

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates King of Spain

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sends felicitations to Spain

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct— Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October, 2007. —MNA

Ceremony to support National Convention, forthcoming constitution held in Mawlamyine, Mon State

Desire of people is peace, stability, opposition to violent protests

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Chairman and members of the Panel of Chairmen and the attendees chanting the slogans at the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct— In accord with law, townselders organized a ceremony to support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution at Yamanya Sports Ground in Mawlamyine, Mon State,

yesterday morning.

About 100,000 people including townselders, national race leaders, representatives of peace groups, members of social organizations and cultural troupes,

entrepreneurs, peasants, workers, departmental personnel, students and local national races attended the ceremony.

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It is known to all that despite various hardships and difficulties, the government is striving its utmost for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Therefore, all our people also have the duty to take part in their respective roles in nation-building tasks. We must completely avoid any acts that lead to the disintegration of the Union and disloyalty to the State through outside instigation or on our own.

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ZAW MYO ZAW

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 12 October, 2007

For entire people to participate in democratic transition

“Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline” is the goal of the nation as well as the strong desire of the entire people.

Now, the government is laying infrastructures in various sectors for building a democratic nation. The State constitution will be drafted with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working hard in harmony to achieve the national goal. However, western media are making attempts in collusion to destabilize the nation, while the anti-government groups are instigating unrest and protests.

Recently, protests took place in some townships at the instigation of internal and external destructive elements. In consequence, the majority of the people who favour stability and peace were shocked and frightened, and the demonstrations had adverse effects on the businesses of the people. So, the entire people are to be convinced of the fact that the acts of certain neo-colonialist countries are designed to disrupt stability of the State and community peace, and all need to crush all such acts.

The elements who are not happy with stability, peace and progress of the nation are creating problems and committing destructive acts, so the entire people are to participate with Union Spirit in the process of transforming the nation into a democratic one.

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Peoples' Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Spain

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October, 2007.

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Sangha Maha Pawarana, Kathina robe offering ceremonies to be held at Kyakhatwaing Monastery

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — The 143rd five-township Sangha Maha Pawarana ceremony will be held at Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago on 26 October (Full Moon Day of Thadingyut) and the 59th Kathina robe offering ceremony at 9 am on 4 November on a grand scale at the same venue.

At the Kathina robe offering ceremony, food will be provided to laypersons.

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Alms and provisions donated to Shwekyauing Pariyatti Sarthintaik

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi visited Shwekyauing Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Pinlebu Town on 8 October and offered alms to Presiding Sayadaw Sobhitasara.

Next, the minister viewed Pariyatti academic lectures and provided necessary assistance to the monastery.

At Filling Station No 0662 in Kawlin Town of Katha District on 9 October, the minister inspected sale of fuel and gave instructions on sale of fuel correctly, treating with the customers in con-

venience and focusing on danger of fire. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi pays homage to the Sayadaw of Shwekyauing Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Pinlebu. — ENERGY

World Sight Day celebrated

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — A ceremony to mark the World Sight Day was held at the meeting of Ministry of Health here today.

Also present were the directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials of the ministry, departmental officials, executives of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, medical superintendents, midwifery, nurses and others.

At the ceremony, Assistant Director Dr Thandar Lwin of the Health Department acted as Master of Ceremonies.

On behalf of the Min-

ister for Health, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Wan Maung delivered an opening address. Afterwards,

the attendees visited the booths at the ceremony.

Similarly, the ceremonies were held at some districts and free medical

check-ups for eyes were provided to the people at schools and wards and villages to mark the world sight day. — MNA



The attendees visit the booths at the World Sight Day ceremony. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Carter says Bush administration "does torture" prisoners

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct — The Bush Administration does torture prisoners in violation of international law, former president Jimmy Carter said Wednesday.

President George W Bush recently defended his administration's techniques used to interrogate terror suspects, insisting that "this government does not torture people".

However, Carter disagreed with Bush in an interview with CNN.

"That's not an accurate statement if you use the international norms of torture as has always been honored — certainly in the last 60

years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was promulgated," he said.

Responding to the remarks, a senior White House official said, "Our position is clear. We don't torture."

The official added, "It's just sad to hear a former president speak like that."

In the interview, Carter also criticized some of the 2008 Republican presidential candidates, calling former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani "foolish" for his contention the United States should be open to use force on Iran.

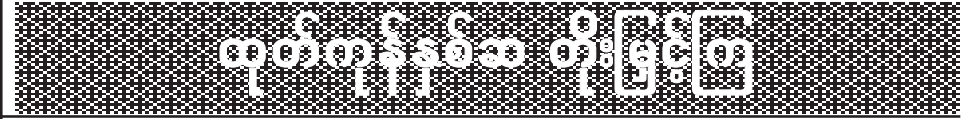
"I hope that he doesn't

become president and try to impose his conviction that we need to go to war with Iran," Carter said.

Democratic Senators Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois, both forerunners among the Democratic presidential candidates, also drew Carter's criticism for refusing recently to pledge to withdraw all troops from Iraq by the end of their first terms if they win the presidency in 2008.

"I disagree with their basic premise that we'll still be there; I think the American people want out," Carter said.

MNA/Xinhua



File photo taken on 19 Feb, 2007 shows a general view of Lijiang, southwest China's Yunnan Province. Lijiang, an ancient town in southwest China's Yunnan Province, has won UNESCO's 2007 Award of Merit for its restoration of ancient buildings, UNESCO official Richard Engelhart announced in Yunnan on Monday. Lijiang, listed in UNESCO's "World Cultural Heritage", had completed restoration of 299 households and 236 traditional complexes since 2003. — XINHUA.

BBC's Andy Kershaw gets suspended jail term

LONDON, 10 Oct—BBC radio world music presenter Andy Kershaw was given a suspended

prison sentence on Tuesday for breaching a restraining order that banned him from appro-

aching his former partner. Kershaw, 48, was jailed for three months, suspended for 18 months, after admitting the offence at the Isle of Man Courts of Justice, a court official said.

He also received a 16-month driving ban after pleading guilty to drink driving on the island in August.

The former BBC Radio 1 DJ moved to the seaside town of Peel with his former partner Juliette Banner in 2006.

After the couple split, Kershaw was convicted of harassing her and was ordered to stop going near her. In August, he broke the order by trying to enter her house, the court heard.

At a hearing last month, he told reporters outside court: "I've lost my kids, I've lost the woman I love, I've lost everything. It is a very difficult time for me. I just want peace and quiet." — MNA/Reuters



Models present designs by Wayne Cooper during the Transeasonal 2008 Collections fashion show in Sydney recently. — INTERNET

US top court will not hear appeal in CIA torture case

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct—A German citizen who claimed he was kidnapped, imprisoned and tortured by the CIA lost his appeal on Tuesday when the Supreme Court refused to review a decision dismissing the case because it would expose state secrets. Attorneys for Khaled el-Masri, a German of Lebanese descent, argued in the high court appeal that his lawsuit did not depend on the disclosure of state secrets and that it should be allowed to go forward in US court.

His case has drawn worldwide attention to the CIA's extraordinary rendition programme, in which terrorism suspects are sent from one foreign nation to another for interrogation. Human rights groups have strongly criticized the programme.

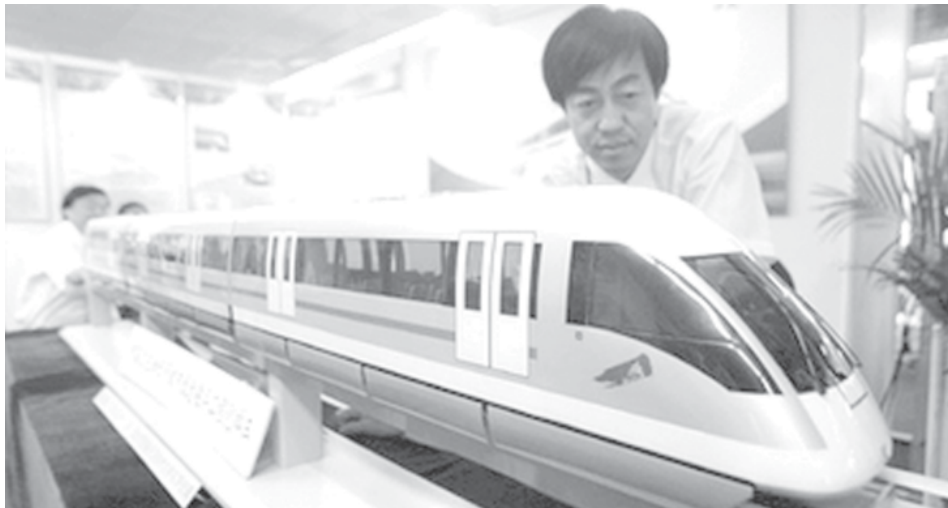
Masri's case sparked outrage in Germany and prompted a parliamentary

inquiry to find out what authorities might have known about US renditions.

Masri's attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union challenged what they called the Bush Administration's increased invoking of national security secrets to prevent any judicial inquiry into serious allegations of misconduct.

The administration also has asserted the so-called state secrets privilege in an effort to dismiss the lawsuits over the warrantless domestic spying programme that Bush created after the 11 September attacks.

Masri's lawsuit, which sought damages of at least 75,000 US dollars, was brought against former CIA Director George Tenet, three private aviation companies and 20 unnamed employees of the CIA and the companies. — MNA/Reuters



A Chinese engineer shows a locally designed electric train at a hitech expo in Beijing, in May. Work on a long-awaited high-speed rail linking Beijing and Shanghai is expected to start by late 2007, with a budget that could exceed initial estimates by 50 percent, state media said on 10 Oct. — INTERNET

Two killed in shooting near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 10 Oct—An unidentified gunman opened fire at a tyre shop on Tuesday morning, killing two people and wounding two others, police said.

The shooting occurred in Simi Valley, about 35 miles (57.6 kilometres) northwest of Los Angeles, police said.

Upon receiving reports of the shooting, police rushed to the scene and found the victims, two dead on the spot and the two others critically wounded.

The survivors were hospitalized in critical condition, according to police.

A manhunt has been launched to catch the gunman whose motive of the killing remained unknown. — MNA/Xinhua

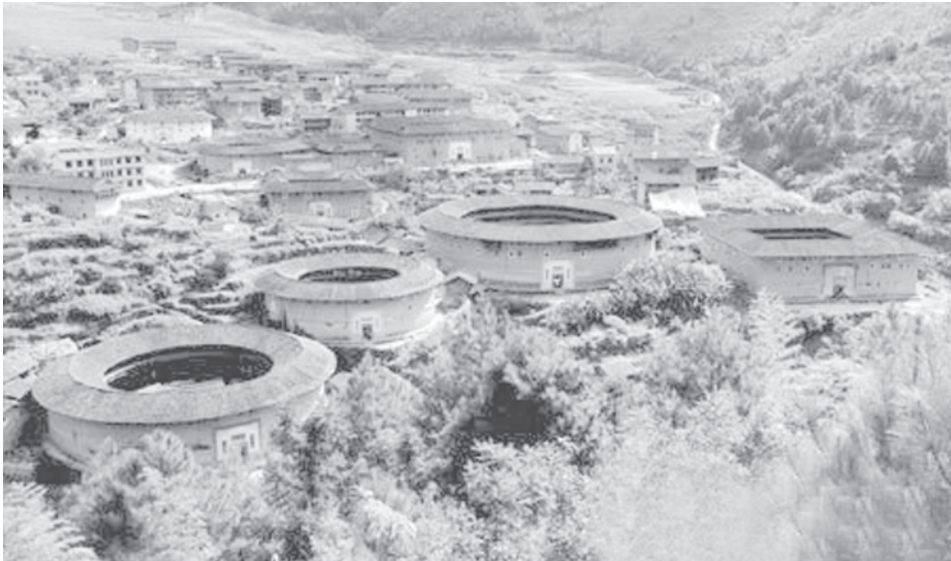
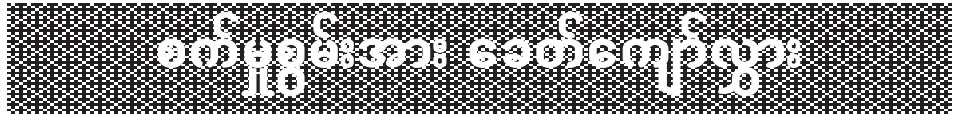


Photo taken on 27 Sept, 2007 shows a group of earth castles known as "Tulou", traditional homes built by the Hakka people, in Chuxi, Xiayang Town, Yongding County of southeast China's Fujian Province. Those castles were built in the mountain areas in Fujian, which first appeared about 1,200 years ago, and mostly completed in the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties. —XINHUA



Study shows donated blood quickly loses important gas

CHICAGO, 10 Oct—Donated blood quickly loses some of its life-saving properties as an important gas dissipates, US researchers said on Monday, in a finding that explains why many patients fare poorly after blood transfusions.

Researchers at Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, North

Carolina, have found that nitric oxide in red blood cells is the key to transferring oxygen in the blood to tissues.

This gas appears to break down almost immediately after red blood cells leave the body, rendering much of the blood stored in blood banks impaired, said Dr Jonathan Stamler, a Duke researcher whose work appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"If you don't have nitric oxide in there, you can't get oxygen into the tissues," he said in a telephone interview.

But if you restore this gas, banked blood appears to regain this ability, Stamler said.

"The medical com-

munity for the past five to eight years has really been struggling with this issue of blood not being quite as good as we'd hoped," Stamler said.

He noted that study after study has shown patients who receive blood transfusions have higher incidents of heart attacks, heart failure, stroke and even death.

"This is not a new issue. It has been a long struggle," he said.

While researchers have understood that banked blood is not the same as the blood in the body, the exact difference was not well understood.

"I think we have a good explanation and I think we have a solution," Stamler said.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq wants Blackwater to pay \$136m compensation

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct—The Iraqi Government wants US security firm Blackwater to pay 8 million US dollars in compensation to each of the families of 17 people killed in a shooting last month, a senior government source said on Tuesday.

The source said the figure was roughly in line with compensation paid by the Libyan Government to the families of the 270 people killed in the 1988 Lockerbie airline bombing over Scotland.

"We want them to pay eight million US dollars for each family," the source told Reuters. "The same level as the

compensation for the Lockerbie victims."

Blackwater, which has a US State Department contract to protect its diplomats in Baghdad, has been told of the demand, the source said.

It was unclear what Blackwater's response was and the North Carolina-based firm did not immediately respond to e-mailed questions from Reuters. In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack declined comment on how much compensation its contractor had been asked to pay for the 16 September shootings.

"Obviously, the issue of

what some refer to as bereavement payments—or a number of different names for them—is an issue of some sensitivity that we are taking a look at," McCormack told reporters.

"It is an issue that commonly turns up when you have security incidents in which there is a loss of life. As with other previous incidents throughout Iraq, civilian or military, we are taking a look at the issue."

There are four separate investigations into Blackwater's actions in Iraq and McCormack cautioned people about "jumping to conclusions" on the

private security contractor's conduct.

Far more often, he said there was a loss of innocent life from the actions of al-Qaeda and other extremist groups in Iraq than security contractors working for the US Government.

MNA/Reuters

Denmark will not further boost Afghan troops

COPENHAGEN, 10 Oct—Denmark has no plans to further boost the number of troops it has in Afghanistan as part of the International Security Assistance Force, Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Monday.

Denmark has about 400 troops in Afghanistan and plans to increase the number to about 550 this month.

"No, we have no further plans now we have decided to increase the number of troops in the Helmand Province, which brings Denmark among the top five countries per capita in Afghanistan," Rasmussen told a news conference after a meeting with NATO General-

Secretary Jaap de Hoop Scheffer.

"We urge all partners in NATO to provide a sufficient number of troops for this very important NATO military operation."

Last month, de Hoop Scheffer expressed disappointment that some of the 26 allies were not sending troops to fight the Taliban in the more dangerous southern provinces.

Germany in particular has been resisting pressure from the United States and other NATO countries to allow its 3,000 soldiers in Afghanistan to operate outside of the more stable north.

MNA/Reuters

US Marine killed in fighting in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct—A US Marine was killed in fighting in Iraq's Anbar Province, the US military said on Tuesday.

The soldier, assigned to Multinational Force-

West, was killed on Monday during combat operations in western Iraq, the military said in a statement.

The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers

who have been killed in Iraq to about 3,815 since the outbreak of the Iraq war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed, over 20 injured in explosion in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 Oct—At least two people died and 20 others were injured in an explosion in North-west Pakistan on Tuesday, local TV channel DAWN News reported.

The explosion took place near a CD shop in Nish-tarabad area of Peshawar, capital of North West Frontier Province (NWFP), the DAWN News report said.

The injured have been shifted to a nearby hospital.

At least 30 CD shops and video centres were destroyed on Monday and Tuesday night when explosive devices, planted by unknown criminals, went off in Batkhela Bazaar, headquarters of Malakand Agency in NWFP. Some CD shops were asked to terminate

their business during the holy month of Ramadan, which started from mid-September. Unknown people sent letters to the CD shops, saying that they would face serious consequences if the shops remained open. Women in some areas were also required to wear traditional clothes during the holy month.

MNA/Xinhua



A view of a fire that broke out at an oil refinery, owned by state-owned oil company ENAP, at the Aconcagua plant in Concon, about 90 miles (150 km) from the capital Santiago on 9 Oct, 2007. —XINHUA

Provision donated to monasteries in Pyay



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence and the congregation receive the Nine Precepts from a Sayadaw.—MNA

was attended by Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajoti and Sayadaws, CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint, senior military officers, departmental officials and

townselders.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the congregation took the Nine Precepts from the Sayadaw. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supplicated religious affairs to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated rice, edible oil salt and medicine to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee of Zawtikayon Monastery. Deputy Minister

Brig-Gen Than Htay, Brig-Gen Sein Myint and senior military officers donated rice, edible oil, salt and medicine to the Sayadaws and the congregation shared merits gained.

They donated K 7,311,300, 1283 bags of rice, 220 viss of edible oil, 1800 bags of salt, traditional medicine worth K 400,000 to 63 Sayadaws, 561 monks, 246 novices and 884 nuns today. Today's donation is over K 30 million in total.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence attended the 26th ceremony to donate provision to monasteries in Pyaytaungdan in Pyay, Bago Division (West) today.

The donation ceremony was held at Siri Khitta Sirindara Sasana Building in Pyay and it



Commander inspects venues for holding 15th Myanmar Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected the venues for holding the competitions, here this afternoon.

At Yezin University campus, the commander looked into preparations of the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science, the meeting hall and training hall of Forest Research Department, and the meeting hall, the lecture hall, the convocation hall and the mess of University of Agriculture and attended to the needs. —MNA

12th renal transplant performed in Myanmar

YANGON, 11 Oct — Myanmar's 12th renal transplant took place at New General Hospital on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

The transplant was performed by Myanmar specialists.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Health Professor Dr Kyaw Myint, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Health Professor Dr Paing Soe watched the operation through the Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV).

Lt-Gen Myint Swe comforted patient Daw

Swe Swe Oo, 43, who had a renal transplant on 9 October, and her brother kidney donor U Maung Maung Oo, 41.

Eight specialists led by Professor Dr Toe Lwin and 11 members led by Operation Matron Daw Saw Yu May Oo performed the operation in cooperation with 11 kidney specialists led by Specialist Professor Dr Khin Maung

Htay, six nurses led by Matron Daw Khin Mi Mi, five anesthiologist specialists led by Professor Dr Tin Myint and two nurses.

The operation took place at 9.30 am. Professor Dr Toe Lwin, Associate Professor Dr Phone Myint and Specialists Dr Min Thu gave an operation on kidney donor Daw Lwin Lwin Soe, 48, to take out one of her kidneys. The operation was completed successfully at 11.4 am.

Professor Dr Toe Lwin, Professor Dr Win Myaing, Lecturer Dr Kyaw Swa Hlaing and Specialist Dr Tin Maung Lwin gave another operation on Daw Lwin Lwin Soe's sister patient Daw San San Soe, 43, to replace the damaged kidney with the new one. The operation was completed at 3.45 pm.

Kidney donor Daw Lwin Lwin Soe and patient Daw San San Soe are now in good condition.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views performance of renal transplant at New General Hospital in Yangon.—MNA



We must be dutiful

Zaw Myo Zaw

Let's have a look at the present Union of Myanmar or the family of various national races. If the government is regarded as parents, we, national brethren, can be called its children. Our family consists of various national races who are united and harmonious. So, the family has a peaceful life. The family of national races has gone down in the annals of the nation's history as the family that has gained a large number of historic events, and overcome a variety of difficulties through tenacity throughout the successive periods.

Due to the leadership role the government is playing and harmonious and active participation of the entire people, the nation has enjoyed all-round development in various sectors. That is one of the tangible results.

"Hello! Is that Dad? This is Thamee (daughter) speaking. We must be dutiful. That's all. We must be dutiful. Talk to Kokogyi (elder brother), please."

"Hello! Is that Dad? We must be dutiful. That's all. We must be dutiful."

My six-year-old first standard student daughter and eight-year-old third standard student son always use these expressions every time they say hello and goodbye, while talking to me on phone. I taught them to say so every time they say hello and goodbye while they are talking to me on phone. **"What is your duty, my kids?"** I ask them. They said, **"Our duties are to be clever and polite, to listen to the parents and elder persons, and to try in our studies"**. I have not only designated their duties but also explained my duties—to earn money in an honest way, and to try my best to fulfil all the basic needs of my family.

I am preparing myself to nurture them by designating their duties in proportion to their ages when my daughter goes to middle school and my son, to the high school, and to explain my duties to them.

Mine is a middle-class family. My family has set up a goal and all family members believe that the achievement of our common goal depends on how much each of the family member is dutiful. We are firmly determined to pursue the goal as we are convinced.

The memories of my childhood are still with me. Both of my parents were State service personnel. Among the three children, I am the second. When my elder sister passed matriculation exam and joined university, my parents had to make a lot of sacrifices so that we could have a good education. At that time, I was in the tenth standard. My parents' pat expression was **"You can inherit nothing but education from us, so you have to try hard in your studies"**. However,

we are not in a position to pursue education in comfort. My sister had a very tight budget in Mandalay University. I could not attend any private tuition, so I paid careful attention to everything the teachers said in the class. **Our concept is that despite our parents' tight budget we never demand them for what we want. We understand genuine goodwill of our parents and present conditions of our family, and we do our bit in the attempts to reach the goal of our family.**

Due to a lot of sacrifices our parents made, we have got our degrees. Our parents often said, **"Your standard must be at least one step higher than ours. If so, ours is an improving family. We must be dutiful."** Our parents have been dutiful with benevolence towards us to achieve the most appropriate family goal that reflects the present conditions of the family, while we are taking the path they paved and had been dutiful. So, our hard work and tenacity are very rewarding now. Our living standard is higher than our parents', as they aspired. So, they are very pleased with our achievement, and our family can lead a peaceful life.

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These days, mass rallies are being held all over the nation to support the National Convention and the upcoming constitution. With farsighted view, I believe that the mass rallies are reinforcing the endeavours of our government for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. I praise the people for their duty-consciousness.

We must be...

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Now, the government has laid down the goal of the family of national races “**emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline**” that is in conformity with the prevailing conditions of the nation. It has designated the State’s seven-step Road Map as the path on which national races have to march forward to achieve the national goal. It has also laid down Our Three Main National Causes the family of national races has to uphold steadfastly and has been implementing 12 objectives that serve as basic foundations. **Due to the leadership role the government is playing and harmonious and active participation of the entire people, the nation has enjoyed all-round development in various sectors. That is one of the tangible results.**

It is known to all that despite various hardships and difficulties, the government is striving its utmost for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Therefore, all our people also have the duty to take part in their respective roles in nation-building tasks. We must completely avoid any acts that lead to the disintegration of the Union and disloyalty to the State through outside instigation or on our own.

Our country, the Union of Myanmar, has successfully completed the National Convention, the first of the seven-step Road Map. According to the principles the NC has adopted, a constitution with fundamental rights will emerge for the people and legislative, executive and judicial powers will be bestowed on the national races. Besides the existing seven states, Wa, Danu, Palaung, PaO, Kokang and Naga nationals will have self-

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administered division or zones.

Moreover, according to the principles, the ethnic groups who cannot have self-administered division or zones shall be entitled to enjoy other democratic rights. The national races representing more than 0.1 percent of the nation’s population will have a representative in the Legislative Hluttaw of the State/Division concerned and that representative will become a cabinet member of the State/Division concerned. Again, that minister shall be entitled to deal with the legislative and executive affairs on behalf of the national people. Likewise, the ethnic group with a population of more than 10000 will have the right to participate in the legislative and executive affairs of the self-administered division or zone concerned.

The forthcoming constitution will also guarantee the rights in religious and social sectors that are as good as those of other democracies.

It is found that the constitution that will emerge based on the fundamental principles and

detailed basic principles the NC has laid down conforms with Myanmar’s prevailing conditions and it is the best and the most suitable one for our nation. These principles were unanimously laid down and approved by all the delegates of every township including those of the national race armed organizations which have returned to the legal fold.

These days, mass rallies are being held all over the nation to support the National Convention and the upcoming constitution. With farsighted view, I believe that the mass rallies are reinforcing the endeavours of our government for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. I praise the people for their duty-consciousness.

As I have mentioned, thanks to our dutifulness and encouragement to the efforts of our parents, the dream of our family has come true and we are now living in peace and unity.

I still remember reciting the four oaths at school when we were schoolboys: ‘We ourselves shall try to be good and dutiful’; ‘We shall try for our class to be good’; ‘We shall try for our school to be good’; and ‘We shall try for our country to be good’. Students must try for their school to be good. The people must try for their country to be good. This is actually an impetus to further strengthen our nationalistic spirit.

The goal of building a future nation is not too distant. To reach the goal we all national brethren shall have to be dutiful.

When I was about to finish this article, the phone was ringing. “Hello! Speaking. Hello, Dad?” She’s my daughter. She said, ‘We must be dutiful.’

(As a gesture of hailing the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution)

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Local people in Mawlamyine marching to the mass rally in Mawlamyine. — MNA

Ceremony to support National Convention, ...

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Before the ceremony, Sittoung column led by U Tin Oo, Thanlwin column led by Ye Thurein U Aung Win Sein, Attaran column led by U Hla Tun and Gyaing column led by U Naing Aung marched to Yamanya sports ground and took designated places.

Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Zaw of Mon State General Hospital presided over the rally together with Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Specialist Surgeon Dr Myo Swe Kyi, Secretary of State Women's Affairs Organization Principal of Education College (Retd) Daw Yin Yin Myat, Member of State Maternal Child Welfare Association gold entrepreneur Daw Khaing Khaing Win, Member of State War Veterans Super-

visory Committee U Than Tun, Townselder Retired State Education Officer U Aung Myot and Chairman of Thaton Township Pa-O Literature and Culture Committee U Khun Aung Nyein as members of panel of chairmen. Executive Daw San San Win of Mawlamyine Township USDA acted as master of ceremonies and member of Mawlamyine Township USDA Daw Saw Myat Thandar as co-MC. First, those present saluted the State Flag.

In his address, Chairman Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Zaw of Mon State General Hospital said that constitution is key to perpetuation and peace of a nation, that therefore, the constitution is a lifeblood of a nation.

As emergence of a constitution is vital for the nation, the government

has laid down the seven-step road map and is implementing it.

The government held the National Conven-

tion systematically for emergence of the constitution which is needed in

building a discipline flourishing democratic nation. With six objectives, the National Convention was attended by over 1000 delegates from all walks of life. Sixteen doctorate degree holders, 55 masters degree holders, 597 graduates, 21 diploma holders and those with vast experience were among these delegates.

At the National Convention such principles as every part of the nation are not allowed to cede from the nation, the State shall not nationalize the private property and foreign troops will never be allowed to be stationed in the country were laid down and it successfully concluded on 3 September, 2007. Altogether 47 national race delegates from Mon State at-

tended the National Convention.

Due to instigation made by neo-colonialists and destructive elements within and without the country among monks, instability broke out in some parts of the country. But, the government has handled these incidents systematically and thus, the situation have returned to normalcy.

The real desire of the people is stability and peace and opposition to violent unrest. The instigation of neo-colonialists and violent protest caused anxiety among people that there may be instability in the state, economic downturn and harmful to Sasana.

test, he said.

He continued that the goal of a peaceful, modern and developed, discipline flourishing democratic nation is within reach.

In conclusion, he urged the people to strive for successful realization of the seven-step road map and support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution.

Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Dr San Hlaing of Mawlamyine Technology University tabled a motion in support of the National Convention and the constitution.

He said: the National Convention was



Local people including townselders, members of social organizations, businessmen, peasants, workers, representatives from peace groups, service personnel and students marching towards the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Mawlamyine, Mon State. — MNA

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Therefore, the entire people of Mon State strongly denounce the pro-

completed successfully on 3 September.

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Ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution being held in Mawlamyine, Mon State. — MNA



Ceremony to support National Convention, ...

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The delegates to the National Convention laid down detailed basic principles for writing the constitution which is necessary for the future nation.

We believe that safeguarding the three Main National Causes — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of the National

were four states in Myanmar. In the 1974 constitution, there were seven states and seven divisions. According to the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down at the National Constitution, there will be seven States, seven Regions, one self-administered division for Wa nationals, five self-

of Mon State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Htar Htar Shwe seconded the motion calling for support of the National Convention and the constitution.

She said: The government has made efforts for building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Therefore, to build a future nation, the government laid down the

Convention and convened the National Convention. At the convention, delegates discussed matters on laying down basic principles for writing the constitution. A constitution can not be written by a person or one organization in a day. If a constitution is written in haste and carelessly, and without discussion, there will be mistakes in a constitution as the 1947 constitution that could lead to disintegration of the national unity.

Regarding the rights for women, the basic principles laid down at the National Convention guarantee that women and men have equal rights and salary in same jobs; women, children and pregnant women have equal rights and the State forbids the slavery and trafficking in persons.

The forthcoming constitution gives equal opportunities for women so that they can serve the interests of the country.



MC Daw San San Win and Co-MC Daw Saw Myat Thanda.— MNA

Therefore, we support the National Convention which was held to lay down the basic principles for writing the constitution for the future nation.

Member of Mon State MCWSC Daw Lay Moe Thu disclosed that there are 264,279 members in Mon State Maternal Child Welfare Association. The association is caring for the mothers and children who will take responsibility for the future nation. The fundamental principles and detailed

basic principles were laid down by the National Convention.

In building a new democratic state in accord with the seven-step Road Map, tasks on development of human resources, provision of education and health care for the people and promotion of national education are constantly being carried out. The people in Mon State have witnessed development of basic and higher education sectors.

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Chairman Dr Nyan Zaw, Medical Superintendent of Mawlamyine General Hospital.— MNA

Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty of the State — is the national duty of all citizens.

To build a modern nation, the government laid down the seven-step Road Map and held the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map.

The fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for writing the forthcoming constitution have been laid down at the National Convention.

According to the 1947 constitution, there



Secretary U Man Aung Tin Myint of Haungthayaw Special Region, Kayin Peace Group.— MNA

administered zones for Naga, Danu, PaO, Palaung and Kokang nationals.

In the forthcoming constitution States and Regions are allowed to share executive power, administrative power and judicial power.

The forthcoming constitution guarantees that all national races will have equal rights. Therefore, on behalf of the people in Mon State, we support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution.

Afterwards, Member



U Htet Nay Hein of Mon State WVO.

MNA

seven-step Road Map on 30, August 2007.

The government organized the commission for convening the National



U Tun Aye of Mawlamyine Township.

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Daw Htar Htar Shwe of Mon State WAO.

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Daw Lay Moe Thu, Member of Mon State MCWSC.

MNA



Dr San Hlaing of Mawlamyine Technological University.—MNA



Ceremony to support National Convention, ...

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We have known that the principles on education and health laid down in the National Convention will contribute a lot to education and health sectors of the future generation.

For building a peaceful modern developed and disciplined flourishing democratic State, the fundamental principles and basic detailed principles to be included in the forthcoming constitution laid down by the National Convention will guarantee the lives of mothers and children. Therefore, we support the National Convention and the constitution.

U Tun Aye of Mawlamyine Township said that if there is no constitution in a country, tasks on stability of the State, rule of law and national development will not be carried out. It is very important that the constitution must be an enduring one. Building of infrastructures needed are gaining momentum for the future State. In Mon State, transport and agricultural facilities have been burgeoning. Furthermore, education and health sectors in the state have also developed.

There are six fundamental principles on economy in the basic principles laid down by the National Convention. These principles are drafted for the long-term interests of the entire people. The principles will practically contribute to basic interests of the citizens. Therefore, we endorsed the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution.

Secretary U Mann Aung Tin Myint of Kayin Peace Group Haungthayaw Special Region seconded the motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the State Constitution. He said that KNU Brigade No 6 led by U Saw Tha Mu He is an armed group. We

took the arms struggle line attacking the government for several years because we were organized under the pretext of liberation of Kayin nationals. Both sides lost their lives as well as peace for the national brethren fought against each other.

After realizing good-for-nothing hostilities, the armed group led by U Saw Tha Mu He broke away from KNU in 1997, unconditionally handed over arms to Tatmadaw and exchanged arms for peace. We favour freedom, peace, stability and development. Unfortunately, the whole armed group felt bitterly sorrowful when U Saw Tha Mu He's family and his troops were cruelly assassinated by terrorist insurgents.

Under the correct leadership of the Government, we are living in peace and unity. We have decided to work together with the Government. Our group has rights to attend the National Convention. Now the National Convention has successfully concluded because delegates from all walks of life can frankly discuss the basic principles. Neo-colonialists and their lackeys are still committing destructive acts through various ways and means to break up the peaceful and stable country. BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB are stimulating the monks and the people to cause unrest in the country with groundless accusations. All the entire national people want peace and stability but not of protests. Therefore, on behalf of the entire national people, we together with all the people in Mon State strongly oppose the recent protests and absolutely support the successfully-finished National Convention and upcoming State Constitution.

U Htet Nay Hein of Mon State War Veterans Organization seconded the motion calling for support of the National Convention and the State Constitution. He said that peace and stability, law and order, and the

national consolidation are the key factors in the drive for emergence of a modern developed democratic nation. The entire national people are now enjoying fruitful results of the development. Seventeen armed groups who exchanged arms for peace and entered the legal fold joining hands with the Government regional development tasks through united efforts. With peace and stability of the State, development tasks are being carried out.

We, war veterans will continue to discharge national duties upholding "Our Three Main National Causes" in spite of our retirement from the military service. It is known to all that recent protests are due to instigation of Neo-colonialists and internal renegades. Both we and the people do not want such protests. If such protests occurred, we would stand up for the people and fight against these. Tatmadaw never turned a blind eye to national interests. War veterans and the national people imbued with Union spirit will work together. Therefore, seven-step Road Map of the State will surely be realized.

The National Convention has laid down six basic principles for Tatmadaw role. Tatmadaw discharged duties to perpetuate sovereignty and independence, strengthen national consolidation and safeguard lives and property of the entire national people in successive Myanmar eras.

Tatmadawmen always stood up for their State and people regardless of their lives, blood and sweat. Despite the retirement from the military service, the war veterans are forever prepared to be engaged in the State's affairs.

Therefore I absolutely support the already-finished National Convention and upcoming State Constitution.

Next, the chairman of the mass rally sought approval of those present and they unanimously support the National Convention and the State Constitution.

Then, those present chanted slogans and the mass rally ended at 8 am. —MNA

People of Sagaing Division and Kalaw express their desire

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — People of Pale, Kalay, Kalaywa, ChaungU in Sagaing Division and Kalaw in Shan State who favour stability of the State, prevalence of law and order and community peace walked in procession on 7, 8 and 9 October with the concept that the recent demonstrations staged by some monks and NLD members undermined the living conditions of the

people.

They organized the procession after seeking permission from the authorities concerned in accord with the law.

On 7 October in Pale, Sagaing Division, over 13,500 people holding the placards that read "We don't want acts of violence" and "We don't want internal and external destructive elements" and chanted "Our Three Main National Causes", "We favour

peace and stability", "We oppose acts of violence", "We must guard against the unrest and violence", "We must guard against the danger of destructive elements", "Acts of violence is the opposite of democracy", "We support the National Convention" and "We hail the forthcoming constitution" during the procession.

Similarly, local people in Kalay, Kalaywa, Kalaw walked

in procession on 8 October and people in ChaungU on 9 October to denounce the recent the demonstrations and to support the National Convention. During the walk in procession, they holding placards and chanted slogans. —MNA

Local people marching to the mass rally in Kalay.

MNA



Local residents marching to the mass rally in Kalaw.— MNA



Local people marching to the mass rally in ChaungU.— MNA

Developing Myanmar industrial sector

Maung Khit Hsan

The objective of Myanmar is to establish an agro-based industrialized country. It can be said that establishment of an industrialized nation is not far at the present time. The government is making efforts for development of industries and is paving the way for the progress of industrial sector and it is making arrangements for turning out technicians.

Myanmar is rich in industrial raw material crops and natural resources and human resources have increased year after year. Based on rich resources scattered industries have been relocated in industrial zones.

With the establishment of state-owned and private factories and workshops industries in the country have improved. On 18 March, 2007, Tawwin plastic woven bag factory (Kyaukse) was opened and new industrial zone (Pyay) was established after private industries in Bago Division were concentrated.

Altogether 22 industrial zones have been establishment due to the government's encouragement. About 10,000 workshops are in operation in the zones. **Spare parts, which were**



Metal bearing plant in Indakaw industrial zone.

imported in the past, can be manufactured in the zones. Now the country can manufacture import-substitute industrial products.

There were over 10,000 industries in the past. The number of private workshops and factories increased up to 40,000. Therefore 30,000 more workshops and factories increased. Moreover, over 8,000 cottage industries fulfill

the requirements of the people.

There were 624 state-owned factories and now there are over 800. A total of 176 factories increased. With the assistance of the government there will be job opportunities and the industrial sector will flourish soon.

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Spare parts, which were imported in the past, can be manufactured in the zones. Now the country can manufacture import-substitute industrial products.

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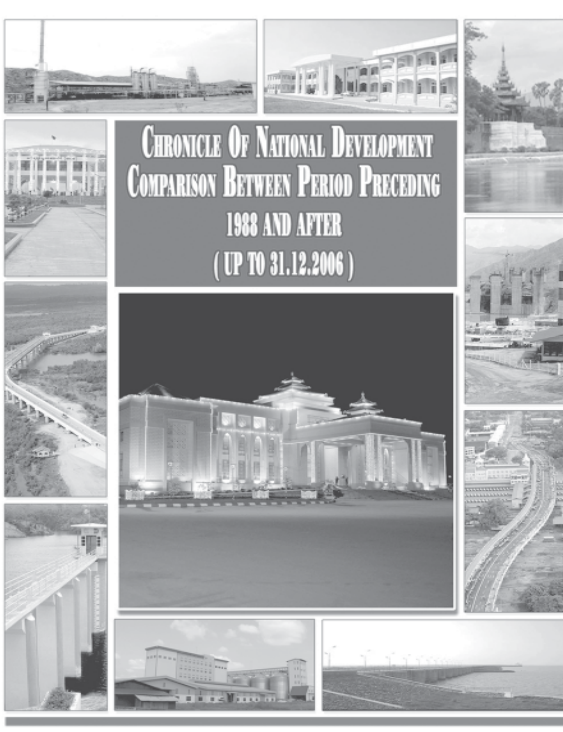
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American, British scientists win 2007 Nobel Medicine Prize

STOCKHOLM, 10 Oct — Two Americans and a Briton won the 2007 Nobel Medicine Prize on Monday for their work in embryonic stem cell research, the Nobel jury said. Briton Martin J Evans and Americans Mario R Capecchi and Oliver Smithies shared the Medicine Prize for their "groundbreaking discoveries concerning embryonic stem cells and DNA recombination in mammals", according to the Nobel jury at the Karolinska Institute.

contributions to introducing genetic changes in mice using embryonic stem cells. The process has been used to determine why some diseases strike people at a cellular level, as well as models in mice that show how human disorders such as cardiovascular ailments,

diabetes and cancer exist and strike otherwise healthy people. Capecchi, 70, was born in Italy and is a US citizen now. Both Evans of 66 and Smithies of 82 are British-born while the latter is holding US citizenship. The award committee

praised their work for having helped expand the knowledge of "numerous genes in embryonic development, adult physiology, aging and disease". The medicine prize was the first of the six prestigious awards to be announced this year. MNA/Xinhua

Two roadside bombs kill construction worker in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct—Two roadside bombs detonated among a gathering of construction workers waiting for daylong jobs in southeastern Baghdad

on Tuesday, killing one worker and wounding 11 others, an Interior Ministry source said. "Two roadside bombs went off in a quick succession at about 6:40 am (0340 GMT) in a square in Jesr Diyala District, killing a construction worker and wounding 11 others," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Some of the wounded

workers were in critical condition, the source said. Late on Monday, gunmen shot dead Shiekh Ibrahim Abdul Kareem, head of the Shiite endowment office in Sadr City neighbourhood. Kareem was attacked while he was driving his car in Baghdad's southeastern neighbourhood of Mashtel, the source said. MNA/Xinhua

Official says no possible survivors in US small plane crash

LOS ANGELES, 10 Oct— It appears none of the 10 people aboard a small plane survived in the crash in the Cascade mountains of Washington state, Yakima County emergency official said on Monday.

authorities said. The Cessna 208 Caravan left Boise, Idaho around 7 pm Sunday but did not arrive at Shelton as scheduled, according to aviation officials. A hunter reported seeing a low-lying plane and a possible crash, said Nisha Marvel, a spokeswoman for the state Department

of Transportation. The plane's emergency locator was not activated, authorities said. Rescue workers were dispatched to the scene where the plane probably crashed Monday to search the central Washington Cascades for wreckage, authorities said. MNA/Xinhua

Strong quake hits Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Oct — A powerful quake with a magnitude of 6.0 struck Sumatra Island on Wednesday morning, but not potential for tsunami, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said. The quake jolted at 07:19 am Jakarta Time (0019 GMT) with

epicentre at 82 kilometres southwest Painan Town of West Sumatra Province and at 20 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency Andi Zulfikar told Xinhua. The quake was felt at 3 to 4 MMI (modified mercalli intensity), a scale that is enable to crack

buildings, at Padang city, at the capital of the province and at 2 to 3 MMI at Muko Muko Town of nearby province of Bengkulu. MNA/Xinhua

Six killed, ten injured in road crash in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 10 Oct — Six people were killed and 10 others injured when a bus rammmed into a microbus in Bangladesh's Comilla District, 90 kilometres southeast of capital Dhaka, early on Tuesday. Police was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying a passenger bus hit a Dhaka-bound microbus on the highway connecting Dhaka with southeastern port city Chittagong at about 5 am local time. Two microbus passengers were killed on the spot and 14 others were injured. Of the injured, four died later at hospital.—MNA/Xinhua

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Sudan slams US envoy's statements on southern Sudan

KHARTOUM, 10 Oct— The Sudanese Foreign Ministry criticized on Tuesday a US envoy's statements that warned of a "poisonous" political atmosphere between the ruling National Congress Party (NCP) in north and the former rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) in south.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the statements made by the US special envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios were inaccurate, and would not help narrow the differences between the two sides.

Natsios said last Saturday when he wrapped up a 10-day visit

to Sudan that the United States was deeply concerned about the health of the 2005 peace deal signed between NCP headed by Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir and the SPLM.

"The current political atmosphere is poisonous ... this war of words has to stop," Natsios said, referring to the accusation throws between the two sides through the media over the failure in implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA).

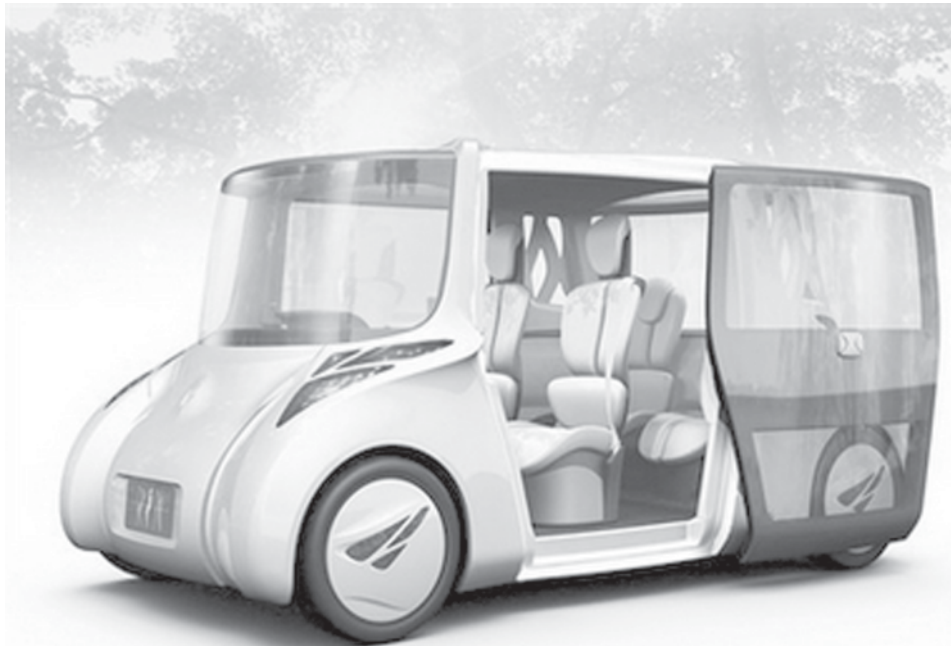
The Foreign Ministry called on the US envoy to be more accurate and objective in his statements and refrain from sending wrong and troubling

signals.

It reiterated that Sudan's peace partners are keeping the commitment to the CPA, underlining that 90 per cent of the peace deal had been implemented.

The ministry also reminded that efforts were still underway to find a solution for contentious issues.

The CPA signed in 2005 ended 21 years of fighting between the north and south and created a semi-autonomous southern Sudanese Government. — MNA/Xinhua



In this artist rendering released by Toyota Motor Corp ahead of Tokyo Motor Show, which opens to public in Chiba, east of Tokyo, a toylike 'concept' car called Rin is shown. The green-and-beige model has a transparent floor, huge windows and doors that slide open like Japanese 'shoji' screens so its interior appears to blend with its surroundings for what Toyota called a soothing ride.—INTERNET

139-year-old shipwreck found in Alaska

BEIJING, 10 Oct — A team of divers has discovered the wreck of an American ship that sank off the south-central Alaska coast 139 years ago, according to media reports Wednesday.

The *Torrent*, carrying 155 passengers, struck a reef and sank near Port Graham in 1868. That was less than a year after the US purchased Alaska from Russia.

The men on board had been ordered to construct the first US fort on the mainland of southcentral Alaska. The castaways camped on an adjacent beach for 18 days awaiting rescue.

A four-man dive team led by Steve Lloyd, owner of Anchorage's largest independent book store, made the discovery in July but kept it hidden at the request of state officials who wanted more time to document the site.

Internet



A model poses beside a posh sedan on display at 2007 Nanjing International Auto Expo in Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu Province on 9 Oct, 2007. The expo will run from 9-13 Oct. —INTERNET

Democrats propose safeguards in Bush's spy programme

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct— The rights of Americans swept up in President George W Bush's warrantless domestic spying programme would be given new safeguards under a bill introduced on Tuesday by Democratic lawmakers.

But civil liberties advocates complained that the measure, which would require secret-court approval of most spying, did not go far enough in protecting the rights of US citizens.

Republicans warned it could help terrorists.

The White House had its own objections.

It wants retroactive immunity for telecommunications companies that cooperated in the warrantless surveillance begun after the 11 September attacks.

Democrats in the House of Representatives said they would not even consider immunity until they receive information detailing precisely what the firms did.

"To give immunity at this point in time would be a blind immunity — not knowing what, in fact, was done," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, a Maryland Democrat. The bill was drafted in response to a temporary measure the White House pushed through the Democratic-led Congress in August along with warnings of possible

additional attacks.

The measure would provide intensified oversight of the extended powers of federal authorities to track suspected foreign enemy targets without court approval.

White House spokesman Tony Fratto said the bill seemed to be a step backward from the earlier legislation.

MNA/Reuters

Astronomers trace humans' dusty origins

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct— Astronomers have taken a baby step in trying to answer the cosmic question of where we come from.

Planets and much on them, including humans, come from dust — mostly from dying stars. But where did the dust that helped form those early stars come from?

A NASA telescope may have spotted one of the answers. It's in the wind bursting out of super-massive black holes.

The Spitzer Space Telescope identified large quantities of freshly made space dust in a quasar about 8 billion light years from here.

Astronomers used the telescope to break down the wavelengths of light in the quasar to figure out what was in the space dust. They found signs of glass, sand, crystal, marble, rubies and sapphires, said Ciska Markwick-Kemper of the University of Manchester in England. She is the lead author of a study that will be published later this month in *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

Dust is important in the cooling



This artists rendering provided by NASA shows dusty grains — including tiny specks of the minerals found in the gemstones peridot, sapphires, and rubies — that can be seen blowing in the winds of a quasar, or active black hole. —INTERNET

process to make stars, which are predominantly gas. The leftover dust tends to clump together to make planets, comets and asteroids, said astronomer Sarah Gallagher, a study co-author at the University of California Los Angeles.

"In the end, everything comes from space dust," Markwick-Kemper said. "It's putting all the pieces of the puzzle together to figure out where we came from."—Internet

SPORTS



China's Lin Dan returns the shuttlecock during the first round match against his compatriot Lai Chao at the 2007 International Badminton Invitational Tournament in Beijing, China, on 10 Oct, 2007. —XINHUA

FIFA Ethics Committee to have World Cup bidding role

ZURICH, 10 Oct — FIFA's newly formed Ethics Committee is to be given a role in future World Cup bidding procedures, according to a statement by the committee's chairman Sebastian Coe. Following a meeting with FIFA president Sepp Blatter in Zurich on Tuesday, Coe said the committee would "discuss its role in the bidding process for the 2018 FIFA World Cup" when it holds its first working meeting in December.

The statement, published on FIFA's web site (www.fifa.org), gave no further details as to the

precise role of the Ethics Committee in the bidding process. No timeframe has yet been set for the 2018 World Cup bids with FIFA's Executive Committee yet to decide if it will stick with its current practice of rotating World Cups by continent.

Coe said the committee would also take a decision over "irregularities" in the selection of Kenyan match officials for FIFA's 2007 list of international referees. The controversial settlement reached with former secretary general Urs Linsi will not be on the agenda however.

MNA/Reuters

Partizan, Red Star punished for derby trouble

BELGRADE, 10 Oct — Belgrade rivals Partizan and Red Star were punished on Tuesday for trouble involving fans and players during their derby last month.

"The organization of the derby was sloppy to say the least," deputy first division commissioner Dragec Dimitrijevic said.

Partizan were ordered to play one match behind closed doors after their fans shouted racist abuse at Red Star's Senegalese defender Ibrahim Gueye and two dozen of them invaded the pitch after the final whistle.

Red Star's Portuguese midfielder Lukas and striker Nenad Jestrovic were given two-match bans while Serbia winger Ognjen Koroman will miss one game for violent conduct.—MNA/Reuters

Livorno sack Orsi after poor run

MILAN, 10 Oct — Fernando Orsi became the first managerial casualty of the Serie A season on Tuesday when he was sacked by bottom club Livorno.

"Orsi did not deserve the sack but the fans are disappointed and the difficult start to the season comes down to the coach, and the players," Livorno president Aldo Spinelli told Italian media.

Livorno have two points from seven games and have had problems scoring since selling Italy striker Cristiano Lucarelli to Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk in the close season.—MNA/Reuters

FIFA approves trial of goalmouth referees

ZURICH, 10 Oct — Soccer's world governing body FIFA is to experiment with two additional goalmouth referees at the Club World Cup competition in Japan in December.

The move, heavily championed by European governing body (UEFA) president Michel Platini, was confirmed during the first meeting of FIFA's new Strategic Committee, chaired by Platini in Zurich on Tuesday.

A FIFA spokesman said the precise role of the two extra officials, including their general positioning, would be determined in the run-up to the competition.

FIFA had already announced that it would use the tournament to continue tests on goal-line technology developed by ball manufacturer adidas, using a chip in the match

ball to determine whether shots had crossed the line.

The International Football Association Board (IFAB), which governs the laws of football, gave provisional backing to the use of goal-line technology during a meeting in March.

IFAB insisted that the technology had to be instantaneous and 100 per cent accurate with decisions transmitted only to the match officials.

Tuesday's Strategic Committee meeting also involved talks on disputed issues, including the future look of the international match calendar and

the row over compensating clubs whose players were injured on international duty.

The committee said it had agreed to set up working groups to discuss both issues. In a statement released after the meeting, FIFA said there were "serious concerns" regarding the issue of third-party ownership of players

"The FIFA administration is working on a simple and effective solution... that will be submitted to the world governing body's legal committee," it added.

MNA/Reuters

Dunga tells Brazil to concentrate on football

TERESOPOLIS (Brazil), 10 Oct — Brazil coach Dunga has told his team not to get involved in gamesmanship and petty arguments during the World Cup qualifiers.

Brazil, the only team to have played at all 18 World Cups and winners of a record five, kick off their campaign to qualify for the 2010 finals in South Africa in Colombia on Sunday.

They host Ecuador in Rio de Janeiro three days later as they start an 18-match campaign that will take two years and involves home and away games against every other side in South America.

"We mustn't get into arguments or start using gamesmanship, Brazil don't know how to do these things," Dunga told reporters. "We just have to play football."

Although Brazil qualified comfortably for the 2006 World Cup, they struggled in earlier South American qualifiers. They lost six matches on their way to the 2002 finals and also stuttered to the 1994 tournament in the United States, losing to Bolivia at high altitude along the way.

"The difficulties are different from any other tournament and you have to be ready for it," said Dunga. "You're playing a game where the whole country has been preparing to face Brazil."

"You can get booed at the airport, other things happen, but you have to be prepared to play," he added.

MNA/Reuters

Lazio's Rossi charged in attempted "fix" probe

ROME, 10 Oct — Lazio coach Delio Rossi has been charged with trying to influence the performance of an opposing team in April 2006, the Italian Soccer Federation (FIGC) said on Tuesday.

The federation alleged that Rossi, who took over at the Rome club in 2005, attempted to ask club president Claudio Lotito to contact Lecce officials and discuss their tactics ahead of their match, which Lazio won 1-0. FIGC gave few details in a statement but did say Rossi's attempts had been unsuccessful.

"The coach Delio Rossi, has been charged with trying to ask, without success, the Lazio president Lotito to start talks with Lecce directors in a bid to affect the technical performance of the squad ahead of a match on April 30, 2006," a statement on the FIGC website (www.figc.it) said.

Lazio, who have also been charged as the responsible club, said Rossi was only talking about prospective signings and not anything more sinister.

"The club remains astonished at this development, born out of a subjective interpretation of a telephone conversation which contrasts with the clear and transparent explanation of the call's author," said a statement on the club website (www.sslazio.it) adding it expected Rossi to be cleared.—MNA/Reuters

Bayern, Red Star drawn together in UEFA Cup

LONDON, 10 Oct — Former European champions Bayern Munich and Red Star Belgrade came out together in the draw for the group stages of the UEFA Cup on Tuesday.

Forty teams were drawn into eight groups of five with the top three going through to form the last 32 alongside eight sides from the Champions League.

Spanish club Villarreal face a tough task in Group C where they will face AEK Athens, Fiorentina, Czech outfit Mlada Boleslav and Swedish club Elfsborg Boras. Amongst the other top-seeded teams in the competition, Panathinaikos must face Lokomotiv Moscow, Atletico Madrid and 1983 winners Aberdeen, while Bayer Leverkusen are also up against Russian opposition in the form of Spartak Moscow.—MNA/Reuters



China's Zhang Ning returns the shuttlecock against her compatriot Li Shengnan during the women's singles round of 16 at the 2007 International Badminton Invitational Tournament in Beijing, capital of China, on 11 Oct, 2007. —XINHUA

AL terms US Senate's plan to divide Iraq "aberrant"

CAIRO, 11 Oct — Arab League (AL) Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Ahmed Bin Helli on Tuesday described the US Senate's plan to divide Iraq into three regions on ethnic and religious bases as "aberrant".

Bin Helli told reporters that the plan would further complicate an already bad situation in Iraq, said an AL statement.

Bin Helli also noted that the upcoming meeting of the interior ministers of Iraq's neighbouring countries due in Kuwait on 23 October would assert the necessity of preserving Iraq's unity and territorial integrity.

He added that the Arab League will take part in the Kuwait-hosted meeting, which will deal with means of

helping the Iraqi Government and people in the security sphere and pave the way for a plenary meeting on Iraq, set for Istanbul, Turkey from 30 October to 1 November.

The ministerial meeting of "Countries Neighbouring Iraq" will bring together foreign ministers of Iraq's neighbours, the G-8 members and the permanent members of the UN Security Council, is a follow-up to the international conference on Iraq held in Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh in May, according to Bin Helli.

Bin Helli also said that the AL welcomed the recently-crafted agreement between the Supreme Iraqi Islamic Council and al-Sadr trend on the inviolability of the Iraqi blood.

MNA/Xinhua

Student wounds 4, kills self, at Ohio school

CLEVELAND, 11 Oct — A 14-year-old student shot and wounded two adults and two students at a high school near downtown Cleveland before killing himself, authorities said on Wednesday.

The reason for the rampage remained unclear but Eugene Sanders, chief executive officer of the Cleveland public schools, said the boy was not supposed to be in the building Wednesday and local media reports said he

had been suspended.

Police Chief Michael McGrath said the initial investigation indicated that the boy killed himself before police arrived and that he had at least two guns. Asked at a news conference whether he could say the shootings were random, he said he could not.

The wounded were two men aged 42 and 57, both of whom were in stable condition, Mayor Frank Jackson said. He

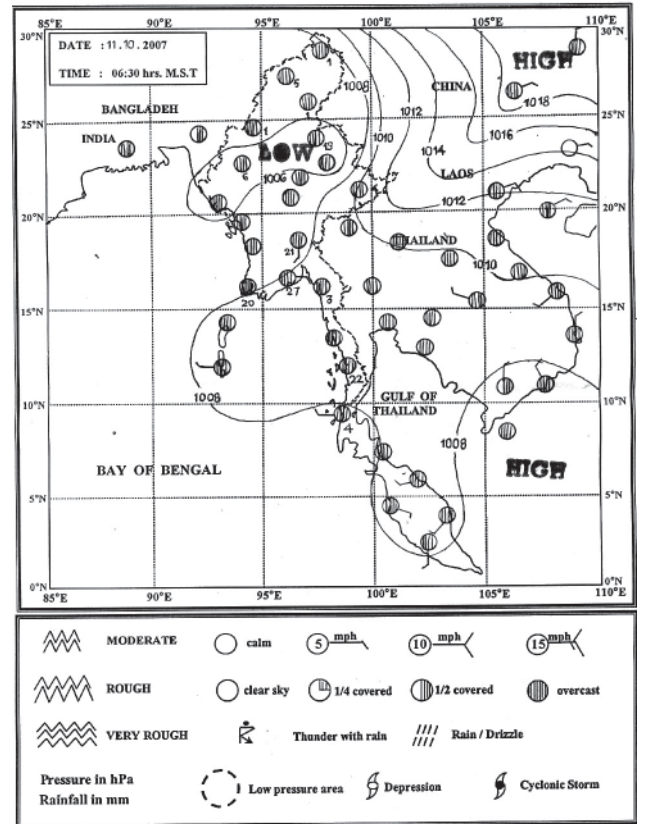
said two male students ages 17 and 14 suffered minor gunshot wounds and that a 14-year-old girl, also a student, injured her knee trying to flee the chaos.

The shootings took place in the early afternoon at SuccessTech Academy, a 250-student specialized school that concentrates on math and technology. Sanders said he was cancelling classes at all Cleveland public schools on Thursday so that parents, students and faculty could

"take a breather" and "put this in perspective".

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 11 October, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpa-an (2.75) inches, Kayan (2.44) inches, Bago (1.78) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-10-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 11-10-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-10-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 10-10-2007 was (5.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 11-10-2007 was (0.55) inch at Mingaladon, (1.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (129.84) inches at Mingaladon, (135.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (138.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (16:15) hours MST on 10-10-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-10-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-10-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-10-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-10-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 12 October Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Take your chance
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -Obsession
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -Love is all around
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Base of love
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Woman
- 9:05 am International news -You needed
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -More than words
- Stuck on you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 12 October View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

- 8:30 am
 7. International news
- 8:45 am
 8. English for everyday use
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. ဆောင်းပါးရှင် ဇော်မျိုးဇော်၏ "ကိုယ့်တာဝန်ကိုယ်ကျေရမယ်"
- 4:30 pm
 3. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
 4. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm
 7. Song of yesteryears
- 5:40 pm
 8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး

- ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ)(အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:50 pm
 9. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (သေနတ်ပစ်)
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးတတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 8:00 pm
 15. International news
- 8:00 pm
 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေးတစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 8:00 pm
 18. The next day's programme

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People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies**
- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!**
- ★ **The public be warned of
killers in the air waves —
RFA, VOA and BBC**

- ★ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ★ **BBC lying
VOA deceiving
RFA setting up hostilities**
- ★ **Beware! Don't be bought by those slickers**

Who are the winners, and who, the losers from recent violent protests?

- ★ **Due to the violent protests,**
The people are in a state of panic
Artless persons get into bad company and run into trouble
Trade and commerce hit hard
Vendors and shopkeepers have hard times
Tourism industry in bad shape
- ★ **Due to the violent protests,**
Colonialists' lackey expatriates earn dollars
Touts were provided with funds
Criminals and opportunists are happy with the unrest
National traitors from agitator media gained a lot of dollars