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Union government gives guidance to take proactive actions in relief, recovery and long-term prevention for potential disasters that may be caused unexpectedly by climate change
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends ceremony to mark International Day of Natural Disaster Reduction

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended the ceremony to mark the International Day of Natural Disaster Reduction at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Myanmar Disaster Preparedness Agency Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union ministers, deputy ministers, region and state ministers for Social Affairs, members of Myanmar Disaster Preparedness Agency the special envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General head of United Nations International Strategy

for Disaster Reduction and members, ambassadors of foreign embassies to Myanmar and officials, resident representatives of the UN agencies, heads of departments, responsible persons of NGOs and INGOs and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivered an address. He said:

Today's auspicious ceremony commemorates International Day for Disaster Reduction which was designated by the United Nations to be held on 13 October every year. Myanmar observed the International Day for Disaster Reduction at the national level for the first time in 2010 and we are holding the event this year

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivers an address at ceremony to mark International Day of Natural Disaster Reduction.—MNA



It is important to link up the disaster reduction endeavours with poverty alleviation programmes so as not to hinder development tasks.

for the second time.

This year's theme for the International Day for Disaster Reduction is "Children and Young People as Partners for Disaster Risk Reduction". The aim of the theme is to inform the world that children and young people are partners in reducing disaster risk.

It is known that, at the global scale, disasters affect approximately 230 million people and an average of 85,000 lives is lost every year. In reviewing natural disasters, the flood of January 2011 in Australia was unprecedented in

its history. Earthquake with the magnitude of 6.3 Richter Scale in New Zealand caused great damages to the buildings. Again, in March 2011, the Tohoku Earthquake of magnitude 9.2 Richter Scale, tsunami and nuclear radiation in Japan also shocked the world. Typhoon Irene that crossed Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the United States during last August affected 800,000 people and also caused damages. Nanmadol Typhoon also hit China, China (Taipei) and the Philippines during the last week of August.

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True patriotism

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Teachers light up the world with education

In its national development drive, Myanmar attaches great importance to strengthening of political, economic and military might. Constant emergence of well-qualified human resources is a must for building up these three might.

Education is centred on human resources development. It is a drive for an individual, a society, or a nation to move forward. That is why the State is making strides in human resources development of the entire nation, including the youths.

In accord with the maxim "Education for All", Myanmar is realizing compulsory primary education system. Measures for upgrading of basic education schools, equipping them with more teaching aids, building capacity of education staff, improving their socio-economic status, and improving schooling rates of middle and high schools are to be followed.

Education staff play a key role in human resources development. They are to make utmost efforts in discharging teaching duties. They are to equip their pupils with all-round education, including physical, mental and vocational skills.

Teachers of various fields are to succeed in providing education, formal or non-formal, and realizing self-education system.

Teachers are gardeners of education, who are tasked to develop excellent human resources, future intellectuals and intelligentsia. Loving-kindness, sympathy, rejoicing at pupils' success, goodwill, interest, consideration and sacrifice are fundamental characters of teachers. Teachers are urged to equip all the students with a variety of skills, harnessing the noble characters.

A tower of Shweli-Mansan power grid collapses in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — Insurgents blasted a tower of 230 KV Shweli-Mansan power grid near Lwelan village in Mongton Township in Kyaukse District of Shan State (North). Now the tower is under repair.

According to the information that a mine blast occurred at SM-129 suspension tower of Shweli-Mansan power grid on 4 October evening, the in-charge of power grip (Mansan) and party went there to inspect the

Books donated to Pyinnya Zwehman Library in Paung Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—The book donation ceremony to Pyinnya Zwehman Library in Kywechan village of Paung Township of Mon State was held on 6 October.

Officials gave talks on endurance of rural libraries and improving reading habits among rural people.

Officials handed over publications donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation and donated periodicals.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman meets UNSG's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction



Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U Lun Thi receives Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom and party. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U Lun Thi received Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom and party at No (1) Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee here at 1.30 pm.

They frankly exchanged views on environmental works and disaster risk preparedness of Myanmar.

Also present at the call were Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U Thein Lwin and committee members.

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Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister back from Kuwait

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back from the State of Kuwait by air this morning after attending the 10th Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Ministerial Meeting held in Kuwait City of the State of Kuwait from 10 to 11 October.

The Myanmar delegation attended the opening session of the 10th

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Ministerial Meeting held at Bayan Palace in Kuwait City on 10 October. The ceremony was attended by foreign ministers, deputy foreign ministers and senior officials from 31 ACD member countries.

At the opening session of the meeting, Chair of ACD Ministerial Meeting Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the

State of Kuwait Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and ACD Coordinator Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand delivered speeches. Next, a group photo, together with the Amir the State of Kuwait and the heads of delegation was taken. Next, the deputy minister also attended the luncheon

hosted by the Amir of the State of Kuwait at Bayan Palace in Kuwait City.

At the ministerial meeting, the global financial crises and its impact on Asian countries and the means to face them, future direction of ACD including but not limited to means of cultural cooperation and emphasize on the important role that youth can play were discussed. The ACD Kuwait Declaration was considered and adopted.

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Suspension Tower No. SM-129 of 230 KV Shweli-Mansan power grid blasted by insurgents.

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Four NATO oil tankers torched in Pakistan



Pakistani residents watch burning NATO supply trucks after they were attacked by armed militants on the outskirts of Quetta. Gunmen in southwestern Pakistan attacked four oil tankers and a container carrying supplies to NATO troops in Afghanistan, officials said.—INTERNET

ISLAMABAD, 13 Oct—Gunmen on Thursday torched four oil tankers in southern Pakistan carrying fuel for NATO troops in Afghanistan, police said.

Gunmen attacked the vehicles, parked at a roadside restaurant near the agricultural town of Shikarpur, 400 kilometres (250 miles) north of Karachi, police official Ashraf Chandio told *AFP* by telephone. The assailants fired several rounds of bullets on the vehicles with automatic weapons and after setting them on fire fled on motorbikes, Chandio said, adding that there were no

casualties. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred in Sindh Province. It was the first such attack in the province in nearly two and half months.

Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked militants frequently launch attacks on NATO supply vehicles in the northwest and

southwest regions of Pakistan, which border landlocked Afghanistan.

Pakistan is the largest single route into Afghanistan for supplies and equipment required by foreign forces, although the United States has increasingly tried to find alternative routes through Central Asia.—*Internet*



Pakistani firefighters tackle burning NATO oil tankers following an attack by gunmen in Shikarpur.—INTERNET

US drone strike kills Haqqani network commander in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 Oct—A member of the Taliban-linked Haqqani network was killed by a US drone strike in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region on Thursday, local media reported.

Geo television reported that Jamil Haqqani was among four people died in the strike at Dande Darpakhel, a border area along with Afghanistan in North Waziristan.

Jamil was in-charge of the logistic affairs of the Haqqani network but he was not member of the Haqqani family, the report said.

However, There was no official confirmation of Jamil's death.



Local media earlier reported that the US drone had struck a house.

Residents said that they had seen a US unmanned aircraft flying before and even after the strike. Residents later arrived at the site and pulled the bodies out of the rubbles.

According to Local tribesmen, members of the Haqqani network had been living in Dande Darpakhel area for years but all had left the region as the result of military operation in 2005.—*Xinhua*

Nigerian man pleads guilty to flight attack

CHICAGO, 13 Oct—A Nigerian man who was the alleged "underwear bomber" on Wednesday pleaded guilty to eight charges for his attempt to bomb a US-bound flight on Christmas Day 2009.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab said he had tried to bomb the plane in retaliation for US support of Israel and to avenge the killing of Muslims in Middle East. The charges against him include attempted murder, attempted use of weapons of mass destruction and conspiracy to commit terrorism. He could face a lifetime sentence.

The 25-year-old Nigerian hid powerful explosives inside his underwear and successfully boarded the flight from Amsterdam to Detroit on Christmas Day 2009. But he failed to detonate the explosive device after some of the passengers and crew pounced on him and extinguished the flames.

Abdulmutallab is scheduled to be sentenced on 12 January, 2012 in a federal court.—*Xinhua*

Eight bank employees held hostage in N Philippines

MANILA, 13 Oct—One of the eight hostages were released by armed men who were attempting to rob a rural bank in northern Philippines, local radio station DZMM said.

The seven employees of Masuwerte Rural Bank in Bacoor, Cavite are still

being held hostage by four armed men.

Philippine National Police Spokesperson Agrimero Cruz said that a crisis management committee is working to solve the hostage situation.

Xinhua



Iraqi security forces inspect a crater caused by a car bomb attack in front of a police station in Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Oct, 2011. A slew of bombings targeting Iraqi police in Baghdad on Wednesday morning killed 12 people and wounded more than 20, Iraqi officials said.

INTERNET

Cuba accuses US of waging "television war"

HAVANA, 13 Oct—Cuba's official daily *Granma* said Wednesday that the United States is preparing a "television war" against the island country to disrupt its telecom system.

Granma said Washington is "preparing a project to flood Cuban television with US propaganda satellite programmes," and the mastermind of the plan is the Global Communications company owned by David Rivel, an Israeli member of the World Teleport Association and the International Society of Satellite Professionals.

Rivel's client list includes major US TV networks, such as Fox Sports, CNN, NBC and the Nickelodeon Network, but the campaign against Cuba would be commanded in Miami, said *Granma*.

The accusation followed a *Granma's* editorial denouncing an alleged US "cyber war" last week.

Cuba blamed foreign countries for plotting to destabilize the Caribbean nation through the telecommunications network. Earlier this year, Cuba launched its first specialized engineering unit to fight against cyber crimes.

Internet



Family members of Iraqi policeman, Sattar Mohammed, 32, grieve during his funeral in Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Oct, 2011. A slew of bombings targeted Iraqi police in Baghdad on Wednesday morning, including blasts by two suicide bombers who tried to ram their vehicles through police station gates.—INTERNET

Rare breast cancer seen more in Hispanics

Health

TAMPA, (Fla), 13 Oct— Rare (breast) phyllodes tumours — 0.5 percent to 1 percent of all breast tumours — tend to be more prevalent in Hispanic women, US researchers say.

Lead study author Dr Jose M Pimiento, surgical oncology fellow at Moffitt Cancer Centre in Tampa, Fla, said population-based estimates indicate the incidence of malignant phyllodes tumors is 2.1 cases per million women, but the highest frequencies are in Hispanic women.

Little is known about

phyllodes tumors, which have unpredictable behaviour and recurrence rates as high as 40 percent, Pimiento said.

“We found substantial pathologic differences by race, with higher-grade tumours present more often in Hispanic patients,” Pimiento said in a statement. “Although we did not determine that these variances could be translated into a survival difference by race, we believe that our findings can improve the understanding of this disease.” The research-

ers conducted a retrospective study of breast cancer patients with phyllodes tumors at two hospitals from 1999 to 2010. Of the 124 patients studied, the mean age at diagnosis was age 44; 33 patients required mastectomy; 42 percent were Caucasian; 43 percent were Hispanic; and 12 percent were African-American.

“We found substantial pathologic differences by race, with higher-grade tumors present more often in Hispanic patients,” Pimiento said.—*Internet*



Zynga employees work in the Mafia Wars 2 studio after a Zynga event on 11 Oct, 2011, in San Francisco. Zynga is adding more ways for people to play its Web games as it grooms its business for an initial public offering of stock. The expansion announced Tuesday will enable Zynga's 232 million users worldwide to play games such as CityVille and Mafia Wars on the company's own website instead of only on Facebook and other social networking services.

INTERNET

Health Scientists decode Black Death's genome

BEIJING, 13 Oct— Scientists have decoded the genome of Black Death which caused one of the worst plagues in human history.

The finding was published Wednesday in the scientific journal *Nature*.

A team of German, Canadian and American scientists collected the bacteria's DNA from ancient plague victims' teeth and bones, which were excavated from the burial ground in London. With a careful NDA comparison between the ancient bacteria and the modern strains, scientists found the direct variant of the medieval bacteria still exist today.—*Xinhua*

Lung cancer drugs delivered via inhalation

GLASGOW, 13 Oct— Researchers in Scotland say delivering drugs to lung cancer patients via inhalation using a nebulizer may reduce harmful side effects.

Study leader Dr Chris Carter, a senior lecturer at the Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences, and colleagues Alex Mullen and Dr Valerie Ferro say the technique could administer treatment far more quickly than existing methods — intravenous delivery — and without harmful side effects such as kidney damage.

Lung cancer and mesothelioma caused 4,147 deaths in Scotland in 2009. Deaths of women from the disease increased by 12 percent in the preceding decade, despite a corresponding decrease of 20 percent among men, Carter said.

Internet

Gold rallies amid European debt relief

Business

CHICAGO, 13 Oct— Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile rallied on Wednesday, buoyed up by overall sentiment improvement after euro-zone

authorities outlined a plan to recapitalize banks. The most active gold contract for December delivery hiked 21.6 US dollars, or 1.3 percent, to 1,682.6 dollars per ounce.

Market analysts said that the rally for gold came as investors turned more optimistic about Europe's debt problem after European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso on Wednesday outlined the plan to recapitalize banks.

Gold has suffered drastic correction in recent weeks as the euro-zone's sovereign-debt concerns prompted investors to dump their gold holdings to raise cash and transfer to other more lucrative markets. *Xinhua*



Russia's First Lady Svetlana Medvedeva (R) inspects a medical simulator as she visits VI Kulakov Scientific Center for Obstetrics, Gynecology and Perinatology in Moscow on 11 October, 2011.

REUTERS

Folic acid in pregnancy cuts babies' risk of language delay

Health

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — Women who take folic acid supplements during their first eight weeks of pregnancy significantly reduce their babies' risk of having severe language delay when they are three years old, researchers say.

Christine Roth, MSc, ClinPsyD, of the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo, and colleagues conducted a study to investigate whether maternal use of folic acid supplements was associated with a reduced risk of severe language delay among offspring at age 3 years.

The main analysis for the study included 38,954 children (19,956 boys and 18,998 girls). Of these children, 204 (0.5 percent) were rated as having severe language delay (159 [0.8 percent] boys and 45 [0.2 percent] girls).

Children whose mothers took no dietary supplements in the specified exposure interval were the reference group (n = 9,052 [24.0 percent], with severe language delay in 81 children [0.9 percent]).

The researchers suggest that maternal use of supplements containing folic acid within the period from 4 weeks before to 8 weeks after conception was associated with a substantially reduced risk of severe language delay in children at age 3 years.

“We found no association, however, between maternal use of folic acid supplements and significant delay in gross motor skills at age 3 years. The specificity provides some reassurance that there is not confounding by an unmeasured factor. Such a factor might be expected to relate to both language and motor delay.”—*Internet*

World oil consumption's expected growth for 2011 down slightly

Business

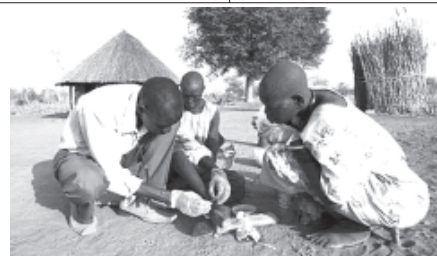
HOUSTON, 13 Oct— The expected pace of global oil consumption growth for 2011 is slightly lower, while projected supply is higher, resulting in some easing of oil market tightness, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) said on Wednesday.

In its monthly report, the agency also predicted that oil consumption growth from countries outside of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) will outpace the growth in

supply from non-OPEC producers, implying a need for OPEC producers to increase their output to balance the market in 2011 and 2012.

EIA expects that world crude oil and liquid fuels consumption will continue growing from its record-high level of 87.1 million barrels per day in 2010 and reach 88.4 million barrels per day in 2011 and 89.8 million barrels per day in 2012.

Consumption in OECD countries is projected to decline in both 2011 and 2012.—*Xinhua*



A volunteer health worker (L) removes a Guinea worm from the leg of a patient in the village of Yari in Central Equatoria state in 2010. Britain pledged Wednesday to contribute £20 million to the funding of a campaign spearheaded by former US president Jimmy Carter that aims to eradicate a debilitating parasitic disease by 2015.

INTERNET



India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-18 blasts off carrying the Indo-French tropical weather satellite Megha-Tropiques and three other smaller satellites from the Satish Dhawan space centre at Sriharikota, north of the southern Indian city of Chennai on 12 October, 2011.—REUTERS

India launches monsoon tracking satellite **Science**

NEW DELHI, 13 Oct—India Wednesday launched its latest satellite, the *Megha-Tropiques*, and three other satellites into space from Sriharikota spaceport in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh to study the patterns and dynamics of the monsoon, an official said.

The 1,000-kg Indo-French satellite *Megha-Tropiques* was one of four hoisted into space, and all were successfully placed in orbit by India's Polar Satellite Launch vehicle-C18 following their launch by Indian Space Research Organi-

zation (ISRO) from Satish Dhawan space centre, he said. The three nano satellites include one built by students of SRM University near Chennai, a three-kg satellite Jugnu built by the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur, and the other from Luxembourg.

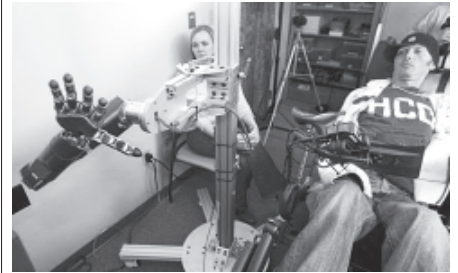
"PSLV-C18 has been a grand success. Very precisely, four satellites were injected in space orbit and the difference between what we planned and what we achieved is just two km over an altitude of 867 km," ISRO Chairman Dr K Radhakri-

shnan said after the launch. Built at a cost of 5 billion rupees (100 million US dollars), India has contributed the satellite bus and rocket to launch the *Megha-Tropiques* into space. France has provided most of the hi-tech scientific instruments.

The *Megha-Tropiques* has day, night and all-weather viewing capabilities; it will pass over India almost a dozen times every day, giving scientists an almost real-time assessment of the evolution of clouds.

Xinhua

Science



In this photo, assistant professor Jennifer Collinger, left, watches as quadriplegic research subject Tim Hemmes operates the mechanical prosthetic arm in a testing session at a University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre research facility in Pittsburgh. Hemmes had a chip implanted on the surface of his brain that reads his intention to move his paralyzed arm and sends that instruction instead to an advanced bionic arm. The goal is to create mind-controlled prosthetics to restore some independence to the paralyzed.—INTERNET

Apple wins battle to block Samsung tablets in Australia **Tech**

SYDNEY, 13 Oct—American technology company Apple won a victory on Thursday in its global patent battle with rival Samsung when a Federal Court judge of Australia granted a temporary injunction blocking the sale of Samsung's latest tablet computer in the country.

Justice Annabelle Bennett handed down her ruling on Thursday to ban the South Korean firm from selling its Galaxy Tab 10.1 tablet

computer in Australia.

Apple claims the South Korean firm's tablet copies its iPad, infringing patents in relation to touch screens and the gestures that control them.

The ruling is a major blow for Samsung as the tablet has been widely touted as the iPad's most serious rival.

The companies are also embroiled in legal disputes in the United States, Europe, South Korea and Japan.

"I am satisfied that it is appropriate to grant an interim injunction, however, I propose again the opportunity of an early final hearing on the issues presented in this application," Bennett told the court.

The ban on sales applies until the court rules on the core patent issue in dispute and threatens to sink the viability of Samsung's Galaxy 10.1 tablet in the run-up to Christmas.

Xinhua



A model displays the Galaxy Tab 10.1 in September 2011. US technology giant Apple on Thursday won a temporary ban on Samsung selling its Galaxy Tab 10.1 in Australia after launching legal action on the grounds that it copied Apple's top-selling iPad.

INTERNET

Arctic ice floes said thinnest in years **Science**

ANCHORAGE, 13 Oct—Researchers say ice floes measured in the Arctic Ocean are some of the thinnest yet observed at such high latitudes, and they blame severe seasonal melting.

"In the central arctic, the proportion of old, thick sea ice has declined significantly," researchers from the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research in Germany said. "Instead, the ice cover now largely consists of thin, 1-year-old floes."

The measurements were taken during the institute's "TransArc" mission to document changes in water, air and ice across the polar sea, AlaskaDispatch.com reported Wednesday.

The announcement comes weeks after US and European scientists said the summer loss of sea ice in 2011 was close to previous record minimum extent seen in 2007.

The findings by the institute's polar ice-breaker Polarstern confirm a trend of sea ice loss that has accelerated during the past 10 years, scientists said.

Internet

Tech

Sony locks accounts after new hack attack

BEIJING, 13 Oct—Sony froze about 93,000 user accounts of its online gaming service PlayStation Network and other entertainment services after finding new unauthorized log-in attempts, according to media reports Thursday.

Hackers attempted to log in to Sony's networks between 7 Oct and 10 Oct, said Sony,

the world's second-largest maker of video-game machines, in a statement Wednesday.

"We believe very few accounts were actually accessed," said Satoshi Fukuoka, a spokesman for Sony. And any credit card or sensitive information were not stolen.

The intruders probably used passwords and

user names that were set for other companies' services, stated Sony.

The company has emailed users of suspended accounts, asking them to change passwords. This attack followed a large data breach that began in April and compromised more than 100 million users of PlayStation Network, Sony Entertainment Network and other online services.

The PlayStation Network allows users to download video games onto Sony game consoles, while the Sony Entertainment Network offers music and movies for a range of Sony products.—Xinhua



UK-LONDON-iPhone 4s-FANS Craig Fox (R), hopefully the first iPhone 4S user in Britain, queues outside the Apple Store on Regent Street in central London, Britain, on 12 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET

Science

Himalayas: future solar power base?

BEIJING, 13 Oct—Himalayas may be one of the most potential regions to provide solar power in future, according to a new research by Japanese scientists quoted by media reports Thursday. Deserts are usually regarded as the hotbeds for capturing solar power, but some of the loftiest and coldest regions can receive more energy from the sun than some deserts, said Takashi Oozeki and Yutaka Genchi, authors of the research published in *Environmental Science and Technology*.

To set up solar cells on Himalayas would be challenging. Transmission losses and snowfall should be taken into consideration, said the researchers with the National Institute of Industrial Science and Technology in Japan.

Still, the Himalayan region is attractive, because there are large energy demands in the countries nearby.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 12 Oct, 2011 shows antique cars at the Antique Car Museum in Kuwait. The Antique Car Museum possessing more than 50 cars of international reputation opened in October of 2010 with the support and donation of Kuwait's Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed al-Ahmed al-Sabah.
XINHUA

S Korea's ruling party hails US nod for free trade agreement

SEOUL, 13 Oct—South Korea's ruling party on Thursday hailed the US Congressional endorsement of a long-stalled trade deal with the United States, pledging the South Korea parliament will follow suit.

US Congress approved free trade agreements with South Korea, Panama and Columbia Wednesday, local time, a move that coincided with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's five-day state visit to the US. The three separate deals now await US President Barack Obama's signature. "With the US Congressional approval of the accord, the issue shouldn't be politicized anymore," South Korea's ruling Grand National Party said in a statement Thursday. "Opposition parties should cooperate with us for the sake of national interests."

Seoul's two-way free trade agreement with

Washington has been one of the most polarizing political issues here since it was signed in 2007, with opposition parties vowing to block what they see as a lopsided agreement in favour of Washington. Conservative ruling party lawmakers are seeking to pass the deal by the end of the month, while their liberal rivals insist on renegotiation.

"If the ruling party unilaterally pushes for the endorsement of the deal, the Democratic Party will resist the attempt with other opposition parties," Kim Jin-pyo, the floor leader of the main opposition Democratic Party, said Thursday.

The party has proposed making a dozen changes to the agreement to better protect domestic industries. Meanwhile, street protests by civic groups and farmers opposing the trade accord are scheduled for Saturday in downtown Seoul.—Xinhua

Controversial US currency bill does "more harm than good"

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct —The US-China Business Council (USCBC), a leading bilateral business organization, said Wednesday that a controversial currency bill passed by the US Senate will do more harm than good.

The USCBC continues to advocate that China needs to move faster toward a market-determined exchange rate, but passing tariff legislation on imports from China will not get us closer to this goal and will "hit the pocketbooks of American households" at a time they least can afford it, USCBC Vice President Erin Ennis said in a statement.

The US Senate on Tuesday passed a controversial currency bill which threatens to punish China for so-called "currency manipulation" with retaliatory tariffs, despite strong opposition from China and many US business groups.

Limiting imports from China would not mean an increase in US employment or lower the trade deficit, and the United States will just shift the imports to another overseas supplier. If this is intended to be a jobs bill, it is a jobs bill for Vietnam, Indonesia and Mexico, noted the statement.

The USCBC believes that Obama administration's approach of employing multilateral and bilateral engagement with China is the most useful way to make progress on the exchange rate issue.

The USCBC is a private, nonpartisan and nonprofit organization of roughly 240 US companies that do business with China.—Xinhua

British health reform plan wins key vote in upper house

LONDON, 13 Oct—The British government's controversial health reform bill won a key vote in the House of Lords on Wednesday, moving one step closer to becoming law.

Peers voted by majority to reject an amendment seeking to halt further progress on the Health and Social Care Bill and another amendment for extra scrutiny of the bill by select committee.

The Bill will now go to a committee of the whole House of Lords for line by line examination, the date of which is yet to be scheduled.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said the result was an "important step towards giving the NHS the clarity and certainty it needs, and delivering a world-class health service for patients."

NHS, officially called National Health Service, provides a comprehensive range of health services, the vast majority of which are free at the point of use to residents of England.

According to the revised reform plan, hospitals, private healthcare providers and family doctors will be entitled to compete for patients, many management staff will be cut to reduce bureaucracy and GPs will be responsible for buying in patient care. The controversial and most dramatic reform plan since NHS was founded in 1948 has been passed by House of Commons by a majority of 65.

"NHS should be run by the government to provide free healthcare," Nathan Roberts, a protester, told Xinhua. "It should not be competition for profits," he said.

However, a spokesman of the Department of Health claimed the principles of the modernization plans—patient power, clinical leadership, a focus on results—had been widely supported.—Xinhua



A visitor walks past the exhibition area for grain crops during the Agricultural Fair in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 13 Oct, 2011. Over 800 companies took part in the fair, which kicked off here Thursday, to present their various kinds of agricultural products.
XINHUA

Kazakhstan not to abandon plans to build nuclear power plant

ASTANA, 13 Oct—Kazakhstan will not abandon plans to build a nuclear power plant, President Nursultan Nazarbayev said Wednesday at an international forum which opened here.

"Forty countries are conducting research in the field of peaceful nuclear energy, 15 building or planning to build nuclear power plants. Kazakhstan is among them," Nazarbayev told the opening of the International Forum for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World.

Kazakhstan sees nuclear power as one of "its future innovation clusters," said the president.

"We have sufficient scientific resources and infrastructure. Strictly following international guidelines, we will ensure a high level of security at all peaceful atom facilities," said Nazarbayev.

"Kazakhstan has always been and will remain the most reliable partner in non-proliferation, disarmament and peaceful uses of nuclear energy," he added.—Xinhua



Craters are seen on the southern slope of Mount Etna, on the east coast of southern Italy's Sicily Island, on 10 Oct, 2011. Mount Etna is the tallest active volcano in Europe, currently standing 3,329 metres high. The name Etna is said to have originated from a Phoenician word "attuna" meaning "furnace." Mount Etna is one of the most active volcanoes in the world and is in an almost constant state of activity. The fertile volcanic soils support extensive agriculture, with vineyards and orchards spread across the lower slopes of the mountain.—XINHUA

48th respect-paying ceremony to mark Myanmar Movie Day-2011 held

YANGON, 13 Oct—In commemoration of Myanmar Movie Day-2011, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization organized the 48th respect-paying ceremony for elderly artistes and technicians at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township here this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Yangon Region ministers, departmental officials, distinguished guests and the persons from movie fields. Secretary of MMPO

U Myint Thein Pe in his address said that in accord with the comment of the Union Minister on paying attention to advantage of the persons from movie fields for ever and a day, the MMPO has been paying tribute to deserved elderly artistes and technicians while providing K 5000 monthly for each elderly person from movie field. He wished all elderly artistes to enjoy spiritual and physical wellbeing in support of advantage of motion picture field, and movie makers and well-wishers to make more contribution in the coming years. And he expressed thanks to Union Solidarity



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party pay respects to older artistes.

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Kyaw Hsan offered alms to Daw San Shar Tin, Daw Myint Myint Khin, Diving U Tin Hla and Bogale U Tint Aung, and so did the chief minister and party to aged artistes and technicians.

Bogale U Tint Aung on behalf of the elders made remarks.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party later greeted the elders and persons from movie field in a cordial manner.

At today's ceremony, the elders accepted K4,225,000 separately donated by Union Solidarity Development Party K 5.7 million, Shwethanwin Co and Sky Net Family, Shwe

FM, Minglar Zaw Min (Mingalar) K 1 million each, actresses Thinzar Wint Kyaw, Nawarat, Aye Myat Thu K 500,000 each, Studio-35 K 342,000, Yangon City Development Committee and Taw Win Family, actresses Soe Pyae Thazin, Waing Su Khine Thein and Myanmar Music Organization K 300,000 each, Director Maung Nanda, Make-up Ko Mar, Yangon Region Video Organization, actor Pyay Ti Oo and actresses Eaindra Kyaw Zin, Moe Hay Ko, Tun Eaindra Bo, Yangon Region Government K 200,000 each plus well-wishers K 17,444,555 and medicine and offertories.—MNA



academy winner director Malikha Soe Htaik Aung first introduced the elders to the attendees.

Chairman of MMPO

and Development Party for donating K 50,000 to each elderly artiste.

Trustee of MMPO Director Daw Ei Ei Khaing

read out the list of well-wishers. Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan, Chief Minister U Myint Swe and party paid respect to the elderly

artists and technicians. Union Minister U

Hawaiian Airlines plane mistakenly enters runway at Kansai airport in western Japan

OSAKA, 13 Oct—A Honolulu-bound Flight 450, with 208 crew and passengers aboard, proceeded onto the runway even though it had been instructed to stop at a taxiway halt line.

No one was injured in the incident involving two Boeing 767 planes, which occurred at around 9:35 pm local time, the report said.

The Hawaiian's

Honolulu-bound Flight 450, with 208 crew and passengers aboard, proceeded onto the runway even though it had been instructed to stop at a taxiway halt line.

The All Nippon Airways cargo plane from Narita airport near Tokyo at the time was about 6.5 kilometers from the runway when it had to abort the landing. The controller told the Hawaiian plane to return

to the taxiway before allowing the ANA cargo plane to finally land at around 9:45 pm, the report said, adding that the Hawaiian flight took off about five minutes later.

The Japan Transport Safety Board, an arm of the Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Ministry, will investigate the matter and has dispatched three inspectors to Kansai airport.—Xinhua



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan presents gifts to Diving U Tin Hla.—MNA

Union government gives guidance to take proactive...

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As for Myanmar, cyclone Nargis that struck the country in May 2008 caused great devastation in Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions with severe impacts on the socio-economic lives of the people as well as caused great loss to the nation's economy. Similarly, cyclone Giri that hit Rakhine State in October 2010 also caused a lot of damages in the livelihood and housing sectors. The Union government, regional governments, United Nations agencies and international and local non-governmental organizations are making collaborative efforts in reconstruction measures for cyclone-hit areas. One significant point is that, based on the experiences of cyclone Nargis, the number of death and loss could be reduced although the cyclone was violent because of effective preparedness when the cyclone warning was received.

The earthquake that struck Eastern Shan State in March 2011 caused many damages in the housing sector, resulting in damages and losses of 3000 million kyats. The Vice-President and Union ministers, the government of Shan State and responsible officials visited the quake-hit area many times, and gave



Special Representative of UN Secretary-General Ms Margareta Wahlstrom awards prize winner of essay and painting high school level contests of Ministry of Education, UNESCO and UNDP.—MNA

guidance on search and rescue, relief, recovery and reconstruction work. That is why, the recovery tasks for Eastern Shan State earthquake have progressed rapidly.

Furthermore, region-wide floods occurred as a result of heavy rains during mid-monsoon of this year, and many flood victims had to take shelter in relief camps. The President and Vice-President visited these areas and gave encouragement to the flood victims, and provided them with necessary assistance and gave guidance to relevant State/Region governments and line ministries to consult and collaborate each other in fulfilling the needs of the flood victims. Rehabilitation of the agriculture sector which was destroyed by the flood is also being carried out using multi-stakeholder cooperation approach.

From these disaster experiences, it is very clear



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and guests view documentary photos of International Day of Natural Disaster Reduction.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham honours prize winner in painting contest to mark ASEAN Day for disaster management.—MNA

that the destructive power of today's disasters has great impact on the destruction to the development already gained, and severe effect on the socio-economic lives of the people. While Myanmar is trying to strive for rural development and poverty alleviation, the disasters caused damages to livelihoods of individual citizens and critical infrastructures of the affected regions. Thus, it is important to link up the disaster reduction endeavours with poverty alleviation programmes so as not to hinder development tasks.

Myanmar is cooperating with global and regional partners in disaster risk reduction to become a disaster resilient country. In global perspective, Myanmar is implementing Hyogo Framework for Actions which was laid down by the World Conference on Disaster Reduction held in January 2005 in Kobe, Japan. In the ASEAN region, Myanmar is a member of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM). Myanmar has signed and ratified the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER). At the national level, Myanmar

has already drafted the Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDRR).

The Union government has given guidance to take proactive actions in relief, recovery and long-term prevention for potential disasters that may be caused unexpectedly by climate change. Myanmar has re-organized Myanmar Disaster Preparedness Agency on 20th April, 2011. The Myanmar National Search and Rescue Committee has also been formed in the same day.

The Ministry of Education is undertaking school safety initiatives, in partnership with UNICEF, UNESCO, Save the Children and other agencies.

Since 2010, Myanmar has participated in the ASEAN Regional Drawing Competition, and the national winner from Myanmar attended the commemoration ceremony of the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management and the International Day for Disaster Reduction held in Bangkok, Thailand. This year, the Ministry of Education, UNDP and UNESCO jointly held Essay and Drawing Contests for students, with a view to raising awareness and interest in disaster risk reduction. The winners will be presented prizes during this ceremony.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is now drafting the Disaster Management Law, with technical support from ASEAN Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), and consultations with disaster-related government departments, legal experts, representatives from United Nations agencies and international non-governmental organizations.

As a way forward, the government of Myanmar will do its utmost for building a better disaster management mechanism. In doing so, we consider that technical and financial support from international community is essential for this purpose.

In conclusion, I would like to urge Myanmar Disaster Preparedness Agency, relevant line ministries, State/Region governments, United Nations agencies, international and local non-governmental organizations and donors to consolidate multi-stakeholder collaboration in disaster risk reduction, prevention, response, and recovery and reconstruction measures so as to achieve the National Disaster Risk Reduction Goal.

Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction Ms Margareta Wahlstrom read the message to mark the International Day of Natural Disaster Reduction sent by the UNSG.

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Union government gives guidance to take proactive...

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Union Minister Dr Mya Aye and Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin gave addresses on emergence of safety and disaster free schools and hospitals/clinics.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management respectively.

Chairman of the Myanmar Natural Disaster Preparedness Agency

Union Minister U Aung Kyi gave first, second and third prizes to the winners in the UNESCO and UNDP Essay and Painting Contest, Ms Margareta Wahlstrom from the high school level painting contest, Vice-Chairman of MNDPA Union Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min the middle school level essay contest, Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint the middle school level painting contest, Union Minister U Thein Tun article contest, Union Minister U

Khin Maung Soe the cartoon contest, and Secretary of the MNDPC Deputy Minister U Phone Swe presented special prizes to the winners in the high school level essay and painting contests, and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Akbar Usaman the middle school level essay contest.

Next, the documentary video on tsunami alarming exercise was presented. After the ceremony, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham viewed documentary photos displayed at the hall after cordially greeting those present.—MNA

Ministry of Health to speed ...

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In conclusion, the Union Minister said that the people are to enthusiastically cooperate with Ministry of Health, WHO and NGOs for reduction of curable eye diseases in 2020 as part of efforts for implementing the aim of the WHO.

Resident Representative Dr HSB Tennakoon of WHO extended greetings.

After the ceremony, officials and guests visited the booth of White Cane Day.



Resident Representative Dr HSB Tennakoon extends greetings at opening ceremony of White Cane Day 2011.—MNA

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English proficiency course for PAT, JAT concluded

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct— An English proficiency course for PAT and JAT of Higher Education departments under the Ministry of Education concluded this morning.

The concluding ceremony was held at No. 6 Basic Education High School here, in the presence of Deputy Ministers

for Education U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe.

The event was alive with a song in English version, sung by those present from No. 3 BEMS altogether, following an address of Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu.

Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe presented first, second and third prizes to

the trainees from Education Colleges, Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu prizes to the trainees from No. 3 Basic Education Middle School, and Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department special prizes to the excellent trainees.

MNA

Richard Gere guitar sale takes in nearly \$1 million

NEW YORK, 13 Oct— Actor Richard Gere auctioned his extensive collection of classic guitars, to the tune of nearly \$1 million.

Gere sold more than 100 guitars at Christie's on Tuesday, realizing a total of \$936,438, the auction house said. Only four of the 106 instruments on offer failed to sell. The collection was expected to take in about \$1 million.

The actor, known for film roles including "American Gigolo" and "Pretty Woman," will donate the proceeds to charities. He acquired the vintage American guitars and amplifiers over the past 40 years. Kenny Keane, the specialist head of department musical instruments, said the

collection was an intensely personal one for Gere.

"He wasn't outsourcing the purest examples of guitar making — ones that were unused the way say a coin or a stamp collector would collect," Keane said at a preview of the sale.

"He was looking for instruments that did something personally, tonally for him."

The top lot was a Gibson 1960 Les Paul solid-body electric guitar, which sold for \$98,500 including commission, beating the \$90,000 high pre-sale estimate. It was bought by a private US collector.

Three of the sale's top 10 lots were purchased by the CF Martin & Co Museum in Nazareth, Pa., including a 1931 CF Martin guitar and case that went for \$62,500, right in the middle of the pre-sale estimate range. An anonymous buyer paid \$47,500 for a 1960 Gibson Inc electric guitar, or twice the low estimate.—Reuters



Special Representative of UN Secretary-General calls on Deputy Foreign Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint received Ms Margareta Wahlstrom,

Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction at the ministry here this

evening.

They discussed and exchanged views on Disaster Risk Reduction works here.—MNA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung receives a Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) at the Office of RUMFCCI on 10 October. (News reported).—MNA



A 1958 Gibson Flying V, formerly owned by blues musician Albert King, from the guitar collection of actor Richard Gere is displayed at Christie's, on 6 Oct, 2011 in New York.—INTERNET

Thirteen miners trapped in flooded mine in NE China

HARBIN, 13 Oct—Thirteen miners were trapped underground in a flooded coal mine in the city of Jixi in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, local authorities said Thursday.

The accident happened at a coal mine in Jidong County at around 5:40 pm Tuesday, an official with the Jixi government said.

The rescue operation is underway. Authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.—Xinhua

Thai death toll in flood reaches 283, two missing

BANGKOK, 13 Oct—A total of 283 people were confirmed dead and two others 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 Thursday.—Xinhua



Thai family carry their belongings and children after being evacuated from the floods in Pathum Thani Province on 12 October, 2011. At least 283 people have been killed by heavy monsoon rain, floods and mudslides since late July and 26 of Thailand's 77 provinces are inundated, according to the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation.—INTERNET

Petrol tanker overturns in Russia's Sakhalin region

VLADIVOSTOK, 13 Oct—A petrol tanker flipped over Wednesday on a highway, spilling its load of diesel, in the Far East's Sakhalin Oblast region, RIA Novosti reported.

The report said the accident took place at 17:50 local time (0850 GMT) near the 222 km mark of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk-Okha highway, 10 km north of Makarov city.

According to preliminary data, about 5-8 tons of diesel fuel was spilled. However, there was no danger of polluting local waterways.

The report said rescuers were cleaning up the affected ground and the petrol tanker driver had been taken to hospital in Makarov city.—Xinhua

A car is seen after being dragged by flood waters in Villa de Coral, Mexico, on 12 Oct, 2011. Hurricane Jova slammed into Mexico's Pacific coast as a Category 2 storm early Wednesday, killing at least two people and injuring some six, while a tropical depression hit farther south and unleashed steady rains that contributed to 13 deaths across the border in Guatemala.—INTERNET



At least 36 killed in bus accident in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 13 Oct—More than 36 passengers have been feared dead when the passenger bus they were traveling on fell off the Riththebhir cliff along the Khurkot-Nepalthok road section of the Banepa-Sindhuli Highway in central Nepal Thursday morning.

All the bodies have been laid on the bank of the Sunkoshi River, some 80 km south of Kathmandu.

The Avenues Television has put the death toll at 38. Some 11 passengers who were traveling on the roof of the bus survived the mishap jumping off the roof, the Kathmandu-based news TV channel reported quoting an eye witness.—Xinhua



China airlifts 1.5 mln USD of flood-relief supplies to Thailand

BANGKOK, 13 Oct—Flood-relief supplies worth of 10 million yuan (1.57 million US dollars) donated by the Chinese government were airlifted to Bangkok on Wednesday.

A chartered cargo plane carrying 45 tons of aid arrived at the Don Mueang Airport of Bangkok at around 4:35

pm local time. The supplies were then unloaded and distributed by military vehicles to flood-hit areas.

The aid consists of 64 speed and rubber boats and 60 sets of water-purifying equipment.

Chinese ambassador to Thailand Guan Mu said when attending a

handover ceremony with Thai Justice Minister Pracha Promnok that the Chinese government would transfer an additional aid of 1 million US dollars to a fund account managed by the Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand to funnel flood-relief donations.

Xinhua

Strong quake in Bali causes injuries, panic

JAKARTA, 13 Oct—A powerful earthquake jolted the Indonesian island of Bali on Thursday, injuring dozens of people and causing panic as hundreds of tourists fled violently shaking buildings.

The 6.0-magnitude quake rocked the main tourist district of Kuta for several minutes, said Endro Tjahjono from the Bali office of Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency.

"There was panic — everyone ran out of the buildings. When we returned to our office building, we saw some cracks on the wall and plaster had come off the walls," he told AFP.

Kuta's Sunset Road

was hit hard, with hundreds of tourists fleeing from malls, restaurants and supermarkets.

"Hundreds of people ran onto the streets. It was chaos. So many people tried to drive off that the traffic came to a standstill," said Reno Permana, who works for a mobile phone service and ran from the third floor of his office building when the quake hit.

"Part of the wall on the Carrefour supermarket near my building came down, and tiles from the roof fell and smashed into the parking lot. A lot of the buildings are badly damaged, with windows smashed in."

Indonesia sits on the

Pacific "Ring of Fire", where the meeting of continental plates causes high seismic activity, and is frequently hit by earthquakes.

In October 2010 a powerful earthquake triggered a huge tsunami off the coast of Sumatra, northwest of Bali, that killed at least 300 people.

Internet

A Balinese resident looks at debris from a damaged temple in Denpasar following a powerful earthquake that jolted the resort island of Bali. The quake jolted the Indonesian island of Bali, injuring dozens of people and causing panic as hundreds of tourists fled violently shaking buildings.

INTERNET



Heavy fog strands 170 ships on central China's Yangtze River

YICHANG, 13 Oct—More than 170 ships on Thursday remain stranded in the Three Gorges section of the Yangtze River in central China's Hubei province after heavy fog engulfed the area on Wednesday, local authorities said.

The fog began to hit the area Wednesday morning, reducing visibility in Nanjinguan Gorge and Shipai County to less than 500 meters. All ships were ordered to take shelter

at nearby harbors on Wednesday, the Three Gorges Navigation Bureau said in a statement.

The order was lifted Wednesday afternoon, when the fog began to dissipate. However, the arrival of more ships means it will take time for congestion to clear up on the river, the statement said. The bureau predicted that more fog will hit the region over the next few days.

Xinhua



US ambassador to China Gary Locke (R Front) talks with a young student during his visit in Jinzhou Primary School of east China's Shanghai Municipality, on 12 Oct, 2011. —XINHUA

Eight killed in Southern Calif shooting

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct— At least eight people were shot dead and three others seriously wounded when a shooter went into a beauty salon in Seal Beach, the US state of California and opened fire, various media outlets reported Wednesday.

The shooting took place at 1:30 pm local time (2030 GMT) at Salon Meritage about 48 kilometres south of downtown Los Angeles, local media said.

The three injured in critical condition have been rushed to a local hospital. Both the dead and the wounded were identified as employees or customers at the salon.

The suspect, a white male who is believed to be a lone shooter, was

taken into custody by police some 800 metres from the scene, police spokesman Steve Bowles said. Multiple weapons were seized from the car the suspect was driving.

The authorities have been looking into the motive behind the shooting. Witnesses familiar with employees at the salon said the suspect was involved in a domestic dispute — possibly a custody fight — with one of the stylists, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. However, this could not be confirmed by police.

Authorities did not reveal the name of the suspect although an investigation is going on.

Xinhua

Karachi police arrest four suspected target killers

ISLAMABAD, 13 Oct— Karachi police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested four suspected target killers involved in murdering 73 people.

Clifton Police have taken into custody two suspects named Faisal

Ansari and Daniyal after an exchange of fire in the area of Zamzama. Police also recovered two Kalashnikovs and two pistols from the suspects.

The police claimed that during investigation the two men had

confessed to the killing of 34 people.

Meanwhile, Anti-Terrorism Cell of the Crime Investigation Department (CID) conducted a raid near Pirabad Graveyard of the Orangi Town and arrested two more

suspects Abeer alias Barasti and Tariq Mustafa alias Burger and recovered one Kalashnikov and two 9MM pistols from their possession. SSP Chaudhry Aslam of the CID claimed that the two were involved in 39 cases of target killings.

Xinhua

'Harry Potter' star charged for possessing petrol bomb in London

LONDON, 13 Oct — 'Harry Potter' star Jamie Waylett, who played Hogwarts bully Vincent Crabbe, has been charged for possessing a petrol bomb during the London riots.



'Harry Potter' star Jamie Waylett,

curfew, the *Telegraph* reported.

Waylett was accused of violent disorder during clashes in Chalk Farm, north London, and is also charged with handling stolen goods after the police trawled through 100,000 hours of CCTV footage in an effort to identify hundreds of people involved in the riots.

The 22-year-old actor, who is the most high-profile suspect to be arrested during the disturbances, appeared before Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court on 29 Sept and was released on bail with a 7 pm to 7 am

The Brit is also accused of growing cannabis in his bedroom, after the police allegedly seized 15 mature plants when they arrived at his house to arrest him following the widespread looting over the summer.

Waylett will appear in court again next month, and his cannabis charge alone has a maximum sentence of 14 years.—*Internet*

Wal-Mart employees arrested after pork scandal in SW China

CHONGQING, 13 Oct— Police in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality have arrested two Wal-Mart employees after the company was found to be selling regular pork that was falsely labeled as organic, local authorities said on Wednesday.

A total of 37 people have been implicated in the scandal so far, with 25 detained, seven under home arrest and three released on bail in

addition to the two who were arrested, according to local police.

The Chongqing Administration of Industry and Commerce said on Sunday that 13 Wal-Mart stores in the city have been ordered to close for 15 days and pay 2.69 million yuan (nearly 423,000 US dollars) in fines following a probe of the stores.

The Wal-mart stores allegedly sold about 63,000 kg of falsely

labeled pork over the past two years, generating approximately 730,000



yuan in illegal income.

A further investigation on the case is still

Some customers watch the notice of rectification in front of a Wal-Mart store in Chongqing Municipality on 11 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

under way, local police said.—*Xinhua*

Great Wall crumbling, illegal mining cited

BEIJING, 13 Oct— The centuries old Great Wall of China, completed during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), is crumbling in places due to illegal mining, *China Daily* reported.

Citing a report in the people.com.cn, the newspaper said the 5,500-mile-long east-west wall has become a victim of illegal mineral mining operators.

The report said a complete section of the wall in Laiyuan County in north China's Hebei Province crumbled after operators took away reserves of iron, copper, molybdenum and nickel buried along a 94-mile stretch of the landmark.

The report quoted a survey as saying more than 80 percent of the Great Wall within the county remains in bad shape, blamed both on tourism and inadequate infrastructure. However, the survey said illegal mining is causing the most damage.

"We have no idea how many enterprises are engaged in the mining along the Great Wall site," Guo Jianyong, an engineer from the province's ancient architecture protection institution, was quoted as saying.—*Internet*



Chinese and foreign tourists climb part of the Great Wall just outside of Beijing, on 10 Sept, 2011.

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**Ministry of Information
Printing and Publishing Enterprise**

Invitation to opened tender for purchasing paper, ink and printing items

1. The opened tenders are invited by Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information for purchasing the following Paper, Ink and Printing Items-

- 1. **Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm)** 1966 MTS(TNE)
(28³/₄" , 30" . 40")
- 2. **Sheetfed Offset Ink**
(a) Green (5kg/Tin) 450 Kgs(Kgm)
(b) Gold (1 kg/Tin) 5 Kgs(Kgm)
- 3. **Imagesetter Film**
(a) Fuji Film (45.9 cm x 61 m) 4 Rolls(NMB)
(b) Blue Print Paper 5 Rolls(NMB)
- 4. **Plate & Chemicals**
(a) Negative Plate
(1) 915 x 626 x 0.3mm 4700 Shts(NMB)
(2) 1035 x 740 x 0.3mm 500 Shts(NMB)
(3) 650 x 550 x 0.3mm 80 Shts (NMB)
(4) 889 x 609 x 0.3mm 250 Shts (NMB)
(b) Positive Plate (1065 x 785 x 0.3mm) 200 Shts(NMB)
(c) Wipe On Developer & Others
(1) Gum Solution (5Lit/Bot) 250 LTR
(2) Fountain Solution (5Lit/Bot) 295 LTR
(3) Plate Cleaner (1Lit/Bot) 70 LTR
(4) Positive Plate Cleaner (1Lit/Bot) 30 LTR
(5) Gum Arabic (5Lit/Bot) 165 LTR
- 5. **Stitching Wire**
(a) 23 Guage (2kg/Coil) 1700 Coils(NMB)
(b) 24 Guage (2kg/Coil) 400 Coils(NMB)
(c) 22 Guage (5kg/Coil) 120 Coils(NMB)
- 6. **Printing Items**
(a) Master Roll (GR/RA) 15 Rolls(NMB)
(b) Rubber Blanket
(1) 915L x 636 W x 1.9mm 15 Shts(NMB)
(c) Rubber Blanket (With T-Bar)
(1) 760 L x 780W x 1.95mm 10 Shts(NMB)
(2) 785 L x 740W x 1.96mm 15 Shts(NMB)
(3) 889L x 626W x 1.96mm 15 Shts(NMB)
(4) 850 L x 775W x 1.95mm 10 Shts(NMB)
(5) 889 L x 626W x 1.7mm 15 Shts(NMB)
(6) 889L x 626W x 1.9mm 10 Shts(NMB)
(d) Dampening Roller Hose
(1) Dampening Roller Hose 3³/₄" (NBG 423) (25m/Coil) 2 Coils(NMB)
(2) Dampening Roller Hose 4" (NBG 423) (25m/Coil) 1 Coil(NMB)
(3) Duplicator JP-755 Master Roll (CPMT 21) 20 Coils(NMB)
(4) Duplicator JP-755 Ink (CPI 10) 30 Coils (NMB)
7. Gold Powder (Ready For Ink) 110 Kgs (KGM)
8. Mechine Spare Parts (106) Items

2. Forms of opened tender and detailed information may be taken out from the following address from 9:30 am to 16:00 pm daily from 10-10-2011 to 27-10-2011.

3. The forms of opened tender are to be submitted in the presence of members of the tender committee at the Office No.7 in Nay Pyi Taw from 13:00 pm to 14:00 pm on 28-10-2011. The tender application forms that were over the prescribed period will not be considered.

**Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Office No.7, Nay Pyi Taw
Tel: 412327,412323**

Brain 'rejects negative thoughts'

LONDON, 13 Oct — One reason optimists retain a positive outlook even in the face of evidence to the contrary has been discovered, say researchers.

A study, published in *Nature Neuroscience*, suggests the brain is very good at processing good news about the future. However, in some people, anything negative is practically ignored—with them retaining a positive world view.

The authors said optimism did have important health benefits. Scientists at University College London said about 80% of people were optimists, even if they would not label themselves as such. They rated 14 people for



"Don't worry, everything will be fine," says the brain. —INTERNET
their level of optimism and tested them in a brain scanner.

Each was asked how likely 80 different "bad events" — including a divorce or having cancer — were to happen.

They were then told how likely this was in reality. At the end of the session, the participants were asked to rate the probabilities again.—Internet

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News and Periodicals Enterprise**
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- (1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm)(30-) 2320 Tons
- (2) Woodfree Paper 70gsm(31-x43-) 100 Pkt
(500 Sheets/Pkt)
- (3) Web Offset Ink (Black) 30000 Kgs
- (4) Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black) 3000 Kgs
- (5) P.S Negative Plate 700 Shts
(915 x 626 x 0.3) mm
P.S Negative Plate 2000 Shts
(889 x 609 x 0.3) mm
P.S Negative Plate 3400 Shts
(889 x 586 x 0.3) mm
- (6) P.S Negative Developer 240 Liters
- (7) Wipe On Aluminium Plate 1400 Shts
(745 x 635 x 0.24) mm
Wipe On Aluminium Plate 2000 Shts
(650 x 550 x 0.24) mm
Wipe On Aluminium Plate 550 Shts
(825 x 710 x 0.24) mm
- (8) Coating A+B Set 240 Sets
- (9) Developing Lacquer 240 Liters
- (10) Ortho Film (sheet) (22- X32-) 200 Boxes
(50 Shts/Box)
- (11) Film Developer (10 Lit/Bot) 120 Bots
- (12) Film Fixer (5 Lit /Bot) 120 Bots
- (13) Rubber Blanket with T-Bar 35 Shts
(890 x 625 x 1.65 mm)
Rubber Blanket with T-Ber 35 Shts
(890 x 625 x 1.65 mm) Xcel
- (14) Rubber Blanket (765 x 780 x 1.95) mm 40 Shts
Rubber Blanket (675 x 645 x 1.95) mm 30 Shts
Rubber Blanket (676 x 545 x 1.95) mm 40 Shts
- (15) Gum Arabic 820 Liters
- (16) A3 Toner Hp Laserjet 5000 N 45 Boxes
- (17) A3 Toner Hp Laserjet 5200 N 30 Boxes
- (18) Stencil Paper (48 Sht/ Box) 120 Boxes
- (19) Duplicating Ink Tube 120 Boxes
- (20) Fountain Solution 500 Liters
- (21) Plate Cleaner 180 Liters
- (22) Sponge 240 Nos

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Girl, 4, survives 20 hours in ocean clinging to cooler

MARATHON, 13 Oct — Four hours into a family fishing trip, rough waves flipped a 22-foot boat off the Florida Keys, tossing eight people overboard. Seven of them, including a 4-year-old girl, survived by clinging to their capsized vessel and a small blue cooler for almost 20 hours, suffering exhaustion, jellyfish stings and hypothermia.

A 79-year-old woman, the matriarch of the group, was missing and presumed drowned. "When the will to live kicks in, human beings can do amazing things," Coast Guard Petty Officer Nick Ameen said.

Those rescued were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The family left Layton in the Middle Keys around 8 am on Saturday to fish in less-than-ideal conditions. It was raining, seas topped 7 feet and winds were whipping up to 38 mph.—Internet

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S Korean star Rain joins army

SEOUL, 13 Oct — South Korean actor and singer Rain joined the army on Friday to fulfill military duty required for all able-bodied South Korean men.

The 29-year-old star, whose real name is Jung Ji-hoon, will receive basic training in Uijeongbu, north of Seoul, before beginning his 22-month-long mandatory military service.

Hundreds of fans not only from South Korea but also from across Asia, many of them holding placards saying

"We will loyally wait for you," gathered to bid farewell to their much-adored star.—Internet

Suspect identified by underwear

Authorities in Florida said a suspected burglar whose shorts fell down while fleeing from a witness was identified by his underwear.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office said witness Donna Decker, 65, confronted Antonio Kleiss, 14, who appeared to be breaking into an unlocked 1991 Dodge pickup in a Port Charlotte parking lot, and the suspect ran when Decker told him she was calling police, *The Smoking Gun* reported Wednesday.

Decker told deputies the teenager's shorts fell as he ran, revealing his red boxer shorts.



Herbert Chavez poses with his life-sized Superman statues inside his house in Calamba Laguna, south of Manila on 12 Oct, 2011. In his idolization of the superhero, Chavez, a self-professed "pageant trainer" who owns two costume stores, has undergone a series of cosmetic surgeries for his nose, cheeks, lips and chin down to his thighs and even his skin color to look more like the "Man of Steel". The final result bears little resemblance to his old self.

Police stop man using laptop while driving

Police in Britain said a motorist caught during a crackdown on distracted drivers was spotted using his laptop and drinking coffee behind the wheel. Hampshire police said 84 vehicles were stopped during the five-day crackdown last week on the M27 and M3 roadways, and among them was a man spotted using his laptop computer and drinking coffee at the same time while driving, the *BBC* reported Tuesday. Police said other offenses included a man using a knife to eat a pear and a motorist seen jotting down the answers to a radio quiz show. They said 39 motorists were stopped for talking on their phones.

Pittsburgh Zoo seeks to alligator

Pittsburgh Zoo workers said they are attempting to trap an alligator spotted in the Beaver Run Reservoir, but they have yet to encounter the reptile.

Henry Kacprzyk, curator of reptiles at the zoo, said he and other workers searched the area Tuesday for the alligator, which witnesses estimated to be about 5 feet long, but they were unable to find any sign of the animal, which is believed to be an abandoned pet, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

reported Wednesday.

Kacprzyk said a wire trap will be placed near the shore of the reservoir in an attempt to snare the gator.

"I'm confident we'll be able to trap it," he said.

The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County had

originally planned to allow the alligator to succumb to dropping temperatures in the coming weeks, but reversed course after protests from members of the public.

Zoo officials said the alligator will be cared for until a permanent home can be found.



Real scene shooting of python eating antelope.

News Album



Ryan Gosling

Ryan Gosling calls Evan Rachel Wood 'hard drive'

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct—Ryan Gosling called Evan Rachel Wood "hard drive" on the set of *Ides of March* because of her vast knowledge about films.

The pair star in George Clooney's political movie *Ides of March*, and while on set they took to play quote games, of which she knew every one.

"Ryan is such a great actor but he's also just a really cool guy and interesting and creative," Contactmusic quoted her as telling *The Detroit News*.

He calls me hard drive because he'd always try to stump me on movie quotes and I'd always know exactly what movie it was," she added.—*Internet*



Veteran singer Tony Bennett

Tony Bennett to become 'full time painter' if voice starts fading

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct— Veteran singer Tony Bennett has revealed that he will become a full-time painter if his voice starts fading with age.

The 85-year-old singer, who balances his hobby of painting with his performing career, apparently doesn't want his fans to hear his "wavering" voice when he gets older. "I would have to do both, because they are both very passionate for me," *The Daily Star* quoted him as telling CNN's Piers Morgan.

But if my voice, because of my age, starts wavering, I don't want anyone to hear that, so then I would retire to painting for the rest of my life," he added.

Internet



A model displays a creation designed by Carmen Marc Valvo in Houston, the United States, on 11 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Ronnie Wood 'no longer dating Ana Araujo'

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct— Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood has confirmed that he is single again after splitting from his Brazilian girlfriend of almost two years.

The rock legend revealed he has taken a "sabbatical" from Ana Araujo, whom he had previously credited with helping him quit alcohol



Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood

and drugs. Wood had been dating the polo coach since his split from Russian waitress Ekaterina Ivanova in 2009.

The guitarist, who was spotted partying alone at Sir Paul McCartney's wedding reception in London last week, has now confirmed he is no longer in a relationship with the Brazilian beauty.

"I'm taking a sabbatical from her. I'm like Picasso, painting up the ladder after leaving his mistress at the bottom after a row," Contactmusic quoted him as telling the *Daily Mail*.

Internet

HBO orders third season of 'Boardwalk Empire'



Steve Buscemi arrives for the "Boardwalk Empire" premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—HBO said Wednesday it has renewed

"Boardwalk Empire," its Atlantic City-set gangster drama series starring Steve Buscemi, for a third season. "Following a triumphant first season, I was eager to see what Terry Winter, Martin Scorsese and the rest of their stellar team had in store, and they continue to surpass our highest expectations," The Hollywood Reporter quoted HBO programming president Michael Lombardo as saying Wednesday. "The response from the media and our viewers has been extremely gratifying."—*Internet*

Aiken, Gibson set for 'Apprentice'

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—Singers Clay Aiken and Debbie Gibson, and reality TV personality Teresa Giudice are to compete on the next edition of "The Celebrity Apprentice" in New York.

The casting news was reported by People.com Wednesday.

NBC has not yet officially announced who will appear on the show's fifth season next spring. The past winners of the business-themed competition series are TV personality Piers Morgan, comedian Joan Rivers, rocker Bret Michaels and country singer John Rich.—*Internet*

Javier Hernandez signs new five-year contract with Manchester United

LONDON, 13 Oct—Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez has signed a new five-year contract at Old Trafford that will see the Mexican forward join the top earners at the club.

United recently offered midfielder Tom Cleverly a four-year contract as the Premier League champions continue to tie down their current squad to long-term deals, with Danny

Tevez to face City hearing over contract breach

MANCHESTER, 13 Oct—Carlos Tevez will face a disciplinary hearing at Manchester City over alleged breach of contract after apparently refusing to come off the bench during a Champions League match.

The Argentina striker was initially handed a two-week ban by City but was told by the club to report to training on Thursday—although he could still face further sanctions.

“The club has now reached a stage in its investigation where it has concluded that there is a case for Carlos Tevez to answer of alleged breaches of contract,” City said in a statement Wednesday. “Accordingly, the club has informed him that he will face disciplinary proceedings and the hearing will be convened shortly.”

Internet



Andy Roddick of the United States celebrates after defeating Nicolas Almagro of Spain in their third round match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament.—INTERNET

Webb also offered improved terms.

Hernandez bagged 20 goals in his debut season in the English top flight, and becomes one of 13 players to be offered a contract extension in the past 12 months by Sir Alex Ferguson’s side.

“We have renegotiated Javier’s contract and he is now committed for five years with Manchester United,” said Hernandez’s agent, Eduardo Hernandez.—*Internet*

US national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann: The eternal optimist

NEW YORK, 13 Oct—In Jurgen Klinsmann’s five matches as coach, the US national team has scored exactly two goals, conceded four and managed to win just once.

In these circumstances,



US national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann

one couldn’t blame the man in charge for growing discouraged, or at the very least allowing himself to show some semblance of frustration, perhaps in a momentary display of weakness.

But this is Jurgen Klinsmann, and in the world of Klinsi, the forecast is always sunny, with a 100 percent chance of optimism and nary a hint of a storm cloud on the horizon. For a follower of the US national team, the change from Bob Bradley to Coach Sunshine has been arresting, mainly because their attitudes and approaches are diametrically opposed: Bradley the steel-eyed pragmatist, Klinsmann the eternal optimist.—*Internet*

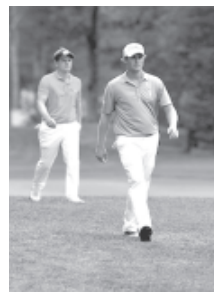
SPORTS

Webb Simpson could force Luke Donald to play more golf

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—Don’t tell Webb Simpson that the tour’s season-ending money list isn’t a big deal. For a guy who was struggling to keep his card last year, you’d think he’d be content with his runner-up finish in the FedEx Cup

and two wins this season.

With only two events left on the tour’s schedule, the Fall Series is usually a time where golf’s top players take some time off before the Presidents Cup, and golfers on the bubble grind it out to get inside the top 125 on the money list.



That’s why it seems odd that Simpson’s in the field this week at McGladrey Classic in Sea Island, Ga. For the North Carolina native, the event is a relative home game, so it makes sense to show up and pocket some extra cash before the end of the year.—*Internet*

Roddick beats Almagro, into Shanghai quarters

SHANGHAI, 13 Oct—Andy Roddick rolled into the Shanghai Masters quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Spain’s Nicolas Almagro on Thursday.

The 10th-seeded American hit 11 aces and 23 winners against the seventh-seeded Spaniard, who has won three titles this year to Roddick’s one.

“I feel like today was significantly better than the first two rounds as far as putting it all together,” Roddick said.

Almagro needed to win to boost his chances of making the ATP Tour World Finals in London. He’s currently in ninth

place in the standings, one spot below the last qualifying position. Roddick is far behind in 20th place.

In another third round match, Alexandr Dolgoplov, the 12th seed from Ukraine, dropped the first set against Australian teenager Bernard Tomic, then captured 12 of the last 13 games to win, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0.

The 29-year-old Roddick is trying to finish his season on a positive note after struggling with injuries, crashing out in the third round of Wimbledon and losing the No. 1 American ranking to Mardy Fish.

Internet



Nicolas Almagro of Spain tosses his racket after losing a point to Andy Roddick of the United States during their third round match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, on 13 Oct, 2011. Roddick won 6-3, 6-4.—INTERNET

Bud Cauley will be one of the Fall Series’ best stories

ATLANTA, 13 Oct—One of the underappreciated elements of golf is the way that such a buttoned-down, exclusive sport has left a small back door unguarded, a way for anyone with enough talent and determination to make it onto the sport’s grandest stages. This is nowhere more apparent than at the US Open, where, in theory, you or I could tee it up. But it also holds true later in the year, where players whose names you’ve never heard can come from nowhere (or college, whichever) and play themselves right onto the PGA Tour.

Earlier this year, Bud Cauley was a junior at the University of Alabama. And earlier this month, he was an undistinguished pro who appeared headed straight for Q School. Funny what one tournament can do, huh?

Internet



Bud Cauley

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson: ‘I don’t think about retirement’

LONDON, 13 Oct—Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson claims he has no plans to retire from the Old Trafford hotseat anytime soon, and is instead focusing on heralding a further period of success at the club.

Despite initially planning to retire in 2002, Ferguson went on to win a record 19th Premier League title with United last season, and the 69-year-old has suggested he will remain in charge

as long as his health allows.

“I just don’t think about retirement any more,” Ferguson said. “We’ve got a good young team and a lot of youth at the club as well as some tremendous staff. The future is good.”

“When you’ve been on the treadmill for so long, 25 years in my case, and my health is good at the moment, it’s just a matter of looking forward to being the manager of Manchester United, rather than worrying about Alex Ferguson.”

Ferguson celebrates 25 years in charge of the club this year, and has indicated that being able to work with the new influx of youth into his squad has maintained his hunger for the game.

Internet

Terry backs Chelsea owner over relocation

LONDON, 13 Oct—Roman Abramovich is mad about Chelsea and the fans must trust the Russian owner if he believes a move away from Stamford Bridge is in the club’s best interests, captain John Terry said on Wednesday.

The 2009-10 Premier League champions announced this month that they had made a proposal to buy back the freehold land at Stamford Bridge from Chelsea Pitch Owners (CPO).

Chelsea said this did not mean the club would definitely be relocating but added that buying back the freehold removed a potential hurdle should a suitable alternative site become available in the future.—*Internet*

AC Milan’s Robinho: I never thought I would be out for this long

MILAN, 13 Oct—AC Milan attacker Robinho has admitted he is eager to return to action as quickly as possible after a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

The Brazil international has not featured for the club since sustaining a muscle problem in the build-up to the Champions League game against Barcelona a month ago.

Italian sources have suggested that Robinho is in line to make a return for the team in Saturday’s home match against Palermo.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (14-10-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	- (14-10-11 09:30 am ~ 15-10-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

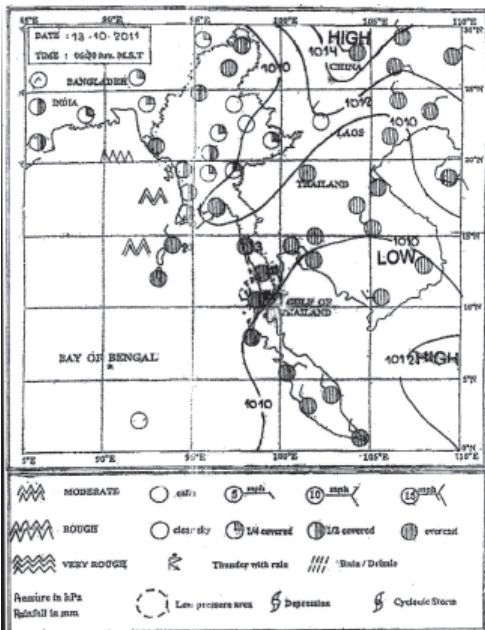
- * Opening
- * News
- * Learn & Fun At Monument Books and Toys
- * News
- * Distinct People Different Lifestyles (Pan Pack Village)
- * News
- * Evergreen Classical Music (Part-I)
- * News
- * Myanmar Horoscope with Advanced IT

Overseas Transmission

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- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youth (Indonesian In't School)
- * News
- * Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes
- * Myanma Melody on Screen
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Taking an Oath for Life
- * News
- * My Native Town Meiktila
- * Shan Traditional Novitiation Cultural Preservation
- * Jade Industry: Myanmar Rewarding Business
- * Myanmar Movie "In Emergency, Kyaye Mone Is Ready"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Friday, 14 October
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw - Uppatathandi Paritta
- 7:30 am**
2. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
4. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am**
5. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
6. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:15 am**
7. Documentary
- 8:25 am**
8. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (Men/Women)
- 8:40 am**
9. International News
- 8:45 am**
10. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song

- 4:05 pm**
2. Dance Of National Races
- 4:15 pm**
3. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 4:25 pm**
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm**
5. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:45 pm**
6. University of Distance Education (2011) (Maha Gita) (Basic Education Level) (Economics)
- 5:00 pm**
7. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm**
8. Myanmar Language

- 5:15 pm**
9. Musical Programme
- 5:25 pm**
10. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**
11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
13. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 16. International News**
- 17. Weather Report**
- 18. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)**
- 19. TV Drama Series**
- 20. Song Lover**

Weather forecast for 14th October, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	36/97	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	31/88	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	35/95	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	24/75	08/46	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	36/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	36/97	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	34/93	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	33/91	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	36/97	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	25/77	Partly Cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today
During the past (24) hours, weather has been widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Mon State, scattered in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan and Kayin States, isolated in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Kachin and Rakhine States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Khayan (1.30) inches, Hmawby (1.11) inches and Kawthoung (0.95) inch.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days
Continuation of decrease of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Rahul detects fake fertilizer in Uttar Pradesh village

LUCKNOW, 13 Oct—Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi Wednesday detected supply of fake fertilizer in a village of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh.

Gandhi, who arrived Monday on a three-day tour of the poverty-ridden Bundelkhand region in southern Uttar Pradesh, was on the last leg of his mission to get a first-hand account of the implementation of centrally funded schemes as well as the fate of the special economic package doled out by the central government towards development of this backward region.

Accompanied by state Congress president Rita Bahuguna Joshi and union Minister of State for Rural Development Pradeep Jain, who himself hails from Bundelkhand, Rahul was passing through Mohda block of Hamirpur District when he intercepted a tractor trolley loaded with DAP fertilizer.

"No sooner the trio confronted the driver with certain queries, he soon confessed that the fertilizer was fake,"

state Congress spokesman Subodh Srivastava told mediapersons here Wednesday. He said, Finding himself cornered, the tractor driver ran away from the scene abandoning the vehicle with 150 bags of DAP fertilizer that was handed over to the police.

MNA/PTI



A visitor looks at a battery-driven vehicle during the 2011 China International New Energy Vehicles Industry Promotion Week in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Oct 2011. The 4-day event, which opened on Wednesday, provided the public with access to the current status and future prospects of the new energy vehicles industry.

INTERNET

Ancient cultural heritages and traditions and customs are being preserved in Republic of Union of Myanmar in cooperation with global nations and international organizations including ASEAN member states and People's Republic of China

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — In his address at ASEAN-China (10+1) Culture Ministers Meeting held at Chongqing of the People's Republic of China on 10 October, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said that ancient cultural heritages and traditions and customs are being preserved in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in cooperation with global nations and international organizations including ASEAN member states and the People's Republic of China and he gave the nod to further strengthen ASEAN-China cultural cooperation proposed by the People's Republic of China in this meeting and to hold culture ministers meeting-2012 in Singapore. The Union Minister

pointed out that cultural cooperation will not only strengthen people-to-people understanding, thereby contributing towards achievements in political and economic sectors but also develop the Asian values and the ability to protect Asian traditions and culture from alien culture influences caused by globalization.

Next, the Union Minister together with culture ministers of ASEAN member countries called on Vice-Chairman of National Committee of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China Mr Ho Hau Wah, attended the opening of China-ASEAN Traditional Textile Show, met member of the Politburo of



Communist Party of China Secretary of Party Committee of Chongqing City Mr Bo Xilia and attended the opening of 12th Asia Arts Festival.

The Union Minister also met Chinese Culture Minister Mr. Chi Wu separately and held discussions on cultural cooperation and bilateral

cooperation in holding and airing opening and closing ceremonies of XXVII SEA Games to be held in Myanmar in 2013.

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*Union Health Minister
Dr Pe Thet Khin
addresses the ceremony to
mark the International White
Cane Day-2011.—MNA*

Ministry of Health to speed up cataract surgical works as public eye care service



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—The World Health Organization designated the second Thursday of every October as the White Cane Day in 1999; blind and lesser vision is one of the international public health problems; efforts are being made for enhancement for treatment of blindness with momentum and the people are being broaden in their horizon for reduction of eye complaints, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the ceremony to mark the International White Cane



Day at the ministry this morning.

The Union Minister continued to say that the WHO estimated that there are about 314 million people with lesser vision and 45 million blind peoples across the world. A total of 80 per cent from 45 million blinds people are suffering from curable eye complaints. About 90 per cent of the blind are living in developing countries including Myanmar, he said.

Cataract is common eye disease in Myanmar. According to the statistics,

as blindness rate hits Myanmar by 0.6 per cent and cataract rate 68 per cent, there are over 200,000 blind people in Myanmar. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, wellwishers sponsored free surgical operations at patients with cataract. As most of the people suffer from cataract in old age, the Ministry of Health will accelerate cataract surgical works for public eye care service, he added.

With the aim of gathering momentum in eye care service, the

government opens more eye care departments, turns out eye specialists, purchases and provides necessary equipment and microscopes. Thanks to annual assistance of WHO, Christoffel Blindenmission, Hellen Keller International, Asian Eye Care Association, cataract surgical rate increased 1457 per million people in Myanmar in 2010, compared with 853 in 2006. He said that there are 468 cataract surgical rate per million in Indonesia, 749 in Cambodia, 1140 in China, 6000 in India and 627 in Laos, he said.

(See page 9)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-10-2011)

Kayan	1.30 inches
Hmawby	1.11 inches
Kawthoung	0.95 inch