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State will help flood victims, victims are to work even harder than before

President tours Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct.—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and officials yesterday morning left here by special Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived at Pakokku Airport in Pakokku District, Magway Region, at

10 am.

The President and party were welcomed by Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe, Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Lwin, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Deputy Minister for SWRR U Phone Swe and region ministers.

They went to Pakokku Station and then proceeded to Shwe Creek rail bridge by special train. Union Minister U Aung Min reported on repair works for Shwe Creek rail bridge which was damaged in the erosion of the creek in heavy rains. The President gave instructions on systematic tasks to be carried out for durability of the bridge.

They viewed condition of Shwe Creek Bridge damaged in erosion of the creek in heavy rain. Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint reported on damaged Shwe Creek Bridge in overflow of Shwe Creek caused by heavy rains, construction of Bailey bridge for smooth transport of local people, the chosen site for new RC bridge and its length.

After hearing the reports, the

Our Three Main National Causes

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



President U Thein Sein presents cash assistance for family of deceased persons and flood victims in Pakokku Township through Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe.

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President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar speaking words of encouragement to flood victims in South Ywama Village of Seikpyu Township.

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President gave instructions on construction as quickly as possible of strong foundation for the bridge and formation of larger bridge span not to block debris in the water.

The President and party viewed construction of temporary Shwechaung Road on a motorcade.

At Tilawkayama Monastery in Pakokku, the President and party attended the ceremony to present relief supplies and cash assistance to flood victims of Pakokku Township and spoke words of encouragement.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said that lives and property were lost in unprecedented overflow of creek in Pakokku District due to heavy rains. Therefore, rehabilitation works are to be carried out for survival of the flood victims.

At present, three steps of tasks are being undertaken for rehabilitation. For the first step, region, district and township level authorities are to carry out emergency rescue and relief works. In the second step, the Vice-President gave encouragement to

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PERSPECTIVES

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Revitalize Myanmar arts

The final curtain of 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions has come down with the award-presentation of the State to brilliant performers in the national-level contest.

Myanmar cultural arts are difficult, profound and subtle. The Myanmar culture has developed with intertwining branches of arts—singing, dancing, song-composing and musical-instrument playing, all of which can also stand as separate branch. Artistes have contributed to Myanmar fine arts with their gifted abilities, experiences and creation.

Yearly, the State has been staging performing arts competitions with a view to rejuvenating Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts which has been preserved by artistes of successive periods. Over 2000 contestants participated in this year's competitions and over 500 awards were presented.

In the singing contests, contestants competed with Myanmar classical songs and folk songs. In the dancing contests, participants showed exquisite skills based on Myanmar traditional choreography. Talented artistes have emerged in musical-instrument-playing contests and song-composing contests, displaying manual and mental dexterity.

Drama contest and marionette contest have also presented audiences both with knowledge and aesthetic. Drama contests could portray physical, intellectual and moral development of youths as the power of the future nation. Ozi, Dobet contests could also depict joyfulness, honest and polite rivalry, and unity.

Myanmar traditional literature, verses, poems and music are still alive till now, deeply-rooted in the hearts of the people. The onus is on senior artistes and artistes of new generation to develop and flourish Myanmar traditional fine arts while preventing it from vanishing with the elapse of time and under the wave of alien culture.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's trophy U-19 men's football tourney continues

YANGON, 26 Oct—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's trophy 26-township U-19 men's football tournament second stage round robin matches were played in Kyauktai Stadium in Pathein in Ayeyawady Region.

On 25 October, Pathein Zone (1) beat Hinthada Zone (2) 6-4, Myaungmya Zone (1) whitewashed Maubin Zone (2) 7-0 and Maubin Zone (1) won Pathein Zone (2) 5-2. On 26 October, Myaungmya Zone (2) defeated Hinthada Zone (2) 3-1.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister oversees construction works in Dawei District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint together with Taninthayi Region Minister for Transportation Dr Kyaw Hsan and the director-general of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development on 22 October inspected sites chosen for construction of offices and staff quarters of Taninthayi Region DHSDD, Road Construction Project Special Group (16).

Next, the deputy minister looked into blueprints for resettlement of villages in Dawei District and Kamyawkin bridge on Dawei-Launglon road and Yangon-Myeik (Dawei-Yebyu-Mahlwetaung) road section.—MNA

Delegation of Chinese National Broadcast, Film and TV General Bureau visits Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—A six-member delegation led by Vice Minister Mr Tian Jin of General Bureau of National Broadcast, Film and TV of the People's Republic of China arrived here this evening to pay a study visit to Myanmar. Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Thein Aung, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and departmental officials, Cultural Attaché Mr Gao Hua of Chinese Embassy and personnel of CCTV met the delegation at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Thein Aung, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and departmental officials welcome a six-member Chinese delegation led by Vice Minister Mr Tian Jin of General Bureau of National Broadcast, Film and TV of PRC Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Public Relations, News Reporting and Photography Course (1/2011)

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Kachin State Relations Department opened Public Relations, News Reporting and

Photography Course 1/2011 at the office of the District Information and Public Relations Department in Myitkyina on 24 October morning.

Assistance Director U Nyunt Shwe of Kachin State IPRD made an opening address and

presented K 100,000 plus a certificate of honour to six-distinction winner Ma Yin Nan, daughter of Myitkyina District IPRD Staff Officer U Bal Yin. The six-day course is being attended by 25 trainees.

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Kalainaug Township Administrator U Soe Thein hands over publications donated by Taninthayi Region Government to Village Administrator U Khin Maung Oo at Alinyang self-reliant Library in Yarphu Village-tract in Kalainaug Township, Taninthayi Region, at the publications donation ceremony held at the library on 25 September 2011.—MNA

Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association on 29 Oct

YANGON, 26 Oct—The 9th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association will be held at Pands Hotel at the corner of Warden Street and Min Ye Kyaw Swar Street, Lanmadaw Township on 29 October.

In honour of the annual general meeting of the association, new scale for gold, gold quality testing machine and ZARA money tallying machine will be shown off and sold to members of the association who are present on the occasion at reasonable prices.

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Bangkok floods could last weeks

BANGKOK, 26 Oct—Thailand's Premier on Wednesday warned a confused and on-edge Bangkok that incoming floods could last for four weeks, as panic buying peaked and rising waters shut down the city's second airport.

Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra told reporters that the capital's flood barriers might not be able to hold back a mass of run-off water from the north as the country continued to grapple with its worst flooding in decades.

"But I'm fifty percent confident that the inner zone of Bangkok will not be completely flooded," she said, apparently toning down her comments from the previous evening when she said central Bangkok flooding was "highly likely".

The crisis has been plagued by contradictory information from national and local authorities, further confusing the city's 12 million residents who have been bracing for the onslaught of water for days now.

A high tide this weekend is expected to surge up Bangkok's already swollen Chao Phraya river, and Yingluck said a "worst-case scenario" would see parts of low-lying Bangkok submerged in "more than one metre" (3 feet) of water.



Workers chat at a wall of sand bags to be used as barriers for floodwater at a shopping mall in downtown Bangkok, Thailand on 26 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET

"Initially, the floods in Bangkok will last for two weeks to one month," she added.

Many supermarkets were running low on essential items such as bottled water and eggs as panic-buying reached feverpitch.—Internet

Three people punished for spreading rumours online

BEIJING, 26 Oct—Three people, including a website editor, have been punished for spreading rumours online, according to a statement issued by the State Internet Information Office on Tuesday.

A Shanghai resident surnamed Li was held in local police custody for 15 days for posting a falsified personal income tax document from the State Administration of Taxation in August, and misleading the public, the statement said.

A university student in southwest China's Yunnan Province was detained for posting a fake news item about a sick man who killed eight village heads in Yunnan, it said.

The editor of a leading gateway surnamed Pei received a warning from his employer for publishing a microblog entry about an air force fighter crash without confirming the source and facts, the statement said.—Xinhua



Turkish rescuers work in the rain in search for earthquake survivors in Van Province of Turkey on 25 Oct, 2011. The death toll from the powerful earthquake in southeast Turkey has risen to 459.—XINHUA

Death toll in Turkey earthquake rises to 459

ANKARA, 26 Oct—The death toll from Sunday's powerful earthquake in southeast Turkey has risen to 459 and the number of the injured to 1,352, the Turkish Prime Ministry's Disaster and Emergency Administration (AFAD) said Tuesday.

About 3,346 search and rescue personnel were dispatched to the quake-hit Province of Van in southeastern Turkey, said AFAD.

A two-week-old baby was rescued from the rubbles in the Ercis District of Van Province Tuesday, almost two days after the 7.2-magnitude earthquake, one of Turkey's most powerful quakes in a decade, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported on its website.

Hundreds of others are believed to be trapped under rubbles and rescue work is ongoing, Turkish NTV reported.

The earthquake, which occurred Sunday afternoon, led to the collapse of about 80 multi-storey buildings in Ercis, a town of 75,000 people close to the Iranian border. The region is among Turkey's most earthquake-prone zones.

Turkey refused assistance from other countries, saying that foreign aid is not currently needed.

Xinhua

Eight NYPD officers arrested in gun trafficking scheme

NEW YORK, 26 Oct—Eight active duty and retired New York police officers were arrested on Tuesday for trafficking guns with an estimated street value of over 1 million US dollars.

"The defendants transported 20 firearms, including three M-16 rifles, one shotgun and 16 handguns, the majority of which had obliterated or altered serial numbers, across state

lines from New Jersey to New York," according to a complaint filed Tuesday in Manhattan federal court.

Additionally, investigators said the accused also tried to transport slot machines, stolen cigarettes, and counterfeit goods across state lines.

The assistant director in charge of the FBI's New York office called the crimes "reprehensible," noting in a state-

ment that "the public trusts the police not only to enforce the law, but to obey it. These crimes, as alleged in the complaint, do nothing but undermine public trust and confidence in law enforcement." The case came amid the campaign advocated by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg with the central theme of getting guns off the streets of New York City.—Xinhua

Members of Afghan security force investigate a suicide bomber vehicle in Herat, Afghanistan, on 25 Oct, 2011. Afghan security force captured a vehicle full of explosive devices before the explosion in Herat Province.

XINHUA



People push a car breaking down in the floodwater in Estado de Bahia, Brazil, on 25 Oct, 2011. The torrential rains from Sunday triggered floods in the southern part of Estado de Bahia.

XINHUA



Pakistani Taliban releases videos showing kidnapped Swiss couple

MIRANSHAH, 26 Oct—The Pakistani Taliban on Tuesday released two videos showing a Swiss couple who were kidnapped in the Pakistani Province of Balochistan about four months ago, reports said. The couple, who are from the Swiss city of Bern, can be seen holding a newspaper dated 15 September in the two videos, which are in English and Swiss-German. The couple called on the Swiss, US and Pakistani authorities to meet the

kidnappers' demands, the *swissinfo* news portal reported.

The kidnappers, who have been linked to the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terrorist group, is demanding the US government to release Aafia Siddiqui, a Pakistani scientist who was sentenced to an 86-year prison term in 2010 for the attempted murder of a US citizen who had been interrogating Siddiqui in Afghanistan.

In one of the videos,

one of the hostage is heard saying "our lives are at risk" if the demands are not met. The terrorist group is also asking for the release of additional imprisoned Pakistanis.

The Swiss couple have been identified as David Oliver, 31, and Widmar Daniela, 29. According to reports, they were travelling in Pakistan's Province of Balochistan around four months ago when they were abducted by unidentified gunmen.—Internet

Groupon seeks valuation 5 times 2012 sales Business

NEW YORK, 26 Oct—Groupon Inc is seeking an initial public offering valuation of about five times its projected 2012 sales, a source familiar with the situation said on Tuesday.

The offering would value Groupon at 11 times estimated 2013 earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of just under \$1 billion, the source said.

On Friday, Groupon

unveiled plans to raise as much as \$540 million in an initial public offering, less than previously planned, as it grapples with a weak equities market, executive departures and questions about its accounting and business model.

The daily deals website aims to sell 30 million shares, or less than 5 percent of the company, at between \$16 and \$18 each,

according to a regulatory filing on Friday. Earlier this month, the Chicago-based company reported



third-quarter net revenue of \$430.2 million.

The company, which competes with

An online coupon sent via email from Groupon is pictured on a laptop screen on 29 November, 2010 in Los Angeles. INTERNET

Google Inc and Amazon.com Inc

declined to comment. Reuters

Sleepy teens more prone to weight gain Health

HOUSTON, 26 Oct—Teens who don't get enough sleep may find themselves putting on extra pounds and boys, in particular, may be at risk for obesity, new research suggests.

In the study, researchers surveyed 108 male and 147 female students at a Texas high school and found that the average sleep time on weekdays was 6 hours 32 minutes for males and 6 hours 30 minutes for females. The average sleep time on weekends was 9 hours 10 minutes for males and 9 hours 22 minutes for females.

Average body mass index (or BMI, a measurement that takes into account height and weight) was 3.8 percent higher for males who slept 7 hours or less on weekdays than for those who slept more than 7 hours, and 4.7 percent higher for females who slept 7 hours or less on weekdays than for those who slept more than 7 hours, the investigators found.

The researchers also noted that getting less than 8 hours sleep per night was associated with obesity in male teens, with the fewest hours of weekday sleep associated with the highest BMI. But the study didn't find a link between obesity and weekday sleep hours in teenage girls.—*Internet*



Diarrhoea is the most common reason a person loses excess water. Diarrhoea consists of unusually frequent or unusually liquid bowel movements and excessive watery evacuations of fecal material. Persistent diarrhea is both uncomfortable and dangerous, as a significant amount of water can be lost with each bowel movement. Worldwide, more than four million children die each year because of dehydration from diarrhea.—INTERNET

Drinking more fluids could lower men's bladder cancer risk Health

BOSTON, 26 Oct—Men who drink plenty of low-sugar fluids may reduce their risk for bladder cancer, new research suggests.

Although the reason for the association between fluid intake and protection against cancer remains unknown, researchers theorize the fluids may flush out potential cancer-causing agents before they have a chance to cause any damage.

In conducting the study, Jiachen Zhou, a doctoral candidate in epidemiology at Brown University, and colleagues evaluated the fluid intake of nearly 48,000 men who were part of a long-term study. The men, who were aged 40 to 75 when they enrolled in the study in 1986, answered a questionnaire about their fluid intake every four years for more than two decades.

The investigators found that the men with a high daily fluid intake, or those who drank more than 10 cups (2,531 milliliters) per day, had a 24 percent reduced risk for bladder cancer. The study authors concluded that doctors should tell their patients to drink plenty of low-sugar fluids.

Although this link between fluid intake and bladder cancer risk was discovered 10 years ago, the association, the study found, was stronger among younger men.

This could be due to the fact that the men drank less as they aged, particularly water, the researchers pointed out in a news release from the American Association for Cancer Research.—*Internet*



When followed carefully, a ketogenic diet can eliminate or nearly eliminate seizures in a third of children with epilepsy who try it. The diet is very high in fat and low in carbs, a combination that makes the body burn fat instead of sugar. This creates changes in the brain that reduce or eliminate seizures. It's a very strict diet that is created by a dietitian and monitored by a medical team. It may be recommended when medications fail or cause unacceptable side effects.—INTERNET

Nintendo H1 recurring loss seen at \$1.32 billion Business

TOKYO, 26 Oct—Nintendo Co is expected to post a recurring loss of about 100 billion yen (\$1.32 billion) in the first half ending on 30 September, much worse than the 55 billion loss the company has forecast, the *Nikkei* business daily reported in its online edition on Wednesday.

Shares of the Japanese games maker plunged more than 7.5 percent at one point after the news, to 10,800 yen.—*Reuters*



A man walks past Nintendo Co Ltd's showroom in Tokyo on 28 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Oil hovers above \$93 amid US crude supply gain Business

SINGAPORE, 26 Oct—Oil prices hovered above \$93 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after a report showed US crude supplies grew more than expected last week, suggesting demand remains sluggish.

Benchmark crude for December delivery was up 16 cents at \$93.33 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose \$1.90, or 2.1 percent, to settle at \$93.17 in New York on Tuesday.

Brent crude was up 31 cents at \$111.23 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.

The American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday that crude inventories rose 2.7 million barrels last week while analysts surveyed by Platts,

the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos, had predicted an increase of 200,000 barrels.

Inventories of gasoline added 153,000 barrels last week while distillates dropped 1.8 million barrels, the API said.

The Energy Department's Energy Information Administration reports its weekly supply data later Wednesday.

Oil has soared 24 percent from \$75 three weeks ago amid growing investor optimism the US economy will avoid a recession this year. However, the Conference Board said Tuesday that consumer confidence plunged in October to the lowest level since March 2009.

Internet

Health Tip: Clean dentures well

Dentures, just as with natural teeth, require care and regular cleaning to help maintain a healthy mouth.

The American Dental Association suggests how to care for dentures:

- * Remember that dentures are fragile; hold them over something soft such as a folded towel while cleaning them.
- * Thoroughly brush dentures daily using a denture brush or soft-bristled toothbrush to remove food particles and plaque.
- * Clean dentures with a gentle hand soap or mild dish detergent, but never with bleach or an abrasive powdered cleaner.
- * Store dentures in water or a dental cleansing solution in a safe place, out of reach of kids and pets.—*Internet*

Spammers create and launch URL shortening services to hide links

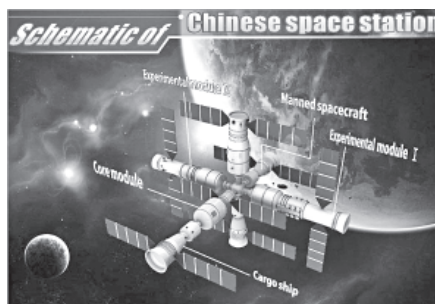
Tech

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—According to new information from researchers at Symantec, a group of spammers have created a group of 87 spam-friendly, public URL shortening services and are actively using them to circumvent spam filters on popular sites. Using URL shortening scripts that are free and open source, the spammers are churning spam through the service and the public is also free to create links through the URL shorteners, perhaps an attempt to pass off the links as legitimate. All the URL shorteners are using the .info domain and are being operated through contacts in Moscow as well as a hosting company in the United Kingdom.

The links have primarily been appearing in emails with the header titles "It's a long time since I saw you last!" and "It's a good thing you came!". Once the shortened link is clicked, the user is whisked off to a site like "Pharmacy Express" that promotes the sale of pharmaceutical products. This new tactic by the group

of spammers is likely a response to vast improvements in spam detection from popular URL shortening sites. In the month of October, approximately 0.5 percent of all spam emails used legitimate URL shorteners to hide links with spikes of two to three percent on specific days during the month.

Also included in the report from Symantec, approximately 74 percent of email sent in October 2011 was spam. One out of every 343 emails were identified as phishing attempts and one out of every 235 emails contained some form of malware. Over 3,000 sites were blocked each day by Symantec, but that's approximately a four percent decrease compared to September 2011. The United States contained the largest number of spammers in the world at about 34 percent of all spammers. Pharmaceutical spam was at the top of the list for the most common type of spam with casino and gambling emails in second and jewelry spam in third.—*Internet*



The graphic shows the schematic image of Chinese space station.—XINHUA

China plans space lab docking

Science

BEIJING, 26 Oct—China's unmanned *Shenzhou-8* spacecraft will be launched early next month for the first docking with the country's space lab module, scientists said Wednesday.

The spacecraft will be launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported, but the launch dates were not announced.

The report said *Shenzhou-8* is expected to perform China's first space docking with *Tiangong-1*, or *Heavenly Palace-1*, a space lab module launched in September.

The *Shenzhou-8* docking will be followed by similar dockings by two more spacecraft in the next two years. Earlier reports quoted Chinese scientists that the docking tests and experiments conducted through the *Tiangong-1* module will provide experience for China's construction of a permanent manned space station around 2020.—*Internet*

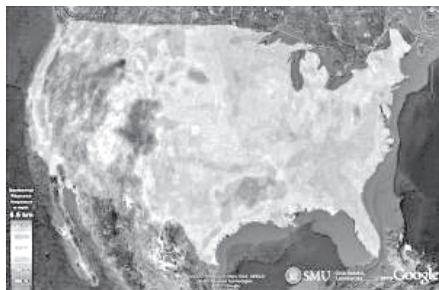
New map shows US geothermal resources

Science

DALLAS, 26 Oct—Researchers say US geothermal resources are capable of producing more than 3 million megawatts of power, 10 times that of today's coal-fired power plants.

A study by Southern Methodist University's Geothermal Laboratory, funded by a grant from Google.org, suggests the country possesses vast reserves of this green energy source generated from the Earth's heat that are realistically accessible using current technology, an SMU release said Tuesday.

While conventional US geothermal power



Geothermal resource map.—INTERNET

production has been restricted largely to the western third of the country in geographically unique and tectonically active locations, the new mapping effort has identified significant areas in the eastern two-thirds of the United States, the

researchers said. "This assessment of geothermal potential will only improve with time," SMU geophysics Professor David Blackwell said. "Our study assumes that we tap only a small fraction of the available stored heat in the Earth's

crust, and our capabilities to capture that heat are expected to grow substantially as we improve upon the energy conversion and ex-ploitation factors through technological advances and improved techniques." The map can be viewed via Google Earth at www.google.org/egs.—*Internet*

Crop scientists now fret about heat not just water

CHICAGO, 26 Oct—Crop scientists in the United States, the world's largest food exporter, are pondering an odd question: could the danger of global warming really be the heat? For years, as scientists have assembled data on climate change and pointed with concern at melting glaciers and other visible changes in the life-giving water cycle, the impact on seasonal rains and irrigation has worried crop watchers most.

What would breadbaskets like the US Midwest, the Central

Asian steppes, the north China Plain or Argentine and Brazilian crop lands be like without normal rains or water tables? Those were seen as longer-term issues of climate change. But scientists now wonder if a more immediate issue is an unusual rise in day-time and, especially, night-time summer temperatures being seen in crop belts around the world.

Interviews with crop researchers at American universities paint the same picture: high temperatures have already shrunk output

of many crops and vegetables. "We don't grow tomatoes in the deep South in the summer. Pollination fails," said Ken Boote, a crop scientist with the University of Florida.

The same goes for snap beans which can no longer be grown in Florida during the summer, he added.

"As temperatures rise we are going to have trouble maintaining the yields of crops that we already have," said Gerald Nelson, an economist with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) who is leading a global project initially funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to identify new crop varieties adapted to climate change.—*Reuters*

Haze from forest fires engulfs La Paz City, on 23 August, 2010.—INTERNET



RIM delays PlayBook OS 2.0 update until next year

Tech

NEW YORK, 26 Oct—Given all the other hassles Research In Motion has been experiencing recently, this is news you can bet the company really did not want to have to give – but it's given it nevertheless. The BlackBerry PlayBook OS 2.0 update will be delayed.

In an entry on the company's BlackBerry blog posted on Tuesday, senior vice president David J Smith said the Ontario-based company had "made the difficult decision to wait to launch BlackBerry PlayBook OS 2.0 until we are confident we have fully met the expectations of our developers, enterprise customers and end-users."

So for exactly how long will PlayBook owners be left tapping their fingers? Smith's answer will please no one: "We expect to deliver the new BlackBerry PlayBook OS to customers in February 2012."

But worse than that, the blog post says the long-awaited BlackBerry Messenger (BBM) app won't be included in the update, leaving PlayBook owners having to continue using Bridge with a BlackBerry phone to get it on the tablet – the same goes for email. Calendar and contact apps are also wrapped up in the delay – features which PlayBook owners have been expecting since the tablet was launched in April.

With Amazon's \$GB \$199 Kindle Fire about to hit the shelves, it's hard to believe consumers on the hunt for a tablet will opt for the PlayBook. Several outlets, such as Best Buy, recently cut the cost of all versions of RIM's PlayBook, with the entry level 16GB device being reduced by \$200 to \$299.—*Internet*

Five new members elected to UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Oct— The UN General Assembly on Monday elected Azerbaijan to a two-year term on the UN Security Council, making it join Pakistan, Morocco, Guatemala and Togo as the five new non-permanent members of the most power-

ful UN body. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, president of the UN General Assembly, announced the outcome of the election at the end of the 17th round of voting, which started on Friday.

“I congratulate the states which have been

elected to the Security Council,” Al-Nasser said. The new council members will serve from 1 Jan, 2012 to 21 Dec, 2013 to replace the five outgoing members of the Security Council—Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Gabon, Lebanon, and Nigeria, whose term of office expires on 31 Dec, 2011.

Xinhua

Representatives of Azerbaijan celebrate after it won its bid for Security Council membership in New York, the United States, on 24 Oct, 2011.

XINHUA



Halloween chocolate pies are seen in a candy shop in Vancouver, Canada, on 23 Oct, 2011.

XINHUA

Ukrainian makes flying electric car

KIEV, 26 Oct—A Ukrainian student has received a patent for making a flying electric car that can remain airborne for about an hour.

“Eco-Grieg” is a hybrid electric vehicle and helicopter that is cheap to run. It is also “absolutely green”, Alexander Avramenko, a student at the Ukrainian Small Academy of Sciences, told Xinhua.

Almost everyone can drive it as it has automatic transmission and a desk control console, he said.

The inventor said he expected his product could soon go into mass production.

He said his innovation could be used in areas where road transportation is not permitted.

Internet

10 killed in bus overturn in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 26 Oct—At least ten people died and 16 others were injured on Monday near the capital city when a bus they were on board overturned in a ravine, police said.

A total of ten bodies — three women and seven men — were recovered, including a minor, and the injured were taken to nearby hospitals with some in critical conditions, according to police.

The accident happened at 07:45 local time (1245 GMT) in the municipality of Huixquilucan, in the outskirts of Mexico City, where the bus plunged into a 15-metre-deep ravine. Initial police investigations showed that speeding caused the bus driver, 38-year-old Bonifacio Santiago, to lose control of the bus before it fell into the ravine. Santiago, also injured, is receiving treatment in hospital under police monitoring.—Xinhua



People visit the Jingpo Lake after a heavy snowfall in Mudanjiang City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 24 Oct, 2011.

XINHUA

Russia to launch four Glonass satellites next month

MOSCOW, 26 Oct—Russia plans to add four Glonass navigation satellites to its orbital grouping in November.

Three Glonass-M satellites will be launched on 4 November aboard a Proton-M carrier rocket from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan, while the fourth Glonass-M will be delivered to orbit by a Soyuz 2.1b launch vehicle at the end of November from the Plesetsk space centre, RIA Novosti news agency reported today.

Internet

Tow teenagers in custody after high school shooting in North Carolina

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Two teens were taken into custody after a girl was shot and seriously wounded Monday in a high school shooting in the southeastern state of North Carolina, local media reported.

Catilyn Abercrombie, 15, was shot in the neck at Cape Fear High School in the city of Fayetteville during lunch time. She was sent to a nearby hospital and was in stable condition following surgery, local news outlet WRAL said.

Two suspects, both students of the high school, were identified after police reviewed surveillance tapes inside the school. They were interviewed by investigators Monday night, but had not been formally charged.

Cumberland County Sheriff Earl “Moose” Butler said he was confident that both students were involved and that they would definitely be charged once investigators finished interviewing them, according to the report.

Butler added that they did not know why the shooting happened, saying the girl might be a “random victim.”

A 22-caliber rifle and a shell casing were recovered on the campus. Witnesses said they heard a pop and then saw the injured girl fall to the ground, but no one saw the shooting.

Cape Fear and the neighbouring Mac Williams Middle School were both temporarily locked down, with no students allowed in or out.

The WRAL report said some parents have had concerns about security at the school, with one parent saying their daughter told them about gang fights on school grounds.—Xinhua

WikiLeaks suspends publishing

LONDON, 26 Oct—Whistleblowing website WikiLeaks is suspending publishing operations in order to concentrate the group's resources on fighting a “blockade” by credit card companies, its founder Julian Assange has announced.

Speaking at a Press conference in London Monday, Assange said the banking blockade had eliminated 95 percent of WikiLeaks' revenues.

“If WikiLeaks does not find a way to remove this blockade we will simply not be able to continue by the turn of the new year,” he said.

WikiLeaks first encountered financial problems in December 2010 when Bank of America, VISA, MasterCard, PayPal and Western Union refused to accept donations for the site. The website said the blockade was a reaction to its publication of the first of 250,000 leaked US government cables.

World leaders have downplayed the impact of the leak of the confidential US diplomatic cables, but many have questioned the benefit of the project, saying some of the leaks could “threaten lives”.

Internet



Guests pose for a group photo in front of a Boeing 737-900ER demonstrated in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Oct, 2011. A four-city demo tour featuring the Boeing 737-900ER, one of Boeing's newest commercial jet planes, was launched in Beijing on Monday. The next-generation airplane is believed to have inviting market prospects in China, according to Boeing's prediction.—XINHUA

Deputy Information Minister attends China-ASEAN Book Fair and Publishing Expo



Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win at press conference at Guangxi Zhuang Press and Publication Administration in Nanning.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win attended China-ASEAN Book Fair and Publishing Expo held at National Museum in Nanning in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China on 22 and 23 October.

The book fair and the expo was attended by deputy ministers, representatives, faculty, and regional publishers. The book fair was opened on 22 October morning, with addresses by Deputy Minister of China General Administration of Press and Publication

Mr Wu Shulin, Member of Standing Committee of Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Shen Beihai and Deputy Minister for Information of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Soe Win. Attendees looked around the fair.

Deputy Minister U Soe Win at the Publishing Expo discussed the situation of government-run and private publications in Myanmar, amendment to existing press law to be in conformity with the current situation, introducing of media freedom step by step before enacting new press

law, attempt to draw publication copyright, and the prospect of improving friendship, understanding and trust among the countries as well as contributing towards China-ASEAN Free Trade Area through C h i n a - A S E A N cooperation in publishing.

The deputy minister also attended press conference held at Guangxi Press and Publication Administration in Nanning at 10 am on 23 October and answered queries raised by journalists. He also visited 8th China-ASEAN Trade Fair.—MNA

Picasso painting stolen in Colombia

BOGOTA, 26 Oct—A Picasso painting estimated at 60,000 US dollars was stolen on 21 Oct from a Colombian museum in the southern Province of Cauca, the museum said in a statement on Tuesday.

The museum said local authorities were already investigating the theft of the untitled water colour painting which was donated by a Colombian sculptor, Edgar Negred, to the museum in the provincial Capital of Popayan. According to the museum, local authorities said it was possible to locate suspects and recover the painting. Meanwhile, local press reported that two

unidentified expatriates were wanted in the investigation.

Ramiro Nadia, mayor of Popayan, told reporters the museum under the

jurisdiction of the city hall does not have "the technical equipment to protect these art works" due to high security cost.

Xinhua



People wearing thick clothes walk on a street amid a cold snap in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 24 Oct, 2011. The lowest temperature dropped to less than five degrees centigrade in urban Dalian on Monday as a cold snap swept the city.—XINHUA

Servicemen and personnel of Kalay Station assisting flood victims in their homecoming

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—In moving back the flood victims of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region, who were evacuated to Aungmingala Theatre in Kalay during the overflows of the Myittha River due to torrential rains, to their original places, servicemen of Kalay

Station, members of Myanmar Police Force and Red Cross Society volunteered to transport the victims to their villages. Officials of Kalay Station assisted flood victims in returning to their homes and provided necessary assistance.—MNA

Service personnel and wellwishers donate relief items for flood victims in Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Severe floods in Pakokku District caused by torrential rains devastated 7608 households, swept away 2106 households, killed 54 in Myaing, Pauk and Seikbyu townships in

Pakokku Township. The North-West Command and the Central Command provided 90 bags of rice, 100 viss of oil, 160 blankets, clothes, and kitchen utensils, five bags of salt, 28 boxes of noodle packages, 40 boxes of

drinking water bottles, four boxes of chlorine tablets, and 100 dozens of note books to Thapantauk, Kyunyin, Lethawa and Kinmonkawk villages with military helicopters yesterday.—MNA

Research and Scholarship Workshop held

YANGON, 26 Oct—Research and Scholarship Workshop jointly organized by Ministry of Education and the EU kicked off at Traders Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, directors-general of

ministries related to higher education, rectors, chairman of Myanmar Arts and Science Society, researchers and scholars.

The deputy education minister gave an opening speech and British Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Andrew Richard Heyn extended greetings.

The workshop is aimed at informing educational cooperation programmes to undergraduates in high education field, researchers and scholars and promotion of educational cooperation and exchange of scholars between the EU and Myanmar.

MNA

136,581 square miles of forest thriving across Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—In Southeast Asia, Myanmar is located on a significant land stretching the areas covered with evergreen forests in the temperate area of the northern most snow-capped mountain ranges at an altitude of 19315 feet and covered with

mangrove and tropical evergreen forests in the southern most.

A study shows 5309 square miles of mangrove forests (4 per cent), 21235 square miles of tropical evergreen forests (15 per cent), 51764 square miles of deciduous forests (38 per cent), 13274 square

miles of dry forest (10 per cent), 6637 square miles of Indine forests (5 per cent), 34509 square miles of hilly and temperate evergreen forests (25 per cent), 3853 square miles of bushes (3 per cent), totaling 136,581 square miles (100 per cent) in Myanmar.—MNA

Coverage of forest area in entire nation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Based on forest management system, studies on coverage of forests and establishment of forest reserves, protected public forests, sanctuaries are as follows:-

| Sr. | Year | Forest coverage | | forest reserve/protected public forest | | Sanctuary | |
|-----|---------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | | Area Sq/Mile | Per cent | Area Sq/Mile | Per cent | Area Sq/Mile | Per cent |
| 1. | 1990-91 | 151422.00 | 57.97 | 39159.00 | 14.99 | 2558.08 | 0.98 |
| 2. | 2000-01 | 134626.00 | 51.54 | 49980.00 | 19.13 | 4439.36 | 1.70 |
| 3. | 2005-06 | 128653.00 | 49.25 | 60681.00 | 23.23 | 10275.16 | 3.93 |
| 4. | 2010-11 | 122677.00 | 46.96 | 63047.28 | 24.13 | 14631.17 | 5.60 |

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President U Thein Sein delivers an address at ceremony to donate relief supplies and cash assistance for flood victims in Pakokku Township.—MNA

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the victims and supervised gathering of data for the losses. He said that for the third step, he himself arrived there to effectively supervise the work procedures. To do so, he took officials, Union ministers, responsible persons of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare

make field trips for resettling the flood victims at the secure and safe places not to face losses again. On his trip, the President said that NGOs and entrepreneurs will make donations to the victims.

At present, he deal with the matters of the authorities concerned to fulfil food, clothing and health needs of the victims. After that, it is necessary to take an adequate time for providing shelter to them and they must fulfill shelter needs of the victims as compulsory task. Plans are to be made to rebuild the schools and provide

temporary housings only, and the victims are to improve their housings on their own. The victims are to make long-term plans to be able to stand on their own, without complacency in the life of easy come, easy go.

President U Thein Sein handed over K 4.51 million—K 10,000 each for deceased person and K 10,000 each for 384 household victims of Pakokku Township—to the Region Chief Minister.

Union Minister U Soe Thein donated clothes and household goods worth K 27

million, MWAFF edible oil, clothes and K 2.5 million, President of MWAFF Daw Thet Thet Zin rice and clothes worth K 7.5 million, Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization K 500,000, Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Region WAO K 2 million and 2023 treated mosquito nets worth K 5,563,800, Union Solidarity and Development Party relief supplies worth K 33.8 million, traders and businessmen, and townsellers Magway Region K 5 million—K 200,000 each for 25 houses, Pakokku Township Chamber of Commerce K 11 million—K 200,000 each for 55 houses, Max Myanmar Co and Ayeyawady Family rice, edible oil, salt, gram and other supplies worth K 50 million, Htoo Trading rice, edible oil, gram and supplies K 10 million, Yangon Crown Co K 10 million—K 200,000 each for 50 houses, Mindon Co Ltd K 5 million, Europe-Asia Co 500 bags of rice worth K 10 million, U Khin Maung Lay-Daw Mar Mar Oo family K 5 million—K 200,000 each for 25 houses, CB Bank, Shwe Than Lwin Co, IGE Co, IBTC Co, Htoo Co and Shwetaung Co K 10 million each through officials.

The President and party cordially greeted the flood victims of Pakokku Township.

The donations to the flood victims in Pakokku Township amounted to K 356.199 million including rice, edible oil, clothes, foodstuff and household goods.

Htoo company, IBTC company, CT Bank, Shwe Thanlwin company, IGE company and Shwetaung company donated K 200 million each, totaling K 1200 million for reconstruction of houses in Pakokku, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu Townships in Pakokku District.

The President and party paid homage to Chairman of Township Monastic Education Committee Presiding Sayadaw Maha Suddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññavamsa of Tilokarama Monastery and supplicated matters related to opening of relief camp for flood victims in the monastery and arrangements for rebuilding of Aye Nyein Chantha monastery which was damaged by the flash floods.

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President U Thein Sein meets flood victims in Pauk Township.

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Association, entrepreneurs and wellwishers to the area.

Despite facing natural disaster of cyclone Nargis that claimed over 130,000 lives and destroyed a large number of property, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw joined hands in successfully carrying out rehabilitation tasks in a short time.

The government has made a plan to fulfil basic needs of the flood victims. Due to living near the bank of creek, people inevitably had to face damages caused by natural disaster. Thus, it is necessary to

stationery to children. Therefore, it is necessary to open the temporary school buildings as quickly as possible.

With regard to the health sector, the Ministry of Health is to take responsibility for supply of clean drinking water to the victims to be free from outbreak of diseases.

The State will help the victims to a certain period of time and the victims for their part are to work harder than before.

Necessary assistance will be provided to them for construction of housings. In so doing, the government will build the

million for flood victims, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko 1000 bags of rice worth K 15 million, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay, 225 tons of rice donated by Ministry of Border Affairs and WFP, drinking water and medicines by Ministry of Border Affairs and UNICEF and rice, edible oil and instant noodle packets worth K 5 million, Union Minister U Aung Kyi K 5,984,554, Union Minister U Thein Tun, five CDMA mobile phones, Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu 300 dozens of exercise books, Magway Region Government rice, edible oil, salt and gram worth K 4.5

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Next, the President and party left Pakokku by helicopter and arrived in Myaing Township where they spoke words of encouragement and presented cash and kind to flood victims at the town hall.

In his words of encouragement, Union Minister U Thein Tun said the President and Union ministers were there to provide necessary assistance to flood victims not only in Myaing Township but also in Pakokku District. Apart from sending officials concerned, the President himself arrived there to render assistance to flood victims who experienced floods that had never occurred during a 100-year period. Only through collaborative efforts of Union ministers, departmental personnel, responsible persons of social organizations, entrepreneurs, local authorities and townsenders, will livelihoods of flood victims recover as soon as possible.

The Union minister called for more cooperation in making efforts for rehabilitation of flood victims, understanding the government's goodwill. Arrangements for education of children and temporary shelters for those who lost their homes in the floods are urgently needed. Rehabilitation of flood victims are to be carried out collectively in order to bring them to normal as soon as possible.

Next, cash and kind presentation

company, 1.5 million by Chanmyatharyar company, K 1 million each by wellwishers of Hsuwin and Waltaung regions and Myaing Township Association (Yangon) and K 2 million each by Myaing Township Women's Affairs Organization, Myaing Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and wellwishers.

Afterwards, the President and party cordially greeted flood victims of Myaing Township and spoke words of encouragement.

The donation to flood victims amounted to K 41.429 million.

The President and party flew over to Pauk Township where they attended cash and kind donation ceremony at Yaypyar BEHS.

In his words of encouragement, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe said that floods in Pauk Township destroyed houses, took some lives of animals, destroyed a bridge and a transformer and damaged paddy and crop plantations. Rehabilitation works for recovery of livelihood of flood victims and arrangements for handing over cash assistance of the State and donation of wellwishers to flood victims will be carried out as soon as possible. Measures will be taken for cultivation works to be resumed. Flood victims, for their part, are to take part in rehabilitation works with full capacity while the government is striving for recovery of livelihood of flood victims.

The President presented K 4.01 million— K 10000 each for the deceased



President U Thein Sein presents cash assistance for family of deceased persons and flood victims in Myaing Township.—MNA

million each by CT Bank, Shwe Thanlwin company, IGE company, IBTC company, Htoo company and Shwetaung company and K 10 million— K 200,000 each for 50 houses— by Yangon Crown company.

Afterwards, the President and party cordially and comforted the flood victims in Pauk Township.

Today's donation in cash to the flood

victims in Pauk Township amounted to K 77.53 million.

Afterwards, the President and party flew to Seikpyu by helicopter and presented relief aids and cash assistance to flood victims at Taungywama Basic Education Post- Primary School in Seikpyu Township.

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President U Thein Sein inspects the Shwe Creek rail bridge.—MNA

ceremony followed. The President presented K 760,000— K 10000 each for the deceased persons and K 10000 each for 69 household victims— to the Region Chief Minister.

Then, officials received 40 bags of rice donated by the Ministry of Home Affairs, K 5 million and household goods by projects jointly-organized by the Ministry of Border Affairs and WFP and UNICEF, 540 bags of rice and five CDMA mobile phones by the family of the Union minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, staff, relatives and colleagues, clothes and household goods by the Ministry of Industry-1, six kinds of rescue items, cash assistance for rice, CI sheets and nails by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, 100 dozens of exercise books by the Ministry of Education, K 2 million each by CB Bank, Shwe Thanlwin company, IGE company, IBTC company, Htoo company, Shwetaung company and Kaung Zaw Hein

persons in Pauk Township and K 10000 each for 380 household victims— to the Region Chief Minister.

Next, clothes and household goods donated by the Ministry of Industry-1 and Industry-2 were handed over to flood victims.

Officials received 180 bags of rice donated by the Union minister for Home Affairs, rice, edible oil and noodle packets worth K 5 million by the Ministry of Border Affairs, 745 bags of rice for 380 households and 2381 flood victims and water purifying devices, clothes, exercise books and school uniforms under the programme between the Ministry of Border Affairs and WFP, rice bags, 7600 CI sheets and 153 viss of various kinds of nails worth K 547984, five CDMA mobile phones by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, 100 dozens of exercise books by the Ministry of Education, K 4.4 million by Magway Region government, K 5



IGE Co presents cash assistance to flood victims in Seikpyu Township.

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At the donation ceremony, the Chief Minister of Magway Region comforted the victims saying that the President was there to comfort the victims and to assist in the relief efforts, therefore, people were to coordinate with the officials concerned to be able to carry out rehabilitation efforts effectively, he said. He continued to say that it was important to practice right ways to be able to supply the donation of the government, private and non-governmental organizations to the hands of the flood victims. Under the arrangements of the President, the helicopters dropped foods and clothes to some villages of Seikpyu and Pauk townships which were not accessible temporarily, he added. The Tatmadaw men would also make development and rehabilitation efforts in the flood-hit villages, and regarding the loss and

damage of crops, assistance would be rendered as soon as possible to farmers to grow cold season crops, he said.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein presented K 12.01 million to Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe for 1190 households of flood victims in Seikpyu Township, to provide K10,000 to each family for each loss of life and K10,000 to each household.

Afterwards, Ministry of Industry No.1 and of No. 2 presented clothes and household goods worth K18,563,500; Ministry of Home Affairs 600 bags of rice; Ministry of Border Affairs cash assistance and aids worth K15,372,000; Ministry of Labour and of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement six relief aids worth K4,248,300; Magway Region Government rice, edible oil, gram and salt worth K4,463,235; Ministry of Education 100 dozens of exer-

cise books, Member of the Pyithu Huttaw Women and Children Affairs Protection Committee K 15 million and relief aids; Hnin Thazin Construction and Shwemyintmo Construction and Transportation K1 million each; CB Bank, Shwethanlwin Company, IGE Company, IBTC Company, Htoo Company and Shwetaung Company K10 million each and Chairman of Shwethanlwin Company U Kyaw Win 10 sets of Sky net digital receiver to flood victims through officials concerned.

Afterwards, the President and party cordially greeted and comforted the flood victims.

The relief aids including 10 sets of Sky net receivers to the flood victims in Seikpyu Township has amounted to K145.317 million.

The President and party arrived back Pakokku yesterday evening by helicopter.

Torrential rains poured down on 19 and 20 October and the Yaw, Kyaw, Yama, Myaing and Shwe creeks overflowed, causing flash floods, leaving 106



A responsible person of CB Bank presents cash donation to flood victims in Myaing Township.—MNA

dead, destroying seven bridges, 2023 houses, five monasteries, over 2400 cattle and animals and over 3000 acres of plantations.

President U Thein Sein and party inspected the Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku)

being constructed by the Ministry of Construction this morning and inspected progress of Pakokku in a motorcade. They arrived back Nay Pyi Taw on 9.30 am by Tatmadaw flight.

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Myanmar Forestry Week marked in Patheingyi

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended the seeds festival and photo show of Myanmar Forestry Week to mark International Year of Forest 2001 at Kanthaya Nursery in Patheingyi on 21

October. The chief minister then visited No. 3 Basic Education High School in Patheingyi and presented cash assistance for the school to buy two sets of computers. A senior citizen and departmental personnel also pre-

sented cash assistance to the school. The chief minister attended the coordination meeting on rural development and poverty alleviation at Ayeyawady Region Government Office and attended to the needs.

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Bago Region Chief Minister receives Chinese entrepreneurs

YANGON, 26 Oct—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win received Chinese entrepreneurs led by Vice-Chairman Mr. Wang Laisheng of Henan Province Economic

Chamber of Commerce of China at the office of Bago Region Government yesterday afternoon.

They discussed matters related to agriculture, industries and investment in the region.

Also present at the call were Bago Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Myint Lwin Oo, Regional Government Secretary U Maung Maung Than and Deputy Director U Maung Maung Soe.—MNA

MMCWA gives educative talks, donates cash in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association clarified (MYA/09/A5) Advocacy project and made cash donation to Rakhine State MCW Supervisory Committee at General Hospital in Sittway on 24 October, attended by the President of MMCWA, secretary and members, the patron of Rakhine State MCW Supervisory Committee, chairperson and members, the Rakhine State Minister for Social Affairs and wife, state ministers and wives, members of Rakhine State Women's Affairs Organization, the head of Rakhine State Health Department and staff, course instructors, trainees and guests.

MMCWA President Dr Mon Mon Aung spoke on the occasion and presented K 20 million for maternal and child care services in Rakhine State to Patron of Rakhine State MCWSC Daw Nu Nu Zan, wife of the Rakhine State Chief Minister.

Next, responsible persons gave educative talks made clarifications on respective sectors.

Then the MMCWA president and party visited nursery, labour room and public health centre and nutritious unit of the association in Sittway and made cash donation.

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The futurist: The sustainable Spaceport America



WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Spaceport America, the first commercial space terminal in the world, is nearly complete, making significant strides in both space travel and sustainable design. A dedication ceremony was held in New Mexico on 17 October.

The site, which is entirely owned and paid for by taxpayers and the state of New Mexico, will also be known as the Virgin Galactic

Gateway to Space, since Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic has a 20-year lease with the spaceport. The WhiteKnightTwo and SpaceShipTwo spacecraft will launch commercial spaceflights from the site by 2013. The spaceport was designed by Foster and Partners and SMPC Architects to fit in with the desert landscape 55 miles north of Las Cruces. From above, it looks like a manta ray rising from the

earth and was built to preserve the viewshed from the west, where the structure stands in front of the Camino Real historic trail.

Many sustainable and energy-saving elements were designed for the spaceport. The heating and cooling systems use air that has been earth-tempered — drawn into a large tube and passed through the ground, which has a consistent temperature that is cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Though the proposed solar panels were eliminated, the roof of the circular building cantilevers out to shade the east wall of glass.

In addition, the hangers are naturally lit with skylights and large windows. "I was there recently," said David Hassard, the owner of SMPC Architects, "and I was pleased to see that there was very adequate day lighting without the lights being turned on."—Internet

Spinal cord injuries up heart disease risk

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Spinal cord injury patients could be at a higher risk of heart disease, a new research has suggested. Damage to the autonomic nervous system is a key predictor of cardiovascular risk, said researcher Rianne Ravensbergen. Heart disease after a SCI is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in this population. It is well known that regular exercise is beneficial for cardiovascular health.

In people with autonomic dysfunction due to SCI, they may remain at high risk of cardiovascular disease, even if they maintain a healthy lifestyle and exercise regularly, according to Ravensbergen.

"In this specific group we should also be looking at whether they have autonomic dysfunction, because this causes a higher risk for heart disease," she said. The autonomic system controls functions of the body that are automatic, or involuntary – such as activities of the bladder, bowel, gastrointestinal tract, liver, heart,

and blood vessels. After SCI the autonomic nerves in the spinal cord can be damaged, leading to widespread abnormalities in autonomic function, and, of particular relevance to Ravensbergen's work, abnormal control of the heart and blood vessels. In her study, Ravensbergen assessed 20 people with spinal cord injury and 14 able-bodied controls to determine their risk for cardiovascular disease, including measurements for glucose tolerance, body mass index (BMI), body fat and abdominal fat. Those with SCI had decreased glucose tolerance and increased total and abdominal fat. Ravensbergen then divided the SCI group into two subgroups: people with autonomic dysfunction and those without. While both groups had high cholesterol, she was surprised to find that those with autonomic dysfunction had problems with blood sugar. "These people are in a pre-diabetic state, which elevates their risk for heart disease," she says.—Internet



Photo taken on 24 Oct, 2011 shows the main hall of the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, capital of Russia. Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow's historic theatre, is set to reopen with a gala performance on Friday after six years of closure for renovation.—XINHUA



Visiting Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang (2nd L) lays a wreath at the Friendship Tower, paying tribute to Chinese soldiers killed in the Korean War, in Pyongyang, capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), on 24 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

Japanese nurse sentenced to death in Malaysia for drug trafficking

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Oct—A Japanese nurse was sentenced to death by hanging in Malaysia on Tuesday for drug trafficking, 36-year-old Mariko Takeuchi the first Japanese national to be convicted of drug trafficking charge and first sentenced to death, was arrested at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport on 31 October, 2009 for carrying 3.5 kilogrammes of Methamphetamine from Dubai. The high court judge in

delivering the verdict rejected Takeuchi's testimony that the luggage in which the drugs were found wasn't hers and that she had delivered the luggage from Dubai as a favour for an Iranian acquaintance she met there.

Prosecutor said Takeuchi could have noted "how heavy the bag was although she could not see the drugs from the outside," considering the drugs weighed more than three kilogrammes.

"Takeuchi said she took the bag from a friend but she didn't name him, so according to the judge, her story was suspicious and that was one of the grounds for her to impose the sentence," Takeuchi's lawyer Mohamad Rafik Rahem said. "We have actually tried our best as we created a lot of loopholes to the prosecution's case, unfortunately the judge didn't want to buy it," he added.

Xinhua

Use of 'poisonous' bath salts as new recreational drugs 'skyrocketing'

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Bath salts, which are considered unsafe for human consumption, are increasingly being used as recreational drugs, US researchers say.

Despite being warned "not for human consumption" in packages, calls for bath salt poisoning incidents have skyrocketed, with 1,782 since January 2011 compared with 302 in all of 2010, said the American Association of Poison Control Centres. The inexpensive powdery substances with benign names contain stimulants not detectable through drug screens.

However, they can produce a "high" along with increased blood pressure, increased heart rate, agitation, hallucinations, extreme paranoia, and delusions, as experienced by the Oklahoma patient. Treatment for ingesting these bath salts is sedation until the side effects wear off, along with supportive care.—Internet



Bombings in Thai south kill two, wound dozens

PATTANI, 26 Oct—Thailand's military says a dozen coordinated bomb attacks in the country's militancy-plagued south have killed at least two people and injured dozens.

The military's Internal Security Operations Command says suspected militants detonated bombs at 12 spots across the southern town of Yala, including a school, shops and hotels. The explosions caused power outages.

Internet

Police grieve during a funeral of their comrade, killed in an attack by militants, in Baghdad on 24 October, 2011. Bombers and gunmen targeting Iraqi traffic police across Baghdad killed at least five people, including two policemen, and wounded around 30 people on Monday, police said.

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Several girls from Uygur ethnic group perform a local dance in Zepu County, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 18 Oct, 2011. Zepu County in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region is an area mostly inhabited by people of Uygur ethnic group. The natural sceneries, traditional customs and life styles there all deliver a strong sense of the Uygur culture.—XINHUA

Perfect drug combos to combat severe diseases come closer to reality

LONDON, 26 Oct — Researchers have found a way of identifying ideal drug combinations, which could help prevent inflammation. These findings could be the first step in the development of new drug combinations to combat severe diseases and conditions.

The multidisciplinary team of researchers, led by Professor Douglas Kell, Professor of Bioanalytical Science at The University of

Manchester, developed an evolutionary computer programme, which rapidly sifted through nine billion different combinations of potential drugs.

Sorting and testing 50 drug combinations at a time using robotics in the laboratory, the scientists were able to find effective combinations and then refine them as many times as necessary to find ideal combinations.

Ultimately, they hope this will lead to the

development of tailored therapies for treating inflammation.

"Most diseases have complex causes. This makes their analysis a problem of systems biology, and to find novel therapies multiple targets need to be attacked at once," Professor Kell, who is also Chief Executive of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, said.

"We have devised a strategy, based on

Darwinian evolution, to make this considerably easier. Although our immediate interest is inflammation and conditions such as stroke, our approach is universal and is thus applicable to all complex diseases." Another advantage of choosing ideal drug combinations is that it allows patients to take smaller doses, which reduces potential toxicology concerns.

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO (605)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO (605) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Chinese scientists make
breakthrough in leprosy
treatment**

JINAN, 26 Oct — Chinese scientists have made a breakthrough that could lead to more effective treatments for leprosy. A team from Shandong Provincial Institute of Dermatology and Venereology in east China has identified two new risk variants near IL23R and RAB32 genes that are responsible for the disease, according to a report published online Monday in the scientific journal *Nature Genetics*.

Knowing that the two gene variants influence susceptibility to leprosy could allow doctors to diagnose the disease in sufferers earlier in its outset, as well as to develop new treatments. A genetic database could now be built up to predict those people particularly susceptible to leprosy, said Zhang Furen, the leader of the research team.

Xinhua



An office of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. The company's 7-inch tablet made its debut at the China Mobile Internet Summit in Hangzhou on Monday.—XINHUA

Tablet to utilize Alibaba OS

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Alibaba Cloud Computing, a unit of the Chinese Internet company Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, said the world's first tablet computer running on its proprietary mobile operating system (OS), the Aliyun OS, will hit the market by 31 December. Alibaba's 7-inch tablet, manufactured by Beijing-based mobile device maker Tianyu Communication Equipment Co, made its debut at the China Mobile Internet Summit in Hangzhou on Monday.

Wang Jian, Alibaba Group's chief architect and

president of Alibaba Cloud Computing, also said the second mobile phone based on the Aliyun OS is ready to go on the market, after the company launched the first Aliyun handset on July 28. He declined to reveal specific prices for either product. Alibaba has been accelerating its efforts in the cloud-computing field since 2009, when the e-commerce giant established its cloud-computing subsidiary. On Monday, it set up a 1 billion yuan (\$157 million) fund to support cloud-computing startups and developers.

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Residents in Shenyang, capital of Northeast China's Liaoning Province, look at templates of the second generation ID card during their visit to the provincial public security department on 23 March.—XINHUA

**ID cards may carry
fingerprint data**

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Lawmakers reviewed a proposed amendment on Monday that would allow fingerprint data on resident identity cards. A draft amendment of the Resident Identity Cards Law requires fingerprint data to safeguard public security and make the cards harder to forge.

Fingerprints would make it easier to identify the cardholder and allow the card to be used across a range of areas, including banking, education, transport and medical, Yang Huanning, vice-minister of public security, said on Monday while explaining the draft to the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee. Each citizen above the age of 16 is required to carry an identity card and the Ministry of Public Security is responsible for the cards.

China started to issue the second-generation ID cards, which use digital anti-forgery technology, in 2004 and by the end of

last year, 1.04 billion people had got new cards, according to figures from the Ministry of Public Security. The first generation ID cards, which are still valid, will become obsolete on 1 Jan, 2013, according to the draft amendment.—Xinhua

Blind dog and her seeing-eye dog looking for a home

LONDON, 26 Oct — An animal shelter has been inundated with offers of help after it requested a home for a pair of Great Danes — one of which is blind, and totally dependent on the other. Louise Campbell, the manager of Dogs Trust Shrewsbury, said Monday evening that more than 200 people have responded to the call for help and possibly a new home since the shelter —

This undated photo made available by Dogs Trust, UK shows Lily the Great Dane, left, and Maddison, her best friend and guide dog at the Shrewsbury Dogs Trust care, in Telford, England.—INTERNET

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Quake hits Izu Islands, Japan

TOKYO, 26 Oct — An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale jolted Izu Islands, Japan Region at 19:34:12 GMT on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10.20 km, was initially determined to be at 32.0549 degrees north latitude and 138.3387 degrees east longitude.

Quake hits Vanuatu

VANUATU, 26 Oct — An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted Vanuatu at 19:34:20 GMT on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre was initially determined to be at 15.0351 degrees south latitude and 167.3081 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

Steve Jobs bio expected to be Amazon's best seller

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Steve Jobs, Apple's co-founder and former CEO, may be one of the great men who will still be influential after their deaths. The new biography of Steve Jobs is likely to be the top-selling book 2011 of Amazon.com Inc, an online book retailer, according to Amazon spokeswoman Brittany Turner on Monday. "It could very likely be our top-selling book of the year," Turner said in a statement cited by the Reuters. Steve Jobs, written by Walter Isaacson, former Time magazine managing editor, was landed on shelves in bookstores Monday.

But its digital version was reported to be released late on Sunday on Apple's eBooks online store and Amazon's Kindle eBook store. Since its release, the biography, both electronic and physical versions, has performed very well in Amazon.—Internet

near the Welsh town of Newport — went public about the dogs' plight a few days ago.

"It's been phenomenal," she said, adding that it is still too early to say if a suitable home can be found. Campbell said that 6-year-old Lily became reliant on Maddison, 7, after a rare medical problem called entropion caused her eyelashes to grow into her

eyeballs, leaving them so severely damaged that they had to be removed. "Everything they do involves close contact, they check in with each other all the time," she said.

"They have developed such a strong bond, they always know what the other is doing, so we wouldn't split them up, that would be quite unfair to both dogs." —Internet



Calif zoo gets four rescued tigers

Officials at a California zoo said they changed their plans to take only one rescued tiger when they met all four of the sisters.

Erica Calcagno, a zookeeper with the Oakland Zoo, said officials had planned to bring only one tiger home from a trip to the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville, Texas, but they decided to take all four felines after seeing them together at the Texas zoo, where they were taken after being rescued from a roadside attraction, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported Wednesday.

"There's no way we could take just one," Calcagno said. "They're gorgeous. Even when they're sleeping they're gorgeous. And we thought their story was an important one for us to tell."

The zoo said the 6-year-old tigers, named Molly, Milou, Ginger and Grace, will go on display alongside the zoo's 12-year-old female tiger, Torako, at the facility.



Items stolen by Ivanko, which she claimed to be cursed included minks coats.—INTERNET

Thief claimed items were cursed

Russian authorities said they have arrested a woman accused of stealing valuables under the guise of removing curses from the objects.

Police in Tomsk, in western Siberia, said the Ukrainian woman, whose name was not released, claimed to be a fortune-teller, faith healer and curse remover, *RIA Novosti* reported.

"Ivanko, as she called herself, told people their future and was interested in any valuable things they had on them," police said.

"Then she would announce that exactly these belongings carried a curse and took them away for 'curse removal.'"

Authorities said the woman fled to Moscow, where she was arrested and the stolen items were recovered. The woman is currently back in Tomsk awaiting trial, police said.

The valuables she is accused of stealing include mink coats, cellphones, a laptop computer, gold jewelry and high-end boots.

News Album

Robber waited in line at Starbucks

San Diego police said a patient robber waited in line at a Starbucks before telling a clerk he was robbing the store.

Police said the man, described as white and between 35 and 40 years old, was wearing all black

with a bandanna over his face Sunday morning when he entered the Starbucks at Garnet Avenue and Gresham Street and waited in line until he reached a clerk, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* reported

Monday. Investigators said the man did not display a weapon when he told the clerk he was robbing the store and demanded money. The man fled in a full-size pickup with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

Robin Williams marries for the third time

LONDON, 26 Oct—Actor Robin Williams has married graphic designer Susan Schneider in a private ceremony, his representative said.

The 60-year-old actor tied the knot with Schneider Sunday at the luxurious Meadowood Resort in California's Napa Valley.

The guest list includ-

ed Steven Spielberg, George Lucas and Billy Crystal. Robin's actress daughter Zelda, 22, took to her Twitter page to reveal the details of the wedding.

She wrote: "Let the wedding madness begin! Dad just called @Robert Kazinsky and @ShannonCollis my heterolife-mates at the wedding. Now everyone thinks

I'm a redhead polygamist...The wedding festivities rage on but my tired feet are done. Think it's time to lay in the tub, eat m&m's and write."

Williams met the graphic designer shortly before he underwent heart surgery in early 2009 and Susan helped nurse him back to health. *Internet*



Actor/comedian Robin Williams and Susan Schneider.—INTERNET

Posh's designer line rakes in £15m

LONDON, 26 Oct — Victoria Beckham's clothing range generated sales of more than 15million pounds in the first three months of this year. The designer, it seems has turned a supposedly small dress line into a global success.

Celebrities from Kate Winslet to singer Cheryl Cole flaunt the 29-year-old designer's dresses.

"Victoria never dreamed her clothing range would be successful. She is close to eclipsing David!" *The Daily Mail* quoted a source as telling.

It is estimated that her fashion business will



Victoria Beckham's clothing range.—INTERNET

exceed all expectations with its sales figures up by 71 percent on last season for the first quarter of 2011. If they continue at the same level, sales at the business, based in London and Los Angeles, could top 60million pounds this year.—*Internet*

Hilary Duff wants son to avoid showbusiness career

LONDON, 26 Oct— Singer-actress Hilary Duff wants to keep her son away from a career in showbusiness because she grew up feeling "isolated" as a child star.

The 24-year-old, who is expecting a baby boy with husband Mike Comrie next year, was thrust into the spotlight as a 14-year-old with the lead role in Disney TV show "Lizzie McGuire".

"I don't think there's a way to stop it - I think kids know what they want but I just pray to God that's not what he



Singer-actress Hilary Duff.

(my son) wants. From when I started to now, the industry is so different. I mean, there's such an obsession with people's private lives that I really don't think was there before," contactmusic.com quoted Duff as saying.

"These shows about digging into people's lives and wanting to embarrass everybody and show that, like, we're human beings, too. It's just so invasive, and it's just a different business than it used to be," she added.—*Internet*



A model presents a creation during the "Toray Liu Wei Collection 2012" fashion show in China Fashion Week for Spring/Summer 2012 in Beijing, on 25 Oct, 2011. Altogether 44 fashion shows of over 40 designers will be presented in the Fashion week. —XINHUA

Lea Michele enjoying singlehood

LONDON, 26 Oct— "Glee" actress Lea Michele says she is having a "great time" since splitting from actor boyfriend Theo Stockman but insists she is still on good terms with him.

Michele and Stockman ended their 22-month romance in September.

"I'm having a great time. I feel like they say 'You lose a boyfriend and you gain a best friend' and that's really my situation



"Glee" actress Lea Michele exactly," contactmusic.com quoted the 25-year-old as saying.—*Internet*

Moyes hopeful over Fellaini deal

LONDON, 26 Oct — Everton manager David Moyes hopes the club will soon reach agreement with Marouane Fellaini over a new contract.

The Toffees broke their transfer record when they signed Fellaini for an initial £15m from Standard Liege on a five-year deal in 2008, and he has since developed into a cult figure at Goodison Park.

Moyes revealed in April that talks had begun with the 23-year-old Belgian international about extending his stay on Merseyside and the manager believes negotiations are now nearing conclusion.

Everton were beaten 3-1 at Stamford Bridge in the Barclays Premier League on 15th October, although Chelsea manager

Andre Villas-Boas is set to field a considerably altered line-up on Wednesday.

Moyes indicated that he would make some adjustments from his team's 3-1 victory at Fulham at the weekend, but not sweeping changes.

"I've no idea if he (Villas-Boas) will make changes or not — I don't know where on the priority list this cup competition comes for him," Moyes said.—*Internet*



David Moyes is hoping to keep hold of the key midfielder.

Van der Vaart hails 'amazing' defence

LONDON, 26 Oct — Rafael van der Vaart has lavished praise on the performance of Tottenham Hotspur's patched-up defence. Spurs stretched their unbeaten run to six matches on Sunday afternoon by registering a 2-1 win at Blackburn Rovers which came courtesy of two Van der Vaart goals.



Rafael van der Vaart

The club have now lost just once - against Stoke City in the Carling Cup - since the 5-1 defeat to Manchester City on 28th August, and their task has been made hard by injuries to their first-choice centre-half pairing from last year of William Gallas and Michael Dawson.

Both players are out long-term with respective calf and Achilles injuries, while Ledley King has suffered another groin problem, leaving Younes Kaboul and Sebastien Bassong as the club's only two fit central defenders.

Internet

Golf-The weather headache for PGA Tour organizers

LOS ANGELES, 26 Oct — Hurricanes, earthquakes, lightning, slow play, burrowing moles—Mark Russell has had to contend with a wide range of obstacles in his role as a tournament director for the PGA Tour.

There were 45 events during the 2011 season that ended with the Disney Classic in Florida on Sunday and by far the biggest headache for Russell has been the vagaries of the weather.

"We're like airline pilots—hours of boredom and moments of terror," Russell told *Reuters* with a glint in his eye while reflecting on this year's tour. "The weather is by far our biggest problem.

"It's great when you set the golf course up and we have good weather, the players stay in position and we don't need any rulings. But we play a game that is basically outdoors daylight till dark.

Internet

Gerrard wants Champions League return

LONDON, 26 Oct — Steven Gerrard has highlighted a return to Champions League football as one of Liverpool's ultimate ambitions.

The Reds have missed out on a place in Europe's premier competition for the past couple of seasons and Gerrard is desperate to finish in the Barclays Premier League's top four this term.

However, the skipper has also underlined the importance of silverware to the club in any competition as Liverpool prepare to face Stoke City in the Carling Cup on Wednesday.

"Bringing those European nights back to Anfield is what we all want," he said. "Some of the best nights of my career have been in the Champions League and I want to experience a few more before I eventually hang up my boots.



Steven Gerrard is desperate for a Champions League return.

Internet

SPORTS

Milner: Man City will get better



James Milner believes the best is still yet to come from Man City.

MANCHESTER, 26 Oct — James Milner says Manchester City can keep on improving in the wake of their demolition job of Manchester United. The 10-man Red Devils were put to the sword on Sunday as Roberto Mancini's men ran out emphatic 6-1 winners at Old Trafford.

The victory moved City five points clear at

the top of the Barclays Premier League table and they have set all sorts of records in the process.

City have been scoring goals for fun after amassing 33 goals in their opening nine fixtures, equaling the all-time total for a top-flight season set by Everton in 1894/95.

However, Milner insists the team will not be resting on their laurels and they are keen to maintain the momentum gained from their emphatic win over the champions.

"We want to keep improving as a team," he said. "We still have some new players in this team and can get even better.

Internet

Coyle wants Bolton to shine

LONDON, 26 Oct — Bolton Wanderers manager Owen Coyle has not lost any confidence in either his own or his players' ability.

The Trotters were beaten 2-0 at home by Sunderland on Saturday, their seventh defeat in nine Barclays Premier League fixtures so far this term.

Wanderers also finished last season poorly after being hammered 5-0 by Stoke City in the FA Cup semi-final, before which they had generally made impressive progress under Coyle since his appointment as manager in January 2010.

The Scot readily acknowledges that recent performances have not been good enough, but



Bolton Wanderers manager Owen Coyle

Coyle has not let that dent his faith in himself of the group he is working with.

And ahead of the Carling Cup fourth round trip to Arsenal, the 45-year-old has called on the squad to match his upbeat attitude.

"I am certainly confident that we have good players and a good team," Coyle said. "I also certainly know that I am a better manager today than I have ever been.

Internet

Record breaker Xavi gives Barcelona 1-0 win in Malaga

MADRID, 26 Oct — Barcelona's Spain international midfielder Xavi Hernandez celebrated his 392nd league appearance for the club with the only goal of the game as his side defeated Granada 1-0 away from home in the El Carmines Stadium.

The game was the first time Barcelona had played in Granada for 35 years and it saw Xavi replace Migueli as the player who had made the most league appearances for the club.

Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola reacted to last Saturday's draw at home to Sevilla by giving a first start to B-team player

Isaac Cuenca, while Cesc Fabrigas and Maxwell Scherer also came into his starting 11.

The league champions had struggled to break down a packed Sevilla defense at the weekend and it soon became clear that game would serve as practice for the match in Los Carmines as Granada also planted a defensive battle with at times 10 players behind the ball.

Leo Messi curled a shot wide, Pedro Rodriguez

headed past the wrong side of the post and Granada keeper Roberto Fernandez parried a shot from Eric Abidal as the game threatened to become a carbon copy of what happened at the weekend. However, the script changed after 32 minutes when Xavi opened the scoring with a magnificent free kick, which he curled home from over 25 yards.—*Xinhua*

Muster's comeback ends with loss in Vienna

VIENNA, 26 Oct — Former top-ranked Thomas Muster's brief comeback ended Tuesday after a 6-2, 6-3 loss to fellow Austrian Dominic Thiem in the first round of the Erste Bank Open.

The 44-year-old Muster returned to competitive tennis in 2010 after 11 years away, but managed just two wins in 26 matches—both on the lower-tier Challenger circuit. He said before the Vienna tournament that it would be his final event.

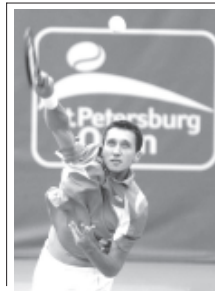
"I don't regret any-

thing," said Muster, who fought back tears after the match. "My comeback was not about winning or losing, it was about the feeling of being able to compete at top level again."

Muster said he had "personal reasons" to cancel his initial plan of continuing to play in 2012. "My family needs me more than tennis does," Muster said, but added that he might take part in a few Champions Tour events for retired players next year.

The 18-year-old

Thiem, who reached the juniors' final at the French Open in June, dominated with more powerful and faster tennis than Muster to get his first win on the ATP circuit.—*Internet*



Sergei Stakhovskiy of Ukraine competes with Mikhail Youzhny of Russia in the men's singles first round match at the St Petersburg Open 2011, in St Petersburg, Russia, on 24 Oct, 2011. Sergei Stakhovskiy lost 0-2.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (27-10-2011) (Thursday)

| Transmissions | | Times |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------------|
| Local | | (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST |
| Overseas Transmission | | (27-10-11 09:30 am ~ 28-10-11 09:30 am) MST |

Local Transmission

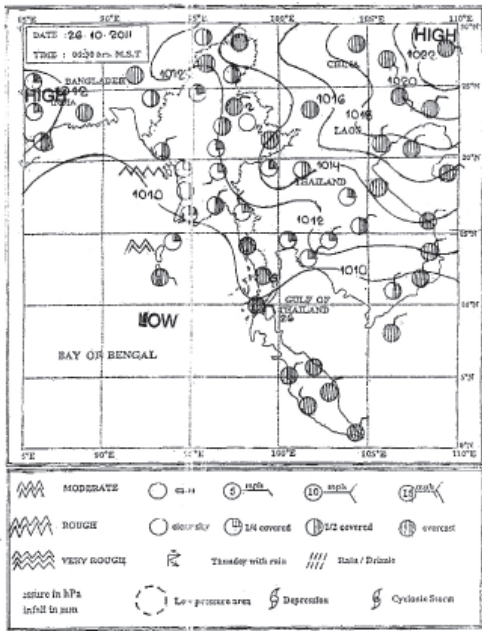
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- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- * Global Hand Washing Day
- * News
- * Large Parasol "A Souvenir of Patheingyi"
- * News
- * The Heartbeats of A Diva
- * News
- * Adore Myanmar Ladies Matchless Beauty

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- * Adore Myanmar Ladies Matchless Beauty
- * Potential Magazine Introduction Ceremony
- * News
- * Youth & Technology (Chin Twin Technology Training School)
- * A Cup of Milk for Nutrition
- * News
- * "Documentary" Moe Hnyin Than Buddh, The Unique Pagoda in the Monywa
- * Traditional Matrimony of Ra Wan National
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Day Out with Sarah (Episode-3)
- * Myanmar Movie "Night Walker"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Thursday, 27 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:10**
- 7. Song of National Races
- 8:20 am**
- 8. Dance Variety
- 8:30 am**
- 9. Documentary
- 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. Cute Little Dancers

- 4:30 pm**
- 4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:40 pm**
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Fourth Year (Law)
- 4:50 pm**
- 6. Song for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm**
- 7. Singing in Different Versions
- 5:05 pm**
- 8. Science and Environment
- 5:20 pm**
- 9. Teleplay (Forest)

- 6:00 pm**
- 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 12. Myanmar Series
- 6:40 pm**
- 13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Documentary
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. TV Drama Series

Weather forecast for 27th October, 2011

| Sr. No. | Regions/States | Temperature (C/F) | | For Tomorrow | |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Maximum | Minimum | Forecast | Percent |
| 1 | Kachin | 35/05 | 21/70 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 2 | Kayah | 31/88 | 20/68 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 3 | Kayin | 36/07 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 4 | Chin | 20/68 | 10/50 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 5 | Upper Sagaing | 34/03 | 22/72 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 6 | Lower Sagaing | 35/05 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 7 | Taninthayi | 35/05 | 23/73 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 8 | Bago | 35/05 | 22/72 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 9 | Magway | 36/07 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 10 | Mandalay | 36/07 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 11 | Mon | 35/05 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 12 | Yangon | 35/05 | 24/75 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 13 | Rakhine | 33/01 | 21/70 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 14 | Southern Shan | 29/84 | 17/63 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 15 | Northern Shan | 32/90 | 18/64 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 16 | Eastern Shan | 33/01 | 20/68 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | 80% |
| 17 | Ayeyawady | 35/05 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| 18 | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 36/07 | 22/72 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60% |
| 19 | Neighbouring Yangon | 35/05 | 24/75 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | 60% |
| 20 | Neighbouring Mandalay | 36/07 | 24/75 | Partly Cloudy | |
| Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today | | During the past 24 hours, rain of thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.63) inch, Kawthoung (1.09) inches, Pyin Oo Lwin (0.48) inch and Okpo (0.43) inch. | | | |
| Bay Inference | | Weather is cloudy in the West Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal. | | | |
| State of the Sea | | Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. | | | |
| Outlook for subsequent two days | | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas. | | | |

Stosur brought back to earth by Azarenka

ISTANBUL, 26 Oct—Samantha Stosur came crashing back to earth on Wednesday when Australian was crushed in her second match at the WTA Championships by a fired-up Victoria Azarenka.



Samantha Stosur of Australia prepares to hit a return to Victoria Azarenka of Belarus during their WTA tennis championships match in Istanbul, 26 October, 2011.

Less than 24 hours after recording a first victory in 10 attempts over Maria Sharapova to open her White Group campaign, Stosur failed to trouble Azarenka, losing 6-2 6-2 to the Belarusian in the Sinan Erdem Arena.

Azarenka, who did not play on Tuesday, looked far fresher than the US Open champion, keeping the 27-year-old on the back foot with searing groundstrokes, most of which were accompanied by her trademark whine.

Stosur's heavy topspin and slice had little effect on the bright green and purple indoor court and she never looked like breaking a second jinx, slipped to a fifth loss in five against world number four Azarenka in one hour and 18 minutes.

All is not lost, however, as Stosur can still qualify for the semi-finals if she

beats China's Li Na in her last round-robin match. Later on Wednesday, Sharapova, beaten 6-1 7-5 by Stosur on Tuesday, will try to redeem herself against Li and play concludes with world number one Caroline Wozniacki taking on Vera Zvonareva in Red Group.

Victory for Wozniacki and defeat for Sharapova would confirm the 21-year-old Dane as the year-end number one for the second consecutive season.

Reuters

Union I&P Minister inspects issuance of household registration lists and citizenship scrutiny cards

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi accompanied by officials inspected process of issuing household registration lists and citizenship scrutiny cards to local people and students who attained the age of 10 by staff of Immigration and National Registration Department in line with the rules relaxation system

under the special programme at Basic Education Post Primary School in Phayalay Village in Bago Township of Bago Region on 23 October.

In meeting with those present, the Union Minister elaborated plans to be used in solving work difficulties and stressed the need for officials to maintain and use household registration lists and citizenship scrutiny cards

systematically and not to re-write on it of their own accord as they are record of individuals.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Khin Yi answered queries raised by local people. And the Union Minister then fulfilled the requirements after making coordination with officials concerned and cordially greeted local people.

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Union Immigration and Population Minister U Khin Yi views issuance of household registration lists and citizenship scrutiny cards in Phayalay Village of Bago Township.—MNA

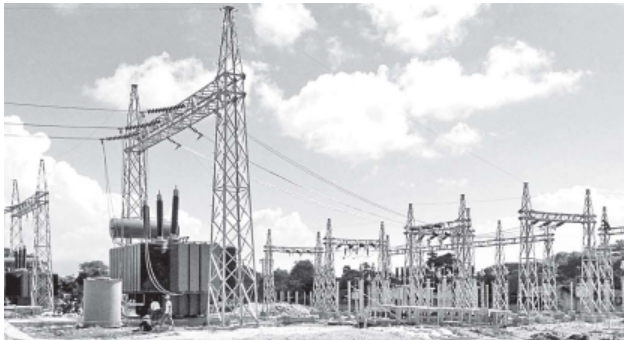
NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe arrived at the construction site of 230 KV Myaukpyin main power station (branch)

reported to the Union minister on progress of construction of civil works, switch yard which is under construction and arrival of machines, progress of installation of two 230/33/11 KV 100

supplementary reports.

After hearing reports on progress of installation of 33 KV power lines and better electricity supply for Mandalay Region upon completion of Myaukpyin

Union EP-2 Minister inspects construction site of Myaukpyin main power station (branch) in Mandalay District



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe inspects 230 KV Myaukpyin main power station in Mandalay District.

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in Mandalay District on 24 October. At the briefing hall of the station, project managers

MVA transformers and ongoing tasks. The project director and the chief engineer made

main power station (branch), Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe looked into the battery

room, switch gear room, control room and switch yard.

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“Hto” festival held in Haka

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — Chin traditional “Hto” festival was overwhelmingly held in City Hall of Haka on 20 October. Chin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo attended the festival.

The Chin traditional New Year festival, annually held in Thadingyut after the harvest time, is the noblest among festivals of Chin nationals portraying the unity.

Outstanding students were awarded and youths performed traditional dances.—MNA

Deputy Information Minister attends China-ASEAN Book Fair and Publishing Expo



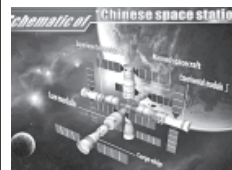
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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (26-10-2011)

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