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Our Three Main National Causes

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

President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Turkish Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2011.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (28-10-2011)

Monywa	(1.14) inches
Mogok	(0.83) inch
Myeik	(0.79) inch

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends opening of 8th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening of the 8th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at Li Yuan International Conference Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, on 21 October morning.

It was also attended by Premier of the State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Kittiratt Narong, Deputy Prime



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Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc, ministers, deputy ministers and senior

officials of China and ASEAN nations, Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Surin Pitsuwan, entrepreneurs of China and

ASEAN nations, and correspondents of international news agencies.

After the open-

ing ceremony, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo

attended the luncheon hosted by Premier of the State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Respect your forests Save your environment

Better environment contributes towards all living creatures to survive. Thus, all the mankind need to share responsibility for conserving environment.

Due to environmental degradation like deforestation, all global people have run into a series of problems. Moreover, problems of both developed and developing countries affect economic and social sectors of the people.

Smoke from factories and vehicles, and industrial waste are a driving factor for environmental degradation. Wastewater from industries contains chemicals and toxic substances. Spread of waste water into rivers and creeks, tube-wells and lakes can be hazardous to both man and aquatic animals.

Use of natural resources indiscriminately degrades the environment. Excessive tapping of forest resources is the root cause of deforestation. And ecosystem will be deteriorating with the loss of biodiversities as a result.

Environmental problems may result in the form of catastrophe, threatening the survival of all living creatures. All countries and regions are now in the process of conserving forests, ecosystem, biodiversity and forest resources.

Myanmar maintains a fine tradition of conserving its natural environment. The country from the northern most to the southern most is covered with evergreen forests, mangrove forests and tropical evergreen forests. Various kinds of forests occupy over 100,000 square miles of land in the country. The government designates areas of forest reserves, protected public forests and sanctuaries. Thus, officials concerned are to supervise systematic extraction of forest resources, annually extended establishment of forest plantations and nurturing of mangrove forests for the betterment of all mankind.

Five Nations Round-Robin Hockey Tournament to be held on 10-18 December



Myanmar, China eye closer cooperation in information sector

YANGON, 28 Oct—Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win met Deputy Minister of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau of the People's Republic of China Mr Tian Jin and party at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Memorandum of Understanding on matters related to news and information was signed between Myanmar Radio and Television and CCTV,



Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win receives Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau. MNA

Guangxi TV and Yunnan TV. The two sides then discussed matters related to implementation of the signed agreements, follow-up plans for signing of arranged MoU between MRTV and CRI, and agreement on Radio and Television Cooperation, between the Ministry of Information and SARFT and cooperation between information ministries of the two nations for successful shooting and broadcasting of TV series.

Union FM felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—On the occasion of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2011, His Excellency U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof. Dr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.—MNA

Also present at the meeting were Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and personnel, Cultural Counsellor Mr Gao Hua and officials of Chinese Embassy and personnel of CCTV.

Deputy Minister U Soe Win hosted dinner to the Chinese Deputy Minister and party at Karaweik Palace Hotel in the evening.—MNA

Chinese delegation visits MRTV-4, SKY NET



NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — The visiting Chinese delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of

Deputy Minister Mr Tian Jin of National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau and party observe broadcast of programmes of MRTV-4 Channel.—MNA

YANGON, 28 Oct — A preliminary meeting on organizing Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Men's Round-Robin Hockey Tournament was held along with cash donation at Theinbyu Tuft Hockey Pitch today. Myanmar Hockey Federation will organize the tournament at Theinbyu Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch.

After presenting K 300, 000 by MHF President YCDC Member U Htin Zaw Win for the tournament, cash donation followed. The MHF President received K 2 million each by three MHF Vice-Presidents, K 1 million each by the general secretary and treasurer and K 500, 000 each by the secretary and three executives.

This was followed by a meeting on holding the tourney from 10 to 18 December.— MNA

National Broadcast, Film and Television General Bureau together with Cultural Counsellor Mr Gao Hua of Chinese Embassy in Myanmar and officials of CCTV visited Forever Group MRTV-4 on Pyay Road in Yangon yesterday.

CEO U Win Maw and officials of MRTV-4 (Forever Group) explained the broadcast of MRTV-4 programmes, holding the seventh anniversary of MRTV-4 channel and processes of shooting, editing and airing MRTV-4 channels.

They proceeded to SKY NET of Shwe Thanlwin Media Co Ltd in Botahtaung Township where Chairman U Kyaw Win of Shwe Thanlwin Media Co Ltd (SKY NET) gave an account of facts about the company. Afterwards, they observed processes of shooting, editing and airing SKT NET channels.—MNA

Cuba, China to enhance military cooperation

HAVANA, 28 Oct—China and Cuba have pledged to take forward their bilateral ties and promote cooperation between their militaries.

The affirmation came Thursday during a meeting between Cuban President Raul Castro and Guo Boxiong, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, *Xinhua* reported. They exchanged views on international issues of common concern, an official release said.

The Cuban leader said Guo's visit was of great significance and would enhance bilateral ties. While congratulating China on the remarkable achievements it had made in social and economic development, Castro



Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission Guo Boxiong (R front) and Gen Leopoldo Cintra Frias (L front) of the Cuban Revolutionary Armed Forces (FAR), review an honor guard in Havana, on 26 Oct, 2011. Guo met with Leopoldo Cintra Frias on Wednesday. —XINHUA

expressed the hope that both sides would join hands and strengthen exchanges and cooperation to lift bilateral relations to a new high.

On his part, Guo noted that Cuba was playing an increasingly

important role in international affairs and had made positive contributions to world peace and development. China always sees Cuba as a trustworthy friend, said Guo, adding that China is willing to work together with Cuba to

push forward their bilateral relationship. Guo arrived here Tuesday for a five-day visit.

Guo, who is on a three-nation Latin America tour, will also visit Colombia and Peru.

Internet

Death toll in Baghdad's twin bombings rises to 32

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—The death toll from a twin bombing in a Shiite neighbourhood in Baghdad rose on Friday to 32 — the worst violence to hit Iraq since President Barack Obama last week said all American forces would leave the country by the end of this year.

The two blasts, which took place Thursday evening at a music store, wounded 71 other people, police and health officials said. First one bomb went off and then, minutes later, another bomb exploded, targeting rescue workers and onlookers who had arrived after the first blast. The officials said the death toll rose overnight after some of the more seriously wounded died. The wounded had been taken to different hospitals, they said, and so it took time for officials to get an accurate death toll.

Among the dead were eight security officers, including an army lieutenant colonel, four women and at least eight children, the officials said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Many Iraqis fear violence will increase when the US troops leave the country. Militants have for months sought to exploit continued instability and security gaps that Iraqi forces have been unable to close. "I was on my motorbike with a delivery to a restaurant when the first bomb exploded," said Maytham Abdul-Karim, 32, the owner of a nearby kiosk selling pickles and yogurt. "The sound was very powerful. I stopped. I saw smoke coming from the site. I heard policemen calling on people to keep a distance out of fear of another bomb explosion."—*Internet*



A man lies injured in a hospital after a bomb attack at a music store in Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Oct, 2011. *INTERNET*

Weakened Tropical Storm Rina hits Yucatan Peninsula



Deck chairs are tied up on the beach as rain and wind caused by Hurricane Rina lash out in Playa del Carmen on 27 October, 2011. *INTERNET*

CANCUN, 28 Oct—Tropical Storm Rina continued to weaken Thursday as it began affecting some of Mexico's most popular beaches. Forecasters warned that the storm could still bring heavy rains and destructive waves. Rina was packing sustained 60 mph (95 kph) winds — a full 10 mph less than what it was hours earlier — early Thursday

evening, according to the US National Hurricane Centre.

As of 8 pm ET, tropical storm conditions were already evident on the Yucatan Peninsula, with the brunt of the stormy weather continuing to move northward overnight. Rina will likely drop 3 to 6 inches of rain over the eastern part of the peninsula and Cozumel through Friday,

with isolated amounts of up to 10 inches, according to the Miami-based weather agency. A storm surge of as much as 1 to 2 feet above normal tide levels along the coast is expected, "accompanied by large and dangerous waves," the hurricane centre said.

Authorities took numerous precautionary measures ahead of the storm, while numerous businesses in Cancun and elsewhere shut down in anticipation.—*Internet*

Tens of thousands evacuated after huge wartime bomb found in German city

BERLIN, 28 Oct—German authorities on Thursday evacuated more than 20,000 people after an unexploded World War II bomb was discovered in the City of Halle, officials said.

The unexploded 500-kilogramme (1,100-pound) wartime bomb was discovered by a man digging a ditch. At least 20,000 people, including all 500 patients at a local hospital, were forced to evacuate the area, the German *dpa* news agency reported.

Local police chief Bernd Wiegand said everyone within a radius of 800 meters (0.5 mile) was ordered to evacuate. Six schools and the city's hospital had to close as a result. Relatives rushed to the city to pick up elderly parents from rest homes. Meanwhile, hospital and ambulances moved out 17 prematurely born babies who had been in 24-hour care at the hospital, according to *dpa*. The detonators of many unexploded bombs dropped on Germany by the British and United States air forces 70 years ago have rusted away.—*Internet*

Thai floods inch closer to city centre

BANGKOK, 28 Oct—Floods that have sparked an exodus from the Thai Capital crept closer to the city centre on Friday, but hopes grew that emergency barriers would prevent a major overflow from Bangkok's main river.

The city of 12 million people is on heightened alert because of threats on two fronts — a seasonal high tide this weekend that is expected to coincide with the arrival of a mass of water from the flood-stricken central plains.

So far, however, central Bangkok has only seen minor inundation in areas along the main Chao Phraya River, including near the Grand Palace, with most of the city centre still dry.

"The Chao Phraya overflowed and flooded some areas along the river but it receded quite quickly," a spokesman for the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration said after Friday morning's high tide.

"The flooding is still serious in northern parts of Bangkok... and in three districts in the west," he added. Friday morning's high tide — measured at 2.47 metres above sea level — was lower than expected, raising hopes that the river's flood barriers would prevent a major overflow. "The Navy predicted

Thai people walk near a supermarket in floodwaters in Bangkok. *INTERNET*



2.57 metres on Saturday but I think it will be bit lower based on today," said an official at the city's Drainage and Sewerage Department who did not want to be named. At the same time billions of cubic metres of water lie north of the capital, creeping slowly southwards as the authorities attempt to channel the muddy brown liquid through the city's canals and rivers.—*Internet*



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo's visit to the People's Republic of China

The opening ceremony of 8th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in progress.
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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo observes high yield paddy farm, sugarcane farm in Yulin City

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Provincial Political Consultative Congress Mr Li Bin and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua, observed the agricultural tasks in Yulin City of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 22 October.

The Vice-President and party left Nanning in a special motorcade at 1.30 pm and arrived at high yield model paddy plantation in Young Shong Village in Yulin City of Yuzhou District. Mayor of the city Mr Han Yuanli and officials welcomed them.

Technician Ms Deng Nai Ying of the agriculture department in Yulin City explained nurturing of high yield paddy strain and its production.

Officials replied to queries raised by the



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo observes high yield model paddy plantation in Young Shong Village of Yuzhou District, Yulin.
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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo observes high-yielding model sugarcane plantation in Fu Mian Village of Yulin.—MNA



Vice-President and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than.

The Vice-President and party proceeded to model sugarcane high yield farm in Fu Mian Village in Yilin City. The in-charge of the farm explained process of nurturing sugarcane, use of technology and fertilizer and production.

The Vice-President and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than asked what they wanted to know, and officials replied to their questions.

The Vice-President and party arrived at Yulin Hotel in Yulin where they were welcomed by Head of the city Secretary of Party Committee Mr Jin Xiang Jun and officials.—MNA

Trees nurtured to mark Int'l Day of Forests in Pyu Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — To mark the International Day of Forests and Myanmar Forest Week, Pyu Township Forest Department conducted a forest conservation campaign on 19 October.

During the campaign, employees of the department and villagers volunteered to nurture trees grown in a one-acre plantation of Chinkhin Village-tract in the township on 19 October.—MNA

5.2-magnitude quake hits Solomon Islands

SYDNEY, 28 Oct—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted Solomon Islands at 04:57:13 pm Friday (05: 57:13 GMT), the US Geological Survey said. The epicentre, with a depth of 54.10 km, was initially determined to be at 10.6138 degrees south latitude and 161.4151 degrees east longitude. The epicentre is 59 km southwest of Kira Kira of Solomon Islands. But there have been so far no reports of casualties or property damage.—Xinhua

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends 8th China-ASEAN Expo opening ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening of the 8th China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, on 21 October morning.

It was also attended by Premier of the State Council of China Mr Wen Jiabao, Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Kittiratt Na-Raong, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of the Vietnam Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials of China and ASEAN nations, Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr Surin Pitsuwan, entrepreneurs of China and ASEAN nations including Myanmar, and correspondents of international news agencies.

After the opening ceremony, the Myanmar delegation headed by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo visited Myanmar booth on the second floor, exhibition of Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar at Pleasant



Cities Hall on the ground floor and manufactured goods booths of the PRC and ASEAN countries.

The 8th China-ASEAN Expo was held from 21 to 26 October. Pleasant Cities Hall, Investment Cooperation Hall, Hi-tech Hall and Trade Services Hall were the main exhibition of the expo.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo seen at Myanmar booth in 8th China-ASEAN Expo.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends opening ceremony of 8th China-ASEAN Expo held in Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo met Chairman of State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) Mr Feng Shidong at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China on 21 October evening.

Also present on the occasion were members of Myanmar delegation Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Oo and senior officials and personnel from the SDIC.

The Myanmar side and the SDIC Chairman discussed investment in agricultural sector of Myanmar, and matters re-

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chairman of SDIC



lated to access to quality strains, irrigation water, fertilizer, modern machinery, and technology for agricultural development and creating jobs.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets Chairman of State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) Mr Feng Shidong.—MNA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo tours Yulin, attends SME Expo and tractor-presenting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the opening of the 8th Small and Medium Enterprises Expo at the second floor of Yulin International Convention Centre in Yulin of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China, on 23 October morning.

After the opening ceremony, the Vice-President and his entourages observed China-made products such as automobile engines and machine parts, porcelain products and fruits, at the first floor and viewed display of products of ASEAN nations at the ground floor.

The Vice-President then attended the ceremony of Yulin People's Administration Office to present 30 Qi Niu branded tractors to Myanmar delegation held at the front of Yulin International Convention Centre.

The ceremony was attended by Myanmar delegation members Union ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers, Vice-Chairman Mr Li Bin of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous region Provincial Political Consultative Congress, Head of



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends opening of 8th Yulin Small and Medium Enterprises Expo.—MNA

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo expresses thanks to Yulin People's Administration Office for presenting 30 tractors.

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Yulin Secretary of Chinese Communist Party Mr Jin Xiang Jun, Yulin Mayor Mr Han Yuan Li, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and officials of Yulin City CCP and administrative bodies.

Yulin Mayor Mr Han Yuan Li extended greetings and Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo spoke words of thanks for presentation of 30 tractors to Myanmar by Yulin People's Administration Office.

Mr Jin Xiang Jun handed over the list and keys of the 30 tractors to Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than.

The Vice-President and his entourage then visited diesel automobile engine manufacturing plant of Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Co Ltd.

Chairman Yan Ping of Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Co Ltd and personnel welcomed the Myanmar delegation which observed production processes of different kinds of heavy diesel engines.

In the afternoon, Myanmar delegation visited Yun Tian Cultural Museum in Yulin. Yulin City Vice Mayor Mr Qiu Dekui and personnel of the museum welcome the Myanmar delegation.

The Myanmar delegation viewed ancient bronze sculptures which are held as mascots by Chinese people, over-1000-aged trees, articles of Chinese ethnic groups, jade and porcelain handicrafts, commemorative materials of Chinese festivals, exquisite wood carvings, documentary photos of the museum and bronze statue of the

Chinese King.

The Vice-President then posed for documentary photo together with Myanmar delegation members and personnel of the museum and presented mosaic painting to the museum in-charge.

The Myanmar goodwill delegation then proceeded to Shanjian from Nanning by air. On arrival at Shanjian Airport, the Myanmar delegation was welcomed by Acting Director-General Mme Ting Li Na of Protocol Department of Shanjian Civil Foreign Affairs Office and Deputy Secretary General Mr Huang Guo Qing of Shanjian Civil Government.

The Myanmar delegation then proceeded to Futong Shangri-La Hotel in Shanjian.—MNA



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at Yun Tian Cultural Museum in Yulin.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Head of Yulin City

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Head of Yulin City Secretary of the Party Committee Mr Jin Xiang Jun paid a call on visiting Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo at Yulin Hotel on 22 October evening.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were members of Myanmar delegation Union ministers, deputy ministers, and senior officials and Mr Jin Xiang Jun was accompanied by Yulin Mayor Mr Han Yuanli and officials of Yulin CCP and administrative bodies.

The two sides discussed matters related to potential investments of Yulin in agriculture, small and medium enterprises, tourism and textile industries in Myanmar.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Head of Yulin City Secretary of Party Committee Mr Jin Xiang Jun.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects Myanmar trade representative office, Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo meets staff and families of Myanmar Consulate-General (Nanning) and Myanmar students.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo inspected the Myanmar trade representative office at China-ASEAN Economic Zone in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 22 October morning.

The Myanmar delegation led by the Vice-President arrived at Myanmar trade representative office at 9.10 am.

They were welcomed by Director-General U Khin Maung Lay of Directorate of Trade, the president and

vice-presidents of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials.

On the ground floor of the office, the Vice-President met departmental officials who arrived in China in advance, responsible persons of RUMFCCI and entrepreneurs.

He instructed them to achieve success in the Nanning Expo. He said that as Myanmar would be Country of Honour for the expo next year, it was necessary to make observation to be able to

systematically handle related tasks.

The Vice-President viewed samples of beans and pulses and paddy of Myanmar and samples of consumer goods manufactured by Myanmar displayed at Exhibition Hall on the ground floor and Myanmar jewellery, embroidery works and sculptures displayed at the show room.

At the Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning, two Myanmar children presented bouquet to the Vice-President, and the Vice-President and party were welcomed by staff families of the Myanmar Consulate-General.

He met staff and families of the Consulate-General in Nanning, and Myanmar scholarship students.

The Vice-President gave instructions on further strengthening of friendly relations between China and Myanmar, protection of Myanmar citizens who were in China, and urged students to be well-versed in specialized subjects.

The Vice-President presented foodstuffs and cash assistance for staff families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and scholarship students.

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Condolence Book signed for demise of His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

YANGON, 28 Oct—Director-General of Training, Research & Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Daw Yin Yin Myint signed Condolence Book opened at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia at No. 287/289, U Wisara Road, Sangyoung Township, here, at 10 am today

for the demise of His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Aviation and Inspector General of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 10th October 2011.

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Third-day second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

Two new proposals submitted, clarification on one bill made, seven bills approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw put on record, altering, forming or changing names of villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region put on record, approval sought for vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Speaker U Khin

Aung Myint attends

third-day second

regular session of first

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — The third-day second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10.45 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 580 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At today's session, two new proposals were submitted, clarification on one bill was made, seven bills approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were put on record, altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region were put on record and approval was sought for vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

In the session of submitting proposal. Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, on behalf of the Union Government, submitted a proposal to raise the train and freight fares in order to improve the standard of Myanma Railway and cover losses. U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency said that he thanked the Union minister for submitting the proposal. As the ministry has the authority to raise the train and freight fares, it is not required to discuss this matter at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he added. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided not to seek the approval of the Hluttaw as that case is under the authority of the Union Government and to put the matter of informing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on record as decision had already been made in the meeting of the Union Government.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (9) submitted a proposal in which **the Union government is urged to assess whether income from collecting electricity bills across the nation can assist the relevant ministry to continue to invest in many projects or not.** Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe discussed that a report on electricity bills was submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw twice. The rate of the existing electricity bill is very low. As it is required to raise the rate of electricity bill, the report will be submitted to the Union Government. Only after reporting to the Union Government, that case would be carried out.

As the task described in the proposal of Dr Khin Shwe is the task of the Union Government it is not required to continue to discuss the proposal, and the report of the Union Government was put on record.

In the session of making clarification on one bill, the chairman of Joint Bill Committee gave an account of findings and remarks of the committee on private school registration bill. Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss differences of two Hluttaws on the bill may enlist to the director-general of Hluttaw Office, describing points they want to discuss after the meeting.

The private school registration bill submitted by the Union Minister for Education to Pyidaungsu

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule-82, sub-rule (a), the bill was sent to Bill Joint Committee.

In the session of putting the bills on record, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to put **Bill amending Union Election Commission Law, Labour Organization Bill, Bill amending Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, Bill amending Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, Bill amending Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, Bill revoking Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of People Workers (1964) and Microfinance Industries Bill** on record in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law Section -81.

In the session of altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts, undertakings related to altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region which had been carried out by the President with the agreement of the Union Government were put on record in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Two village-tracts and three villages in ChaungU Township of Monywa District and Debayin Township of Shwebo District were renamed and one new village in Homalin Township of Kamti District was formed.

In the session of vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, Joint Bill Committee will be assigned duty to scrutinize the bills before they were sent to the President to sign the bills approved or deemed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Section 105, sub-section (a) of the State Constitution and to promulgate it as Law.



Third-day second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress. —MNA

Hluttaw was sent to Amyotha Hluttaw first on 23 August and the bill with amendments was approved on 7 September, and it was sent to Pyithu Hluttaw to discuss. Discussions on the bill and amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw were held at Pyithu Hluttaw on 26 September and the Pyithu Hluttaw-approved bill with other amendments was sent back to Amyotha Hluttaw. Discussions on the bill with amendments of Pyithu Hluttaw were held at Amyotha Hluttaw on 5 and 6 October and Amyotha Hluttaw decided that it did not to agree on some amendments.

Before holding discussions on differences between Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw at

Hluttaw sought the approval for the case in which bills would be sent to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union in accord with Section 322, sub-section (b) of the State Constitution if the Joint Bill Committee assumed that there are suspicious matters to be vetted whether the bills are in conformity with the Constitution or not.

As the majority was in favour of the case, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved it.

The third-day second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended at 11.55 am and the date of the fourth-day session will be informed in advance.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker addresses Pyithu Hluttaw Committees Coordination Meeting



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann addresses Coordination Meeting (2/2011) of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Coordination Meeting (2/2011) of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees was held at Office of Hluttaw Speaker of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon, with an address by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann. The meeting was also attended by Deputy

Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons and secretaries of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, Pyithu Hluttaw representative law experts and officials at Hluttaw Office.

The Speaker's speech was followed by reports on progress of undertakings, future

plans, coordination with related departments of chairpersons and secretaries of each committee.

The Speaker attended to the needs and made concluding remarks.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 42nd day Two bills submitted, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for 42nd day at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here at 1 pm.

Today's session was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 206 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Myint Tun submitted proposal to discuss Pyithu Hluttaw Bill approved and sent by Pyithu Hluttaw and

Region or State Hluttaw Bill approved and sent with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw at Amyotha Hluttaw with reports of the committee.

The Hluttaw announced those willing to participate in discussion could submit their name list.

U J Raw Wu of Kachin State Constituency (12), Daw Khin Wine Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency (1), U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6), U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency (10), U Myat Ko of Sagaing Region

Constituency (12) and Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) discussed the proposal "to allow the establishment of a foundation for development of mining industry" submitted by U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency (9). They discussed that poverty could be reduced by encouraging the poor to establish manageable mining businesses and participate in production of end products as Myanmar is rich in mineral resources. Mining accounts for one per cent of GDP of the country. Foreign investment reaches over seven per cent of the industry while local counterpart numbers under one per cent. The fact indicates that large amount of local investment need to be poured into the sector. Despite rich mineral resources, low investment is brought about by lack of knowledge, technology and procedural information, the situation that requires overcoming various stages to acquire permit, and paucity of interest by the poor who survive on income from agriculture. The low-income people should be helped to start mining. As the economy of the State depends largely on agriculture, forests, livestock and mining, foundation for development of mining industry will contribute towards development. If established, it will develop mineral-based industries and generate job opportunities for local people.

The session concluded at 2.30 pm and continues on 1 November.

At today's session, two bills were submitted and one proposal was discussed.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.

MNA

Condolence Book signed for demise of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, former First Lady of Pakistan, former Senior Minister and mother of former Prime Minister of Pakistan Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto

YANGON, 28 Oct—Director-General of Training, Research & Foreign Languages Department Daw Yin Yin Myint signed Condolence Book for the

demise of Begum Nusrat Bhutto, former First Lady of Pakistan, former Senior Minister and mother of former Prime Minister of Pakistan Mohtarma Benazir

Bhutto on 23 October 2011, opened at the Pakistani Embassy at No.A-4, Diplomatic Quarters, on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

MNA

Prize winning artistes honoured in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—A ceremony to honour prize winners of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the central level was held at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Council office at 10.am today.

The ceremony was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Members U Than Htay, U Myo Nyunt and Col

Myint Aung Than, Township Administrators and prize winning artistes.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Than Htay made an address on the occasion. The Nay Pyi Taw Council Members presented gift to the winners. Seven artistes won three gold, five silver and one bronze medals in the competitions.—MNA

Vice-President attends...

(from page 16)

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-President said that it was found that works of for conveying Buddha Tooth Relic had nearly completed and stressed the need for carrying out the necessary tasks in time. The Vice-President called for security for security guarantee and urged officials concerned to coordinate each other and cooperate in completing the tasks for conveying the holy tooth relic.

Buddha Tooth Relic from the People's Republic of China will be conveyed to Myanmar and will last 48 days in the country from 6 November, 2011, to 24 December. The holy tooth relic will be brought back to China from Mandalay on 24 December.

The sacred tooth relic will be displayed for the public obeisance at the Uppata Santi Cave in Nay Pyi Taw from 6 to 21 November, Maha Pasana Cave at KabaAye in Yangon from 22 November to 7 December and at Maha Atulawaiyan (Atumashi) Pagoda in Mandalay from 8 to 23 December from 6 am to 9 pm daily. Arrangements have been made to shuttle taxis and busses for the public obeisance.

Besides, donation boxes and pandals will be arranged so that the people can donate cash and jewels to the holy tooth relic. Authorities will announce to avoid the wearing and conduct that can not respect to the Three Branches of the Sasana of the Buddha and to pay obeisance to the holy tooth relic in accordance with Myanmar culture and customs.— MNA

Indonesian FM meets Myanmar Human Rights Commission

YANGON, 28 Oct — At the invitation of Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, a delegation led by Foreign Minister of Indonesia Dr RM Marty M Natalegawa arrived here this afternoon.

They were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Daw Yin Yin Myint, Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono and wife and officials concerned.

At 5.30 pm, the delegation met with Chairman of the Myanmar Human Rights Commission U Win Mya and members of the commission.

The visit of the Indonesian delegation aimed at strengthening the bilateral friendship and coordinating measures

related to taking ASEAN Chair by Myanmar in 2014, the Indonesian foreign ministersaid.

Myanmar Human Rights Commission said that since the 2008 constitution was approved in the country by the referendum, the new government of Myanmar had been making efforts for transition to democracy and for flourishing democracy and for emerging good governance and clean government in accordance with the State address of the President. In the time of the new government, amnesty had been granted to prisoners for two times so far, the Ayeyawady Myitsone dam project had been suspended and the law was enacted to organize workers associations and other reforms were made. When Myanmar postponed its turn of ASEAN chair in 2006, ASEAN had already agreed that Myanmar

could take ASEAN Chair when it was ready to take it.

Therefore, all members of Myanmar Human Rights Commission fully supported taking the ASEAN Chair by Myanmar, the commission said.

Afterwards, the Indonesian delegation met with members of the Board of Advisers of the President at the branch office of the board (Yangon) in Kamayut Township. It was attended by advisers U Ko Ko Hlaing, Dr Nay Zin Latt, U Ye Tint, Col Sit Aye (Retd), Daw Khin Myo Myint and U Sett Aung.— MNA

Chairman of Myanmar Human Rights Commission U Win Mya and members receive Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr R M Marty M Natalegawa and party.—MNA



World population will be 7 billion 31 Oct

HANOI, 28 Oct—The world population is about to reach seven billion in the next few days, a UN agency's report has revealed.

The UN Population Fund (UNFPA), whose work involves promotion of the right of every man, woman and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity,

has made this revelation through a report on the world population in 2011 titled "Human beings and opportunities in the world of seven billion people", according to Xinhua.

At a Press briefing, UNFPA representative in Vietnam Bruce Campbell said the world's population will reach seven billion 31 Oct.

"The number is a challenge to us. While we have achieved solid foundations for human development, there are still differences and big gap between the rich

and the poor. Never before have so many people got hurt by such issues as the loss of food security, lack of water, and occurrence of natural calamities," said Campbell.

According to the report, the population record is considered a success, because it means that people throughout the world can live longer.

However, it is a challenge to all. With the current growth, the world will have 78 million more people each year, leading to increasing demands on natural resources and big pressure on the planet.—Internet

Resolution of Union Election Commission for elections of Buthidaung Township Constituencies announced

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—The Union Election Commission released Notification No. 58/2011 today.

The full text of the notification is as follows:-

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw**

**Notification No. 58/2011
2nd Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1373 ME
(28 October, 2011)**

Announcement on resolution of Union Election Commission in accord with Section 75 (b) of Region or State Hluttaw Election Law

1. As U Maung San Shwe and Dr Bawshir Ahmed who stood for Rakhine State Constituency No. 1 and No. 2 in Buthidaung Township submitted Amendment to Note of Election Objections against elections of Hluttaw representatives U Aung Myint (a) Zahidulla and U Bawshi Ahmed, the election bench of the Union Election Commission has heard the Amendment to Notes of Election Objection in accord with Sections 69 and 75 of Region or State Hluttaw Election Law and adopted the resolution.
2. The resolutions of the Union Election Commission for Amendment to Notes of Election Objection No. 12/2011 and No. 13/2011 dated 28-10-2011 said that elections of U Aung Myint (a) Zahidulla as Hluttaw representative for Rakhine State Constituency-1 in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State and U Bawshi Ahmed as Hluttaw representative for Rakhine State Constituency-2 in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State were invalid under the law and decided that U Maung San Shwe was elected as State Hluttaw representative in Buthidaung Township Constituency-1 in Rakhine State and Dr Bawshir Ahmed as State Hluttaw representative in Buthidaung Township Constituency-2 in accord with Section 75 (a) of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law.
3. Thus, the Commission hereby announced that U Aung Myint (a) Zahidulla and U Bawshi Ahmed have no rights to stand as Rakhine State Hluttaw representatives commencing today and the following two persons are Rakhine State Hluttaw representatives shown against each constituency in accord with Section 75 (b) of the Hluttaw Election Law concerned.
 - (a) U Maung San Shwe [11/BaThaTa(N) 009338], Buthidaung Township Constituency-1
 - (b) Dr Bawshir Ahmed, [AI/146353], Buthidaung Township Constituency-2

**Sd/
Tin Aye
Chairman
Union Election Commission**

12 killed in mass murders in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 28 Oct— In the first case, At least 12 people were killed on Thursday in three mass murder cases in southern Mexico, the authorities said.

police said in a statement.

In the second case, the body of a man between 25 and 30 years old was found by the police in the tourist resort of Acapulco.

In the third case, six bodies were found on a highway in the City of Chilpancingo, capital of Guerrero State. The bodies had several gunshot wounds with their faces covered and hands tied behind, which indicated that they had been tortured.

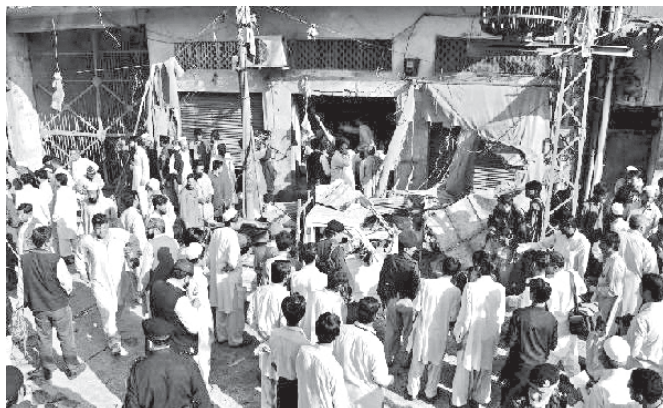
More than 41,279 people have been killed across Mexico since the federal government launched a crackdown in December 2006 against organized crime, especially drug cartels, according to local Press.

Xinhua

IIF welcomes eurozone debt package

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—The Institute of International Finance (IIF) said Thursday that it welcomed the debt deal inked by eurozone leaders to tackle the region's economic crisis that had kept the jittery market on edge. The IIF welcomed the announcement by the eurozone leaders of a comprehensive package of measures "to stabilize Europe, to strengthen the European banking system and to support Greece's reform effort," Charles Dallara, IIF's Managing Director, said in a statement.

On behalf of the private investor community, the IIF agrees to work with Greece, eurozone authorities and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to develop a concrete voluntary agreement on the firm basis of a nominal discount of 50 percent on Greek debt held by private investors, said Dallara, adding that this should set the basis for the decline of the Greek debt to gross domestic product (GDP) ratio with an objective of reaching 120 percent by 2020.—Xinhua



People gather at the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar, on 27 Oct, 2011.—XINHUA

27 rebels killed, 60 wounded in days of gun battle in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 28 Oct—At least 27 militants have been killed and more than 60 others wounded as they engaged in days of gun battle against government security forces in the southern Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, police said Friday.

Senior Superintendent Ruben Cariaga, provincial police commander, said troops saw 27 bodies of rebels as they captured their camp Thursday on the outskirts township of Payao in the province.

"There was bunker. It only has one entrance and exit. Government forces also recovered high powered weapons left behind by guerrillas," said Cariaga.

Xinhua

A civil defence personnel is seen as fire rises from a house after a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (150 miles) north of Baghdad recently.—INTERNET



Malaysian police smash car theft syndicate, five arrested

JOHOR BAHRU, 28 Oct— Malaysian police smashed a luxury car theft syndicate and recovered nine stolen vehicles, including five from Singapore. Five people, four men and a woman aged between 23 and 37, were arrested in separate raids on Wednesday. The men were arrested during a raid at a hotel in Johor Baharu at 1.30am while the woman was nabbed in Yong Peng at 2.50am.

Bernama news agency quoted South Johor Baharu police chief ACP Zainuddin Yaacob on Thursday as saying that nine stolen cars were recovered, among them a Honda Stream, BMW 320i, Toyota Wish, Kia Carens and Mitsubishi Colt.

He said the vehicles were left in several public parking lots around the city with forged number plates to avoid detection. ACP Zainuddin said the syndicate, also known as 'Geng Panjang', had been active since 2001 and was believed to have recruited several new members who are still at large.—Internet



Vehicles delivering Egyptian prisoners arrive at Taba Crossing between Egypt and Israel, on 27 Oct, 2011. Egypt and Israel began to swap prisoners at Egypt's Taba Crossing Thursday afternoon, Egyptian state TV reported. The 25 Egyptian prisoners, who were freed by Israeli side in exchange for the release of suspected Israeli-American spy Ilan Gropel, crossed the border into Egypt through Taba Crossing.

XINHUA

Militants attack bases in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Oct—Militants launched attacks Thursday on a Provincial Reconstruction Team base and a military outpost in Afghanistan, Afghan and NATO officials said.

Three militants took positions in a home near a PRT base in Kandahar, said the region's police chief, Salim Ahsas.

Officials killed two of the attackers, but one was "still resisting in the building," Ahsas said.

Residents reported heavy gunfire in the area.

The PRT base is about 800 metres (half a mile) from the three-floor building the militants are in, said Haji Ahsan, acting head of the Kandahar Provincial Council.

"We can say that this a failed attack by the Taliban," Ahsan said. "The Taliban have always been trying to do symbolic attacks to get more

attention." Haji Agha Lali, a member of the Kandahar Provincial council, said militants were firing small guns and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) toward the Provincial Reconstruction Team.

There were no casualties among PRT or military personnel, Ahsas said.

The Taliban brought in two cars full of explosives, possibly to use in the attack, but authorities gained control of them and were working to defuse them, Ahsas said.

The US military describes PRTs as civil-military organizations aimed at helping improve stability and rebuild, usually following hostilities.

The US Embassy said the attack on the PRT base began at about 2:45 pm local time and was ongoing several hours later. Afghan and coalition forces responded.—Internet



Afghan policemen rescue civilians from the site of an attack in Kandahar Province on 27 Oct, 2011. Gunmen attacked a foreign military base in the southern Afghan Province of Kandahar on Thursday, coalition forces and the Afghan interior ministry said.

REUTERS

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (198)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (198) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.10.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0027)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CTP FORTUNE VOY NO (0027) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29.10.2011 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
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The cape could fetch between \$1.5 million (£930,000) and \$2 million (£1.2m).—INTERNET

Cape worn in early Dracula film to be auctioned

LOS ANGELES, 28 Oct—The cape worn by Bela Lugosi in Dracula, one of Hollywood's earliest horror films based on the world's most famous mythical vampire, will go under the hammer in December and could fetch between \$1.5 million (£930,000) and \$2 million (£1.2m). The "Icons of Hollywood" sale by auctioneer Profiles in History will feature many items from various Hollywood films, but the black cape worn by Lugosi in the classic 1931 horror flick is expected to be one of the biggest selling items.

Lugosi, who was among the top horror film actors in the early days of Hollywood in movies such as Son of Frankenstein and Murders in the Rue Morgue, was buried in his Dracula costume after his death in 1956, except for the original cape, which he wanted his son to have, the auctioneer said. The actor's family is selling the cape along with vintage memorabilia from Lugosi's films. Other key items featured in the sale include a pair of ruby slippers from The Wizard of Oz, estimated between \$2 million and \$3 million, and the time-travelling DeLorean vehicle from Back to the Future III estimated between \$400,000 and \$600,000. The "Icons of Hollywood" auction will be held at the Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills from 15 to 17 December.—Internet



Photo taken on 27 Oct, 2011 shows the Mugecuo Scenic Spot in Kangding County, Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Sichuan Province. Mugecuo means "savage sea" in the Tibetan language.

XINHUA

Row over sale of sacred Aboriginal stone

SYDNEY, 28 Oct—A cultural conflict between Britain and Australia sparked by the attempted sale of a sacred Aboriginal artefact in Kent looks set to be reignited.

The etched stone "tjuringa", which only Aboriginal male elders are permitted to handle, was withdrawn from sale after provoking international demands for its return to Australia. But its elderly seller is said to be still considering the future of the priceless item.

The seller was given the artefact as a birthday present 50 years ago and intended to sell it at the Canterbury Auction Galleries last month, before protests in the

Australian press forced the sale's cancellation. Australian museum officials believe the stone should be returned, but the British auction house's managing director, Tony Pratt, said yesterday it may stay in Britain.

"The vendor wants the item back, she's not dismissed returning it but she's not making any firm decisions," he said.

The sale was expected to raise £6,000.

Internet



A sacred Aboriginal stone which has been withdrawn from a British auction following a public outcry in Australia.—INTERNET

China mobile phone users hit new high of 952 mln by Sept

BEIJING, 28 Oct—China had 952.31 million mobile phone users by the end of September, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said on Thursday.

In a statement posted on its website, the MIIT said 12.22 million new mobile phone users signed up in September alone. China's 3G mobile phone users reached 102.46 million by the end of September, the statement said.

The country's

telephone users totaled 1.24 billion by September, with fixed-line telephone users dropping to 288.43 million, according to the statement. China's Internet users with broadband access totaled 149.93 million by the end of September, up 23.64 million year-on-year, whereas the number of dial-up connection users dropped by 198,000 to 5.7 million.

MNA/Xinhua

Murdered for his money and mobile: British tourist, 62, gunned down at point blank range in Philippines

MANILA, 28 Oct—A British tourist has been murdered in the Philippines by two gunmen on a motorbike who blasted him twice in the head — just for his

Paul Atkins was found by police lying dead on the pavement in the city of Angeles, about 50 miles north of Manila (pictured) after he was shot at point blank range.

INTERNET

mobile phone and wallet.

Paul Atkins, from Stoke-on-Trent, was discovered by police

lying dead on the pavement in the city of Angeles, about 50 miles north of Manila, after he was shot at point



blank range. The 62-year-old, who was on holiday, was found outside a bar at around 1.30am on 16 October.

Mr Atkins had been shot at point blank range in the temple and head. His wallet, money and mobile phone had also been stolen.

Police, unable to identify the body, posted a picture of Mr Atkins in the local newspaper urging anyone who recognised the 'elderly man' to get in touch.

A friend of Mr Atkins, who lives in Hong Kong, spotted the picture and contacted detectives before flying to Angeles and identifying the body.

Internet

Hormone linked to regain weight

BEIJING, 28 Oct—A new study shows that it's not simply a lack of willpower that explains weight regain but hormones keep one insisting on eating, a persistent biological urge. As any dieter knows, it's hard to keep weight off. Weight regain is a familiar

problem for dieters. The research appears in Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

To study what drives it, Proietto and his colleagues enrolled 50 overweight or obese patients in Australia in a 10-week diet program.

On average, the participants lost almost 30 pounds in the 10 weeks — faster than the standard advice of losing a pound or two per week. Even so, they gained an average of 12 pounds back over the next year.

Xinhua

All the 2028 dishes worth 500 million yuan are made up of rare stones. The rare stone dishes were collected by a stone museum in Tai'an City, east China's Shandong Province.



Horse rescued from covered pool

Authorities in Massachusetts say an old horse walked away with only minor bruises after falling into a covered pool.

Animal control officer Scott Diagle said the 21-year-old horse, Rocket, was following one of its owners, who was riding another horse, in Swansea Sunday afternoon when it apparently mistook the covered pool for a solid surface. Its legs fell through the cover, which held the animal

from plopping into the water, *The Boston Globe* reported on Monday.

"That cover really saved him," Diagle said.

"Even though horses can swim, we aren't sure what would have happened if the cover wasn't on."

Man hits 1 million miles with his Honda

A Maine man whose 1990 Honda Accord has surpassed the 1 million-mile mark was honoured with a parade and presented with a 2012 Accord.

Honda said Joe LoCicero, 53, an auto technician, is the first documented Honda owner to have nursed one of the Japanese automaker's vehicles

more than 1 million miles, and he was greeted Sunday at Saco City Hall with a surprise parade and a 2012 Honda Accord, *The Portland (Maine) Press Herald* reported Monday. "If you listen carefully, she's getting old," LoCicero said of his blue 1990 model, which he bought in 1996 when it had 74,000 miles named

"True Blue." "But it's been an amazing ride." LoCice-ro's car has averaged about 48,000 miles a year.

The parade, sponsored by Honda and Darling Auto Group, included Westbrook High School and Saco Middle School marching bands, as well as Biddeford High School varsity cheerleaders.

News Album

Crash releases 25 million bees

Authorities in Utah said 25 million bees were released onto Interstate 15 in St George when the flatbed truck carrying the hives rolled in a construction zone.

Utah Highway Patrol Trooper Dan Altenes said the truck was carrying the 460 hives south around 5:30 pm Sunday when it rolled in a construction zone, releasing the bees onto the roadway, *The Salt Lake Tribune* reported on Monday.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, Altenes said.

The released bees stung several people, including the truck driver and his wife, who were hospitalized with injuries and stings, and led to another crash and a fire when crews were unable to remove the truck.

Altenes said troopers consulted beekeepers about how best to remove the insects. Traffic lanes reopened early Monday morning.



Tiger Pedring growls as it is carried by a zookeeper in a zoo in Manila, Philippines, on 25 Oct, 2011. The tiger of two months and 21 days, which were named after local name of typhoon Pedring is of mixed Bengal and Siberian breed.



Singer Chris Brown

Chris Brown to star in breakdance film

LONDON, 28 Oct—Singer Chris Brown has been roped in to star in a film, "Planet B Boy", about breakdance. Brown will team up with "Lost" actor Josh Holloway and "Avatar" star Laz Alonso for the film, contactmusic.com reported. The movie, which will be based on Benson Lee's 2007 documentary about the dance form's integration into mainstream culture, will follow an all-star breakdancing crew as it prepares to compete at the Battle of the Year International Championships in France.—*Internet*

Evan Rachel Wood got 'beat up' in school over acting career

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—Actress Evan Rachel Wood used to get beaten up at school because other kids thought she was a spoilt brat.

Having been auditioning for movies and TV shows since she was four, Wood was singled out among her peers who thought she was 'stuck up'. "I used to get beat up in elementary school for



Evan Rachel Wood the same reason. They would assume I was this

spoilt little brat," Contactmusic quoted her as telling *Guardian* newspaper. "In fifth grade, I would get held and spit on and people would throw basketballs at me and s**t. It sucked. I never even fought back.

"I would be like, 'Why? I've never done anything, I'm not bothering you.'" Eventually she completed her education by being home schooled due to working commitments and because the teachers gave her more of a hard time than students.—*Internet*

Leonardo DiCaprio's latest flame is Italy's hottest underwear model



Leonardo DiCaprio

MELBOURNE, 28 Oct—Leonardo DiCaprio's latest flame has been revealed to be Madalina Ghenea, one of Italy's hottest underwear models.

The Romanian-born model was spotted hanging out and paddleboarding at the actor's Vaucluse crib in NSW, Australia.

DiCaprio's new love is a star in her adopted home, Italy, where she once went out with multi million album selling, uberpop star Eros Ramazzotti, the *Daily Telegraph* reported. The 'Departed' star has recently split from American actress Blake Lively.—*Internet*

Anne Hathaway to produce and star in new film

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—Anne Hathaway is set to make her debut as a producer in paranoid thriller 'Puzzler', in which she will also star.

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, she will be acting in the film as well as producing it with Adam Schulman, Sarah Perlman and Stefan Sonnenfeld, reports Contactmusic.

Described as a female-driven, paranoid thriller, the movie's script is written by Karl Guldusek.

The 'One Day' star is



Anne Hathaway

already shooting for the role of Catwoman in the much-awaited Batman movie 'The Dark Knight Rises' directed by Christopher Nolan and starring Christian Bale.

Internet

Eddie Murphy plans 'Beverly Hills Cop' TV series

LOS ANGELES, 28 Oct—Actor Eddie Murphy is planning to make a TV series about his "Beverly Hills Cop" character Axel Foley's son.

The actor has ruled out a return to the big screen for a fourth installment of "Beverly Hills Cop" franchise, but is likely to do a cameo in the TV series, reports



Actor Eddie Murphy

imdb.com. "What I'm trying to do now is produce a TV show starring Axel Foley's son, and Axel is the chief of police now in Detroit. I'd do the pilot, show up here and there," he told *Rolling Stone* magazine. Murphy admits there was talk about a Beverly Hills Cop IV but "none of the movie scripts were right".—*Internet*



Arsenal's chairman Peter Hill-Wood, left, and Arsène Wenger.

Arsenal say Wenger will get means to spend

LONDON, 28 Oct — Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood has vowed to back manager Arsene Wenger in the transfer market to help the Gunners challenge for trophies. Hill-Wood, however, has promised not to break the current business model that has made the Gunners one of the most profitable clubs in the English Premier League. The north London side have faced criticism in the past for not investing in quality on the field and for letting their top stars leave, although Wenger did spend to bring in several new faces to the Emirates during the off-season.

Hill-Wood said at Ar-

senal's annual general meeting that he will continue to back the manager and that titles were still the target. "The provision of funds to invest in the team, which we did in the summer, we will do again," he said. "Let me make it clear that we are all seeking on-the-field success." "Our goals are to compete for various titles and be in the Champions League, which we have done for 14 years. It remains our focus." "We remain committed to our self-sustaining model, convinced that this is the right way forward for the club. It means our future is in our own hands."

Internet

Dalglish salutes Suarez

LONDON, 28 Oct — Kenny Dalglish saluted Luis Suarez after another masterclass from the hotshot against Stoke City. The Uruguayan fired Liverpool into the quarter-finals of the Carling Cup with a 2-1 victory at Stoke to leave manager Dalglish singing his praises. With the Reds trailing to a Kenwyne Jones header just before half-time, Suarez nutmegged Ryan Shotton and then curled a beauty into the corner in the 54th minute before heading the winner five minutes from time.

And Dalglish quickly said of his matchwinner: "I ran out of words to describe him after a week



Suarez scored twice in Liverpool's Carling Cup win against the Potters.

when he came to our place. It was a fantastic goal but I don't think anyone would have expected him to score with a tap-in. "He had that many chances and if he'd taken one before it might have been a wee bit more comfortable for us but it was worth waiting for."

Liverpool had already tasted defeat at Stoke this season having lost 1-0 to a Jon Walters penalty in the Barclays Premier League in September, and they went behind again with a goal of their own making. Dalglish added: "Every win's important but I think the most important thing was that we hung on in there."

Internet



Kenny Dalglish hailed Luis Suarez after his goals against Stoke.

Moxey backing for McCarthy

LONDON, 28 Oct — Wolverhampton Wanderers chief executive Jez Moxey has given his backing to under-fire manager Mick McCarthy. McCarthy branded as "mindless idiots" the supporters who chanted "you don't know what you're doing" and "you're getting sacked in the morning" towards him during the weekend draw with Swansea City. But Moxey reaffirmed his faith in the former Republic of Ireland boss in the club's matchday programme



Manager Mick McCarthy has been given the club's backing.



Jez Moxey has called for Wolves fans to unite behind the team.

ahead of Wednesday's 5-2 Carling Cup home defeat by Manchester City. He said: "We remain well aware of fans' frustrations and disappointment in the wake of recent results."

"But we all put our trust in Mick and the players and, over the last five years, they have delivered emphatically. "So it remains 'business as usual' and we continue to look forward with optimism and to build on Saturday's dramatic comeback.

Internet

Palermo beats Lecce 2-0

ROME, 28 Oct — Palermo beat Lecce 2-0 at home on Thursday to move three points off the top of Serie A. Palermo went ahead in the 27th minute when Abel Hernandez surged into the box on the counter-attack down the right flank. And the penalty was inevitable when Nenad Tomovic mistimed his tackle. It was coolly converted by Mauricio Pinilla, who sent Massimiliano Benassi in the wrong way.

Lecce went very close

to an equalizer, as Alexandros Tzorvas meekly parried a Christian Obodo strike from distance and Corvia fired the follow-up over under pressure. Palermo doubled their lead with a counter-attack.

The ball was won back in midfield and immediately threaded through for Hernandez, who exchanged passes with Eran Zahavi to toe-poke it through a sea of legs in at the near post.

Internet

Tsonga, Melzer reach quarterfinals in Vienna



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

VIENNA, 28 Oct — Top-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga advanced to the quarterfinals of the Erste Bank Open on Thursday after his opponent Jarkko Nieminen of Finland pulled out with a right thigh injury while the Frenchman was leading 3-6, 6-1, 3-1.

Earlier, Jurgen Melzer of Austria opened his quest for a third straight title at this event with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain, and Tommy Haas of Germany reached his first ATP tour quarterfinal in more than two years by defeating Aljaz Bedene of Slovenia 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.—Internet



Mark Anderson

Villarreal's Rossi to miss season with knee injury

MADRID, 28 Oct — Villarreal's Italian striker Giuseppe Rossi will miss the rest of the season with a serious knee injury, the Spanish club said on Thursday. Rossi suffered a blow on his right knee during his side's 3-0 defeat away to Real Madrid on Wednesday night and tests carried out on Thursday confirmed the extent of his injury.

He will undergo an operation on Thursday night and the expected recovery time in six months, which means he will miss almost all of the season, but should have recovered in time if he is selected to play for Italy in next summer's European Championships.

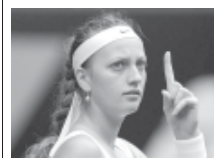
Rossi's injury is a huge blow to Villarreal, who are currently third from bottom of the BBVA Primera Liga and lost their opening three matches in the Champions League. Coach Garrido's job is thought to be in danger should his side lose next Saturday's home match against Rayo Vallecano. Villarreal's Brazilian international striker Nilmar has been out of action for a month.

Xinhua



Villarreal's Italian striker Giuseppe Rossi

Azerenka, Kvitova, Radwanska win on day 3 of WTA season finale



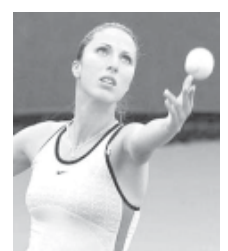
Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic

ISTANBUL, 28 Oct — Victoria Azarenka, Petra Kvitova and Agnieszka Radwanska won on Thursday, the third day of the season-ending TEB BNP Paribas WTA Championships in Turkey's largest city Istanbul. Azarenka became the first player to secure a semifinals spot after breezing past Li Na 6-2, 6-2 in the first match of the day.

In the second match of the day, Kvitova beat world

No 1 Caroline Wozniacki 6-4, 6-2 to leave the Dane's hopes of making the semifinals hanging by a thread. In the final match of the day, Radwanska came from one set down to beat Vera Zvonareva 1-6, 6-2, 7-5 and kept her chances of qualifying for the semifinals alive.

Internet



Victoria Azarenka

SPORTS

Anderson takes first-round lead in finale near hometown

CHARLESTON, 28 Oct — Mark Anderson is going to need more tickets. The South Carolina native shot a 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Nationwide Tour Championship at Daniel Island, about 60 miles from his home in Beaufort. "I had about six or seven family and friends following me

today but I anticipate it getting bigger throughout the week," he said of his vocal contingent. "I've had a lot of requests for tickets so I'm scrounging around for those." Anderson holds the lead over Camilo Benedetti of Colombia and a pair of two-time winners this year, Jason Kokrak and Ted Potter Jr.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (29-10-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	- (29-10-11 09:30 am ~ 30-10-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

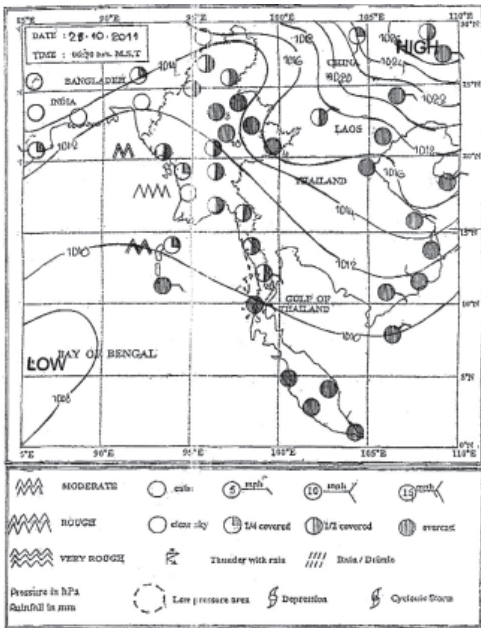
- * Opening
- * News
- * A Tourist Destination of Shan State
- * Myanmar Amazing Expo' 2011
- * News
- * The Night of Heartthrob Pho Chit
- * Business Plan Contest Press Conference
- * News
- * Kid's Talent
- * Music Gallery
- * News

Overseas Transmission

- * The Romantic Wedding Fair 2011
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- * News
- * The Romantic Wedding Fair 2011
- * News
- * Let's recreateEnjoy movie or shopping
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * Invitation to Myanmar Language and Literature (Part-I)
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Secret Palaces for Yummy Food (Episode-10)
- * News
- * MraukU, Treasure Trove of Rakhine Culture
- * Traditional Meritorious Deeds Ceremony (Pindaya Region)
- * Myanmar Movie "The Magician's Flower"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Saturday, 29 October View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 7:50 am
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
- 7. Documentary
- 8:10 am
- 8. Poem Garden
- 8:20 am
- 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am
- 10. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
- 11. International News
- 8:45 am
- 12. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
- 3. Game For Children
- 11:50 am
- 4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News
- 1:30 pm
- 5. Delicious Dishes

- 1:45 pm
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 2:35 pm
- 7. Songs Of National Races
- 2:40 pm
- 8. Documentary
- 2:55 pm
- 9. International News
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Cultural Dances
- 4:25 pm
- 4. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:45 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Psychology)
- 5:00 pm
- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

- 5:05 pm
- 7. Beautiful "ASEAN"
- 5:10 pm
- 8. Musical Programme
- 5:20 pm
- 9. International Science News
- 5:30 pm
- 10. Game For Children
- 6:00 pm
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 13. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm
- 14. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International News
- 18. Weather Report
- 19. Cartoon Series
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

Weather forecast for 29th October, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	18/64	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	37/99	23/73	Partly Cloudy	
4	Chin	21/70	09/48	Partly Cloudy	
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	35/95	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	32/90	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	35/95	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
12	Yangon	34/93	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	28/82	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	34/93	24/75	Partly Cloudy	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	34/93	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	60%
Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon Region, Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, rain of thundershowers have been scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Shan State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Monywa (1.14) inches, Mogok (0.83) inch and Myeik (0.79) inch.				
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.				
State of the Sea	Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.				
Outlook for subsequent two days	Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Eastern Myanmar areas.				

Ash cloud rises above restive Chilean volcano

SANTIAGO, 28 Oct—Chile's Hudson Volcano released three huge columns of steam and ash that combined in a cloud more than 3 miles (5 kilometers) high on Friday, threatening a much larger eruption that had authorities in Chile and Argentina on red alert.



In this photo provided by the regional government of Aysen, plumes of smoke and ash rise from the Hudson volcano in the region of Aysen, Chile, on 27 Oct, 2011.—INTERNET

Chilean officials evacuated 119 people from the immediate area, and other nearby residents prepared to flee as melting snow and ice caused the Aysen river to overflow its banks.

The steam and ash was coming from three craters, ranging from 650 feet (200 meters) to 1,600 feet (500 meters) wide, and with earthquakes shaking the mountain, a major eruption could occur within hours or days, Chile's national geology service said. Already, a plume of ash and steam spread 7.5 miles to the southeast, toward Argentina.

The Hudson Volcano has erupted twice in the last 60 years, most recently in August 1991, when it piled ash 18 inches (45 centimeters) high and killed an estimated 1.5 million sheep on the Argentine side of the Andean mountain chain.

The volcano is in Patagonia, 995 miles (1,600 kilometers) south of Chile's

capital, Santiago, and 470 miles (750 kilometers) south of the Cordón Caulle volcano that has intermittently grounded thousands of flights in South America since it began erupting months ago.

Coihayque is the nearest large town in Chile to the Hudson, and just over the Argentine border, the towns of Los Antiguos and Perito Moreno were mobilizing for the worst. In a major eruption, prevailing winds could blow its ash across the continent, cutting off supply routes and air travel to far-southern Argentina.

Internet

Vice-President attends work coordination meeting on conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from China to Myanmar



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses coordination meeting on conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from the People's Republic of China to Myanmar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the work coordination meeting on conveying Buddha Tooth Relic which is being kept at Guangxisu temple in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, to Myanmar for the fourth time.

The final work coordination meeting was held at the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Patron of the committee for conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said work committees concerned for conveying Buddha Tooth Relic from the PRC had carried out their tasks to a certain extent.

A plan to convey the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic for the public obeisance in Myanmar was made during the President's visit to the PRC so that Buddhist devotees in Myanmar could worship the Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic, he said.

Along the way of conveying it, the Sacred Tooth Relic would be stopped over in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay for the public obeisance, he added.

He continued to say that the people of Myanmar had overwhelming desire to pay obeisance to the sacred Buddha tooth relic and China had also overwhelming respected and preserved the sacred tooth relic.

The People's Republic of China had allowed to convey the sacred Buddha tooth relic to Myanmar for the people in Myanmar so that they could pay obeisance to the sacred Buddha tooth relic, for the friendship between the two countries and for

Myanmar, a Buddhist Country where Theravada Buddhism was flourishing, he said.

The Buddha Tooth Relic will be conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw for the public obeisance for the first time during the time of the new government, he said.

The Vice-President urged the leading committee and sub-committees concerned to take responsibility and to make efforts for tasks for conveying and bringing back to China.

It is found that the PRC has also cooperated willingly in conveying the Buddha tooth relic to Myanmar.

To convey the Buddha Tooth Relic to Myanmar, a team from the religious bureau of the People's Republic of China arrived Myanmar on 30, August, 2011, and reached agreement with Myanmar. Besides, a delegation led by the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs signed an agreement on conveying the Buddha tooth relic on 28, October, 2011, in Beijing, he added.

The Vice-President called on the leading committee, work committees and sub-committees to complete their tasks as the Buddha Tooth Relic would be conveyed to Myanmar by the Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister for Religious Affairs near future.

He also stressed the need for conducting ceremonies on a grand scale in accord with the culture and customs of the Theravada Buddhism to pay obeisance to the Buddha tooth relic in Nay Pyi Taw, along the way of conveying it and when it was brought back to Beijing from Mandalay.

Afterwards, Chairman of the leading

committee for conveying the Buddha Tooth Relic Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung reported on arrangements for conveying the Buddha tooth relic and arrangements for the public obeisance.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin reported on bilateral coordination on the public obeisance to Buddha Tooth Relic and Mandalay Region Minister for Forest and Mining U Than Soe and Yangon Division Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein arrangements for keeping the tooth relic for the public obeisance at Maha Pathana Cave in Yangon and Maha Atula Waiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Mandalay.

Afterwards, chairmen of the sub-committees and officials concerned reported on construction of a Gandakuti chamber where the Buddha tooth relic would be kept, arrangements for ceremonies, decoration of vehicles, reception, invitation, financial sector, transportation, information, security, and arrangements for paying obeisance by religious and social organizations.

Afterwards, Member of the panel of the patrons of the leading committee Union Minister at President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt, Member of the leading committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye and officials gave supplementary reports.

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Second regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 42nd day

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Indonesian FM meets Myanmar Human Rights Commission

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Environmental sustainability and food security programme discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—A meeting to review tripartite work progress in environmental sustainability and food security programme and future tasks being implemented by Food Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry with the assistance of the Italian government was held at agricultural research centre (Yezin) here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye gave an opening address.

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