

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Turkey

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Prime Minister felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Prime Minister 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 2007.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress in implementation of Yeywa Hydropower Project



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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and departmental officials, arrived at the site of Yeywa Hydropower Project being imple-

mented on Myitnge River near Yeyaman Village, 31 miles southeast of Mandalay yesterday.

They heard reports on progress of Yeywa Hydropower Project, construction of RCC main embankment for the 8th stage, preparations for carrying out concrete tasks, installation of pre-stressed steel pipelines, construction of the power house and ar-

rival of construction materials presented by Deputy Director-General U Myint Zaw of No 2 Construction of Hydro-power Implementation Department at Yeywa Hydropower Project.

After attending to needs, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials to make efforts for completion of the project earlier (See page 7)

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

A handful of saboteurs and the entire people

At the instigation of external destructive elements and the incitement of internal traitors artless people fell prey to some big nations and they together with the waifs and strays took to the street without the knowledge of the prevailing situation of the nation and the world. Actually, they needed to study the real incident of the “88” disturbance and drew lessons from it.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 29 October, 2007

New Dagon Bridge for socio-economic progress

The 4,540 feet long new Dagon Bridge built across Bago River in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township was inaugurated the other day. The six-lane bridge can withstand 75 tons of loads.

Yangon is a commercial city with a population of over five million where agriculture, industries and trading are concentrated. Inauguration of the new bridge contributes towards the smooth flow of commodities between South Dagon Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and Thakayta International Container Yard and Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal.

Now people from Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan and Thongwa Townships and Thanatpin and Kawa Townships in Bago Division can go to nearby regions easily. Commerce will improve as local products such as paddy, beans and pulses and fish and meat can be transported easily.

Thirty one bridges including the present one that are over 180 feet and above long and many small bridges have been built in Yangon Division. With the opening of Maha Bandoola, Thanlyin, Bayintnaung, Aung Zeya, Shwepyitha, Panhlaing and Twantay Bridges, industrial zones and industries in the townships have developed and the life of people from rural areas has also improved.

Smooth and secure transport contributes towards the rapid flow of commodities and regional development and brings about uplift of socio-economic life of local people. That is why the government is building a great deal of roads and bridges nationwide. Now there are 228 major bridges that are over 180 feet and above long and over 60,000 miles of roads.

Nowadays, the government has been building better foundations including transport spending a large sum of money and with the utilization of manpower, machinery and technology. It is believed that all national people can enjoy fruits of development with the active participation in nation-building tasks.

Lights offering ceremony held at Tooth Relic Pagoda

YANGON, 28 Oct — International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University under the Ministry of Religious Affairs organized a lights offering ceremony at Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) on Dhamma Pala Hill in Mayangon Township at 6 pm yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Pro-rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi, Advisor to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Htin Myo and officials, lecturer monks of the university, local and foreign trainee monks, trainee nuns and members of religious associations. At the ceremony, 9,000 lights (oil lamp) were offered to the pagoda.

Pavarana ceremony took place at Theravada Patharani Ordination Hall of the university on 26 October. — MNA

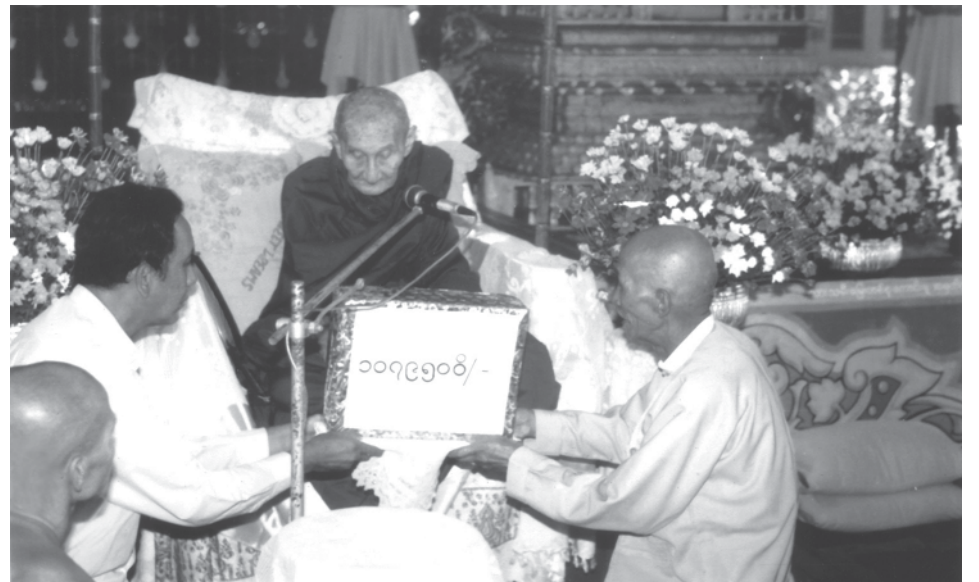
People's Desire

- * 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

Pre-centennial birthday of Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Nayaka Sayadaw Yadanabonkyaw Monastery of Phaungdawthi held

YANGON, 28 Oct — A ceremony to mark the pre-centennial birthday of Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita, aged 99 and 79 vassa, of Phaungdawthi Yadanabonkyaw Monastery was held in conjunction with the 143rd 5-township Sangha Maha Pavarana ceremony at Yapyae Dhammayon of Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago on 26 October.

Wellwishers donated cash and kind worth K 1,179,511 to the Yadanabonkyaw Monastery. Shwegyin Nikaya Upaokkatha Maha Nayaka Joint Sangharaja of Shwegyin Nikaya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita State Ovadaçariya Bhaddanta Jotipala of Kyakhatwaing Monastery delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.



Pre-centennial birthday ceremony of Yadanabonkyaw Monastery Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of Phaungdawthi in progress at Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago. — DISTRICT IPRD

mon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Next, Secretary of Bago Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwegyin) Win Neimmitayon Sayadaw and Township Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwegyin) Secretary Maha Zedikan Monastery Sayadaw led the 143rd

5-township Sangha Maha Pavarana ceremony. Bago Sasana Alinyaung Sayadaw read the Ovadaçariya of the Phaungdawthi Sayadaw.

Bago Zaytawun Sayadaw read the concluding verses of Pavarana ceremony.

Later, wellwishers offered rice to members of the Sangha. — MNA

Horizon League Basketball continues

YANGON, 28 Oct — The Horizon League Basketball Tournament, jointly organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation and Horizon Int'l Education Center, continued at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium, here, this afternoon.

Shadows won over Last Vampire 50-48 points while GB defeated Project-X with 79-25 in the men's events. The Gyuts won over MOM with 85-42 whereas Blue Boy beat Rabbit Boy with 68-30 in the men's events. Precious beat Ballababies

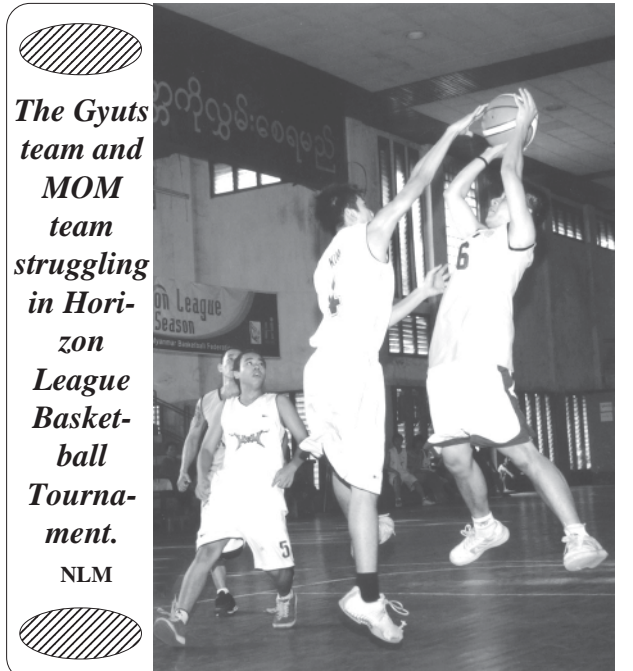
with 28-12 in the women's event.

Blue Boy stood atop in the men's group-A with 10 points, followed by GB with 9 points and The Gyuts with 7 points. Filipino, Red Star and CCY have 7 points each on the standing table of the men's group-B. Precious remains atop on the standing table of the women's event with 5 points, one point ahead of Sky and three points ahead of Kandawgalay.

The Horizon League Basketball Tournament continues 3 and 4 November. — NLM

Foreign Minister felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—On the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ali Babacan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey. — MNA



The Gyuts team and MOM team struggling in Horizon League Basketball Tournament. NLM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Protesters in US cities call for end to Iraq war

NEW YORK, 28 Oct — Anti-war demonstrators marched in a dozen US cities on Saturday to call for an immediate end to the war in Iraq and a cut-off of funding by Congress. The "national day of action," sponsored by the United for Peace and Justice coalition, attracted throngs of protesters in cities from Boston and New Orleans to Chicago

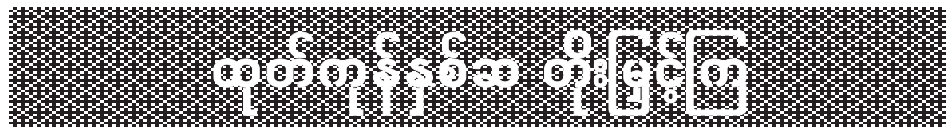
and Los Angeles on the fifth anniversary of the US Senate's vote authorizing the invasion of Iraq.

Wet weather dampened the turnout in New York, but thousands braved the rain for the anti-war event in Manhattan, where protesters carried signs reading "End the war now", demanding a cutoff of its funding; "Healthcare, not warfare;"

and calling for the impeachment of President Bush for "war crimes".

One contingent began its trek in New Jersey, marching across the George Washington Bridge en route to a rally in Manhattan's Union Square, where speakers included antiwar veterans and families of servicemen in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



In this picture taken on 25 Oct 2007, Indian students sit in the cabin of a decommissioned plane in New Delhi. Of the 55 school girls who took a 'flight', only three had flown ever, despite a boom in air travel as the country's economy grows and incomes soar.—INTERNET



The new 8-gigabyte SanDisk microSDH card can "Wake Up Your Phone" by allowing consumers to store more than 2,000 songs, or more than 5,000 high-resolution photos or up to 5 hours of high-quality MPEG 4 video. The new card works in many new mobile phones with card slots like the Nokia N95.—INTERNET

Cuba's ballet legend Alonso slams US embargo

HAVANA, 27 Oct — Alicia Alonso, the nearly blind matriarch of Cuban ballet, on Friday denounced US sanctions as an "inhuman and unjustifiable siege" that has hindered cultural ties between the United States and Cuba.

Alonso, 85, called on American artists and intellectuals to speak out against the US embargo that has banned trade with Fidel Castro's Communist government and restricted travel between the two countries since the early 1960s.

"I ask you to raise your voices to reject so unfair a measure and demand the end to this inhuman and unjustifiable siege," she said in a statement read out for her at a news conference.

US President George

W Bush on Wednesday rejected any easing of the sanctions without a full transition to democracy, calling last year's transfer of power from the ailing Castro to his brother Raul an exchange of one dictator for another.

Every year since 1992,

the UN General Assembly has told the United States to lift the embargo against Cuba. Last year's resolution was approved by a record 183-4, with one abstention. The next such vote is slated to take place next Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Cabin crew strike begins at Air France

PARIS, 27 Oct — Air France has been forced to cancel 158 flights scheduled for Friday owing to a cabin crew strike, according to a statement published by labour unions.

"Due to the exceptional level of mobilization among the cabin crew and the unity of labour union leaders, at least 390 flights have been cancelled today, of which 158 were due to take off tomorrow," the labour unions said in a statement Thursday.

Labour unions representing Air France cabin crew workers called for a five-day strike slated to start on 25 October after negotiations over salary

reviews and working conditions stalled.

"Intimidation, misinformation and manipulation are just but a smokescreen that cannot hide the deep-seated

discomfort of Air France's cabin crew and this has clearly been shown by the massive participation in the strike," according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua



Customers wait for Air France flights. Queues of frustrated, angry passengers have built up at main French airports as Air France cancelled scores of flights because of a strike by cabin staff recently.

INTERNET

Armoured piercing roadside bomb kills US soldier in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Oct — A US soldier was killed and four others wounded in a sophisticated armoured piercing roadside bomb explosion in southern Baghdad, the US military said on Friday.

The Multi National Division-Baghdad soldiers were attacked by the explosively formed penetrator, or EFP on Thursday, the military said in a statement.

EFP, first developed during World War II, is a special type of shaped charge designed to penetrate armour effectively.

US officials frequent-

ly accused Iran of providing Shiite militia in Iraq the weapons, including the EFP, which was denied by Iran.

The latest death brings the number of US

soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to more than 3,835 since the outbreak of the Iraq war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua

FAO warns bird flu virus in Europe as hidden danger

ROME, 27 Oct — The avian influenza virus H5N1 could become entrenched in chickens and domestic ducks and geese in parts of Europe, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned on Thursday.

The agency stressed that healthy domestic ducks and geese may transmit the virus to chickens and play a more important role in the persistence of the virus in the region than previously thought. H5N1 surveillance in countries with significant

domestic duck and geese populations should be urgently increased. FAO's warning followed the detection of H5N1 in diseased young domestic ducks by German scientists.

"It seems that a new chapter in the evolution of avian influenza may be unfolding silently in the heart of Europe," said FAO's Chief Veterinary Officer, Joseph Domenech. "If it turns out to be true that the H5N1 virus can persist in apparently healthy domestic duck and geese populations, then countries need to urgently reinforce their monitoring

and surveillance schemes in all regions with significant duck and geese production for the presence of H5N1. Europe should prepare for further waves of avian influenza outbreaks, most probably in an east-west direction, if the virus succeeds in persisting throughout the year in domestic waterfowl. This heightens the need for increased surveillance and monitoring of possible virus circulation in domestic ducks and geese," Domenech said.

MNA/Xinhua



The opening ceremony of the 4th China-ASEAN Expo in the Nanning International Exhibition Center, Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Oct. 28, 2008. — XINHUA

US Democrats press Bush on climate change testimony

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct — Democrats in the US Congress on Thursday demanded to know if the White House had improperly interfered with a health official's prepared testimony about global warming, amid allegations that large portions were deleted for political reasons.

Senator Barbara Boxer, who chairs the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, wrote President George W Bush requesting him

"please provide to my office, no later than Monday ... a copy of all drafts" of testimony by the director of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

"This isn't a country that should be censoring science," Boxer, a California Democrat, told reporters.

CDC Director Julie Gerberding testified on Wednesday before Boxer's panel on the health implications of global warming.

On Thursday, Boxer released to reporters what she said was a draft of Gerberding's testimony to the committee. About half of the text had been deleted.

Among the passages deleted, according to documents released by Boxer, were: "Scientific evidence supports the view that the earth's climate is changing. ... In the United States, climate change is likely to have a significant impact on health." — MNA/Reuters

Spain says over 40 missing in shipwreck off Africa

MADRID, 26 Oct — A Spanish fishing boat found seven bodies and one survivor in an open-topped wooden boat adrift off Mauritania, with dozens more passengers thought to be missing, Spain said on Thursday.

According to the survivor, the boat began its journey with around 50 people on board and had been adrift for around 20 days, the Development Ministry said in a statement. The vessel was half-sunk when found, the captain of the fishing boat said. "There was a foul stench and I think those people had been dead for around six or seven days,

maybe more," the captain told national radio from the fishing boat, his voice trembling with emotion. He said it was unlikely others had survived.

Thousands of illegal immigrants in rickety wooden boats attempt the journey from Africa to Spain's Canary Islands every year. Many die trying to reach Europe in search of work. The captain said the survivor told him the boat had run out of petrol far from the coast after leaving the Mauritanian fishing port of Nouadhibou. He believed the other passengers had been swept off board.

MNA/Reuters



A girl looks at corncobs in front of her house during harvest season of corn at Sijiazhai Village of Boai County, central China's Henan Province, on 25 Oct, 2007. — XINHUA

Putin objects to sanctions against Iran

LISBON, 26 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin objected on Thursday to new sanctions against Iran, saying such action would put Iran in a corner over its nuclear programme.

"Why should we make the situation worse, corner it, (Iran) threatening new sanctions?" Putin told reporters during a visit to Lisbon.

His remark followed an announcement by the United States that it would slap a new set of unilateral sanctions against Teheran, which it suspects of trying to make a nuclear bomb. Iran

denies the charges, saying its nuclear programme is peaceful.

Russia, which is helping Iran build a nuclear power station, has backed the United Nations' two sets of mild sanctions, intended to encourage Teheran to cooperate more with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

However, Russia said it would not back any further sanctions unless the IAEA said Teheran was not cooperating or the UN nuclear watchdog finds that Iran's programme had Military goals.

MNA/Reuters

Court rejects appeal by ex-Illinois governor Ryan

CHICAGO, 27 Oct — A federal appeals court on Thursday refused to give former Illinois governor George Ryan another hearing on his corruption conviction, increasing the likelihood the Nobel Peace Prize nominee will have to begin serving a 6 1/2-year prison sentence.

Ryan, 73, promoted for several years for a Nobel because of his opposition to capital punishment has been free on bond pending appeal since he was sentenced on 6 September, 2006.

In a 6-3 decision, the

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit denied Ryan and colleague Larry Warner a hearing by the full nine-member panel to

consider an August ruling by three of its judges upholding the convictions.

MNA/Reuters

Budapest protesters block city roads

BUDAPEST, 27 Oct — Several hundred protesters blocked some of Budapest's busiest traffic arteries on Friday and called on Socialist Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany to quit.

Police attempted to push the protesters, many of them carrying flags associated with the far

right, away from the city centre but did not clash with the demonstrators.

Currency dealers said Budapest's street protests contributed to the Hungarian forint's slight weakening on Friday but that markets were not overly concerned as similar demonstrations in the past failed to have a

lasting market impact.

On 22 October, several hundred demonstrators clashed with police, threw petrol bombs and set fires as they protested against Gyurcsany, who last year admitted in a leaked tape of having lied about the state of the economy to win re-election.

MNA/Reuters



Iranian Christian Vartan Sarkisian, right, takes aim as Mahnaz Abdolkarimi waits during an archery training session at the Tochal Sport and Recreational Complex, northern Teheran, Iran, on 26 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Oil hits record above \$92 on weak dollar

NEW YORK, 27 Oct — Oil prices shot to an all-time high above 92 US dollars a barrel on Friday as the tumbling dollar and Nigerian output disruptions helped extend a rally that has lifted prices nearly 30 per cent since August.

Worries that supplies may come up short ahead of the Northern Hemisphere winter have fueled the rise, drawing a fresh wave of speculative money from investors.

US crude settled up 1.40 US dollars at 91.86 US dollars a barrel, off the record 92.22 US dollars struck during electronic trading earlier.

Oil was closing in on its inflation-adjusted high of 101.70 US dollars seen over the course of April 1980, a year after the Iranian revolution and at the start of the Iran-Iraq war.

London Brent gained

1.21 US dollars to 88.69 US dollars a barrel.

“Fresh highs are now attracting fresh buying, especially following yesterday’s violation of the futures highs just above the 90 US dollars level,” said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch & Associates in Galena, Illinois.

Prices jumped past 90

US dollars a barrel after a US Government report on Wednesday showed a sharp drop in crude stocks in the world’s biggest energy consumer. Oil got a boost on Friday after a rebel attack on a oil rig in OPEC-member Nigeria operated by Italian firm ENI shut 50,000 barrels per day of production.

MNA/Reuters

Visitors view the exhibits at the China International Poster Biennial held in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 26 Oct, 2007. The Third China International Poster Biennial kicked off in Hangzhou on Friday, in which 148 pieces (including the series) of posters designed by worldwide designers were exhibited.

XINHUA



Robert and Val Newbourg, from Arrowbear, Calif, watch their five huskies in a makeshift camp of wildfire evacuees at a Wal-Mart parking lot in Highland, Calif, on 27 Oct, 2007.

INTERNET

Dutch biotech firm signs largest deal with Johnson & Johnson

BRUSSELS, 27 Oct — Belgian-Dutch biotech company Galapagos has clinched a major agreement with American pharmaceutical firm Johnson & Johnson, the largest ever signed in the field of biotechnology in the Netherlands, Dutch media reported Thursday.

The deal could earn Galapagos some 1.6 billion euros in the coming years.

Onno van der Sole, chairman of the board of Galapagos, announced on Wednesday that Johnson & Johnson has secured the right to market the promising drugs for treating rheumatoid arthritis which Galapagos is developing.

Johnson & Johnson will initially invest 17 million euros in the development of the medicine. Galapagos could receive option exercise fees and milestone payments of up to 68-73 million euros, depending on the results.

Galapagos will also develop a number of rheumatism programmes internally, one of which is expected to be ready for testing on volunteers in 2008.

Upon successful completion of clinical trials, Galapagos could be eligible to receive up to 430 million euros in development and regulatory milestone payments.—MNA/Xinhua

Norway’s REC to build world’s largest solar plant in S’pore

SINGAPORE, 27 Oct — Norway’s solar energy company Renewable Energy Corp (REC) will invest 6.3 billion Singapore dollars (about 4.3 billion US dollars) to build the world’s largest solar manufacturing complex in Singapore. REC announced Friday that the Singapore

solar plant will be its first on the Asian continent.

When fully operational, the integrated solar manufacturing complex will be able to produce up to 1.5 gigawatts of solar wafers and cells each year.

This will be equivalent to more than 70 per cent of the total global output

of 2 Gigawatts last year, according to REC. The Economic Development Board of Singapore said this is a major coup for Singapore and will catapult the country into the world solar industry map, according to local television Channel NewsAsia report.—MNA/Xinhua

Alberta to boost oil, gas royalties by \$1.45b

CALGARY (Alberta), 27 Oct — Alberta said on Thursday it will boost oil royalties as crude prices surge, but the Canadian Province backed away from some of the more contentious recommendations in a review

panel’s report that the industry sought to discredit.

Under the new measures, Alberta’s take from the oil and gas industry will increase by 1.4 billion Canadian dollars (1.45 billion US dollars), or 20 per cent above projected 2010 revenues.

The panel, which Premier Ed Stelmach appointed to look at ways to overhaul a royalty system some Albertans saw as too sweet for the booming industry, had urged a two-billion-canadian-dollar increase

over 2006 revenue.

The prospect of higher royalties has proven divisive in the province, whose oil sands resources represent the largest oil deposits outside the Middle East. The world’s oil industry has watched the developments closely.

The changes spurred angry comments from oil-sector officials who charged the government is grabbing too much in a high-cost operating region, but also from left-wing think tanks, which said Stelmach caved to industry pressure.

MNA/Reuters



Beijing Peking duck. China’s oldest Peking duck restaurant has kicked off its initial public offering to raise about 50 million dollars on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, state media reported on 27 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET

China opposes US sanctions against Iran

BEIJING, 27 Oct — China indicated on Friday it opposed the latest US Economic sanctions on Iran, warning that what it called rash steps could “complicate” the nuclear standoff with Teheran.

Washington announced the new sanctions on Thursday, accusing Teheran’s Revolutionary Guard of spreading weapons of mass destruction. Now Beijing has joined Moscow in voicing opposition to the move.

“China has always been opposed to imposing sanctions too rashly in international relations,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in a short statement published on the ministry’s website “It can only make the situation more complicated,” he said. Beijing’s comments came after Russian President Vladimir Putin said such moves only forced Teheran into a corner over its nuclear programme, and added to international

worries that the White House had begun a march to war.

Accusing Iran’s Qods force, a special Revolutionary Guard unit, of supporting terrorism, Washington slapped sanctions on more than 20 Iranian companies, banks and individuals as well as the Defence Ministry, hoping to increase pressure on Teheran to stop uranium enrichment and curb its “terrorist” activities.

MNA/Reuters



Rescue boats help powerboat ‘8 Foresti & Suardi’ of Marco Pennesi Racing from Italy after an accident during the first official practice session for Saturday’s Egyptian Grand Prix, Round 5 of the World Professional Powerboating Association’s Class 1 World Powerboat Championship, off the coast of Port Marina, Alexandria on 25 Oct 2007.—INTERNET

China, ASEAN vow to strengthen ties

NANNING, 28 Oct — Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan met with leaders from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Saturday, and vowed to strengthen the China-ASEAN relationship.

When meeting with Brunei’s Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Bouasone Bouphavanh and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, Zeng spoke highly of the bilateral relations between China and ASEAN countries.

Zeng hailed frequent high-level contacts, expanding trade cooperation, deepening local exchanges, more active cultural exchanges and closer coordination in international affairs between China and ASEAN countries.

China is willing to work with all ASEAN nations to promote their bilateral relations to benefit the people in the region, Zeng said.

He said the China-ASEAN summit held last October has brought the bilateral relations into a new historic era, adding that China will work with ASEAN to deepen strategic partnership, promote stable development of the cooperation in east Asia and contribute to regional peace, development and stability.

The ASEAN leaders expressed their warm congratulation to the success of the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

MNA/Xinhua

Two foreign soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Oct — Insurgents killed two soldiers from the NATO-led force in Afghanistan in an ambush in the east of the country, the force said in a statement on Friday.

Three International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) soldiers were also wounded in the clash when insurgents opened fire with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades on the joint patrol with Afghan troops in the

province of Kunar, bordering Pakistan. ISAF does not release the nationalities of soldiers killed in Afghanistan, but most of the troops in Kunar are American.

The soldiers responded with small arms fire and called in air support. Several Kalashnikov assault rifles and the body of one insurgent were recovered after the clash, the statement said.

MNA/Reuters

Scientists decode proteins with potential for new medicines

BRUSSELS, 27 Oct — A research team funded by the European Union, working with American scientists, is the first to determine the structure of a specific membrane protein, known as “recombinant G protein-coupled receptor,” said the European Commission on Friday.

Membrane proteins are potentially important targets for future medicines, because of their involvement in the development of many

diseases within the body.

The European Commission, the executive body of the EU, also announced 22 million euros (about 31 million US dollars) of funding for two new projects looking into membrane proteins.

Final budget figures and project details are subject to the final signature of contracts. The projects will begin research in early 2008, the commission said.

MNA/Xinhua

Dutch firm conducts trial of separate plastic collection

BRUSSELS, 27 Oct — A trial with the separate collection of plastic waste was a surprising success in 21 Dutch towns, Dutch paper *De Telegraaf* reported Thursday.

Dutch waste processing company Sita, which has been conducting tests in towns in central and eastern Netherlands since the summer, said most people are willing to go the extra trouble of separating the plastic from their trash, the report said.

Residents in the

participating towns, which included Arnhem, Leusden, Nunspeet and Harderwijk, have been able to hand in plastic containers separate from other household waste. Some 1,500 cubic metres of plastic has been collected for recycling so far. “We were positively surprised by the quantity and quality of the plastic handed in. People took the experiment very seriously,” a spokesperson from Sita was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Teenage shooting wounds four at US school football game

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct — An American 15-year-old boy opened fire at a middle school football game late Wednesday in Saginaw, Michigan, injuring four people,

authorities said Thursday.

The county authorities said that the suspect is held at a juvenile facility and would be charged as juvenile assault with intent to murder.

County prosecutors will make a decision on whether to charge the boy as an adult within five days.

The shots rang out around 5:15 pm

Wednesday during half time of a football game at South Middle School in Saginaw.

A 16-year-old was shot in the neck, another student was shot in the leg and the other two parents were grazed.

The 16-year-old is still in critical condition but the other three injured have been discharged from hospital.

Police have not confirmed whether the shooter knew the 16-year-old, but officers said the incident had surprised them. “(It was) very brazen to do it in broad daylight and near a school function. It’s kind of scary stuff,” said a Saginaw police Sergeant Brent Vanderhaar.

MNA/Xinhua



The compact concept vehicle for families, called the “Space-Up” from Volkswagen, at the 40th Tokyo Motor Show 2007 in Chiba, suburban Tokyo, on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET

10th day programmes of Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the 10th day at the designated places in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus, here, yesterday.

Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, Secretary of the Work Committee for

Organizing the Competitions Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department, officials, departmental heads, personnel, cultural troupes of national races, families of regiments and units under Nay Pyi Taw Command, students of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District and local people

contestants, the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' violin contest with five students and the girls' contest with three students.

Chairman of the panel of judges U Ye Nwe and party supervised the music contest at University of Agriculture. A total of 11 persons

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than the schedule and attention to be paid to ensure worksite safety.

Next, they visited the project site. They viewed installation of the pre-stressed steel pipelines and placing of concrete.

On completion, the 790-megawatt-capacity power plant will generate 3,550 million kwh yearly.

Installation of the pre-stressed steel pipelines have completed by 54 per cent. In addition, 28 metres for the pipelines have been installed at unit-1, 24 metres at unit-2, 24 metres at unit-3 and 26 metres at unit-4. Construction of RCC main embankment have finished by 62 per cent, the power intake build 61 per cent, the power house 31 per cent and the spillway 27 per cent. — MNA



contestants in the orchestra contest at the convocation hall of University of Agriculture. Two troupes participated in the amateur level (second class) women's orchestra troupe contest, one troupe in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' orchestra troupe contest and three troupes the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' orchestra troupe contest.

Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut enjoys performance of contestants in amateur level (second class) donmin contest. — MNA

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U Tin Thein of Magway Division taking part in amateur level (first class) men's narration of Jataka contest. — MNA

enjoyed the performance of the artistes in the competitions.

At University of Agriculture, Assistant Director (Music) (Retd) vocalist Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television and party supervised the singing contest. Eight contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men's classical song contest and 15 students in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' classical song contest.

Chairman of the panel of judges Rector U Tin Soe of University of Culture (Yangon) and party supervised the narration of Jataka contest at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science. Five contestants took part in the amateur level (first class) men's narration of Jataka contest.

At Forest Research Department, leader of the panel of judges violinist U Tin Ngwe and party supervised the amateur level (first class) men's violin contest with the participation of nine



Ma Phyu Phwe Thant and troupe of Mandalay Division competing in basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' orchestra troupe contest. — MNA

competed in the amateur level (second class) men's donmin contest, four persons in the amateur level (second class) women's donmin contest, two men and one woman in the higher education level donmin contests and two schoolboys and three schoolgirls in the basic education level (5-10 age group) donmin contests.

Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Satin and party made assessments on competitions of the



U Khin Maung Yin of Rakhine State participates in amateur level (first class) men's violin contest.

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Ma Htay Myat Thandar of Mandalay Division seen in higher education level (women's) donmin contest. — MNA

A handful of saboteurs and the entire people

Maung Pwint Lin

Today's younger generation did not witness the 1988 unrest. They learn the 1988 unrest as the disturbance or democracy movement that took place at the instigation of internal and external elements.

Destructive elements at home were entertaining constantly the made-up stories and distorted news stories aired by foreign radio stations of colonialists and their expatriate minions such as BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB. Those who placed their trust in the broadcasts were trapped and used at will by internal and external destructive elements. Their plots were intended to disrupt peace and stability and development momentum of the nation, undermine national coherence by driving a wedge among national brethren, and make Myanmar lose its independence or sovereignty following disintegration of the Union and national solidarity. Once the nation lost independence, the Union of Myanmar would be at the mercy of colonialists. National axe-handles of the colonialists, axe-handles at home, expatriates, absconders, and national traitors would have a meagre share of (power of the puppet government) from the colonialists.

Myanmar people had experienced untold miseries for 123 years in the time of the British colonialists, three years in the time of the Fascists, and for more than 40 years due to the multi-coloured insurgency incited by those who stuck to sectarianism and were desperate to seize power at the instigation of internal and external elements. In addition, they have suffered a variety of destructive acts of neo-colonialists since independence (for about 60 years). So, destructive acts of lackeys to make the nation lose independence again are absolutely unacceptable to the people, as evidenced by the mass rallies to support the National Convention and the forthcoming State constitution held throughout the nation and people's marches held in various townships denouncing recent protests.

Myanmar people still remember and should not forget the incidents in which the people lived under the yoke of the colonialists who unfairly exploited Myanmar's teak, oil, precious stones and crops, the

events in which Myanmar lived well below the poverty line, and the independence struggles such as Oilfield Workers' Uprising and Peasants' Uprising resulting from various forms of tortures and oppressions that were intolerable for the people.

According to the neo-colonialism, the neo-colonialists will have to manipulate the internal affairs of their targeted countries after installing puppet governments. In practice, they invaded a targeted country giving a lame excuse. Although they have installed puppet governments, they fail to withdraw their troops from the nations. The United Nations has decolonized. However, the neo-colonialists have occupied Afghanistan for seven years and Iraq for five years, but they have not withdrawn their troops yet.

The UN and international community want the US and its allies to withdraw from the invaded countries and meanwhile the peoples and legislative bodies of the invading nations are calling for withdrawal of the stationed forces. Those exercising combined pattern of neo-colonialism and old colonialism have refused to comply with the wishes of the global community.

Before they occupied the countries, the international community, the UN and the peoples of the invaded countries had objected to possible invasion. Showing total disregard for the instance of the majority of the people and failing to respect democracy, they invaded the countries. The excuses they gave were not correct before the invasion, so they have not been able to prove them. For instance, the US and Britain giving an excuse that the UN was unable to find out nuclear weapons, chemical weapons and biological weapons in Iraq in the time of Saddam invaded the country. Nonetheless, they have not found out any such weapons as yet.

At that time, the US President claimed it was the liberation of Iraqis from the rule of tyrant Saddam Hussein. Now, Saddam administration was toppled, and Saddam Hussein has been hanged. However, Iraqis have not been liberated from the tyrants. According to some world political analysts, Iraqis have not been freed from the US occupation. They also said that in the time of Saddam Hussein, thousands of Iraqis did not lose their lives, Iraqis' residences did not face bomb

attacks, oil wells were not exploited by the invaders, and more than five million Iraqis had not fled their country. Now, thousands of Iraqis have been killed, many houses of Iraqis have been ravaged, and a great deal of Iraq oil has been exploited. The number of Iraqi emigrants has reached more than five million.

The US attacked civilian targets of Iraq such as residential areas and houses with bombs, projectiles and rockets on the pretext of suspecting that there were insurgents and members of Al Qaeda in those areas. Consequently, dozens of Iraqi people including children, adults and mothers are killed daily. An excuse of suspects frequently used by the US has turned out to be the license to kill Iraqi people.

In their plots to encroach upon other nations the neo-colonialists used to make use of internal national traitors, lackeys and axe-handles. There is a Myanmar saying "If a mother is in calamity, she disowns even her own offspring". It means that even a mother fails to save her own offspring when she is in calamity triggered by the disaster. There is not any impact of disaster in Myanmar. There is prevalence of peace in the nation instead. Remarkable progress has been made in education and health sectors. There is no such event in Myanmar to reflect to the Myanmar saying.

Another saying is that one would tread on the prey when the world is on fire. Another version is that one would tread on own offspring when the world is on fire. It means that one would save one's own life first when one is in great trouble. There is no such incident in Myanmar. Such saying is in total contrast to Myanmar traditions and culture as the nation is now fully enjoying the fruits of peace and development. Although there cannot be such incidents in the nation expatriates and absconders abroad, who have been away from their parents, and internal traitors and lackeys are creating violent protest and unrest in the nation.

Expatriate and fugitives abroad are perpetrating such atrocities to undermine national development and tarnish the image of the nation as they have to rely on their masters and act to their liking. Even though their acts can be forgiven to a certain extent the acts of internal traitors who live in the same land and partake water from the same source together with the people getting the nation and its people into trouble are mean and totally unacceptable.

At the instigation of external destructive elements and the incitement of internal traitors artless people fell prey to some big nations and they together with the waifs and strays took to the streets without the knowledge of the prevailing situation of the nation and the world. Actually, they needed to study the real incident of the "88" disturbance and drew lessons from it.

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As I have mentioned in the beginning of the article, nations that have fallen prey to neo-colonialists ran into trouble and suffered much resulting in bloodshed. Such nations became totally destitute and impoverished. The more they became destitute the more neo-colonialists became satisfied.

The "88" disturbance originated from a brawl between two students and some residents at a tea shop in a ward, and it culminated into unrest. The Burma Communist Party (BCP) lacking the support of Myanmar people and the colonialists, who are desirous of meddling in the nation's internal affairs fueled the incident rather than putting an end to it.

As a matter of fact, the "88" disturbance was not a revolution launched by the entire national people. Therefore, it was not difficult to halt and stop it. The violent unrest staged by those who wanted to grasp power through short cut, saboteurs, touts and unscrupulous self-seekers was put to an end on 18 September 1988. The "88" disturbance met its end in a short period of time as it was not a revolution launched and supported by the majority of people. It was just a riot out of control mixed with violence, looting and breaking of factories and warehouses and it occurred only in some towns and regions.

In Kyaunggon, Ayeyawady Division, about 1,000 demonstrators of the "88" disturbance staged protest walk along the streets of the town. At that time, over 5,000 farmers in the environs came into the town and walked in procession along the streets chanting "we oppose demonstrations" and left there. To get rid of counter-demonstrations as such CIA in collusion with BCP perpetrated a series of beheading. They one-sidedly accused about 60-70 people of poisoning demonstrators and cruelly beheaded them.

Bodiless heads were placed on the benches and those who would oppose the protests were threatened. Illegal newspapers featured those bodiless heads on their front pages with headlines reading 'Public punish destructionists'. Even foreign media (especially Western media) slammed Myanmar by saying savages were reigning the country. Actually, beheadings of four 8's were created like in the period of Saya San-led peasants' uprising in which the British government decapitated the arrested persons, put their heads on the benches in the compound of the police stations concerned, publicly announced that each from all the households was to come and see

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Similarly, the recent protests were like another "88" unrest instigated by internal and external destructive elements and a notorious big country using the expatriates and axe-handles. As agitated by BBC, VOA and RFA, some ignorant people took to the streets but the number was very small. The people of every township are holding mass rallies to express their true desire. All in all, the number of destructionists is very small but the number of the peace-loving people very big.

those bodiless heads. This, in a way, threatened that those who rose against the British government would be beheaded.

"Older people from Pakokku may remember" that while the "88" unrest was at its peak, the strike leaders were getting drunk and enjoying themselves with prostitutes at the strike camp in front of the Shweku Pagoda in Pakokku. So, some 80 local people and monks had to storm and demolish the camp with sticks and swords.

In the Pakokku protest, the strike leaders with scarves wrapped on their heads depicting a picture of fighting peacock attacked the people from rural areas who came into town to buy rice as their rations such as rice, gram and broken rice ran out in their villages. As one or two villagers were stopped by the protesters, about four or five came into town later on. Again, the protesters came to threaten the rice dealers. They insisted that it didn't matter how much rice came into town, but any must not be taken out of the town. The rice dealers did not dare engage in their business. Those coming from the villages for rice had to go back empty-handed. In this regard, the angry rural people came to Pakokku by boat or car in order to crush the Pakokku protest. Fortunately, as the Tatmadaw had taken over State responsibilities, those responsible from the Army requested and stopped some people who launched a counterattack against the protesters.

Likewise, the Tatmadaw had to stop a near clash between the rural people and the protesters at the strike camp in Mahlaing, Meiktila District. The Mahlaing strike leader together with his men arrested a person and family of a village to the north of Mahlaing who won a criminal case over his father. On the way, the victim was

forced to wear the letter reading 'I am a thief, I am a robber' and tortured. He was ill-treated at the Mahlaing strike camp. Only when the troops of the town stopped their acts, was he freed. When the victim family got back to their village, the whole village marched to Mahlaing to stamp out the strike camp. Again, the Tatmadaw had to handle the situation.

In Kyaukme, Shan State (North), a crowd of protesters confronted with Shan farmers in front of the police station in the town centre. The townsleders had to handle the situation. A similar incident happened in Lashio.

A monk from Mandalay called Galonni U Kaviya made himself a strike leader and staged protests in towns in the upcountry. The protesters threw stones at the cupboards and TVs of the houses of townspeople who did not participate in the protest. U Kaviya insisted that the people of Muse were to participate in the protest. Otherwise, the region would be wiped out off the map, he threatened. The townsleders, therefore, had to arrange for a protest the following day. As they didn't know what they had to shout, they first listened to the news broadcast by BBC at night and then shouted such slogans as 'for the cause of democracy', 'down with the single party system'.

The day they staged the protest coincided with the Muse market day. Taking advantage of the situation, casual opportunists came to get involved in the protest. Among them, some who were not entitled to apply for NRCs raided the immigration department and set fire to all the important documents. The opportunists robbed the warehouse of Muse Township Cooperative Society and looted rice, edible oil, clothing and other consumer products (valued at over K 7.5 million in 1988). They sold the looted things at the border region. The following day, the townsleders became angry and managed to ban the protest.

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Troupe representing Ayeyawady Division performs drama



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, ministers and their wives enjoy performance of artistes in the drama contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— The play contest of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the last day here, today.

The troupe led by Hsan Ko representing Ayeyawady Division performed the play entitled “Be united in the nation of brethren.”

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command

Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and wife, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and wife, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and wife, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Secretary of the Work Committee Director-

General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department, members of the Work Committee, officials of sub-committee, departmental heads and staff of the ministries, members of the national race cultural troupes, families of regiments and units under the Nay Pyi Taw Command, local people and guests.

The play was directed by U Thet Tin (Maung Tha Tint) and script writer was U Than Nyunt (Zin Min-Thameinhtaw).

MNA

Journalists of ASEAN nations enjoy Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — The Journalists from ASEAN countries visited the Yezin dam in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

They enjoyed basic education level (5-10 age group) girls’ oldies and modern song contest and basic level orchestra

(man) contest at University of Agriculture.

In the evening, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win hosted dinner to the journalists from nine ASEAN countries at Golden Palace Hotel in

Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

The journalists arrived back in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw and visited Myanmar Gem Emporium in Mayangon Township and National Races Village in Thakayta Township today. — MNA



Journalists of ASEAN nations watch national folk dance at National Races Village in Thakayta Township.—MNA

People of Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Magway and Yangon Divisions denounce recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — People of Kyaukpyu in Rakhine State, Pekhon, Pinlaung in Shan State (South), Htilin, Gangaw in Magway Division and Twantay, Dalla, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Coco Island townships in Yangon Division who favoured

such protests on 19, 23, 24, 25 and 28 October after seeking the permission from the authorities concerned.

On 19 October in Kyaukpyu in Rakhine State, over 5,000 people who holding the placards that read “We favour stability”, “We favour peace”, “We don’t want

On 23 October over 12,000 people in Pekhon in Shan State (South) and on 24 October over 53,000 people in Pinlaung holding the placards, walked in procession in the towns concerned.

On 24 October in Htilin in Magway Division, over 5,200



People marching in procession in Kyaukpyu to denounce recent protests. — MNA



Local people in Gangaw express desire to denounce recent protests.

MNA

peace and stability of the State and community peace and tranquillity regarded recent protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability. So they walked in procession to denounce

protests”, “We can not serve as slaves”, and “We don’t accept Neo-colonialists”, and chanting “Our Three Main National Causes” and “The seven-step Road Map must be realized” walked in procession in the town.

people and on 25 October over 12,000 in Gangaw holding the placards, walked in procession in the towns concerned.

On 28 October some 11,000 people in Twantay Township, over 14,000 in Dalla

Township, over 10,000 in Kawhmu Township, some 11,000 in Kungyangon Township and 600 in Coco Island in Yangon Division walked in procession in the townships concerned. MNA



People marching in procession in Htilin to condemn recent protests.

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Aerial view of Dagon Bridge which was opened on 27 October 2007. — MNA

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**Bluetongue spreads to whole
of Netherlands**

BRUSSELS, 27 Oct — The whole of the Netherlands has been declared a bluetongue-contaminated area and the number of Dutch farms where an outbreak has been detected has risen to more than 5,770, Dutch media reported Thursday.

Bluetongue is a non-contagious virus spread by species of midge that affects ruminants including sheep, cattle and goats. It does not affect humans and there is no risk of the disease being contracted or spread through meat or milk.

Most of the bluetongue

cases were found in the mid-western province of Gelderland (1,860), which borders Germany.

It is followed by neighbouring provinces Overijssel (1,042) and Noord-Brabant (1,013), according to statistics from the Agriculture Ministry.

The first case of the fatal bluetongue disease was discovered in the Netherlands last year. But the explosive growth started this year, which indicates that there were more sources of contamination.

Transport and export

bans seem to have little effect on the spread of the virus, the Agriculture Ministry admitted.

MNA/Xinhua

**US security teams warned
about shoe explosives**

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct — US security officials have been warned to look out for explosives components that can be smuggled in travellers' thick-soled shoes, but no specific threat against the United States was reported.

A memo from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Homeland Security, reported by CBS this week, said European authorities in September found electric blasting caps hidden inside the thick rubber soles that

had been packed in luggage.

A DHS spokesman was not immediately available for comment on Friday.

The memo said the shoe modifications are "difficult to detect by visual inspection." It said homeland security and law enforcement officials need to be alert particularly at passenger screening checkpoints. US airports do X-ray screening of footwear, but not all overseas airports with US-bound flights have the same requirement.—MNA/Reuters

**US Senator wants probe of
Blackwater's tax practices**

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct — US Senator John Kerry vowed on Thursday to press for further investigation of the tax practices of Blackwater USA, the private security firm already under scrutiny over killings of Iraqi civilians.

"Blackwater is hiding behind the Bush Administration to explain why they bilked the taxpayers out of millions of dollars," said the Massachusetts Democrat in a statement. "I intend to get to the bottom of this."

Blackwater, which employs about 1,000 people in Iraq, has been

under a spotlight since some of its security guards were involved in the shooting deaths of at least 17 Iraqis in Baghdad last month in an incident that enraged the Iraqi Government.

The company was accused on Monday of "significant tax evasion" by Representative Henry Waxman, chairman of the House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

The California Democrat said Blackwater failed to withhold con-

tributions from employees or pay to the government millions of dollars in mandatory Social Security retirement funds.

He also alleged that it failed to make required payments for medical and unemployment benefits and related taxes.

In a letter to Blackwater Chairman Erik Prince — a former Navy SEAL who founded the company in 1997 — Waxman raised questions about the treatment of Blackwater personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan as contractors rather than employees.

Blackwater responded by saying that Waxman was "incorrect" in asserting that the deployed personnel should be treated as employees for tax purposes. The Blackwater statement said:

"The US Small Business Administration (SBA) has determined in an official finding applying 'the criteria used by the IRS for federal income tax purpose,' that 'Blackwater security contractors are not employees'.

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Four killed in northeast of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct — Four people were killed and another was wounded in three separate attacks in the volatile province of Diyala on Saturday, a provincial police source said.

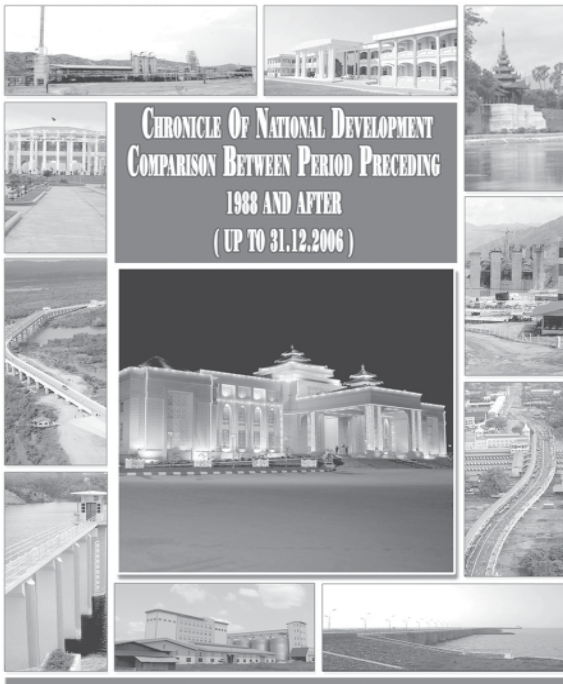
"Two policemen

were killed when unknown gunmen opened fire on their patrol in the al-Zanbour Village in the al-Khalis Town, 60 kilometres northeast of Baghdad," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In another incident, two civilians were killed when several mortar rounds struck the al-Dulab Village in the al-Miqdadiyah Town, some 100 kilometres northeast of the capital, the source said. Several houses were also damaged by the attack.

In addition, a police man was critically wounded when gunmen opened fire on him in the town of Baladruz, some 75 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, he added.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border to the east, has been the hot bed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion in 2003. — MNA/Xinhua



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Indian guitarists strum together in record bid

GUWAHATI (India), 27 Oct — Hundreds of guitarists played Bob Dylan's "Knocking on Heaven's Door" in India's remote northeastern hills on Friday, attempting to break the world record for the largest guitar ensemble.

About 1,730 guitarists played at a stadium in Shillong Town aiming to break the existing Guinness record held by musicians from Kansas City in the United States where 1,721 guitarists had performed Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water" last year.

There were no adjudicators from the Guinness Book of World Records at the Indian event, but its organizers claimed their feat would be recognized as they had two witnesses in keeping with the parameters set by the Guinness authorities. "Though we set a new

world record, we are sad as we were expecting more than 2,000 guitarists," Aiban Mawkhroh, one of the chief organizers of the event told Reuters from Shillong, capital of the picturesque hill state of Meghalaya or "the abode of the clouds".

MNA/Reuters

Restaurant burglars face 355 charges in Canada

OTTAWA, 27 Oct — Three people are facing 355 charges for burgling into fast-food restaurants in a "unique way" in Toronto, Canada's largest city, local media reported Thursday.

The suspects, two men and one woman, targeted more than 200 businesses across the Toronto area since the fall in 2006, netting 250,000 Canadian dollars (250,000 US dollars) in

cash, the report said. The suspects wore disguises when they dropped off a one square-metre cardboard box in front of the store late at night. One of them would then crawl into the box and remove the door's glass pane through an open side of the box.

The cardboard sat right up against the door, looking like a delivery and therefore concealing the action. Nothing looked unusual to passing police cruisers or motorists.

After entering the store using the specialized tools, the culprits would steal cash and take any laptops found inside the office, according to authorities.

The suspects communicated to each other using ear-pieces and disabled alarm systems, police said.

"These suspects were very organized and they planned and executed every one of their entries," Toronto police Detective Sergeant Reuben Stroble told reporters at a Press conference Thursday.

Toronto police began the investigation and arrested the suspects in September after noticing a spike in burglary cases at fast-food restaurants across the city since the fall of 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Two bodies found in burned California home

SAN DIEGO, 27 Oct — Two burned bodies were found in a San Diego area home, bringing the death toll in California's five days of wildfires up to at least eight, officials said on Thursday.

San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender said the bodies were found in

Poway, a town engulfed by the big witch fire in the northern part of the county, and had not yet been identified.

One death from the wildfires was reported in southern San Diego on Sunday. At least five other people, mostly senior citizens, have died in the

evacuation of half a million people, the largest in California's modern history. — MNA/Reuters

US astronauts conduct 1st of five spacewalks to expand station

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct — Two US astronauts of space shuttle *Discovery's* crew conducted the first of five spacewalks of their STS-120 mission on Friday, attaching the new-delivered Harmony module to the *International Space Station*, according to NASA TV.

Mission specialists Scott Parazynski and Douglas Wheelock kicked off their first excursion at 6:02 am EDT (1002 GMT), floating out of the Quest airlock.

"I see light out there, that's a good thing," Parazynski said. "You boys be good out there," *ISS* female commander Peggy Whitson said inside the station.

The duo firstly

retrieved a broken antenna mount, which will be brought back to Earth aboard *Discovery*.

Then, working inside *Discovery's* cargo bay, they successfully grappled the new Harmony module with the help of crew inside using the station's robotic arm.

With a delicate touch, astronauts inside the station plucked the new module out of the bay and slowly brought it into position. Now the nearly 16-ton node was successfully berthed at its temporary perch on the side of the station's Unity node. During the next days, a series of bolts will drive into place to secure Harmony and the station together.

MNA/Xinhua



International Space Station Commander Peggy Whistson (L) and mission special Paolo Nespoli of Italy(R) relay air quality readings to mission control in the new Italian-built Harmony module after the hatch was opened for the first time in this image from NASA TV on 27 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET

Bird flu-hit localities in Vietnam rise to three

HANOI, 28 Oct — Bird flu outbreaks have occurred in Vietnam's northern Cao Bang Province since 10 Oct, raising the total number of localities currently affected by the disease to three.

The disease has killed or infected 480 ducks and 80 chickens raised by 13 households in Trung Khanh District, the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development said Friday, noting that

samples from the fowls have been tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1.

To prevent bird flu spread, local veterinary agencies have culled all ill poultry and isolated the affected areas.

Now, bird flu is hitting Cao Bang, central Quang

Tri province and southern Tra Vinh Province.

Bird flu outbreaks in Vietnam, starting in December 2003, have killed and led to the forced culling of dozens of millions of fowls in the country, according to the department.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Mallorca hold in-form Espanyol to 2-2 draw

MADRID, 28 Oct — Real Mallorca held Espanyol to an entertaining 2-2 draw in the Primera Liga on Saturday. Last year's UEFA Cup finalists Espanyol came into the game on the back of a four-match winning streak having ended leaders Real Madrid's unbeaten start to the season last week.

Ariel Ibagaza's quickly taken freekick allowed Venezuela striker Juan Arango to volley Mallorca in front after just two minutes, but Espanyol were soon back in contention.

Luis Garcia's freekick in the 21st minute flew off Arango's head into the top corner of his own net, and five minutes later Raul Tamudo tumbled under a challenge from Mallorca defender Sergio Ballesteros for a penalty.—MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's Andriy Shevchenko (L) challenges Manchester City's Vedran Corluka during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 27 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

Bellion's goal sends Bordeaux up to third

PARIS, 28 Oct — David Bellion netted his eighth goal of the season to earn Girondins Bordeaux a 2-1 victory over Valenciennes and third spot in Ligue 1 on Saturday. The former Manchester United player struck the winner on the

stroke of halftime.

Valenciennes had opened the scoring with a Souleymane Diawara own goal in the 34th minute before Brazilian Jussie levelled from the penalty spot.

Bordeaux have 22 points from 12 games, three points behind leaders Olympique Lyon who travel to Paris St Germain on Sunday. Nancy, on 24 points from 11 matches, missed an opportunity to go back to the top when they were held to a goal-less draw at Metz.

Metz, who have not won at their St Symphorien Stadium this season, remain bottom with six points.

Olympique Marseille slumped to a 2-1 defeat at Sochaux with visiting defenders Ronald Zubar and Laurent Bonnart scoring own goals. —MNA/Reuters



FC Sion's Goran Obradovic (R) celebrates scoring the second goal against Xamax with team mate Alvaro Saborio during their Super League soccer match in Neuchatel on 27 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET



Derby County's Kenny Miller, right, slides in on Everton's Mikel Arteta, left, during their English Premier League soccer match at Pride Park, Derby, England, on 28 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

Barclays Premier League Table 28 October, 2007

	P	GD	PTS
1 Arsenal	10	15	26
2 Man Utd	11	15	26
3 Man City	11	2	22
4 Chelsea	11	8	21
5 Blackburn	10	6	21
6 Liverpool	10	11	20
7 Portsmouth	11	7	19
8 Newcastle	10	4	17
9 Everton	11	2	16
10 Aston Villa	10	1	15
11 West Ham	10	3	14
12 Reading	11	-9	13
13 Birmingham	11	-4	11
14 Fulham	11	-4	9
15 Sunderland	11	-8	9
16 Wigan	11	-7	8
17 Middlesbrough	11	-11	8
18 Tottenham	11	-5	7
19 Bolton	11	-7	6
20 Derby	11	-19	6

Internet

Premier League 28 Oct, 2007

Bolton	1-1	Aston Villa
Derby	0-2	Everton
Liverpool	1-1	Arsenal
Tottenham	1-2	Blackburn

Internet

Juve lose at Napoli after two harsh penalties

MILAN, 28 Oct — Juventus missed the chance to join Inter Milan at the top of Serie A after losing 3-1 at promoted Napoli following two dubious

penalties on Saturday. Alessandro Del Piero, who became a father on Monday after bagging the winner against Genoa last weekend, opened the scor-

ing for Juve straight after the break when keeper Gennaro Iezzo fumbled his close-range effort into the net.

Napoli hit back quickly as Walter Gargano cut through the defence to blast home a powerful shot from inside the area.

Maurizio Domizzi then converted two penalties on 62 and 70 minutes after Giorgio Chiellini was harshly adjudged to have fouled Ezequiel Lavezzi and former Juve striker Marcelo Zalayeta appeared to dive over keeper Gianluigi Buffon.

"It is so clear they were not penalties. If everybody can see it how is it possible the referee cannot see it?", Juve president Giovanni Cobolli Gigli told Sky television.—MNA/Reuters

United go top, Chelsea hit city for six

LONDON, 28 Oct — Manchester United stormed to the top of the Premier League on Saturday with a 4-1 thumping of Middlesbrough while Chelsea stole the limelight with a 6-0 hammering of third-placed Manchester City. Carlos Tevez scored twice as United notched an eighth successive league victory and hit four goals in a match for the fourth time in a row for the first time since 1907.

The champions could lose first place on Sunday when Arsenal, on a high after a 7-0 romp over Slavia Prague on Tuesday, travel to Liverpool looking for a 13th consecutive victory in all competitions. Didier Drogba bagged two goals against hapless City as Chelsea more than doubled their home goals tally this season in 90 scintillating minutes at Stamford Bridge. Andriy Shevchenko also got in on the act after coming on as a substitute.

After a poor start to the season and the traumatic parting of the ways with former coach Jose Mourinho, Chelsea are now back in the top four with Frank Lampard pulling the strings.

"He is very important to us," manager Avram Grant told Sky Sports after the midfielder's dominant performance. "There are not many like him."

United included midfielder Owen Hargreaves in their starting line-up for only the fourth time since he joined from Bayern Munich and were in front after three minutes. Nani took possession in the Boro half, moved forward and ripped a 30-metre shot past Mark Schwarzer. —MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

1	P	A	L	L	Y	4	A	R	C	H	I	7	E		
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17	A		E		R			18	A	P	E			19	G
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	H		E	U							U		C		D
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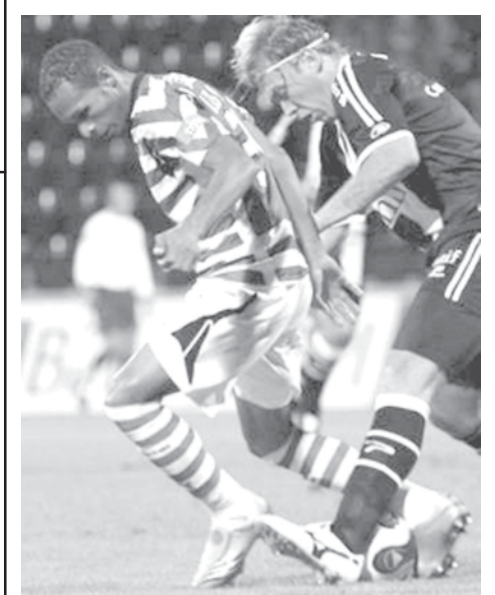
Leaders Feyenoord sunk by two headers from Twente

ENSCHDE (Netherlands), 28 Oct — Leaders Feyenoord suffered their second Dutch league defeat of the season, losing 2-0 at Twente Enschede on Saturday.

Twente took an early lead when Blaise Nkufo headed home a cross from Luke Wilkshire after 11 minutes. Stein Huysegems then secured victory with another header early in the second half.

Feyenoord remained top with 21 points from nine matches. PSV Eindhoven, second on 20 points, travel to Sparta Rotterdam on Sunday while third-placed Ajax Amsterdam (18) visit Utrecht.

MNA/Reuters



Sporting's Liedson Moniz (L) is challenged by Nacional's Fernando Avalos during their Portuguese Premier League match in Funchal at Portuguese Atlantic island of Madeira on 27 Oct, 2007. —INTERNET

British security Co sued over death of US soldier

LONDON, 28 Oct — A British private security company is being sued in the United States over the death of a US soldier hit by one of its convoys in Iraq, according to court documents.

The case, believed to be the first of its kind, comes six weeks after Iraq accused

the US security company Blackwater of using excessive force in an incident where 17 Iraqis were shot dead in Baghdad.

The case against Erinys, filed in a court in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday and also in London, was brought by

the Perry Monroe, father of Christopher Monroe, a US soldier who was struck by an Erinys vehicle while on duty in southern Iraq in October 2005.

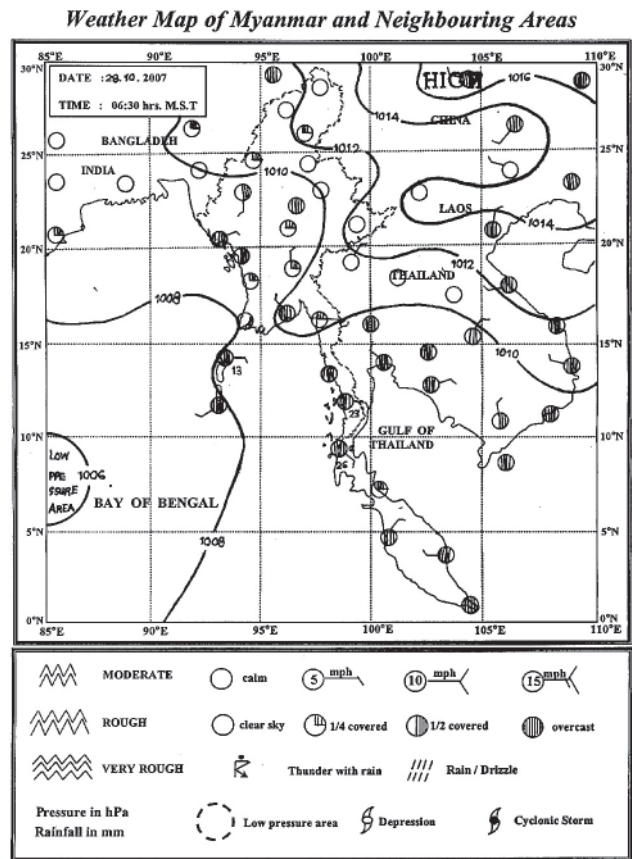
The lawsuit accuses the Erinys convoy of ignoring warnings and travelling at excessive speed after dark without lights fully on,

leading to an accident in which Monroe was hit, suffering severe injuries that led to his death.

“Even though warned that the remainder of the US convoy was ahead, the Erinys PSD team employee with reckless disregard accelerated to a high rate of speed and struck Christopher with his armoured Suburban [vehicle], tearing off his right leg.

“Mr. Monroe has been compelled to file this lawsuit to require the Erinys PSD team to account for its action that led to the death of his 19-year-old son,” reads the suit, which also seeks unspecified damages.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Sunday, 28 October, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (1.02) inches, Myeik (0.91) inch and Co Co Island (0.52) inch.

Maximum temperature on 27-10-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 28-10-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 28-10-2007 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 27-10-2007 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-10-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (142.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (21:30) hours MST on 27-10-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, low pressure areas has found over South-west Bay, weather is generally fair in the North and East Central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-10-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Yangon Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-10-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-10-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-10-2007: Generally fair weather.

Belgian man heavily fined for Internet piracy

BRUSSELS, 28 Oct — A Belgian man has been fined more than 400,000 euros (568,000 US dollars) for illegally copying films, games, software and music from the Internet, news reports said on Saturday.

This is the largest fine for piracy ever imposed in Belgium.

The appeal court in the eastern Belgian city of Liege

imposed damages of more than 400,000 euros (568,000 US dollars) on the man last week, but the news was only announced Friday by IFPI Belgium, an organization representing the music industry and the plaintiff in the case.

The case came to light in 2000 after an anonymous tip-off about large sales of illegal music,

films, games and software in the eastern Belgian town of Verviers. More than 7,500 illegal copies were since confiscated from the man.

In the first instance the man was ordered to pay just one euro in provisional damages to the parties that had filed the suit. Those parties appealed the first ruling.

MNA/Xinhua



Monday, 29 October Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music - Sweet, sweet, smile
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music - Bahama, mama
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music - Peace train
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music - No No
- 1:30 pm** News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music - Even now - True love
- 9:00 pm** Spotlight on the stars - (Steps)
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Drug/ women affairs
- 9:35 pm** Golden Land melody/vocal gems
 - 1. Love is love
 - 2. Willo
- 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Monday, 29 October View on today

- 7:00 am**
 - 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေယျာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေယျာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
 - 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
 - 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 - 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 - 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
 - 6. Song of national races

- 8:10 am**
 - 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
 - 8. Cute little dancers
- 8:30 am**
 - 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
 - 10. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm**
 - 1. Martical song
- 4:15 pm**
 - 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 - 3. Demonstration exercise for correct pronunciation
- 4:45 pm**
 - 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:00 pm**
 - 5. Dance variety
- 5:10 pm**
 - 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:25 pm**
 - 7. Songs and dance of national races
- 5:35 pm**
 - 8. “မီးမီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်” (နေအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ ဇာဇာမင်းထက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်))

- 5:45 pm**
 - 9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm**
 - 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 - 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 - 12. အလှရှာမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
 - 13. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (မြားပစ်)
- 7:10 pm**
 - 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 8:00 pm**
 - 15. News
 - 16. International news
 - 17. Weather report
 - 18. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပြုံးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
 - 19. 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**

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

- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**
Only ordinary people have to suffer
Daily wage earners become jobless
Poor business for shopkeepers and vendors
Taxi drivers and trishaw men have hard times
Stores and restaurants have to be kept closed
- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**
Only the notorious neo-colonialists benefited
Colonialist-funded media and expatriates earning dollar rewards
Only saboteurs reap the benefits

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