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## President U Thein Sein sends message of sympathy to Prime Minister of Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia for the loss of lives and destruction of property in several provinces of the Kingdom of Cambodia brought about by the recent floods.—MNA

### Our Three Main National Causes

- \* Non-disintegration of the Union
- \* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- \* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

## Myanmar has full faith in important role being played by United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standard of living of citizens of the world

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The following is the full text of the message sent by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on the occasion of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the United Nations.

On the auspicious occasion of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the founding charter of the United Nations, on behalf of the people of Myanmar and on my own behalf, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the United Nations for achieving progress in its goals in the last 66 years.

With the noble purposes of maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, culture and humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights, the Charter of the United Nations entered into force 66 years ago today.

Today, the United Nations represents 193 nations almost all the States of the world, making itself the largest world body. The United Nations has become a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in ensuring international peace and security and meeting the challenges of our time.

Despite the fact that development efforts around the world are hindered by various reasons such as slow economic growth, diminishing resources, increasing food prices and ongoing concern over food security, increasing frequencies of natural disasters as well as the challenges posed by

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## Government has now embarked on a series of reform process in various sectors to bring about democratization, economic development and improved livelihood of the people

### 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day observed

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, addressed the ceremony to mark the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day at Myanmar International Convention Centre today.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers and their wives, deputy ministers and their wives, members of Union Civil Service Board and Nay Pyi Taw Council, departmental heads, ambassadors led by Dean of Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert and their wives, charges d' affaires ai, Acting Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Ramesh M Shrestha, resident representatives and personnel of UN agencies, prize-winning students in 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day commemorative essay contest and guests.

In his speech, the Vice-President said: Joining the international community, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar celebrates and pays tribute to one of the most outstanding international organizations of our time, the United Nations.

It can be recalled that this world body was conceived from the ashes of the two world wars that brought untold sorrows to humankind.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham greets Ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and resident representatives of UN agencies at ceremony to mark 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 25 October, 2011

### Maintain bridges for posterity

The government is making all-out efforts for betterment of road transport, gathering momentum in national development. Better transport is a basic need for development of a region.

As a drive for improving road transportation, Kyarhtoo creek crossing bridge at mile post No (47/0) on Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe road section in Natmauk Township of Magway District in Magway Region was put into service on 22 October. It is the seventh facility in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Thanks to inauguration of Kyarhtoo creek bridge, travelling from Magway to Pyawbwe can be made directly through mountain range. People can get access to Yangon and Mandalay via Pyawbwe; Shan State (South) through Pyawbwe-Phayangsu road; and Rakhine State through Magway-Minbu-An road. With the emergence of the road network connecting all parts of the country, transport of commodities has become speedy, thereby contributing towards all-round development of the region.

The 4800-foot RC type Kyarhtoo creek bridge has a 24 feet wide motorway flanked by three feet wide pedestrian walkways, and it can withstand 60 tons load inclusive of vehicle.

Ma Mya creek bridge opened in April is the first in the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Thanks to a great number of roads and bridges the government has built, transportation between states and regions has become smoother and easier. The onus is on every citizen to maintain existing roads and bridges for posterity.

### Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Shield U-19 Football Tournament-2011 continues

YANGON, 24 Oct—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Shield U-19 Football Tournament-2011 continued its second round matches at Kyaukdine Stadium in Patheingyi Township yesterday.

Hinthada Zone (2) beat Maubin Zone (2) 7-2, and Pyapon Zone (1) and Myaungmya Zone (2) drew 2-2.

Patheingyi Zone (2) plays against Hinthada Zone (1) and Pyapon Zone (2) against Myaungmya Zone (2) today.—MNA

### Take Fire Preventive Measures

### Union FM sends message of sympathy to Cambodian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia for the loss of lives and destruction of poverty in several property of the Kingdom of Cambodia brought about by the recent floods.—MNA



### Construction Ministry opens basic management course

YANGON, 24 Oct— Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint attended the opening ceremony of Basic Management Course No.1 for Staff Officers, Deputy Staff Officers (Law, Park, Land and Housing) and Computer Operators of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development held at Central

Training School (Thuwunna) of Ministry of Construction this morning.

The deputy minister gave an opening address and greeted trainees.

Altogether 63 trainees are attending the two-week course.— MNA

### Two innocent civilians killed, two injured in KNU-planted mine blasts in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — Saw Pu Ti, 30, of Kanaseopin village in Htantabin Township of Bago Region stepped on a mine planted by the KNU group on his way to the farm in order to clear jungle at 5.30 am on 20 October. The explosion blew off his left heel and wounded his right knee.

Likewise, Ma Khin Myint Myint Maw, 32, one of five villagers of Mutha village in Kyaukkyi Township who were leaving their village for collecting vegetables at 6.30 am on 21 October stepped on a mine planted by the KNU group at a place, three miles east of the village. The explosion

blew off her left ankle. While she was taken back to the village, Maung Thet Aung, 20, one of the companions, stepped on a mine at a place, 2.5 miles from the village. The explosion blew off his right ankle. Maung Win Naing, 16, also stepped on another mine while he ran away from the place with fear.

The explosion blew off his left ankle. While the injured were taken back to the village, Ma Khin Myint Myint Maw and Maung Thet Aung died on the way. Maung Win Naing was rushed to Kyaukkyi People's Hospital and Saw Pu Ti of Kanaseopin village in Htantabin Township to Mone Station Hospital by officials and villagers who are providing them with necessary assistance.

MNA

Collective harvesting of high-yielding paddy grown with scientific cultivation methods at U Toe Lay's farm in Pandaing Village of Htantabin Township, Mandalay Region in progress on 16 October.—MNA



## Serial arson suspect arrested in Berlin

BERLIN, 24 Oct— Berlin police said on Sunday a 27-year-old man suspected of conducting serial arson attacks this summer has been captured.

Berlin's State Office of Criminal Investigations (LKA) told a Press conference on Sunday that the arrest could have dealt a key blow to crime.

The suspect is thought to have set 67 cars ablaze, while having damaged some 35 other cars, most of which are luxury brands including BWM and Mercedes-Benz, in the arson attacks.

LKA head Christian Steiof said, however, the arrest itself would not put an end to the problem of arson attacks. The series arson attacks have occurred

from June to August this year, particularly in Berlin's three districts, namely Mitte, Spandau and Charlottenburg.

Sources said that the suspect allegedly told investigators that he set the fires due to vexation over being out of job at the time. Since late August as he had been offered a position as an assistant, he stopped short of criminal conducts.

More than 625 vehicles were damaged in arson attacks in Berlin this year, with more than 270 of those cases considered to be politically motivated, according to Berlin police.

Xinhua



Mount Etna spews lava on the southern Italian island of Sicily on 23 October, 2011. Mount Etna is Europe's tallest and most active volcano.

XINHUA

## NATO kills militants in Afghan airstrike

KABUL, 24 Oct— NATO says international troops and Afghan forces have killed "multiple" militants during an operation in an eastern Afghan province where a feared Pakistan-based militant network is particularly active.

The US-led coalition said Monday that Afghan and international forces called for an airstrike on militants in Paktiya Province's Wuza Jadran District on Sunday. It said the target of the operation was a heavily-armed group of Haqqani network fighters who operate in the area. NATO has stepped up its focus on eastern Afghanistan, in areas along the Pakistani border. The al-Qaeda and Taliban-linked

Afghan people stand by their homes in a neighbourhood in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET



Haqqani use Pakistan as a safe haven and the US and Afghanistan have urged Islamabad to act against the militants.—Internet

## Five killed, 12 wounded in attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 Oct— Five people were killed and 12 wounded Monday in gunfire and bomb attacks, including a suicide one, in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

One attack occurred in the morning at al-Liqaa Square in western Baghdad when a road-side bomb struck a traffic police patrol and was followed by a suicide bomb explosion, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The attacks killed a civilian and wounded four others and two policemen, the source said.

"The casualty could be heavier as the suicide bomber was supposed to blow up his explosive belt at the crowd of people and security forces who gathered at the scene of the first blast, but apparently his belt detonated prematurely," the source added.

The attackers frequently follow an old tactic which depends on creating an initial explosion to attract security forces and people, then they set off another blast to get heavier casualties, he said.

In a separate incident, gunmen opened fire from their assault rifles on traffic policemen in Baghdad's central District of Waziriyah, sparking a heavy shootout with Iraqi security forces at the scene, the source said.

Xinhua

## Floods reach Bangkok airport, force evacuations

BANGKOK, 24 Oct— Floodwaters in Bangkok have reached Don Muang Airport, one of the Thai capital's two main airports and home to the flood

relief operation command, which may have to move to another location, according to the governor.

In addition to Don Muang, residents in five other areas should prepare for floods, move their belongings to upper floors and take shelter at evacuation centres, Governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra said in a news Conference on Monday.

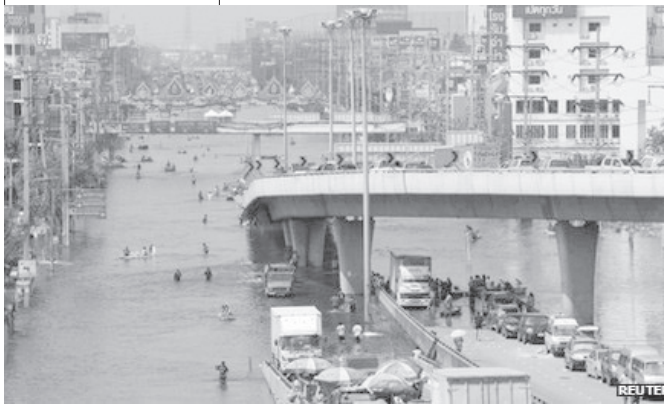
Thammasat University's gymnasium, which has been used as an evacuation centre, is also flooded and without electricity and is itself being evacuated, the governor added.

The flooding has already killed 356 people, with nearly 9 million others affected, authorities said. Overall damage from the floods could top \$2 billion, with the worst yet to come as the waters destroy shops and paralyze factories nationwide, the Thai Finance Ministry said.

Internet

Floods have covered roads and fields in some northern districts of the Thai capital.

INTERNET



## Customs officials seize a tonne of ivory in Vietnam

HANOI, 24 Oct— an official from the local Vietnam customs officials on Monday said they had seized more than a tonne of ivory, believed to be from elephant tusks, being smuggled on the country's border with China.

Quang Ninh customs department told AFP.

Three people, including two Chinese nationals, were arrested and are currently in police custody, said the official, who declined to be named.

"We are investigating whether all of the tusks are from elephants as well as where they came from and were headed," he added.

Around 221 tusk portions were discovered hidden on an iron boat that was intercepted by Vietnamese authorities as it tried to cross a river on the northern frontier with China late Saturday,

Ivory seizures are reported periodically in



This file photo shows elephant tusks, confiscated by customs in northern Vietnam, in 2009.

INTERNET

Vietnam, where customs officials last year seized two tonnes of elephant tusks illegally imported from Kenya and destined for China, according to state-controlled media.

The global ivory trade has been banned since 1989 but there has been a dramatic surge in illegal trafficking since 2005.

China is one of the world's biggest markets for ivory, which is used for home furnishings and jewellery. It is also popular in Vietnam.

Internet



*News of air traffic controllers falling asleep on the job shows the difficulty of shift work. Even when lives are at stake, it's a challenge for some people to stay alert throughout the night. That's because their internal body clock — sometimes called circadian rhythms — may be out of synch with their schedule. Shift work disrupts this cycle, and many people have trouble adapting.*

INTERNET

## Inflamed adenoids in kids may not be caused by stomach bacteria

**Health** NEW YORK, 24 Oct—Inflammation and enlargement of adenoids in children does not appear to be caused by bacteria associated with stomach inflammation and ulcers, researchers report.

The condition, also known as adenoid hyperplasia, causes upper airway obstruction and is associated with thinking and behavioral problems in children. It's been suggested that adenoid hyperplasia may be caused by gastrointestinal reflux disease (GERD) — a condition in which stomach contents back up into the esophagus — or a similar condition called laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR). In this study, Australian researchers investigated whether ulcer- and stomach-inflammation causing *Helicobacter pylori* bacteria and/or related bacteria were found in tissue samples from 78 hyperplastic and 15 normal adenoids from children aged 2 to 10.

No evidence of *H pylori* was found in any adenoid tissue sample, which contained very few bacterial organisms overall. The findings challenge other studies that claimed to find high levels of *H pylori* in adenoid tissue, the researchers said.

"We believe that our findings show that adenoid tissue does not serve as a reservoir for species of the *Helicobacteraceae* family," wrote Damian J Hussey and colleagues at Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders University in Adelaide. "This suggests that colonization of the tissue by these bacteria is not a factor contributing to adenoid hyperplasia." The study appears in the October issue of the *Archives of Otolaryngology — Head & Neck Surgery*.—Internet

## Can NSAIDs cut colorectal cancer deaths in older women?

**Health** BOSTON, 24 Oct—Older women who take nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — such as aspirin or ibuprofen — appear to have a lower risk of death from colorectal cancer than women who don't use these medications, a large new study suggests. Women who reported using these drugs, called NSAIDs, at the beginning of the study and three years later had a roughly 30 percent lower rate of death from colorectal cancer than women who did not take the drugs, or women who took them at only one of these two points in time, according to an American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) news release.

"Our results suggest that nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug use is associated with lower colorectal cancer mortality among postmenopausal

## Business Japan exports rise for 2<sup>nd</sup> month in recovery sign

TOKYO, 24 Oct—Japan's exports rose for a second straight month in September, showing a recovery is underway from the tsunami disaster even as manufacturers face a strong yen and weak global economy.

The Finance Ministry said Monday that exports rose 2.4 percent from a year earlier in September. Exports had declined for five months in the wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated industry in northeast Japan.

The ministry said the value of September exports totaled 5.98 trillion yen (\$78.2 billion), while imports came to 5.68

trillion (\$74 billion), up 12 percent. That gave Japan a trade surplus of 300 billion yen (\$4 billion).

The improvement in trade data comes amid

growing worries about the health of the global economy as Europe struggles to resolve its chronic debt crisis and US unemployment remains high.

Japanese manufacturers such as Toyota Motor Corp are also being threatened by the strong yen, which can make their products more expensive in overseas markets.

The dollar has been hovering between 76 yen and 77 yen recently — near record lows.

Exports to China, Japan's biggest overseas market, rose by 2.7 percent to 1.11 trillion yen (\$14.5 billion).

Exports to the United States were nearly flat at 924.8 billion yen (\$12.1 billion), an increase of 0.4 percent, while imports from the US grew 1.8 percent to 485.4 billion yen (\$6.4 billion).—Internet



*In this on 31 May, 2011 file photo, cars for export are parked at a Yokohama port, south of Tokyo. Japan's exports rose 2.4 percent in September compared with a year earlier, marking the second consecutive month of growth, the Finance Ministry announced on 24 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET*

## Rio Tinto says fall in iron ore prices accelerating

**Business** SYDNEY, 24 Oct—Global miner Rio Tinto said on Monday iron ore demand remained robust despite market weakness, and said a fall in prices was accelerating a move to shorter-pricing methods.



*A woman runs past the reception desk of the Rio Tinto Limited Shanghai Representative Office in Shanghai on 22 March, 2010.—INTERNET*

Rio, which is speeding up a programme to lift output by 50 percent to 333 million tons a year by 2015, said its iron business was set to grow substantially over the next five years and industrial production in China remained robust.

"Shipments are strong and we are selling everything we can produce," Rio Tinto Chief Executive Tom Albanese said in a presentation.

He said 86 percent of third-quarter sales were quarterly lagged, as miners moved to price a shorter duration from annual contracts.

Mining companies in 2010 created a quarterly system for iron ore that replaced the aging benchmark system, one based on annual talks between miners and steel mills. The contracts could get shorter.

The quarterly iron contracts are based on the average of spot prices over a three-month period ending a month before the start of each quarter.

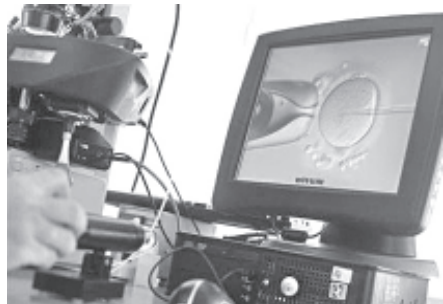
Albanese's comments come as Rio and BHP Billiton aggressively sold directly into the spot market over the last month after running their mines above capacity undermining prices.

Iron ore prices plummeted 8 percent last week, the seventh straight week of losses and the sharpest drop since July 2010 as demand from top consumer China slips.

Chinese steel mills under pressure to maintain sales margins are said to be delaying iron ore purchases.

Data from China showed a slower-than-expected 9.1 percent third-quarter GDP growth, evidence of a slowdown in its steel sector was mounting.

Brazilian miner Vale said last week it was open to discussing different iron ore pricing systems with its clients, as a tumble in the price of ore has led to pressure from steel mills for more flexibility.—Reuters



*Doctor Katarzyna Koziol injects sperm directly into an egg during in-vitro fertilization (IVF) procedure called Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) at Novum clinic in Warsaw on 26 October, 2010.—INTERNET*

## Crowd-sourced events spark online creativity at the second Internet Week Europe



*Crowd-sourced events spark online creativity at the second Internet Week Europe.—INTERNET*

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—Internet Week Europe is back for a second year with a whole new lineup of speakers and online and offline events.

The five-day festival celebrates the best of Europe's internet industry and aims to create a vibrant discussion around topics such as social media, privacy, cyber crime, mobile creativity, networking, politics and Europe's start-up culture through a series of open-source events.

Internet Week Europe builds on the success of its American counterpart, Internet Week New York. The fourth edition of the NY-based festival was held in June and attracted more than 20,000 participants.

Around half as many people attended the first edition of Internet Week Europe but in its second year the festival is "already feeling like an established annual event for the European digital community," said Nick Farnhill, co-chairman of Internet Week Europe.

Leaders from Yahoo!, TED, LinkedIn, BIMA, VitaminT, Soundcloud, BBC, FT and Google have already signed up to host Internet Week Europe events in 2011.

"Following on from Internet Week NY's successful HQ, this year Internet Week Europe has its first-ever Internet Week Europe headquarters at The Hospital Club in Covent Garden," disclosed Penelope Shaw, Festival Director, Internet Week Europe in an email to Relaxnews.

"Central to the week's foundation of openness and inclusivity, the headquarters will serve as a hub for the more than 200 expected citywide events, providing accessible content, wi-fi and a gathering spot for festival goers."

While the European festival is physically located in London, people from all around the globe can watch live event feeds and participate in discussions online.

"We will be encouraging anyone and everyone to participate on social media as well as by viewing the content from the Internet Week Europe HQ via Livestream on the Internet Week Europe website," said Shaw.

"Internet Week celebrates the openness of the Internet," added Shaw, "which is why the livestream will be free. Not only are we bringing in speakers from other parts of the world, but we'll be Skypeing panelists in from across the world to make sure the whole voice of Europe is heard in shaping our festival."

*Internet*

## Skip Howdy iPhone app for saying 'hey' with e-cards

Tech

NEW YORK, 24 Oct—Card apps are getting a closer look this month since Apple launched its native app Cards for iOS 5. I've tested a few of these apps in the past, but I opted to give recently updated Howdy for iPhone a spin this week. Quick verdict? Say "buh-bye" instead — this app doesn't work.

I tried multiple times to send a card via email through Howdy. The app displays a status bar, but if you opt to hide it, there's no visible way to bring it back. I found this out the first time I tried sending a card, so when I tried to send the next, oh 15 minutes or so later, I was shocked to see a notice that the app was still sending my card, and did I want to abort the process? After choosing yes, I tried to send the card again, this time leaving the status bar alone. Same result. I left the app open during the entirety of this test, so this lag isn't caused by some multitasking glitch. I'd love to tell you that Howdy's final product is worth the wait, but I gave up before getting a single card into an inbox.

In the event Howdy get its issues together, you should know the app offers six categories of cards (and demonstrates a clear misunderstanding of possessives in the process), including love, party and get-well. Each category offers six designs, so there are quite a few options from which to choose. The individual cards were a bit twee for my taste, but if you like putting a bird on it, you'll probably be satisfied with the options.

All cards offer the ability to add a text message on the back, and some also have tappable fields on the front. Others feature slots for photos, which you can take live or pull from your camera roll.—*Internet*

## Amazon's tablet may be hottest holiday gadget

Tech

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct—The Kindle Fire tablet may be the hottest selling gadget this holiday, pressuring Amazon.com Inc's profit margins but giving the world's largest Internet retailer potentially millions of new high-spending customers.

Since Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos unveiled the tablet at a lower-than-expected price of \$199 on 28 September, some analysts have increased their sales estimates for the device.

Amazon got 95,000 Fire pre-orders on its first day and has been averaging about 20,000 a day since then, email-monitoring firm eData-Source estimated. The

device ships 15 November.

Technology blog AllThingsD reported on 6 October that Amazon is selling over 25,000 Fires a day, citing unidentified sources close to the company. "The rumoured numbers out on the Web are far too low," said Mark Gerber, an analyst at Detwiler Fenton & Co "Really strong pre-orders and the surprising \$199 price means they will easily do five million units this quarter."

Gerber previously expected Amazon to sell three to four million Fire tablets in the fourth quarter.

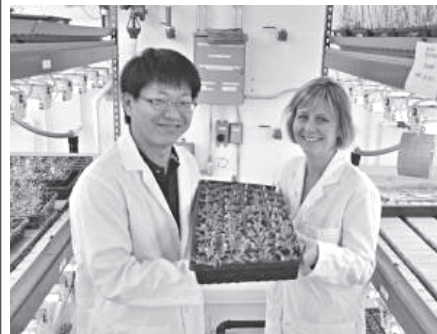
Amazon declined to comment. But Gerber and other analysts will be

watching closely for clues on tablet orders when the company reports results on 25 October. The company is expected to make a third-quarter profit of 24 cents a share on revenue of \$10.93 billion, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

"A lot of people started to have more than one computer in the home in recent years and cheaper netbooks fulfilled that need perfectly," Rojas told Reuters. "The Kindle Fire could meet the demand for a second tablet."

Dan Geiman, an analyst at McAdams Wright Ragen, expects Amazon's operating profit margin to fall to 1.5 percent in the third quarter from 3.5 percent a year earlier.—*Reuters*

*Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos holds up the new Kindle Fire at a news conference during the launch of Amazon's new tablets in New York, on 28 September, 2011.—INTERNET*



*UC Riverside graduate student Seung Cho Lee (left) and his advisor Julia Bailey-Serres seen in the lab with a tray of Arabidopsis plants. Arabidopsis is a small flowering plant used widely by plant biologists as a model organism.—INTERNET*

## Neanderthals' legs look ideal for steep-hillside strolls

Science

NEW YORK, 24 Oct—Neanderthals had shorter lower legs than we do, leading scientists to theorize that this was an adaptation to the cold times in which they lived, even if it slowed them down.

But two scientists offer a new explanation for those short lower legs: They allowed these early humans to move efficiently across the sloped terrain of their mountainous homes. Instead of being at a disadvantage on rugged terrain, as was generally thought, Neanderthals even may have been at an advantage, depending on the nature of the slope, they found. The research team also found the same connection between shorter lower-leg bones and mountain life among modern animals.

"Studies looking at limb length have always concluded that a shorter limb, including in Neanderthals, leads to less efficiency of movement, because they had to take more steps to go a given distance. But the other studies only looked at flat land," said lead researcher Ryan Higgins, a graduate student in the Johns Hopkins Centre of Functional Anatomy and Evolution. "Our study suggests that the Neanderthals' steps were not less efficient than modern humans in the sloped, mountainous environment where they lived."

Neanderthals lived between about 200,000 and 40,000 years ago, during the cold of ice-age Europe and Western Asia. They had a shorter, more compact stature than we do. Since animals in colder areas tend to be more compact — less surface area means less body heat loss — this appeared to explain the length of a Neanderthal's lower legs. More-modern humans, by contrast, lived in warmer climates, meaning they were less concerned about losing body heat.—*Internet*

## Government has now embarked on ...

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Determined that the succeeding generations shall never again be subjected to human degradations and destruction, the United Nations was founded on the principle of respect for humanity and love of peace. The founding fathers were also far-sighted enough not only to aim for world peace and security but also for development of humankind in all aspects.

As a family member of the United Nations, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes immense pride and pleasure in celebrating, with time-honoured

renable regions like Africa. The United Nations, today, is engaged in vast array of works that touches every aspect of the lives of people around the world.

The United Nations also stands as the most important forum where member states can collectively address and resolve emerging challenges of our times, such as the climate change, food security, slow economic growth as well as issues of justice and equality in international relations such as defending against the imposition of dominance on

in meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which was formulated to address the welfare and the needs of the people around the world. The Millennium Declaration set 2015 as the target for achieving the goals. Far-sighted actions have to be taken to achieve the MDG targets, among other things, elimination of coercive economic measures including trade embargos, provision of ODA without discrimination, establishing an enabling environment for attracting foreign direct investments, getting market access and solving the debt problems. Only then, the UN's aspiration for peace, security, justice and prosperity for all can be realized.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressing the ceremony to mark 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day.

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traditional values, the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations which is the day the Charter of the United Nations came into force.

We, the 193 members states representing the international community, sharing common goals and interests, and working together in the United Nations did achieve enormous progress over the past 66 years. We deterred the recurrence of world wars; deterred the threat of arms race; kept peace and security by promoting justice, international law, humanitarian and human rights. We also promote sustainable economic growth and development of vul-

nerable regions like Africa. The United Nations, today, is engaged in vast array of works that touches every aspect of the lives of people around the world.

The United Nations is as strong and effective as we, the member states, can make the United Nations to be more effective and efficient. We need to pragmatically reform the United Nations to further enhance its role by revitalizing the work of the General Assembly and by making multilateralism more democratic. We must ensure that the United Nations reform stands for the majority of its member states especially for the developing countries.

With the efforts of all nations, some progresses are being made

In recent years, the adverse effect of climate change is manifested in the frequency and severity of natural calamities like earthquakes and floods that hit many regions in the world. Climate change threatens the prosperity of humankind. It directly devastates the agriculture production, which is the main economic sector of many developing countries. Hence, the developing countries are the ones who are most affected by the implications of global warming and climate change.

As you are aware, Myanmar was hit by one of the most devastating cyclone in its history, the Cyclone Nargis in 2008 and

by Cyclone Giri last year. After overcoming the emergency situation, the rehabilitation works were successfully carried out in collaboration with the United Nations, ASEAN and inter-national community. Taking this opportunity, I would like to reiterate our sincere appreciations to the United Nations, international community, UN agencies in Myanmar,

NGOs and Civil Associations for humanitarian assistance kindly rendered to Myanmar.

One of the main pillars of the United Nations is protection and promotion of human rights for all. As a responsible member of the UN family, Myanmar also attaches importance to the promotion and protection of human rights.

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**The United Nations also stands as the most important forum where member states can collectively address and resolve emerging challenges of our times, such as the climate change, food security, slow economic growth as well as issues of justice and equality in international relations such as defending against the imposition of dominance on small states, interference in internal affairs and the use of force.**



Acting Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Ramesh M Shrestha presents prize to a first-prize winner in 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day commemorative essay contest at basic education primary level.—MNA

## Myanmar has full faith in important role...

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climate change, there is some progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which was formulated to address the welfare and the needs of the people. The people of the world pins the hope on the United Nations in ending the emerging global issues and in building a justifiable, more prosperous and peaceful world. Myanmar has full faith in the important role being played by the United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standard of living of the citizens of the world. Myanmar also believes deeply that the United Nations will fulfil the expectations of the citizen of the world. With this believe, Myanmar has been collaborating with the United Nations.

On this auspicious occasion of the 66<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day, I would like to invite one and all to join me in extending our best wishes to the United Nations.

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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attends seminar on budgeting process

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended the 5<sup>th</sup> day session of the seminar on budgeting process at the Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon.

It was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Deputy Minister of National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw answered the questions related to the Budgeting, Politics and Power discussed on 21 October.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw discussed the subject on Budgeting in the State's Institution Process and Politics.

Afterwards, the deputy minister replied the questions raised by Hluttaw representatives and the session came to an end in the evening.—MNA



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends the 5<sup>th</sup> day session of the seminar on budgeting process.—MNA

## 13 killed in Iran's vessel sink

TEHERAN, 24 Oct—An informed source confirmed the deaths of 13 crew members of an Iranian vessel which sank in the Persian Gulf, the English language *Teheran Times* daily reported on Sunday. The died crew members were Iranians, Ukrainians, and Indians, the source said.

The vessel, named *Koushal*, sank on Thursday



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon view publications on the UN and excellent essays to mark 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day.—MNA

## Government has now embarked on ...

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The fundamental rights of its citizens are guaranteed by relevant provisions of the State Constitution. Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was formed recently to further implement the promotion and safeguarding of the fundamental rights of the citizens as prescribed in the Constitution.

Today, we are witnessing changing political landscapes in some parts of the world. Myanmar is also making a smooth and peaceful transition to democracy. The government has now embarked on a series of reform process in various sectors to bring about democratization, economic development and improved livelihood of the people. The steps taken are concrete and visible. The reform process is incremental, systematic and dynamic as well.

Accordingly, the Union government, together with region and state governments are harmoniously striving for emergence of a clean

government based on good governance, wide spread of democratic practices, prevalence of law and order, concrete economic reforms and more effective environmental conservation. The common desire of the people and the government of Myanmar are to live in peace and stability in a modern and developed nation. Therefore, in the interest of the people of Myanmar, the government has extended an olive branch to national armed groups staying outside the legal fold to build permanent peace in the country. On 12<sup>th</sup> October, the government granted amnesty to 6539 prisoners in accord with Section 204 (b) of the Constitution, on humanitarian grounds and showing sympathy towards their families and enabling them to serve their own interests and of the State together with the people understanding compassion and loving-kindness of the State.

At this critical juncture, the encouragement, understanding and support of the international community including the United Nations are crucial to Myanmar's transition to democracy.

In conclusion, I would like to invite all of you to join me in conveying our best wishes for the continued success of the United Nations in its noble endeavours for the peace, security, justice and prosperity of the mankind.

Next, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin read out the message sent by President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations.

(The message of President U Thein Sein is reported separately.)

Next, Acting Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Ramesh M Shrestha read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon on the occasion of the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Day.

Afterwards, Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and Acting Resident Coordinator of UN Agencies Mr Ramesh M Shrestha awarded prize-winners of essay contests at basic education high, middle and primary school level.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President cordially greeted ambassadors and charges d' affaires of foreign embassies, the acting President coordinator and resident representatives of UN agencies.

The Vice-President and guests then viewed display of prize-winning essays and publications on the UN.—MNA

in the Persian Gulf near the port city of Assalouyeh. It was bound for Assalouyeh, but sank 15 nautical miles (27 kilometres) off the port City, said the report. Reportedly, the vessel had been overloaded with passengers and cargo.

Located on the shore of the Persian Gulf some 270 km southeast of the provincial Capital of Bushehr, Assalouyeh is best known as the site for one of the largest natural gas field in the world, the South Pars/North Dome Gas-Condensate field.

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It was assessed that if feedstuffs are to efficiently be used in domestic breeding works to increase production of meat and fish, and then surplus meat and fish are to be exported, more benefit can be gained.

At present, the State has set the target to effectively realize the market oriented economic system. In so doing, surplus of agricultural product could be exported in some years, and groundnut expeller cakes were imported for local demand in declining the crop production due to climate change. Therefore, without adopting the policy on export and import of foodstuffs including groundnut expeller cakes, it is necessary to calculate the interests of farmers, oil millers and rice millers and fish and prawn breeders based on data of annual domestic



*Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Zata Lem of Thatlang Constituency raises question.*

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production and local consumption.

With regard to the second question, importing palm oil is to ensure domestic edible oil sufficiency and stabilize the domestic edible oil prices. In so doing, import of palm oil was allowed after calculating the one year import volume. Coordination was made in importing palm oil with best quality and reasonable price for domestic sales. During the six months period from April to 20 September 2011, a total of 123414 metric tons of palm oil or 21,700 tons per month were imported. After stabilizing the price of palm oil in the retail market, arrangements have been made for importing and selling high quality palm oil as a healthy product.

Regarding the export agricultural crops, export of beans and pulses faces the limited market. Therefore, it is important to seek the seller's market for export beans and pulses at stable prices. When some agricultural crops face limited foreign market and selected purchase, the exporters may suffer losses. In consequence, farmers also face loss in cost effectiveness and then the price of goods may decline. Therefore, seeking the foreign market is an important for export of various kinds of agricultural produce. Trading is to be considered not only on single country or region but also on international community. In the future, edible oil of Myanmar may reach the main position in the export items. Therefore, farsightedness is to be set for linkage of markets.

If import of palm oil harms interests of local cultivators and producers and entrepreneurs, it is necessary to apply rules and regulations of WTO for protection of their interests. As such, scrutiny is being carried out systematically for serving interests of farmers, oil millers, workers from oil mills for their regular jobs, abundance of feedstuffs and consumption of hygienic edible oil. And, plan is being implemented in scrutinizing the import of palm oil. Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied to seven questions raised by seven Hluttaw representatives.

Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency said **he assumes that officials of Food and Drug Administration are difficult to regularly make field trips to townships, whether there is a plan to form the small groups constituted with experts and townsmen in every township like FDA.** The Union Minister replied that the food-stuff produced by factories in Myanmar and that from foreign countries legally have been scrutinized by FDA. The Ministry of Health gathered samples of foodstuffs and medicines at the market and check them at laboratories of FDA in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and takes action against those offenders. The dangerous foodstuffs

and medicines found by FDA were announced for the public through newspapers, journals, radio and TV and informed the authorities of regions, states, districts and townships for taking action against the offenders for illegal foodstuffs and drugs.

By practising the power in line with the section 5, sub-section (1) of the National Drugs Law, the FDA of the Ministry of Health assigned duties to the Food and Drug Supervisory Committees at central, region/state level, district level and township level under the notification No. 1/2002. Township Food and Drug Supervisory Committee chaired by the health of Township Health Department is constituted with township pharmacologist or health assistant, personnel of Township General Administration Department, Township Myanmar Police Force, Township Development Affairs Committee and Township Veterinary and Livestock Breeding Department as members. A health officer or health assistant is assigned duty as secretary by the chairman.

Daw Zata Lem of Thantlang Constituency asked **whether the Union government has a plan to allow the ministries concerned to assign doctors in station hospitals in Tiddim, Falam, Mindat, Tonzang, Matupi, Kanpetlet and Paletwa townships of Chin State, upgrade the 25-bed hospital in Thantlang Township to the 50-bed facility and honour, appoint and transfer the medical staff and doctors who will discharge duty in Chin State.** The Union Minister replied that one medical superintendent, one senior specialist (OG), one specialist (OG), one assistant surgeon, one assistant surgeon (anesthetic), one assistant surgeon (orthopaedic), one assistant surgeon (eye), one assistant surgeon (ear, nose and throat) and nine assistant surgeons are discharging duty at Haka General Hospital in Chin State, and one assistant surgeon (medical education) and one assistant surgeon (paediatrician) have been assigned duty at the hospital.

One doctor for Hsukhrar Station Hospital in Haka Township, one doctor as an in-charge for Htokelai Station Hospital in Tiddim Township, one doctor for Wammathu Station Hospital in Mindat Township and one doctor for Kyindway Station Hospital in Kanpetlet Township have been assigned. As work requirement calls, appointments of specialists and doctors of station hospital will be prioritized.

According to the plan of the Ministry of Health to honour doctors who are going to be assigned duties in Chin State, they will be able to enjoy one-step promotion and choose designation and department they wish after one-year service in Chin State.

Regarding the question of U Win Kyi of Pindaya Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to appoint four assistant surgeons, one assistant dentist and one laboratory technician (3) in Pindaya Township Hospital, the Union minister replied that one staff officer of the township health department is discharging his duty in People's Hospital in Pindaya of Shan State. Arrangements are being made to appoint more doctors there to be able to meet standards of a 25-bed hospital before the end of this year and one assistant doctor will be assigned duty there during this month. Plans are underway to appoint health staffs and the hospital building will be upgraded in order to meet the characteristics of a 25-bed hospital during 2012-13 fiscal year depending on the funds.

Regarding the question raised by U Nyan Swe Win who said whether there is a plan to fulfill requirements of the 50-bed hospital for better health standard in Kyaukkyi Township, the Union minister replied that Kyaukkyi Township is one of six areas which are top of the list of priorities for development of rectangle region. Regarding the upgrading of 25-bed Kyaukkyi Township People's Hospital into 50-bed one, the standard organizational setup of seven doctors, one assistant dentist and 23 nurses totaling 81 have been allowed.

Three hospitals namely 50-bed township hospital, 16-bed Mone station hospital and 16-bed Nathangwin station hospital, four rural health centres and 15 rural health centres (branch) are providing health care services to local people in Kyaukkyi Township. One staff officer of the township health department was assigned duty in Kyaukkyi Township People's Hospital and appointment of one assistant surgeon will be made when appointments of assistant surgeons (fresher) are

*Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan answers queries.*  
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carried out.

Regarding the question raised by U Aye Han of Paukkaung Constituency who said whether there is a plan to build more buildings as Paukkaung Township hospital was upgraded from 16-bed to 25-bed hospital, the Union minister replied that building of new hospitals, upgrading of existing hospitals, opening of specialist wards and extending of strength in accord with the standard organizational setup are being carried by the Ministry of Health. In accord with work requirement and funds, extended construction of hospital is being carried out.

Regarding the question raised by U Than Myint of Wundwin Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to upgrade 25-bed Wundwin People's Hospital into 50-bed one, the Union minister replied that three hospitals namely 25-bed hospital, 16-bed Pintale station hospital and Naypukon station hospital were opened in Wundwin Township. Health care services are being carried out with the strength of one head of township health department, one assistant surgeon, one assistant dentist, five senior nurses and 10 nurses totaling 55 at 25-bed hospital in the township.

Wundwin Township hospital was upgraded to 25-bed facility. There was no report to upgrade the hospital as a 50-bed one. If it is necessary to upgrade the hospital, the ministry will report to the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development on upgrading of the hospital.

Regarding the question raised by U Yon Bee of Taninthayi Constituency who asked whether there is a plan to extend the hospital building in order to meet the characteristics of a 50-bed hospital as 25-bed hospital in Taninthayi was upgraded to 50-bed one on 18-7-2002, the Union minister replied that although Taninthayi People's Hospital was upgraded from 25-bed to 50-bed hospital, only five patients were admitted daily to the hospital within the last six months. As figures showed there was 22.4 per cent in use of bed at the hospital, it is not required to extend the hospital building. Depending on the increase in number of patients and funds, patient wards will be built.

Copies of books entitled Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Rules which were compiled in accord with the prescribed laws and sent back by relevant organizations have been delivered to Hluttaw representatives on 15 August and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Rules on 28 August and Notification No (39/2011) related to land use and Notification No (40/2011) for foreign currency on 20 October in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule-170.

Hluttaw representatives may submit proposals to the Hluttaw to revoke and amend within 90 days from the date it was delivered if it is found that rules and a regulation or discipline are contrary to the provisions of the prescribed laws. If there is no submission of proposals, it will be assumed that it has been approved. After making thorough examination on rules and notifications, Hluttaw representatives are to enlist their names not later than 27 October, describing exactly paragraph, sub-paragraph and facts they want to revoke and amend in their proposals. The 40<sup>th</sup> day session ended at 11.40 am and the 41<sup>st</sup> day meeting continues tomorrow. —MNA



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**Pastures and village communal are to be maintained undamaged except the President or the authorities appointed by the President issue other orders."**

According to Notification No 32/88 of former Agriculture and Forestry Ministry dated 30-12-1988, in practicing the rights concerning farmland management works, region and state level authorities were authorized to direct and supervise in conserving pastures, and village communal land and township level authorities were authorized to direct and supervise in conserving village communal land, ward/village-tract level authorities were authorized to preserve village communal land.

Fulfilling the basic needs of people was prescribed in Myanmar Forest Policy adopted in 1995 for implementation of forest works. Rural residents are allowed to take limited forest products required for household, agriculture and fishery use from reserve forests in accordance with forest law and by-laws.

Currently, measures are taken to reduce risks of environmental degradation to minimum level in improving economy, social affairs, health, and education of rural regions, with a view to sustainability of bio-diversity.

Locals are allowed to establish communal forests in reserve forests with a view to contributing to fulfilling basic needs of local people. With a view to provision of fire woods and forest products to be used in household, agriculture and fishery to rural people, the State has arranged one household to grow three teak plants and 20 hardwood plants and one village to set up an acre of village-owned wood plantations annually since 2008-2009 so that rural people do not need to go to distant places for wood and easily take woods near homes and villages.

Comprehensive and accurate laws, by-laws and instructions on forestry were prescribed in the 30-year national forest sector master plan for rural people in extracting forest products for personal and commercial use.

Law on permission of foreign fishing trawlers for fishing, fishery law, Myanmar sea-water fishery law, Myanmar fresh-water fishery law, all of which were enacted over 20 years ago, describe that Fisheries Department is levy reasonable tax on workers employed in fishery, without posing burden to them. Sixteen kinds of fresh-water fishing equipment and six kinds of sea-water fishing equipment are exempted from taxes for rural people.

License fee for fish-breeding in 1250 square feet fish pond is exempted for a household's consumption. Region/State governments can manage communal fishing ponds in accordance with needs of regions concerned.

Legislation for free fishing is to be carried out by the region or state Hluttaw and government as the tax for fishing is to be collected by the region or state authority in accordance with the Article 188 and 254 of the constitution.

The Union Government, union ministers and region and state governments concerned would coordinate to manage the work in accordance with the existing laws while conserving the natural resources.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region constituency No. 9 asked **whether there is a plan to repair the 5-mile long Khattiya Yekyaw Creek and 6-mile long drainage channel between Yedwington and Tamartakaw villages in Twantay Township to prevent floods.**

The Union Minister replied that three sluice gates are used to control overflow water in the rainy season and to store drinking water in summer season in Shwemuyin in Twantay Township. Yekyaw Creek links the Toe and Panhlaing rivers and the river's five-mile section between Khattiya and Tu villages and near the Panhlaing River has been silted up. The Panhlaing River has also been silted up and the fresh water can be flowed through the Toe River. However, being located away from the

Yekyaw Creek, the creek could be silted up again. Therefore, it is required to calculate cost and advantage for dredging the creek and still, there is no current plan to carry out the work.

The drainage channel between Yedwington and Tamartakaw villages is six miles long and 15 to 10 feet wide and about four and half feet in depth. If the drainage channel is dredged, it would be helpful to store fresh water for planting rice in summer season and to control water in rainy season. The plan for dredging the drain have not yet drawn in the 2010-2011 budget year and detailed assessment would be made to the plan and would be included in the priority list depending on the budget allocation. The proposal to provide fuel and costs for the project by Dr Khin Shwe and heavy machinery by the government would be submitted to the ministry, he said.

U J Yaw Wu of Kachin State constituency No 12, U Ye Myint of Bago Region constituency No 4 and U San Pyai of Kachin State constituency No 7 discussed the



**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9 raises question.**

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**proposal to urge the Union Government to supervise the win-win cooperation between farmers and companies not to loose farming rights of farmers** submitted by U Swe Aung of Yangon Region constituency No 12.

They discussed that the State can confiscate farmland by giving compensation to farmers and should take care of farmers not to loose their farming rights. The State should also provided assistance to farmers to promote their living standard. The rice production makes up 42.5% of the GDP and 14.5 % of export value. The population of farmers makes up 72 % of the total population and 63 % of workers of the country. Rice production value should meet the population growth of the country and should not cause deficiency at home. Though rice companies are allowed to work in the farming sector, they have no rights to seize farmland of farmers. Therefore, they seconded the proposal, they said.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw discussed that assessment would be made to facts and figures related to the proposal and to reply of the Yangon Region government and would reply the proposal after assessing the findings.

He continued to say that during the time of previous government, under the Article 39 of the 1953 Land Nationalization Act, Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council allowed the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Department to use altogether 69,937 acres of farmland in three townships in Dagon Myothit to build housings of Dagon Myothit in the 1989-1990 year.

It is found that existing model special agricultural zone-1 is located in the area chosen to build Yangon Station under the urban project and the existing model special agricultural zone-2 is located in the Dagon Myothit (South) and Dagon Seikkan townships, and still, the farmland are not yet used fro the urban project.

Before the urban project in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, a total of 943 farmers had planted rice on 6584 acres of rain-fed fields. During the visit of the then Prime Minister in July, 2008, he directed to establish special agricultural zones in the plots in the three townships for the urban project and Yangon Division Peace and Development Council had allowed companies in September, 2008, to implement the mechanized farming system. A total of 9873 acres of farmland in the special zone 1 and

**Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replies to queries.**

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2 were allotted to 16 companies.

Under the supervisory of the local authority, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Settlement had given compensatory payment to 1085 farmers at the rate of K20,000 per acre for 7505 acres in the mechanized farming special zone, reaching total amount of compensatory payment K151 million. Huts and monasteries in the zone have been moved to the area of the urban project and roads have been constructed in the area.

Companies provided K 208.2 million to farmers for 4875 acres of farmland at the rate of K 25000, K 40000 and K 50000 per acre, K 58.6 million for construction of new schools, totaling K 266.8 million.

The companies built over 467000-ft inlet channel and over 372000-ft outlet channel and reclaimed 6063 acres of land. Power cables and transformers have been installed in each plot of companies for pumping water and water pumps are being used.

Machinery is used in growing paddy. A total of 88 tractors, 13 mini tractors, 59 power tillers, 44 transplanters, 10 harvesters, 19 mini harvesters, 11 reapers, 27 threshing machines and 116 water pumps are being used in trial run.

Before the emergence of model special zone, the paddy yield in 2007-2008 from 1878 acres is 145238 baskets at the rate of 77.34 baskets per acre and that in 2008-2009 from 6584 acres of monsoon paddy plantation is 388326 baskets at the rate of 58.98 baskets per acre. Since the establishment of model special zone in summer paddy season of 2008-2009, per acre yield was improved. In 2010-2011, the paddy yield from 6950 acres of monsoon paddy plantation is 475590 baskets at the rate of 68.43 baskets per acre and that from 6244 acres of summer paddy plantation is 517784 baskets at the rate of 84.44 baskets per acre. Altogether 366 acres have been put under monsoon paddy, which had not been reclaimed before the establishment of model mechanized zone in 2008-2009.

It is learnt that local people have turned from contenting conventional farming to enjoying increased family incomes and improved living standards as company entrepreneurs practically implement the transformation with machinery, capital, technologies and inputs.

Sixteen companies involved in transformation into mechanized farming. Some devoted huge investment to the process, but some are not. So, they are urged to pick up the pace to reach the level of modern mechanized farming model agricultural special zone as originally envisaged.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Yangon Region Government will jointly define a fixed period to implement the transformation in accord with original objectives and regulations by asking the attitude of company entrepreneurs with permits to run Dagon Myothit farms by Yangon Region Government and conducting survey of practical implementation.

The companies which do not adhere to the directive will be exposed and asked them to return their permits. The companies which may actually implement the aims and objectives of the modern mechanized farming model agricultural special zone will be granted permits.

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By handing over permits to the companies which will actually undertake the implementation, local people will enjoy more job opportunities and make more incomes and profits than they earn now.

Farmland Law which will systematically define farmland ownership is being drafted. Upon completion, issues of farmland ownership and profits around the country will be settled, explained the deputy minister.

According to the explanation of the Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, it is learnt that

the farmlands are nationalized under Farmland Nationalization Law for Urban Development, 16 companies are allowed to establish special agricultural zones on the lands as no urban development tasks have not implemented on the lands and the case is not loss of farming right. The Hluttaw decided to put the proposal of U Swe Aung on record as he demanded to put his proposal on record while asked to withdraw the proposal.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Zaw Myint Pe read out and explained report of bill committee on suggestions of Hluttaw

representatives with chapter-wise and paragraph-wise amendment, insertion, omission and deletion on **Ward and Village-tract Administration Bill** approved and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw approved amendment, insertion, omission and deletion of Amyotha Hluttaw on **Ward and Village-tract Administration Bill** paragraph-wise.

The 39<sup>th</sup> day second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw concluded at 1.45 pm and the 40<sup>th</sup> day session continues on 25 October.

At today's session, three questions were raised and answered, one proposal was withdrawn and one bill was approved.—MNA

## Over 90% of applications allowed to draw increased pension, remaining applications underway

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct— Out of 489,197 applications for increased pension received till 21 October, 294,931 have been allowed to draw pension from banks and 146,663 from their mother units, reaching the total number of pensioners who are entitled to pension benefits 441,594 so far, said the Pension Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

A total of 47,603 applications are underway to calculate

pension, and of them, 12,913 applications are at the Pension Department and 34690 are at the Controller of Military Accounts.

Those who have been allowed to draw increased pension make up 90.26% of the total 489197 applications. Out of remaining 9.73%, 2.64 % are at the Pension Department and 7.09 % are at the Controller of Military Accounts and the woks are being stepped up to complete the work .

The Pension

Department said it has worked to complete those remaining applications which contain necessary facts to calculate pension rate within a month while it has to contact mother units of those applications which are not filled with the necessary facts for the salary calculation. The department has also urged those who have not yet sent the application forms to the department to collect necessary facts at their mother units.—MNA

## Three aid workers kidnapped from camp in Algeria

MADRID, 24 Oct— Spain's Foreign Ministry says two Spanish aid workers and an Italian citizen have been kidnapped from a refugee camp in Algeria.

A spokesman said Sunday an unidentified group of assailants entered the Rabuni camp near Tindouf, which houses Western Saharan long-term refugees, and seized the foreigners. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity

in condition of ministry rules.

Spanish media reports said at least one of the three was believed to have been injured during the kidnapping,

which took place overnight Saturday to Sunday.

The media cited sources in the Saharawis' Polisario independence movement.—Internet

## Australian navy sailor dies onboard during visit to India

CANBERRA, 24 Oct— An Australian Navy sailor has died on Her Majesty's Australian Ship (HMAS) Toowoomba during a port

visit to Mumbai of India, Australian Defence Department confirmed on Monday.

HMAS Toowoomba is conducting a port visit

## Defence Services Personnel State Hluttaw Representative reshuffled

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 57/2011 today.

The translation of the notification is as follows:-

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Union Election Commission**

**Nay Pyi Taw**

**Notification No. 57/2011**

**12<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1373 ME**

**(24 October, 2011)**

### Defence Services Personnel State Hluttaw Representative reshuffled

According to the request made in accord with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to reshuffle one Defence Services Personnel State Hluttaw Representative nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multi-party democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and reshuffled the State Hluttaw Defence Services Personnel Representative hereunder stated in Notification No. 3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against each.

**Shan State Hluttaw**

BC 33084

Maj (Officiating) Myint Moe Aung

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Maj (Officiating) Kyaw Zeya

By Order,

(Win Ko)

Secretary

Union Election Commission



**Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung holds discussion with Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees and coordinates matters relating to holding of 2600th Anniversary Shwedagon Pagoda Pujaniya on a grand scale on 24 October.**

(News Reported)—MNA

## Union Education Minister leaves for France

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct— A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye left Yangon by air yesterday evening for France to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> UNESCO General Conference and Education Ministers' Meeting to be held in

Paris of France.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the directors-general of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), Department of Basic Education No. 1 and No.3 and officials.

The Union Minister

was accompanied by Rector in-charge Dr Daw Lwin Lwin Soe of University of Foreign Languages (Yangon) and Deputy Director-General Dr Zaw Myint of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar).

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to Mumbai, and was on its way home from the Middle East.

The cause of death is yet to be known, and circumstances surrounding the death are currently under investigation by Defence and

Embassy officials.

"The Defence Community Organization and Navy is providing support to the sailor's family and counseling is being offered to the sailor's crew mates," the

Defence Department said in a statement released on Monday.

"The Chief of Navy and all members of the Navy family are saddened by this loss and offer their condolences to the family."—Xinhua

## China, Canada to build Alzheimer's research centre

BEIJING, 24 Oct—A China-Canada joint research centre for child development and the study of Alzheimer's disease will be built at a children's hospital in southwest China, authorities said.

The centre to be built in Chongqing, will be jointly funded by the hospital and the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada with a total investment of over 30 million yuan (around USD 4.8 million), hospital director Li Tingyu told *Xinhua*.

The two sides signed an agreement, medical researchers at the centre will carry out research on diseases such as Down syndrome, Alzheimer's, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism, and learning dysmnesia.

The centre will also serve as an exchange base for Chinese medical researchers to cooperate with their foreign peers, Li said.—*Internet*

According to the



Photo shows the scenery inside Hang Son Doong in Vietnam. The cave is the known largest cave in the world.—INTERNET



Visitors stroll around on the spiral staircase to appreciate the scene inside the Saudi Arabia Pavilion in the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 23 Oct, 2011. The Saudi Arabia Pavilion, as one of the most popular pavilions during the Shanghai World Expo held from 1 May to 31 October last year, reopened to the public on 28 Sept, 2011. After the one-month trial run only for group reservation, the pavilion will receive individual visitors as of 28 Oct. Donated as a gift from Saudi Arabia to the city of Shanghai, Saudi Arabia Pavilion is the first foreign pavilion to reopen to visitors.—*XINHUA*

### Fire halts Swedish n-reactor

MOSCOW, 24 Oct—A nuclear reactor in the Swedish Town of Oskarshamn was closed down after a fire broke out at the power plant, Sweden's newspaper *Local* reported.

The reactor was shut down Saturday night, according to plant operator OKG.

The fire broke out in the turbine hall of unit 2 and was quickly put out by the plant's own emergency services, after which the reactor and the turbine were closed down as a precautionary measure.

"Fires are always serious in this type of facility, but this happened in the conventional turbine hall and not in the reactor itself," said Anders Osterberg, OKG communications director.

The nuclear plant is located on Sweden's south west coast, some 30 km north of Oskarshamn. The plant's three reactors produce about 10 percent of the country's electricity.—*Internet*

Visitors watch abaci in an accounting museum of Chinese ethnic minorities in Kunming City, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 18 Sept, 2011. The museum, located in the Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, has collected more than 2,800 accounting articles of about 10 Chinese ethnic groups.

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### Japan, France agree on joint nuclear safety measures

TOKYO, 24 Oct—Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and his French counterpart Francois Fillon have agreed on joint nuclear safety measures.

Noda and Fillon Sunday said they will act together to promote the strengthening of international nuclear safety standards.

A powerful earthquake and tsunami wrecked the Fukushima plant's cooling systems 11 March, causing meltdown at three of its reactors. Japan's Nuclear Safety Commission estimated the loss from the power plant disaster at USD 74 billion.

The Japanese government said it would lay down new soil pollution standards for the area around the stricken plant.

On 12 Sep, an explosion rattled France's Marcoule nuclear decommission facility, killing one. There has been no radiation leaks.—*Internet*

### Military launches airstrike on MILF rebels in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 24 Oct—Philippine Air Force (PAF) bomber planes dropped bombs as the military launched airstrike on the rebels of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) encampment in a town of Zamboanga Sibugay Province, the military said on Monday.

The military said the aerial attack was part of the offensive against the rebels responsible for last week's spate of attacks on the military and police forces which left close to dozen fatalities in the Zamboanga and Lanao peninsula alone.

Lt Col Randolph Cabangbang, regional spokesman of Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom) said the air raids were directed at the fortified positions of the rebels led by fugitive MILF commanders Wanning Abdusalam, Putot and Ogis Jakaria and undetermined number of armed followers.

He said the strike was concentrated in the rebels' encampment in the village of Labatan, Payao town.

It was not immediately known about the result of casualty in the aerial assault that started about 10 am Monday where the PAF utilized two OV-10 Broncho bomber planes.—*Xinhua*



### FBI accused of using 'racial, ethnic, religious' profiling to fight terrorism

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct —The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a national organization advocating individual rights, has accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation of using racial, ethnic and religious profiling to fight crime and domestic terrorism within the US.

In a letter to US Attorney General Eric Holder, the ACLU pointed to "growing evidence suggesting that the FBI is illegally and unconstitutionally targeting innocent Americans for investigation based upon their race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, and political activities."

"The documents we have started to receive confirm our worst fears," wrote ACLU officials who have filed numerous Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to find out how the FBI is using racial and ethnic data as part of its investigations.

"Although often heavily redacted, these documents, obtained from a number of different field offices, demonstrate that FBI analysts are using improper and crude racial stereotypes regarding the types of crimes committed by different racial and ethnic groups," they wrote.

The FBI then collects demographic data to map where people of those racial or ethnic groups live, they added in the letter written to Holder.

The result, charges the ACLU, has been "racial profiling on an industrial scale," the *Christian Science Monitor* reports.

The FBI has, however, stated flatly that it "does not investigate individuals, groups, or communities based on ethnicity or race."

But in a statement, the FBI also noted the reality of the post-9/11 world as it sees it.—*Internet*

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

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**Two pumpkin patches in New Mexico have been destroyed just weeks before Halloween.**— INTERNET

**Police probe pumpkin patch plunder**

NEW MEXICO, 24 Oct — US authorities are searching for whoever drove through two pumpkin patches and caused 4,500 US dollars in damages just weeks before Halloween. New Mexico deputies said someone drove through a fence in Curry County and damaged the pumpkin patch and corn maze at Davis Farms. Two nights later, someone did the same thing at another farm. The culprits also took several items, including a life-sized, custom painted dairy cow from the top of one of the buildings. — Internet

**Five quake survivors saved from rubble in Turkey**

ERCIS, 24 Oct—Five people were pulled out alive Monday from the rubble in eastern Turkey after a 7.2-magnitude quake leveled buildings and killed some 272 people. Four of them were rescued after one managed to call for help with his cell phone.

Dozens of people were trapped in mounds of concrete, twisted steel and construction debris



**A man searches for his relatives under a collapsed building after an earthquake in Erzurum, near the eastern Turkish city of Van, early 24 October, 2011.**—INTERNET



**Performers attend the closing ceremony of the 2011 Xi'an International Horticultural Expo in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 22 Oct, 2011. China lowered the curtain of a 178-day horticultural exposition in northwest Shaanxi Province on Saturday, making Xi'an the third mainland city that have successfully hosted such event following that of Kunming in 1999 and Shenyang in 2006.**— XINHUA

**Fatty liver troubling sign of the times**

BEIJING, 24 Oct — Fatty liver is an increasingly common problem and it is frequently associated with obesity, excessive intake of "bad" fats and heavy drinking of alcohol.

Fatty liver disease, when fat makes up 5-10 percent of liver weight, can be very serious, but

fatty liver can generally be reversed by getting frequent cardio exercise and eating a healthy diet, one that is low in trans fats, saturated fats and cholesterol, and rich in oils like olive oil.

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease can also be caused by malnutrition and excessive dieting, which causes the body to send fat to the liver for storage. Doctors have noted fatty liver in quite a few young women who are dieting. They are usually asymptomatic, but fatty liver turns up in routine blood tests and tests for liver enzymes.

Xinhua



**A Nevada man carried his mother out of a church when she arrived to stop his wedding, it is reported.**— INTERNET

**Groom 'ejects mother from wedding'**

GARDNERVILLE, 24 Oct — A US man faces charges after authorities said he carried his mother out of a church when she arrived to stop his wedding. The Record-Courier reports Justin Lew Harris, of Gardnerville, Nevada, carried his 56-year-old mother out of the church as she loudly objected to the ceremony. Church volunteer Jim Jameson said Harris' wedding at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church was called off after the disruption. He did not know what the mother's objections concerned.

The 35-year-old Harris faces misdemeanor disorderly conduct and coercion charges. Justice Tom Perkins urged Harris to treat family members with respect after the mother indicated she wanted contact with him. —Internet

after hundreds of buildings 75,000 close to the Iranian border that lies in one of Turkey's most earthquake-prone zones —where about 80 multistory buildings collapsed.—Internet



**Fans send up halo-like kites in Daishan County, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 22 Oct, 2011. More than 300 kites of various styles have been flown by kite lovers from across China at a kite festival held in Daishan County on Saturday.** — XINHUA

### Mother, wife, daughter share birthday

A New Zealand man's mother, wife and daughter are celebrating 24 years of sharing the same birthday, 20 Oct, by having a family dinner.

Miriam Cullen, 89, Eileen Cullen, 52, and Hannah Davidge, 24, observed the occasion by gathering together for a photo shoot 21 years after a similar photo appeared on the cover of Wellington's *The Dominion Post*, the newspaper reported Wednesday.

Son, husband and father Mark Cullen said when the first photo was taken in 1990, "the three most important women in my life have their birthdays on the same day."

That the women share the same birthday was an unlikely coincidence — Eileen gave birth to Hannah two weeks before her due date.

"She kept saying 'any day except my birthday', she was not happy about it at all," Mark said.

Hannah said she enjoyed growing up sharing a birthday with her mother and grandmother. "It's like Christmas around here because there's so many presents being given out," she said.



Animals with a human face.

### Neiman Marcus unveils 2011 Christmas Book

Luxury retailer Neiman Marcus announced the contents of its 85th Christmas Book in Dallas with items including a 2012 Ferrari FF.

Neiman Marcus said the "fantasy gifts" listed in the 2011 Christmas Book, including the \$395,000 car, a \$250,000

Hacker-Craft speedboat and a \$125,000 pair of "dancing fountains," will be sold to benefit charities including Water.org, the Double H Ranch, Stone Barns Centre, First Book, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Centre, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, amfAR and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"The annual holiday tradition continues this year with a new selection of fantasy gifts that cater to people's wildest dreams and promise to provide truly unique, once-in-a-lifetime experiences," said John Koryl, president of Neiman Marcus Direct.

"This year's gifts live up to the time honoured tradition of presenting our customers with the rare and unusual, while also incorporating connections to a group of wonderful charitable organizations that will see a tremendous benefit from the sale of their corresponding fantasy gifts."

### Boy banned from bringing sax on bus

A Massachusetts woman said she was outraged when her 12-year-old son was told he can't bring his saxophone with him on the school bus. Cathy DiMarzio of Raynham said her son, Andrew, was told he can't bring his instrument on the bus because it poses a safety hazard on the crowded vehicle, WCVB-TV, Boston, reported Wednesday.

"He was so discouraged. He wanted to give it up and that's a crime," she said.

DiMarzio said her work schedule does not allow her to drive her son to and from school with his instrument. "They are making it difficult because I work. I work full time. Do I have to quit my job or does he have to quit band?" she said. The mother said Lucini Bus Lines has offered to refund the \$225 she paid for Andrew to ride the bus, but that does not solve her problem. "I am not against the arts or anything like that, but safety comes first," said Bill Lucini, the owner of Lucini Bus Lines. "If there is an empty seat next to him, no problem. If there is room on the bus, we allow it. But usually the bus that Andrew rides is filled to capacity."



### News Album

### Cowell wrong to sack Cole

LONDON, 24 Oct — dropping Cheryl Cole Singer Justin Bieber from the judging panel thinks Music mogul of "The X Factor". Simon Cowell made a Cole was dismissed wrong decision by from the show after four



Singer Justin Bieber

auditions.

"Simon (Cowell) is 'the man' and all his shows are awesome, but America seems to think the show got it wrong sacking Cheryl (Cole)," femalefirst.co.uk quoted the 17-year-old as saying.

"She went down very well, but anybody who knows Cheryl knew she would. She's made it up with Simon as he can still help her a lot over there," he added.—Internet

### Hollywood movies getting conservative

LONDON, 24 Oct — Actress Emma Stone thinks Hollywood movies are getting more conservative because studio bosses are afraid of "offending" anyone.

"It concerns me that movies seem to be getting more and more conservative and watered down. Movies need broad appeal to succeed and bosses

don't want to alienate anyone," contactmusic.com quoted the 22-year-old as saying.

"I see movies made in the 1970s such as 'Network' that I really don't think would get made today. A movie that calls the audience to task for sitting glued to their screens, believing everything they're told by the media - that would



Actress Emma Stone be considered too challenging today. Nobody wants to risk offending the viewers," she added.

Internet

### 'Changed man' Tom Cruise now 'less intense' with wife Katie Holmes

WELLINGTON, 24 Oct — Tom Cruise has become a "changed man" after his romantic life with wife Katie Holmes hit a rocky patch earlier this year, according to sources.

Reports were circulating that his romance with Holmes had become less intense,

with some sources claiming that the Hollywood actor was "controlling" in the relationship.

However, insiders close to the 'Mission Impossible' star insist

that he has reverted to his softer romantic ways.

"Tom is a changed man. He's far less intense these days and everything is good in their relationship," Stuff.co.nz quoted a source as telling Closer magazine.

"Katie seems really relaxed around Tom - not at all stressed out. Things are looking very good for them right now," the source added.

The pair are even said to be preparing to renew their wedding vows.—Internet



Hollywood actor Tom Cruise

### I was scared of touring: George Michael

LONDON, 24 Oct— Singer George Michael says he was terrified of touring for 17 years because he didn't know how to deal with fame he had achieved.

The 48-year-old was "freaked out" by the worldwide sales of his 1987 debut solo album "Faith".

"I was so scared of



British singer George Michael

touring because of my experience with 'Faith' and the sheer size of it all. I was half the age I am now and 'Faith' had been number one in America two Christmas in a row - that's kind of unheard of - and it was frightening," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Michael as saying.

Internet

### Charlie Sheen disappointed with 'Two and a Half Men'

LONDON, 24 Oct — Charlie Sheen is extremely disappointed with the way TV show "Two and a Half Men"

is being handled following a recent drop in viewing figures. The 46-year-old actor, who spent seven years on the

programme before he was sacked earlier this year following erratic behaviour, admitted his replacement Ashton Kutcher is doing the best he can, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Internet



Charlie Sheen



**Luke Donald, of England, stands with people dressed as the Disney character's Mickey Mouse, left, and Donald Duck after winning the Children's Miracle Network Classic golf tournament, on 23 Oct, 2011, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. — INTERNET**

**Donald charges to stunning win at Disney**

LAKE BUENA VISTA, 24 Oct — Already No 1 in the world, Luke Donald left little doubt who was No 1 on the PGA Tour on Sunday when he ran off six straight birdies on the back nine and closed with an 8-under 64 to win the Children's Miracle Network Classic. Donald felt his only chance to capture

the PGA Tour money title—and state a clear case as player of the year—was to win at Disney in the final tournament of the year. "It was do or die," Donald said.

That's what made his victory Sunday in the Children's Miracle Network Classic his most gratifying win of the year.—*Internet*

**Terry denies making racial slur in derby match**

LONDON, 24 Oct — Chelsea captain John Terry has dismissed claims he directed a racial slur at Queens Park Rangers defender Anton Ferdinand during a Premier League, insisting Sunday "it was all a misunderstanding."



**Queens Park Rangers' goalkeeper Paddy Kenny, left, confronts Chelsea's John Terry, second left, during their English Premier League soccer match at Loftus Road stadium, London, on Sunday.— INTERNET**

Video footage appeared on the internet after Chelsea's 1-0 defeat by QPR in the west London derby at Loftus Road, with some claiming it showed Terry making a racist comment toward Ferdinand.

The England captain attempted to defuse the situation by releasing a statement, saying "people have leapt to the wrong conclusions about the context of what I was seen to be saying." "I thought Anton was accusing me of using a racist slur against him. I responded aggressively, saying that I never used that term," Terry said in the statement, released to Britain's Press Association.—*Internet*

**SEAG torch begins journey in Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 24 Oct — The Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) torch relay has set out, starting journey from Indonesia's "eternal flame" source at Mrapen, Central Java, to travel around the country before the SEAG opening scheduled on 11 November, local media reported on Monday.

The Mrapen flame is fueled by natural gas discovered centuries ago and

has been the source of fire for the torches of the 1963 Games of the New Emerging Forces (GANEFU), the 1981 National Games (PON), as well as more recent sporting events such as the 2008 Asian Beach Games (ABG) in Bali and the 2010 ABG in Muscat, Oman.—*Internet*



**Neil Warnock**

**Villarreal's Juan Carlos Garrido says Levante defeat is very hard**

BARCELONA, 24 Oct — Villarreal coach Juan Carlos Garrido has expressed his concern over the team's form following a 3-0 defeat to Levante at home on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the visiting side continued its impressive run in the league as a Juan Gomez Lopez first-half brace and an Arouna Kone goal in the second period saw the club climb up to the top of the table.

Villarreal, in stark contrast, are 16th, with seven points from eight games,



**Villarreal coach Juan Carlos Garrido**

and Garrido has been left with some thinking to do after another negative result. "I am very worried about this result; this was a very hard defeat," he told a post-match news conference.

"This is one step back, just when we expected that things could be different. "The team must react and overcome this situation." The 42-year-old coach also took the time to praise Levante, which has tasted victory six times already this term.

"Their first goal was key as it strengthened their plans," he noted. "They used their strong points and we could never counter them."

*Internet*

**S P O R T S**

**Porto routs Nacional 5-0 in Portugal**

LISBON, 24 Oct — FC Porto stayed top of the Portuguese league after thrashing Nacional 5-0 on Sunday.

Belgian midfielder Steven Defour opened the scoring in the 24th when his shot took a deflection off Nacional defender Luis Neto before Walter added another five minutes before halftime. Right back Cristian Sapunaru made it 3-0 in the 66th, and Kleber and fellow Brazilian Hulk completed the rout with two late goals.—*Internet*

**Leader PSG beats Dijon 2-0 in French league**

PARIS, 24 Oct — Nene scored both goals in Paris Saint-Germain's 2-0 victory over Dijon on Sunday to help his



**Paris Saint-Germain's Nene, right, is tackled by Dijon's Damien Marq, during their League One soccer match, in Paris, on Sunday.— INTERNET**

team keep a three-point lead over Montpellier in the French league. The Brazilian midfielder converted a cross from Jeremy Menez in the 42nd minute and doubled the lead in the 90th with a long-range strike inside the far post.

"That's our fifth straight win in the league," PSG coach Antoine Kombouare told the club's website. "Those matches are very complicated. We were facing a promoted side that came here with nothing to lose. We were the big favorite and therefore had to win. And we got the job done."

Meanwhile, defending champion Lille rallied past Lyon 3-1 to climb to third place, four points off the pace, and Rennes beat mid-table Auxerre 1-0 to take fourth place. "Lyon troubled us with its attack in the first half," Lille coach Rudi Garcia told Canal Plus television.

*Internet*

**QPR boss Neil Warnock hails Chelsea victory as the 'greatest day of my career'**

LONDON, 24 Oct — Neil Warnock hailed QPR's controversial win over Chelsea as the greatest of his career and claimed Rangers fans will be talking about it in "30 or 40 years". "This is the greatest day of my career because of the importance of it to the fans. This place was absolutely rocking. It was incredible. They will talk about this in 30 or 40 years and why not?" said the 62-year-old, whose managerial career stretches back to 1980.

"I said to [director] Amit [Bhatia] when he brought me here, 'Wouldn't it be great just to beat Chelsea?' To come that far so quickly is just an amazing feat." Warnock gave short shrift to Andre Villas-Boas' contention that referee Chris Foy was to blame for the result. "I am so pleased we had the ref because a lot of refs would have been conned."

*Internet*

**Draw for WTA season-ending championships made in Istanbul**

ISTANBUL, 24 Oct — The draw for the round robin stage of the season-ending WTA Championships was made in Turkey's largest city Istanbul on Sunday. The white group will feature Maria Sharapova (Russia), Victoria Azarenka (Belarus), Li Na (China) and Samantha Stosur (Australia) while the red group consists of Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark), Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic), Vera Zvonareva (Russia) and Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland).

The round robin stage will have two groups in the single's category with the top two from each group progressing to the semifinals. France's Marion Bartoli and Germany's Andrea Petkovic will travel to Istanbul as singles alternates. The competition will also feature the doubles teams of Kveta Peschke/Katarina Srebotnik, Liezel Huber/Lisa Raymond, Gisela Dulko/Flavia Pennetta and Vania King/Yaroslava Shvedova.—*Xinhua*

**Allegri says substitutes key to win**

ROME, 24 Oct — AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri said that substitutes were the key to his side's comeback 4-3 win over Lecce on Sunday. As Milan fell behind 3-0 in the first half, Kevin-Prince Boateng came off the bench and scored a hat-trick in 14 minutes, before Mario Yepes nodded in a late winner.

"It is an important victory in a difficult arena, even if we conceded too much in defence. The substitutions were the only way to change the game," said Allegri. "I knew this squad had the potential to do it. After the break, with Lecce losing intensity, Milan put in a great per-

formance."

"We got a bit chaotic on the first goal, then the penalty and an unlucky third made life very difficult for us," said the Coach of their 4-3 thriller. "The fact remains we were too stretched out and couldn't do anything in the first half, partly because Lecce worked harder and constantly doubled up on us."

*Xinhua*



**AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri**

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-10-2011) (Tuesday)**

Transmissions		Times
Local		(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission		(25-10-11 09:30 am ~ 26-10-11 09:30 am) MST

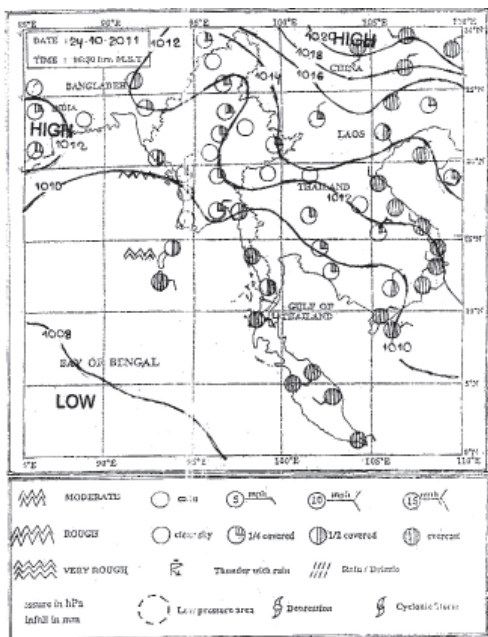
**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Alms Food Offering Ceremony
- \* Only when the Forestry Development sustains, Will the Good Natural Environment and Ecosystem last long
- \* News
- \* "Secret Places for Yummy food" Tasty!Delicious! Smart Food!
- \* News
- \* "Honoured Song" Disable but Able (Part-2)
- \* Let's seek Knowledge & Pleasure at Planetarium

- \* News
- \* Press Conference for holding the Enterprise India Show
- \* Photography: The Art of Framing the Nature
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- \* Photography: The Art of Framing the Nature
- \* News
- \* Youth of the Future (Episode-5) (Vocalist)
- \* News
- \* Heritage of Inlay Region
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> MFDG Fashion Phenomenon
- \* News
- \* Travelogue "Lannakha Waterfall"
- \* Myanmar Movie "He sows when he reaps"

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Tuesday, 25 October**  
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning News

- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
- 7. Songs of Yester Years
- 8:15 am
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am
- 9. Song of National Races
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts

- Competitions
- 4:25 pm
- 4. Performance with Song
- 4:35 pm
- 5. One Village & One Product
- 4:45 pm
- 6. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Mathematic)
- 4:55 pm
- 7. Song for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
- 8. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 5:10 pm
- 9. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies
- 5:20 pm
- 10. Documentary
- 5:30 pm
- 11. Greatest Famous Songs

- 6:00 pm
- 12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 14. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm
- 15. Sing A Song
- 7:00 pm
- 16. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 17. News
- 18. International News
- 19. Weather Report
- 20. 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) "Power of Youth" (Mon State Art troupe)
- 21. Bakery World
- 22. India Drama Series

**Weather forecast for 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	31/88	19/66	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	31/88	17/63	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	36/97	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	23/73	10/50	Partly Cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	35/95	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	33/91	21/70	Partly Cloudy	
9	Magway	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	32/90	23/73	Partly Cloudy	
11	Mon	35/95	23/73	Partly Cloudy	
12	Yangon	35/95	23/73	Partly Cloudy	
13	Rakhine	32/90	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	15/59	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	17/63	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	17/63	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	23/73	Partly Cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	22/72	Partly Cloudy	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	23/73	Partly Cloudy	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, rain of thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Shan States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Saw (1.00) inch, Hilin (0.60) inch and Mogok (0.47) inch.

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

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

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

**Nighttime storm tears roof off Portuguese airport**

LISBON, 24 Oct—Authorities say handles more than 4 million passengers a year.—Internet  
an overnight storm tore part of the roof off Faro airport in Portugal's southern Algarve region, injuring five people and disrupting flights.

Roof panels over the departure terminal's check-in area peeled off when the storm hit at around 5 am Monday.

Hundreds of passengers were stranded at the airport as authorities canceled or delayed departures and diverted incoming planes.

Local media said the damage to the airport meant cafes and restaurants did not open, leaving waiting passengers without food or drink.

The Algarve is Portugal's main vacation destination and one of Europe's most popular. Faro airport



Sunlight comes through the torn roof in the check-in area of Faro airport, Faro, Portugal on 24 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET



Workers walk in front of the damaged building of Faro airport on 24 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET

## Second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 40<sup>th</sup> day Nine questions raised and answered

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The second regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 40<sup>th</sup> day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10.20 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 371 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

The Pyithu Hluttaw on 20 October accepted the **Bill Amending the Political Parties Registration Law** approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw. The Pyithu Hluttaw earmarked discussion of the bill together with the report of the Bill Committee on 27 October. The representatives wishing to submit amendments are to enlist, not later than 26 October at 3 pm.

Nine questions were replied in today's session. U Ko Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency said that **if surplus feedstuff is allowed to export, farmers can benefit from the sales of feedstuff. He asked whether there is a plan to ban import of groundnut expeller cake and bran; and it is expected that if importing palm oil reduces 50 per cent, trading of domestic sesame oil and sesame will get the reasonable price, whether there is a plan to reduce import of palm oil.** Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied that in accord with the 1947 Export and Import Supervisory (Provisional) Act, the Ministry of Commerce issued the prohibited export list comprising all kinds of expeller cakes and particles of dried prawn shells for private entrepreneurs and cooperative societies. As



Representatives attending second regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

expeller cakes and particles of dried prawn shells contain a high percentage of protein for animals, it is essential feedstuff for breeding works. As consumption of meat and fish raises in the domestic consumption sector due to improvement of economic and social standard of the developing nation and meat and fish demand of neighbouring and regional countries, Myanmar is to extend ex-

port of meat and fish to the market.

The Ministry of Commerce adopted the basic export principle to penetrate into the foreign market by effectively applying own natural resources and human resources and to strive for extended export of value-added products in addition to conventional export items.

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## Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 39<sup>th</sup> day Three questions answered, one proposal withdrawn, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The second regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 39<sup>th</sup> day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Building here today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 208 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

U P Maung Soe of Kayah State Constituency No (1) asked **whether there is a plan to build annexe of patient ward in Loikaw General Hospital.** Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied that his ministry is building new hospitals, upgrading existing hospitals either in term of adding beds or construct-

ing extended buildings in response to demands, opening new special health care departments, and building efficient organizational structure. For extension of Loikaw General Hospital, the Ministry of Health will act upon proposal of the department concerned in accordance with priority list when the State grant fund.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to queries of two representatives about agriculture and irrigation.

Regarding the question of U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No (12) about **if there is a plan to enact a law on using land free of charge for villagers, with a view to contributing to conservation of resources around villages, livelihood of rural folks and poverty alleviation,** the deputy minister replied that Section 37 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar says **"The Union is the ultimate owner of all lands and all natural resources above and below the ground, above and beneath the water and in the atmosphere in the Union,"** and the Section 40 of Farmland Privatization Act 1953 states **"The President, whatever said in other existing laws and this Act, has the right to manage alluvial land, village communal land and cultivable virgin land that can be used at the State's will, in accordance with by-laws promulgated by this Act.**

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Representatives arrive at Hluttaw Building to attend second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA