench reviewed that even though statement of witness U Tha Sein, being an organizing committee member of USDP, might be reliable, U Oo Hla Saw, U Oo Khin Maung and U Maung Thein Mya were independent witnesses. It was obvious that the adoption of decision was based on the statements of the witnesses. The Village-tract Sub-commission gathered ballots in advance in Thazay Village-tract in accord with the Section 45 (b) and (c) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Law. It can be said that while the Village-tract Sub-commission gathered ballots in advance under the law, U Aung Kyaw Zan committing deterrent activities, saying that why the ballots are taken in advance; who order to cast votes; and don't cast votes and go back home, did not affect the USDP but Thazay Village-tract Sub-commission. These interference were designed to disturb the electoral rights of voters and fall through process of gathering ballots in advance. It was obvious that his behavior could not be regarded as a minor one.

**In the detailed description of the State Gazette I have read, the Union Election Commission approved that the decisions of the electoral court bench on U Aung Kyaw Zan as invalid elected person in Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative and defendant U Tun Aung Khaing as legally elected person were not wrong under the law.** (Readers may read the full text of the judgments of the Commission in the State Gazette.)

I am not a politician. I don't know definitely about the electoral disputes over election results as I did not stand for election. Being a professional in law, I had experiences of legal arguments and decisions of the court more or less. So I am capable of analysing verdict of the election tribunal and the commission from the legal point of view. I would like to give a brief account of this case. **There have been evidences that Hluttaw candidate U Aung Kyaw Zan committed electoral offences on the eve of the election. If he had been filed a lawsuit under Section 59 (e) of Election Law, he would have been sentenced to one year in prison or liable to fines of up to K 100,000.** I realized that the commission, in accord with the law, gave its verdict on electoral argument in line with civil action. Criminal action was not taken against him as it was a case of election objection. On the other hand, it can be said that the commission made a decision to produce the least suffering result with the concept of making a big case become smaller and a small case to disappear. In studying the mandate given to the Union Election Commission in accord with Section 402 of the Constitution and Section 9 of the Union Election Commission Law, it is precisely promulgated that resolutions and functions made by the Union Election Commission on election functions, appeals and revisions relating to the resolutions and functions of the electoral court bench shall be final and conclusive.

*(See page 9)*



## Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister stresses rural development and poverty reduction

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung addressed the coordination meeting of the region government on rural development and poverty alleviation on 6 October and called for continued implementation of integrated farming, preparation for mechanized farming, collaborative efforts for environmental conservation and accelerating rural development and poverty alleviation schemes.

The region chief minister then encouraged artistes undergoing training for in the 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and donated cash assistance.

Yesterday, the region chief minister attended the collaborative sanitation of Chaungtha Beach in which Hoteliers Association (Chaungtha) donated K



*Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung addresses coordination meeting on rural development and poverty alleviation.—MNA*

0.5 million for Chaungtha Basic Education High School and dust-bins for cleanliness of the beach. The

region chief minister then viewed sanitation tasks in Chaungtha and met hoteliers at MAX Hotel.—MNA

## Dy EP-2 Minister inspects power supply facilities in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo on 6

October inspected construction works of Myaukpyin main power station to supply power to Mandalay city and Mandalay industrial zone. He also inspected 230/33/11 KV 2x100

MVA main power station, and gave necessary instruction in meeting with staff members at Electrical Engineer's Office of Mandalay Region.

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*Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo meets engineers, staff and skilled workers at Mandalay Region Electrical Engineer's Office.*

MNA

## 156 drug cases exposed, 229 criminals taken action in September

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—A total of 156 cases—4.9509 kilos of opium in 21 cases, 0.1221 kilos of heroin in 38 cases, 0.7624 kilos of opium oil in 10 cases, 1.5084 kilos of low-grade opium in seven cases, 2.0836 kilos of marijuana in 10 cases, 703,100 stimulant tablets in 59 cases, 7.941 kilos of opium speciosa in seven cases, 0.08 liters of opium liquid, eight kilos of ice in one case, 515 kilos of caffeine in one case, 170 kilos of pseudoephedrine in two cases and 0.5659 kilos of stimulant powder—were exposed in September.

Actions were taken against 229 criminals involved in the cases—191 males and 38 females.

MNA

## Genuine and discipline-flourishing...

(from page 8)

**I rejoiced that the commission made such a sympathetic resolution despite the fact that it is officially vested with full powers in accord with the Constitution.**

**Changes in the world are very quick. A time of great rejoicing in my mind changed into a confused state of mind. I have no idea to blame the law of nature in which the good is always accompanied by the bad.**

I read a statement of objection to the resolution of the Union Election Commission announced by Hluttaw representatives of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP) online. So I tried to read the original statement in print. In the statement on attitudes of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives of RNDP dated 9-9-2011, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives, on behalf of the RNDP, disagreed with and strongly rejected the resolution of the commission for grievance of Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Pauktaw Township U Aung Kyaw Zan of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party as he was dismissed from the Pyithu Hluttaw and for leaving hopes and wills of voters in ruins, resulting in unpleasantness. This statement was issued with the signatures of seven Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and eight Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from the RNDP totaling 15.

I mentioned earlier I had fairly experiences in judicature as I used to earn a living as a professional in law. The courts, in accord with the relevant laws, have to judge cases, especially civil cases such

as heir case, civil grievance case, ownership dispute, declaratory suit, etc. in a just and righteous way. According to experiences from court of law, both sides accuse each other of breaching the law and highlight their grievances instead of pleading guilty. It is natural that they point out and prove their points benefiting them or those of their side. The responsibility of the court (the tribunal) is to judge the case in a just and righteous way, weighing what is right and what is wrong on statements/rebuttals (for one-sided advantage) and evidences/testimonies (for their benefits).

**The judgment of the court is not a win-win for both sides. If one side wins a case, the other side loses. Naturally, the loser is not pleased to see the winner. (But some losers deal with winners with a benevolent smile without having a sense of menace). Pardon should be granted to those with narrow-minded attitudes as it is a nature of human being.**

After freely running for the elections of his own volition in accord with the law, issuing a statement accusing the referee and supportive organizations of being biased and treating unjustly is somewhat unreasonable.

I understand that Hluttaw representatives are to represent the people and serve the interests of the people. They have the right to make suggestions, to submit proposals to Hluttaw and to seek approval based on their opinions in combination with the people's voice in the interests of the people. They have responsibility to serve the interest of the nation practising democratic rights.

But it is required that democratic rights vested in Hluttaw representatives to exercise should be in the

interests of the nation and the people. By doing so, they will be true representatives elected to represent the people. If placing emphasis upon the interest of someone, they will be merely representatives of individuals (stooges).

Although every citizen including Hluttaw representatives, in accord with Section 354 of the Constitution, at liberty in the exercise of expressing and publishing freely their convictions and opinions, it is necessary to notice that their rights shall not be contrary to the laws. This is the essence of the disciplined-flourishing genuine democracy.

It is required to weigh in mind that whether or not issuing a statement on the verdict made in the exercise of the powers prescribed in Section 402 of the Constitution and Section 9 of existing Union Election Commission Law, stating the verdict is totally unacceptable and expressing strong objection to the verdict would be contrary to the existing laws.

**In exercising democratic rights, a genuine democracy calls for promotion of fundamental rights without harming dignity and integrity of an individual and an organization. Only with exercising democracy within the framework of the law can genuine democracy be realized. If not, it is merely an undisciplined democracy or anarchy or unruly behavior. Thus I would like to urge with goodwill not to colour and putting aside the disciplined-flourishing genuine democracy which is the fundamental principle of the Constitution approved by 92.48 per cent of the voters of Myanmar.**

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Translation: TTA+YM



A child wears a tiger hat in Tancheng County of Linyi City in east China's Shandong Province, on 5 Oct, 2011. Gao Qinying, 69, started to make these artworks since 16 years old. The hand-made boots and hats with tiger images, which requires a series of complicated procedures such as stitching and embroidering, are cherished by the people in Shandong and Jiangsu Provinces. But in nowadays, the hand-made hats and boots are marginalized due to the mass production of mechanization.—XINHUA

## Dead dolphins found tied to concrete block

MARSEILLE, 8 Oct—Two divers in France say they discovered three dead dolphins in the Mediterranean that had been tied by their tails to a concrete block.

The dolphins, believed to be a mother and her two young, were found off the coast of Marseille, *The Local* reported Friday.

"We were at a depth of about 55 meters [182 feet] when we noticed an unusually shaped light-coloured mass just underneath us," said Fabienne Henri, who was diving with another woman, Jacqueline Dozin. "As we got closer, we could make out the shapes of three dead dolphins lying on the sand," she said.

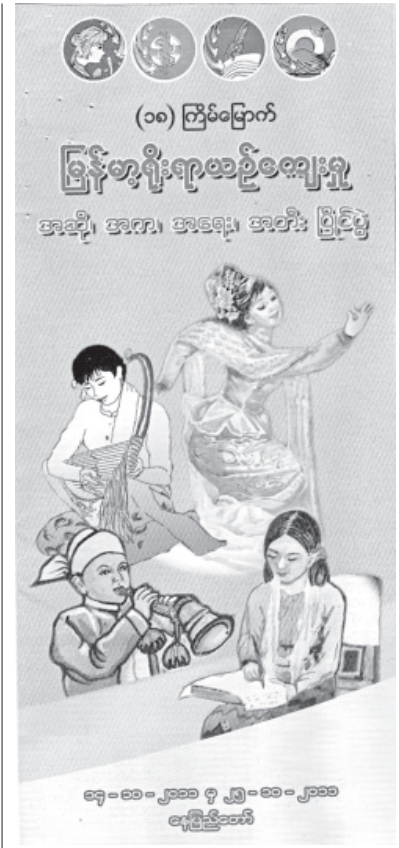
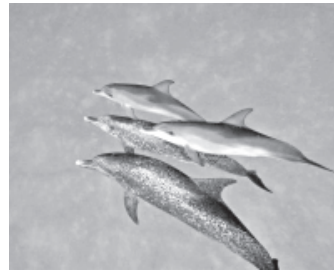
"I'm not an expert, but they had not been there longer than 10 minutes," Henri said. "To me it seems obvious they were thrown from the surface. Why there? I have no idea."

The Marseille prosecutor's office said it had begun an inquiry.

"These mammals are protected and killing them is a criminal offense for which the guilty could go to prison," a representative of the maritime police said.

Internet

Dolphins.



## Some 'fish out of water' do well

FLAGSTAFF, 8 Oct—Some aquatic fish can move effectively on land without specialized anatomical attributes, a finding with evolutionary implications, a US scientist says. Biology Professor Alice Gibb and her research team at Northern Arizona University said their study suggests the nervous system, in its control of bones and muscles, can allow a new behavior to appear without necessarily bringing about a physical change.

"This shows that you don't have to have legs or rigid pectoral fins to move around on land," Gibb said. "So if you go back and look at the fossil record to try to say which fish could move around on land, you'd have a hard time knowing for sure."

The researchers studied a small fully aquatic fish, the mosquitofish, and found it had the ability to move outside of water with apparent skill and purpose. The research implies that "the invasion of the land by vertebrates may have occurred much more frequently than has been previously thought," Gibb said. "Maybe fishes that are very good at jumping are poor swimmers," she said. "We want to look at the compromises that may have been made to favour one behaviour over another."—Internet



The time-elapsd image shows the mosquitofish's ability to move outside of water with apparent skill and purpose.

INTERNET

## Russia puts off building of AK-T space laboratory

Moscow, 8 Oct—Russia has postponed the building of the AK-T space laboratory due to lack of scientific projects the station has been designed for, a Russian space agency official said Friday.

The project would be put off for two or three years, Vitaly Davydov, deputy chief of the Russian Space Agency Roscosmos, told a Press briefing.

The AK-T space lab has been designed as an autonomous space vehicle capable of docking with the *International Space Station (ISS)* when necessary, according to local media reports. Davydov said Russia has also canceled the building of a new carrier rocket Rus-M for lack of funds.—Xinhua



Visitors look at engraving works at an exhibition in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 7 Oct, 2011. An engraving exhibition of Chinese characters was launched here on Friday, showcasing 423 pieces of engraving works to public.—XINHUA

## Brazil captures Israeli man most wanted by US drug enforcers

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Oct—One of the Israeli citizens arrested in Brazil in a police operation against smuggling is on the most wanted list of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), local media reported on Friday.

The man, identified as Yoran El-AI, is wanted in the US for a number of accusations: conspiracy to commit extortion, collection of extensions of credit by extortion, interference

with commerce by threats of violence, and money laundering.

In Brazil, El-AI was arrested for several accusations, including smuggling and money laundering. He is also suspected of being involved in the explosion of numbers game lord Rogerio Andrade's vehicle in April 2010. Andrade's 15-year-old son and a security guard died in the explosion.

El-AI was arrested earlier on Friday in an

upscale neighborhood in Rio. He is reportedly the leader of a gang that used irregular imports of expensive cars to launder the money of their illegal slot machine operations. Among the 11 people arrested in the operation, there was another Israeli national and three Rio cops. The police managed to seize the gang's spoils, which are estimated at 50 million reais (28.2 million US dollars).

Xinhua



File photo taken in August 1900 shows the entering-city ceremony held by the Eight-Power Allied Forces of Britain, the United States, Germany, France, Tsarist Russia, Japan, Italy and Austria in Beijing, capital of ancient China's Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). The Eight-Power Allied Forces invaded and occupied Beijing on 14 Aug, 1900.—XINHUA

## Thai flood death toll reaches 253, four missing

BANGKOK, 8 Oct—A total of 253 people were confirmed dead and four people were missing in the floods that have inundated the upper part of the country for almost three months, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Saturday. The death toll increased as one more death reported in central Province of Phichit.

Northern Province of Phichit has the highest death toll of 41 people, following by central Province of Nakhon Sawan, of which 30 people killed by flood.

Floods still prevail in 30 of 77 provinces, effecting about 760, 000

households. About 50 main highways in many provinces are flooded and cannot be passed and some north-bound train routes were canceled. Also, All buses to the north were canceled. Meanwhile, the National Disaster Warning Centre on Saturday morning issued a warning for people in four eastern provinces, Chonburi, Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trat, to brace for flash floods and landslides from today to 10 Oct.

Xinhua



Newborn panda cubs at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Southwest China's Sichuan Province play in an open field on Tuesday.—INTERNET

## Cold snap to hit north China, dragging temperatures down

BEIJING, 8 Oct—A cold front will sweep north China over the next two days, dragging temperatures down by at least 4 degrees Celsius, China's meteorological authority said Saturday.

Temperatures in some parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, northeast China and north China are forecast to drop by 4 to 8 degrees Celsius, according to the National Meteorological Centre.

Some of the regions may see temperatures dip by 10 degrees Celsius, the centre said.

Heavy rains are expected to lash Hainan Province, Leizhou Peninsula and Taipei over the next three days, while some areas of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and Qinghai Province will see moderate rains or sleet.

Fog is forecast to shroud east and central parts of the country this morning. Visibility in the regions will reduce to less than 1,000 meters, the centre said.

Xinhua



Children play in front of the corns hanging on the wall in the Weicun village of Wenxian County in Jiaozuo City, central China's Henan Province, on 6 Oct, 2011.

The corn harvest season has come in recent days.

XINHUA

## Death toll rises to 18 in southern Vietnam flood

HANOI, 8 Oct—Flood in Vietnam's southern Mekong river delta took 18 lives, including 15 children, reported the Central Committee for Storm and Flood Control (CCSFC) on Friday.

In addition, more than 50,000 houses were inundated, thousands of acres of paddy fields and other crops flooded,

hundreds of kilometres of roads and dykes eroded, and thousands of hectares of aquatic breeding ponds were broken.

According to the Hydro-meteorological Forecasting Centre, flood lines continued to rise in the Dong Thap Muoi and Long Xuyen regions and will reach its peak up to 4.8 metres on 11 Oct.

To cope with the long-lasting flood and rain, local services of natural resources and environment instructed relevant agencies to prepare for and fight in time against any incident.

Local residents also joined hands with the soldiers in reinforcing the dykes, protecting the fields and property.

Xinhua

## Fire kills four, injures 14 in Croatia nursing home

ZAGREB, 8 Oct—A fire killed at least four people and injured another 14 in a nursing home in north Croatia's city of Bjelovar Friday afternoon, local media reported.

All the injured were sent to a local hospital and none of them were in life-threatening condition, according to a report by Croatian television HRT.

It said the privately-owned nursing home in Bjelovar, some 60 kilometers east of Zagreb, had been hit by a lightning before the fire caught on at around 13:30 local time (1130 GMT).

Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor visited the injured people in the hospital Friday evening, and promised a swift investigation of the exact cause of the accident.—Xinhua



A vehicle is seen in haze in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 8 Oct, 2011. Lianyungang was fog bound Saturday morning.

XINHUA

## Train derailment, explosion in US town prompts evacuation

CHICAGO, 8 Oct—Officials are evacuating the town of Tiskilwa in Illinois, after a freight train derailed and several tanker cars containing ethanol exploded early Friday, *Chicago Tribune* reports.

The incident happened before 2 am and the access was blocked off to Tiskilwa, a town of about 800 people 115 miles (185 kilometres) west of Chicago.

As of 8:30 am, aerial shots showed most of the flames out and white smoke rising from several tanker cars heaped together. Officials said it had been brought under control, but the fire was still burning as of 9 am, and there were no reports of injuries or casualties.

Emergency crews are evacuating the entire town of about 800 people, the dispatcher said.

Ottawa Fire Capt Steve Haywood said earlier that it wasn't immediately known how many cars derailed, but it appeared that at least six of the train's 112 cars ignited.

The cars were carrying ethanol, or denatured alcohol, and possibly other materials and chemicals, Haywood said. Hazardous materials teams from Ottawa, Utica, Marseilles, Peru, Mendota, Oglesby and Naplate were dispatched to the fire.

Xinhua

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (317)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (317) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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*Falling demand and prices of flat-screen TVs have hurt profits at various electronics makers.*

INTERNET

**Samsung forecasts dip in profits amid falling TV demand**

SEOUL, 8 Oct — Samsung Electronics has forecast a dip in profits for the third quarter amid falling demand for flat-screen TVs and computer chips. Samsung said it expected an operating profit of 4.2tn won (\$3.5bn; £2.3bn) a 14% dip from a year earlier. However, compared to the previous quarter, the projected profit is up 12%. Analysts said Samsung's handset business had helped offset the falls elsewhere. "Its telecommunications business is seen very positive as shipments of smartphones and other high-end handsets expanded," said Park Jong-Min of ING Investment Management.

Analysts said they expected Samsung's handset business to keep grow-

ing robustly, not least due to the Apple's decision to upgrade its existing model of iPhone4 with new features and technology, rather than launch a new version.— *Internet*

**American fugitive captured in Portugal begins extradition battle**

LISBON, 8 Oct — The lawyer for captured American fugitive George Wright on Thursday filed his arguments in a Lisbon court against his client's extradition to the US, saying he should be allowed to serve the rest of his sentence in Portugal.

The US is trying to extradite Wright to serve the rest of his 15- to 30-year sentence for a 1962 murder in New Jersey.

*Internet*



*David Beckham's income from personal sponsorship deals rose by 30 per cent last year.—INTERNET*

**Income from Beckham's endorsements up 30%**

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — According to figures released by Britain's Companies House, revenue for the company which handles Beckham's endorsements was £14.9 million (then \$23.9 million) in 2010. In 2009, Footwork Productions received £11.4 million (\$18.3 million) from companies including sportswear manufacturer Adidas. In 2010, Beckham also signed a deal with Yahoo Inc to be part of the internet portal's World Cup coverage after being ruled out of the tournament due to injury.

The accounts also showed that the 36-year-old former England captain received £11.6 million (\$18.6) from the company compared with £9 million (then \$14.6 mil-

lion) the previous year. A separate company, Brand Beckham, receives a share of the merchandising revenue he generates for the Galaxy as well as joint endorsements with his wife, Victoria, including their range of fragrances. A third revenue stream in 2010 was Beckham's guaranteed \$6.5 million annual salary from the Galaxy.

He is currently deciding what to do when his five-year Major League Soccer contract expires in November. Several European clubs has expressed an interest in signing the former Manchester United and Real Madrid player including French side Paris Saint-Germain and Premier League clubs Tottenham and Queens Park Rangers. — *Internet*

**'Fluffy' saves girl from pitbull**

CAMPO GRANDE, 8 Oct — A friendly, floppy-eared mutt named Fluffy may have earned himself a new nickname in his Brazilian hometown: Feroocious-When-Necessary. Kenya Suelen Rodrigues of the city of Campo Grande is quoted by the G1 news website as saying the normally playful and friendly dog immediately attacked a pitbull that barged into her home and headed for her three-year-old daughter.

Ms Rodrigues said the

pitbull sank his teeth into Fluffy's black-and-white back and dragged him out into the street, where the two continued fighting. She said she and neighbours threw rocks and pieces of wood trying to break up the canines, but nothing worked — until a car came along and slammed into the pitbull. The pitbull's owner took both dogs to the vet. Both survived.

*Internet*



*A family dog protected a young girl from a pitbull attack in Brazil.*

INTERNET

**Guitar maker gently weeps over 'illegal' wood charges**

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — Guitar-maker Gibson was being investigated after raids at its factories and offices in Nashville and Memphis to seize what federal agents said was illegally exported ebony from India. Prosecutors confirmed the investigation on Wednesday in a filing that asked a judge to delay efforts by the company to reclaim the wood.

After the raid in August, the firm's CEO Henry Juszkiewicz denied wrongdoing and complained in media appearances that the federal government had implicated Gibson without filing charges.

The company has won the support of rightwing groups by citing the raids as examples of overzealous regulation that threatens jobs. Gibson was the subject of a similar raid in 2009 after the seizure of wood allegedly exported illegally from Madagascar.

The US Attorney, Jerry Martin, declined to provide further details of the investigation by the Environmental Crimes Section of the Justice Department. Prosecution documents, however, point out that the federal government can "seek criminal fines and

imprisonment for knowing violations of the Lacey Act", which bans the import of illegally harvested wildlife and plants. Details of the case are being kept secret so that the investigation is not compromised, according to court documents. — *Internet*



*Gibson's Les Paul guitars were first created in 1952.— INTERNET*

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Dad in court after son pulled teeth**

A father has pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment after his teenage son tried to pull out his own teeth because he had not been taken to a dentist. Francisco Torres, from Pennsylvania, US, told a judge that he "procrastinated" about getting the boy dental care. Police say the boy tried to pull out his teeth after complaining of pain for several months. He needed emergency surgery.— *Internet*

**Indonesian police arrest three in anti-drug raids**

The National Police elite counterterrorism unit Densus 88 arrested three men in two separate anti-drug raids on Saturday, local media reported.

One man was detained in Jakarta and the other two were detained in West Java, the local news portal Detik.com reported.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Man recorded his 320kmh jaunt**

A Swiss motorist used his mobile phone to record himself driving near Geneva at 320kmh, nearly three times the speed limit, police said on Wednesday. But the offence was only uncovered six months later when the 28-year-old was questioned in another case and investigators found the images still on the phone. — *Internet*

**Engine 'alcolocks' for drunk drivers**

Dutch drivers caught operating a car while massively over the legal alcohol limit will be forced to fit their cars with "alcolocks", which automatically lock the engine if the driver is over the limit. Convicted drunk drivers found with blood alcohol levels above 1.3 mg/dl — more than six times the legal limit of 0.2 mg/dl — will be ordered to install alcolocks, the transport ministry said. — *Internet*

### Clerk error leads to \$25M lottery win

A Georgia woman said a store clerk's error caused her to win \$25 million in a recent Powerball lottery drawing.

Kathy Scruggs, 44, of Lithonia, claimed her prize Monday at Georgia Lottery headquarters. She said she asked the clerk at Shell Food Mart in Decatur for a Mega Millions ticket, but she was instead given a Powerball ticket for the 14 Sept drawing, WGCL-TV, Atlanta, reported. "I just took it anyway. So I bought Powerball and Mega Millions," Scruggs said.

Scruggs won the jackpot with numbers 16-41-42-50-59 and Powerball 5.

### Students want leaf blowers banned

Some students at a Florida college say they want leaf blowers banned in their county to cut down on noise and pollution.

The Palm Beach State College students, who call themselves Students Against Volatile Emissions, or SAVE, said they will urge Palm Beach County commissioners during

Tuesday's meeting to ban the use of leaf blowers in the county effective 1 Jan, WPTV, West Palm Beach, reported Monday. "I don't think there's too many of us that haven't had a conversation and had one of those walk by and had to say 'hold on a minute' and wait until the groundskeeper goes by," said Steve Pohler,

a member of the group. The students said banning leaf blowers would also have positive effects on the environment. However, Ray Alvarez, owner of Pro Lawn Care Plus in West Palm Beach, said leaf blowers are necessary tools for his business.



### News Album

### Authorities seek

#### 'Butterfingers Bandit'

FBI agents in Houston said they are searching for the "Butterfingers Bandit," a woman who dropped her pilfered money during a bank robbery. The agents said the woman walked into the JP Morgan Chase bank branch at 12401 South Post Oak shortly before 9:30 am Monday and handed a note demanding money to a teller, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Investigators said the woman dropped the money as it was handed to her and cursed loudly, drawing the attention of other people in the bank. She picked the money up from the floor and fled the facility, agents said. The woman was described as between the ages of 40 and 45 with a large build. She was wearing a New Orleans Saints cap at the time of the incident.

### Baby alligator survives flushing



The head of an Ohio reptile rescue group said a baby alligator was lucky to survive being flushed down a toilet and brought to the city's wastewater plant.

Damien Oxier of Butler County, who heads the non-profit Arrowhead Reptile Rescue, said the foot-long baby was the first he knew of in the area to survive being flushed down a toilet in his 20 years on the job, the *Cincinnati Enquirer* reported.

Oxier, whose group rescues dozens of alligators per year, said

the baby alligator survived being flushed as well as the water treatment plant's "mechanical bar rack" and a "mechanized rake," which sent the gator to the first floor dumpster where he was found Tuesday.

Oxier said the gator will be taken to a foster home for about a year before being transferred to a reptile rescue facility.

### Ashley Greene's Bond girl dreams



Actress Ashley Greene

LONDON, 8 Oct—Actress Ashley Greene wants to be the next Bond girl. "I would love to be a Bond girl. I love action films because I have kind of dabbled in that a little bit

now with 'Twilight', and the characters are always really strong but have a little twist to them. They are just such cool characters to play," contactmusic.com quoted Greene as saying. But she might have to wait a while as it's reported that British actress Naomie Harris will play the coveted lead female role in the upcoming 23rd Bond film.

Internet



Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez

### Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez on luxurious date

LONDON, 8 Oct—Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are staying in a USD 2,300-a-night suite in Brazil. "Justin and Selena are staying at the Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro, which is considered to be the most exclusive hotel in Rio. They are staying in a penthouse suite which includes one bedroom with a king-sized bed, a living room, a mini bar and two marble bathrooms with a separate bathtub and shower," femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

"The suite is decorated with exquisite works of art, exotic carpets and French fabrics. The penthouse suite costs about USD 2,900 a night. Their suite has a private terrace and overlooks the Copacabana beach. It's gorgeous and extremely elegant. Stevie Wonder stayed in the exact same suite just a few days ago," he added.—Internet

### It's splitsville for Leonardo DiCaprio, Blake Lively

LONDON, 8 Oct—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has split from his actress-girlfriend Blake Lively.

The couple's representatives confirmed the break-up news insisting the two stars would "remain friends", reports Us Magazine.com.

The couple started dating earlier this year, when they were seen photographed together in Italy, Monaco and Los Angeles.

Internet



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio

### Lady Gaga biopic in progress

LONDON, 8 Oct—US-based television channel Lifetime is developing a movie based on the life of pop star Lady Gaga.

"Fame Monster: The Lady Gaga Story" will be written by Norman Snider and is based on Maureen Callahan's 2010 book "Poker Face: The Rise And Rise Of Lady Gaga".

The channel has sent out a casting call to find an actress to play the superstar in the movie as Gaga is not involved in the



Lady Gaga

project, reports contactmusic.com.—Internet

### 'Potter,' 'Pirates' vie for Hollywood Movie Award

HOLLYWOOD, 8 Oct—"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," "The Help" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" were nominated for the Hollywood Movie Award. Also in the running for the top fan-voted prize at the 15th annual Hollywood Film Festival and Hollywood Film Awards are "Captain America: The First Avenger," "Cowboys & Aliens," "Rango," "Rise of the Planet

of the Apes," "Super 8," "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" and "X-Men: First Class." The Hollywood Movie Award winner will be determined by a popular vote on the Yahoo! Movies Web site. It will be announced at the Hollywood Film Awards Gala Ceremony 24 Oct, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"We are very excited that once again the Hollywood Film Festival and Hollywood Film Awards, together with Yahoo! Movies, will continue their tradition of providing the public at large with the opportunity to vote for their favorite movie," Awards Founder and Executive Director Carlos de Abreu said in a statement Friday.—Internet

Geoffrey Rush, Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz arrive on the red carpet before the screening of the film "Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" during the 64th annual Cannes International Film Festival in Cannes, France.

INTERNET



## Gerrard ready to push on



The skipper has so far been restricted to three appearances from the bench

LIVERPOOL, 8 Oct — Liverpool first-team coach Steve Clarke says the time is right for captain Steven Gerrard to step up his bid for regular football. The England international was left out of Fabio Capello's squad for Friday's Euro 2012 qualifier in Montenegro as he has played just 56 minutes of football in three substitute appearances this season.

Gerrard's recovery from a groin operation in March took slightly longer than expected but Liverpool were not prepared to risk the 31-year-old until he was completely ready. With more than a week until the club's next match, at home to Manchester United, Clarke hopes to see the influential midfielder start pushing himself further.

Internet



Steve Clarke and Kenny Dalglish are hoping to have Steven Gerrard back soon

## Loew looking for perfect ten after Turkey rout

ISTANBUL, 8 Oct — Germany coach Joachim Loew is looking for his side to step up their performance against Belgium on Tuesday as they try to

make it ten wins out of ten in Euro 2012 qualifying. Loew enjoyed the 50th win of his career as Germany coach on Friday as his team earned their ninth consecutive win in Group A, defeating Turkey 3-1 in Istanbul.

Bayern Munich trio Mario Gomez, Thomas Mueller and Bastian Schweinsteiger all netted in the victory, but Loew was not happy with the mistake which led to Turkey's consolation goal.

The Netherlands and Spain are the only other teams with a perfect record in their Euro 2012 campaigns. — Internet



Turkey's midfielder Hamit Altintop (L) and Germany's striker Mario Gomez vie for the ball during the UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying match at the Turkish Telekom Arena in Istanbul. —INTERNET

## Spain keep perfect record after beating Czechs

PRAGUE, 8 Oct — Reigning world and European champions Spain kept their perfect record in the Euro 2012 qualifying Group I after easing past the Czech Republic 2-0 on Friday with first-half goals from Juan Mata and Xabi Alonso.

Spain, already qualified, now top the group with seven wins from seven games. The Czechs are second on 10 points, two ahead of Scotland who have two games to play. Spanish coach Vicente Del Bosque started with

three strikers — Mata, David Silva and Fernando Torres. — Internet



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki (L) and Italy's Flavia Pennetta greet each other after their women's singles quarter-final at 2011 China Open Tennis Tournament in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 Oct, 2011. —XINHUA

# SPORTS

## Premier League Enterprise Challenge 2011



The Premier League Enterprise Academy has proved a big success

LONDON, 8 Oct — Entries are being invited for the 2011 Premier League Enterprise Challenge. This year the Challenge will take place during Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) (14th -20st November 2011). Each football club with a Premier League Enterprise Academy is invited to take part in the Premier League Enterprise Challenge, with the final being held on the first day of GEW.

The invited clubs are: Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackburn Rovers, Black-

pool, Bolton, Birmingham City, Derby County, Everton, Fulham, Manchester City, Manchester Utd, Middlesbrough, Newcastle United, Hull City, Sunderland, Tottenham Hotspur, West Bromwich Albion and West Ham United.

Teams of students from invited schools will be asked to work on a real brief for the Premier League. Selected teams will represent their school and club at the Final at White Hart Lane, London, home of Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday 13th and Monday 14th November 2011. The inaugural event in 2009 was won by Everton with Tottenham Hotspur taking the title in 2010. — Internet



French forward Loic Remy (C) vies with Albania's defenders Kristi Vangjeli (L) and Andi Lila during their Euro 2012 group D qualifying match at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, a northern suburb of Paris. —INTERNET

## Wozniacki out of China Open

BEIJING, 8 Oct — World number one Caroline Wozniacki crashed out of the prestigious China Open after slumping to Italian veteran Flavia Pennetta 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (2) in the quarterfinals on Friday. The 29-year-old Italian taught the world number one a good lesson on how to score from the baseline by hitting efficient and angled groundstrokes and closed out the match with an spectacular drop ball in the tiebreak of the third set.

It was close in the first set as both players hardly held serve. Wozniacki dropped serve twice but

broke back three times to routinely take the set at 6-3. The momentum, however, totally swung to Pennetta's side in the second set as the Italian blitzed the 21-year-old Dane at love.

Wozniacki, overall a defensive baseliner, found herself trailing 4-1 just 20 minutes into the in the final set, and then it was Pennetta's turn to make unforced errors, which helped the Dane claw back to 6-6. Wozniacki, the defending champion, cut a poor figure again in the deciding tiebreak where she lost at 7-2.

Xinhua

## Youngsters given table tennis masterclass



It coincided with the launch of the Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup

LONDON, 8 Oct — Table tennis professionals help Arsenal launch a bid for table tennis glory. Youngsters from the Arsenal Community Table Tennis Club were given a professional masterclass last week when British number three, Gavin Rungay, dropped in to William Ellis School in Camden to showcase his skills and provide coaching expertise.

The visit coincided with the local launch of the annual Fred Perry Table Tennis Urban Cup, a competition run in conjunction with the Premier League 4 Sport (PL4S) programme and English

Table Tennis Association (ETTA), which sees all 20 Premier League Clubs link in with regional table tennis community clubs to encourage and inspire youngsters to get involved in the sport.

Local competitions will take place throughout October and November at Arsenal in the Community's local satellite clubs in order to find the lucky individuals who will progress to regional inter-satellite competitions and eventually get the chance to represent Arsenal at the Fred Perry Urban Cup National Final in December.

Internet



A Youngsters from the Arsenal Community Table Tennis Club attended

## Blanc concerned by new France injuries

PARIS, 8 Oct — France coach Laurent Blanc was left to count the cost of fresh injuries to his thinly stretched squad after his side closed to within a point of qualifying for Euro 2012 by beating Albania 3-0.

Already missing first-team regulars including Karim Benzema, Franck Ribery, Philippe Mexes and Eric Abidal, Blanc lost Patrice Evra and Yohan Cabaye during the course of the game and revealed that Adil Rami had picked up an injury too.

France require a point from their final Group D game at home to Bosnia-Herzegovina on Tuesday but Blanc said preparations for that match had been affected by the injuries that struck his team on Friday. "I think it was good preparation but we had a few problems," he said. — Internet

## Safina not ready to make retirement decision yet

MOSCOW, 8 Oct — Dinara Safina says she hasn't decided yet if she will keep playing tennis, contradicting brother Marat Safin's announcement that she had retired. The former top-ranked player said on Twitter there has been no official announcement and asks that she be given "some time and I'll let u all know." Safin said earlier Friday that his younger sister had decided to quit the sport at 25 years old because of chronic back pain.

Safina began an indefi-



Dinara Safina, of Russia

nite break from tennis in May after two years of back problems. She turned pro in 2001 and won 12 titles on the WTA Tour.

Internet

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (9-10-2011) (Sunday)**

Transmissions		Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(9-10-11 09:30 am ~ 10-10-11 09:30 am) MST

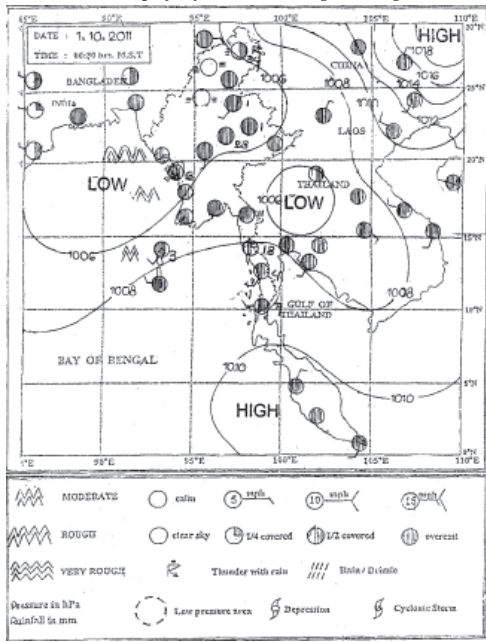
**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Herbal Medicine By Thurein (Ta Bin Daing Mya Nan)
- \* News
- \* Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes "Chicken Curry with Gourd"
- \* Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival (Part-2)
- \* News
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Solo of Artist ko Thein On Movies of Golden and Silver Jubilees (Part-3)

- \* News
- \* Charming Myanmar Silk Fabric
- Overseas Transmission**
- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Herbal Medicine By Thurein (Ta Bin Daing Mya Nan)
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- \* News
- \* Charming Myanmar Silk Fabric
- \* News
- \* Myanmar Movies Impact "Mighty Energetic Love"
- \* News
- \* Myanma Traditional Marionette Theatre (Part-9)
- \* A Day Trip to Thanlyin
- \* News
- \* Live Concert
- \* News
- \* The Pride of Twantay
- \* Fine Arts Podium "Byaw"
- \* Myanmar Movie "New Bosom"

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Sunday, 9 October View on today**

- 7:00 am
  1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
  2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
  4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
  5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
  6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
  7. 38 kinds of auspiciousness

- 8:15 am
  8. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita) (Amateur (Second) Division Level) (Men/Women)
- 8:50 am
  9. International News
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
  2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am
  3. Round Up of the Week's International News
- 11:30 am
  4. TV Drama Series
- 12:20 pm
  5. Myanmar Movies
- 1:55 pm
  6. Thadin Kyut Songs
- 2:05 pm
  7. Documentary
- 2:15 pm
  8. Music Serie
- 2:30 pm
  9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- 2:50 pm
  10. International News
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
  2. Songs of National Races
- 4:20 pm
  3. Thadin Kyut Songs
- 4:35 pm
  4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Oriental)
- 4:50 pm
  5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
  6. Selected Songs for 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Narration of religious stories)
- 5:15 pm
  7. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
  8. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
  9. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
  10. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
  11. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 7:00 pm
  12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
  13. News
- 14. International News
- 15. Weather Report
- 16. Documentary
- 17. 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Narration of religious stories)
- 18. Cartoon Series
- 19. TV Drama Series

**Weather forecast for 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	20/68	12/54	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Tainthayi	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	30/86	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HF)	80%
12	Yangon	34/93	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	31/88	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	32/90	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

**Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today**

During the past (24) hours, Weather has been widespread in Tainthayi Region, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (2.95) inches, Nyaunglebin (2.48) inches, Kyaikmaraw (2.28) inches, Myeik (1.65) inches and Maubin (1.50) inches.

**Bay Inference** Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**State of the Sea** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days** Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Nadal to face Murray in Japan Open final**

TOKYO, 8 Oct—Top-seeded Rafael Nadal will take on Andy Murray in the final of the Japan Open after both recorded straight-sets victories in Saturday's semifinals.

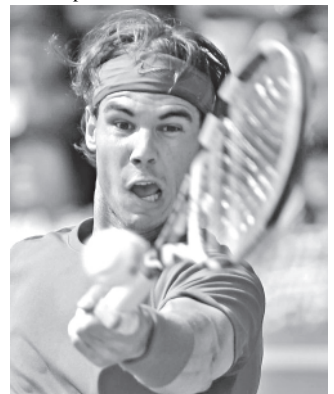
Nadal powered past Mardy Fish in the second set to beat the American 7-5, 6-1 while Murray was a 6-2, 6-3 winner over David Ferrer.

The Nadal-Fish match was on serve until the 11th game in the opening set, when the Spaniard broke and then served out to love at Ariake Colosseum.

The first set was marked my several long rallies, but as the match progressed Nadal took control and imposed his will with a combination of crisp ground strokes and a strong serve.

Nadal, the defending champion, won 85 percent of his second serve points in the match which lasted 1 hour, 35 minutes. He broke Fish in the first and third games of the second set and held serve throughout. He concluded the match with another break which included a scintillating

shot. Nadal ran down a crosscourt shot from Fish and then whipped a sublime winner down the line that curled just inside to paint to reach match point.—Internet



**Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Mardy Fish of the United States during their semifinal match at the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Japan, Saturday, 8 Oct, 2011. Nadal won the match 7-5, 6-1.—INTERNET**

**Kalena dhammasākeccā; timely discussion of the doctrines; this is the way to auspiciousness**

**Yangon Region Chief Minister drives stake for Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami), attends ANGVA Green High Way 2011 Flag-Off**

YANGON, 8 Oct— Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended a ceremony to drive stand pipe for construction of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami) in South Okkalapa Township today.

Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint and Yangon Region Minister for Transport U Aung Khin drove stakes for the construction.

Afterwards, the Yangon Region Chief Minister pressed a button to drive No. 4 stake for stand pipe by Vibro Hammer.

The new bridge across the Ngamoeyeik Creek will be constructed by the Engineering Department (Road and Bridges) of the Yangon City Development Committee under the



directive of the Yangon Region Government.

The motor road of the bridge is 600 ft long and 28 ft wide, flanked by the 6 ft wide pedestrian lanes. The steel frame reinforced concrete type bridge has a clearance of 10 ft and six inches in height and can withstand 75 tons of loads. Completion of the bridge would shorten the distance of traffic between South Okkalapa Township and Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

After the ceremony, the Chief Minister attended a ceremony to accept and welcome the torch of Asia Pacific National Gas Vehicles Association (ANGVA) Green High Way 2011 at the Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township.

In his address, the Chief Minister welcomed the ANGVA programme as it has encouraged exchange of technology on natural gas vehicles and the friendly cooperation



*Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe presses button to drive No. 4 stake for stand pipe of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami) with use of vibro hammer.—MNA*

among the countries which use cars run on natural gas.

The use of natural gas vehicles could help energy saving, economical and environmental conservation, he added.

The torch would be relayed to the People's Republic of China.

Executive Director of ANGVA Mr Lee Giok Seng and Managing Director of Bandoola Transport Co Ltd Col Myo Myint (Retd) spoke words

of thanks.

Mr Lee Giok Seng handed over the torch to Yangon Region Minister for Forestry and Energy U Kyaw Soe and Col Myo Myint (Retd) and Managing Director of Myanmar New Technology Co Ltd Daw Yin Thu Win signed the friendship paper writing tablet.

Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and the Executive Director of ANGVA formally opened the

ANGVA Green High Way 2011 Southern Route Torch Handover and Flag-off Ceremony.

A ceremony to hand over the torch to the People's Republic of China was held at the Parami Bus Terminal in South Okkalapa Township and Minister for Forestry and Energy of Yangon Region U Kyaw Soe handed over the torch to Team China Chairman Mr John Shine.

MNA

**England await Rooney verdict**

PODGORICA, 8 Oct— Fabio Capello believes Wayne Rooney has been taught an important lesson as the England manager waits for Uefa to rule on the striker's punishment after being sent off against Montenegro.

Rooney was dismissed in the second half of Friday's clash in

Podgorica following a foul on Miodrag Dzulovic, as England picked up a 2-2 draw to secure qualification for Euro 2012.

England's next competitive match will be at next summer's finals in Poland and Ukraine, and Rooney must serve a suspension after Capello admitted he deserved to be

shown a red card.

Rooney will definitely be banned for the first of those matches in the group stage, and possibly more depending on whether Uefa imposes an additional punishment.

And there is the heightened possibility of opponents attempting to wind up the Manchester United man in the games he

does play, even if Capello tried to put a positive gloss on the situation.

"It will be a good lesson for him," said the Italian.

"We have to play three games at the start next year. I don't know how many he will miss. One, maybe two but I hope not.

"Really, it is too early to speak about it." As Uefa will presumably deal with all disciplinary matters arising from this week's games prior to next month's play-offs, Capello will know by the time his squad gather for a high-profile friendly against Spain on 12th November exactly how long Rooney will be absent. England will also face Holland in a friendly before the tournament begins and Capello knows the upcoming games will provide a great test of his side's credentials.

Internet



*Wayne sent off against Montenegro and will now serve a ban of either one or two games.—INTERNET*

**Cash and kind provided to flood victims in Lewe Township**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Due to bank erosion at Madam Creek in heavy rains, a total of 70 households from Kyathaungtaung, Kyaytanku and Htanbingon villages in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area were evacuated to the safe place recently.

Yesterday afternoon, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe, Lewe Township Administrator U Aung Lwin and members of social organizations met and comforted 324 flood victims.

Nay Pyi Taw Council provided K 500,000 and 15 bags of rice to the victims and fulfilled their requirements.—MNA

**Flood warnings**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Toungoo (657 cm) has exceeded by 57 cm (about 2 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

Similarly, the water level of Ngawun River in Ngathainggyoung is 1112 cm. It may reach its danger level (1130 cm) during the next 48 hours commencing this noon, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.—MNA