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Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence supervises regional development tasks in Tanai Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeya Aung and officials, inspected roadwork of Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai Road, maintenance of bridges and development of villages along the road, and thriving seasonal crops and perennials on either side of the road on 6 October.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe visited Tapioca Grinding Factory of Yuzana Hybrid Farming and Breeding Group where he looked round the factory and planted saplings.

He inspected plantations on both sides of the road. In Kaungya Village of Tanai Township, he viewed

monsoon paddy plantations of a farmer and greeted the local farmers.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe oversaw staff quarters, clinic, staff canteen and crop plantations at Tanai Township local battalion.

While in Tanai, he inspected development of the town, maintenance of Tanai Bridge, prevention of bank erosion and concreting of downtown roads.

At the meeting hall of Tanai Township Local Station, Maj-Gen Myint Soe met region/district/township level departmental officials. Next, he also met officers and other ranks and their families at the local station hall.

MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

PCOs, a drive for emergence of modern and developed new nation

Article: Tin Htwe (MNA); Photos: Ko Htwe

In implementing the 30-year long-term plan, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has adopted aims for telephone, telegraph and postal services separately. "The ob-

jective that priority will be given to coverage of national communication network across the nation to enable everybody to have easy access to telecommunications" is one of six objectives for the



Photo shows Auto-exchange and Microwave Tower in Nay Pyi Taw.



The rural area communication facility (PCO) CDMA-450 station and tower seen in Bogale of Ayeyawady Region.

telephone service.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs implemented the projects for extended installation of the fiber cable communication system, the advanced micro-station communication system, the overseas call service and the local call service from 1990 to 2010 for gaining easy access in major towns, district towns and countryside in a short time and for ensuring coverage of communication network in the rural areas. In addition, telephone lines were installed for the people.

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New Rainfall Record

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The Meteorology and Hydrology announced that the amounts of rainfall observed at 9.30 hours MST today at the following stations set the new maximum (24-hour) rainfall record for the month of October.—MNA

No.	Station	New rainfall record		Previous Record		Last record date	Record period
		mm	inches	mm	inches		
1.	TadaU	150	5.91	90	3.54	1-10-2003	17
2.	Mandalay	130	5.12	108	4.25	15-10-1992	64
3.	PyinOoLwin	146	5.75	138	5.43	10-10-2004	18

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 9 October, 2010

Nurture highly-qualified national race youths

Development plans are being implemented in all parts of the Union. Especially, border areas are being facilitated with transport, education, health and economic infrastructures.

At the same time, basic education schools have been opened and upgraded with a view to uplifting the proficiency of national youths. Many Border Region National Youth Development Training Schools have been opened to enable locals to pursue education free of charge.

Two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges have been established in Yangon and Mandalay for nurturing national youths from border areas to become intellectuals and intelligentsia. At present, the graduates and engineering diploma holder youths turned out from the degree colleges are discharging duties in the respective fields.

Moreover, Technical Training Schools for border region national race youths have been opened to provide technical training to the youths to become skilled workers for implementing the urbanization and industrialization projects in the border areas. So far, the training schools have produced many skilled youth workers in basic construction, electric welding and mechanical fields.

Likewise, the training schools for carpenter, masonry, steel fixing professions and women's vocational training schools are conducting the basic domestic science courses free of charge.

Nowadays, the State has opened many technical and vocational training schools in various parts of the nation including border areas. As a result, the national race youths have been able to equip themselves with technical and vocational education to be able to enjoy better lives.

Dy Health Minister addresses coord meeting on research

YANGON, 8 Oct — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe addressed work coordination meeting of research on control and prevention against toxicity in environment at the hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) this morning.

Director Dr Thaw Zin of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and Prof. Dr Kyaw Myint Oo of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science gave accounts of research works and control and prevention against toxic chemicals.

Next, Deputy Director Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department

presented reports on occupational health and control on toxicity and experts, on biotoxicology and research on toxic radiation. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe speaking at coordination meeting of research on control and prevention against toxicity in environment. — HEALTH

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

Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Belgium

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, after attending the 8th Summit of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) held in Brussels of the Kingdom of Belgium on 4 and 5 October, arrived back via Bangkok yesterday.

While in Brussels, on 4 October, the minister attended welcoming ceremony at the Royal Palace where he was welcomed by King Albert II and Prime Minister Mr Yves Leterme of the



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attends 8th Summit of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). — MOFA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win meets Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Shah Mahmood Qureshi. — MOFA

Kingdom of Belgium, President of the European Council Mr Herman Van Rompuy, and President of the European Commission Mr Jose Barroso. The minister then attended the

8th Summit of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

The minister attended the first day session of the summit which focused on "More Effective Global Financial and Economic

Governance". The minister also attended working dinner hosted by Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council at the Royal Palace. On 5 October, the minister attended the breakfast meeting. Next, he took part in the second day session which focused on "Sustainable Development". In the afternoon, he attended the reception hosted by King Albert II of Belgium.

Next, the minister joined the delegates at the working lunch hosted by Mr Herman Van Rompuy at the Royal Palace. There, he appraised the meeting of the latest developments in Myanmar including the progress of

preparations for the holding of the multiparty democracy general elections on 7 November 2010 in line with the seven-step Road Map.

Minister U Nyan Win then attended the evening session of the Summit which focused on "People to People contact, ASEM Visibility and the Future of ASEM", and the closing ceremony of the 8th ASEM.

During his stay in Brussels, the minister received the European Commission delegation led by Mr Stefano Sannino, Director-General of the External Relations of the European Commission representing Ms Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy at the Sofitel Hotel. The minister also held a bilateral discussion with Pakistani Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Shah Mahmood Qureshi on strengthening of relations between the two countries.

On 6 October, he visited Myanmar Embassy in Brussels and met Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium U Thant Kyaw and embassy staff.

Members of the Myanmar delegation U Kyaw Tin and officials concerned also arrived back together with Minister U Nyan Win. — MNA

A youth examines the wreckage of a bombing after an attack in Iskandariyah, 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 Oct, 2010.

INTERNET



Twin blasts kill five at market south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct—Back-to-back bombings at a vegetable market south of Baghdad on Thursday afternoon killed at least five people, including a policeman who was searching for explosives, Iraqi security and medical officials said.

The blasts in Iskandariyah, about 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of Baghdad, also wounded at least 20 people, according to Dr Nahid al-Maamouri of the Iskandariyah Hospital.

The first explosion came around 4:45 pm, during the busy afternoon shopping hours ahead of the weekend. The second

bomb hit about five minutes later, witnesses said, as people rushed to the attack scene to help.

Iskandariyah police said an explosives detector, held by a policeman just inside the small market's only entrance, had failed to find the bombs before they went off. The policeman was also killed in the blast, said a police official who spoke on condition of

anonymity because he was not allowed to talk to the media.

The area was once controlled by Sunni militants, who have been waging sporadic attacks in an apparent effort to reassert their influence in former strongholds.

Nearby, gunmen killed a member of a Sunni militia formed to battle militants just hours earlier on Thursday.

Internet

Poverty rises in suburbs, help lags

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Poverty has increased in the suburbs of US cities in the last decade, but public services to the poor have not kept pace, according to a report by the Brookings Institution on Thursday.

The recession that began at the end of 2007 "exacerbated this gap," the liberal-leaning think tank said, adding that almost three-quarters of non-profit assistance groups in the suburbs "are seeing more clients with no previous connection to safety net programmes."

There are few social service organizations outside of cities and public agencies frequently have to stretch their help across large geographic areas, according to the report.

In 1999, cities and their suburbs had roughly equal numbers of poor residents, but by 2008 the number of suburban poor exceeded that of urban poor by 1.5 million.

"Although poverty rates remain higher in central cities than in suburbs (18.2 percent versus 9.5 percent in 2008), poverty rates have increased at a quicker pace in suburban areas," Brookings said.—Reuters

Gunmen kill four police in Iran's Kurdish Area

TEHRAN, 8 Oct—A pair of gunmen opened fire on a police patrol in Iran's Kurdish Region on Thursday, killing four officers and a bystander, the Iranian official news agency reported.

The attack took place in Sanandaj, the capital of Iran's Kurdistan Province some 310 miles (500 kilometres) west of Teheran, where authorities have been battling a separatist Kurdish movement for years.

"In this terrorist incident five were killed including four policemen and a pedestrian," Col Ebrahim Kazeminejad, the provincial deputy police chief told the IRNA news agency.

The two gunmen were members of "counterrevolutionary groups" he said and added that they were using Kalashnikov rifles.

Five other policemen and four civilians were wounded in the attack, one of them in serious condition.

Efforts were under way to apprehend the gunmen, he said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Internet



A Pakistani mother mourns for her two sons who are missing after suicide attacks on the shrine in Karachi, Pakistan on 7 Oct, 2010. —INTERNET



A worker prepares the track of the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium a few minutes before the start of the Track and Field competition of the XIX Commonwealth games.

INTERNET

Alleged suicide bombs kill eight in Pakistan

KARACHI, 8 Oct—Two suspected suicide bombers have attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan's largest city, killing at least eight people, wounding 65 others, and sending a stark reminder of the threat posed by militants to this US-allied nation. Angry mobs burned tires and torched buses in the aftermath of the bombings in Karachi late Thursday.

The attack came amid tensions between Washington and Islamabad over NATO helicopter incursions that have led Pakistan to close a key border crossing used to ferry supplies to Western troops in Afghanistan. Despite US apologies over the incursions, one of which left two Pakistani soldiers dead, Islamabad said Thursday it had yet to decide when to reopen the crossing. The

explosions at the Abdullah Shah Ghazi shrine in southern port city of Karachi happened at the busiest time of the week when thousands typically visit to pray, distribute food to the poor and toss rose petals on the grave of the saint. The dead included two children.

Ghazi was an 8th century saint credited with bringing Islam to the region along the coast. Local legend has it that his shrine protects Karachi from cyclones and other sea-related disasters. Pakistani Sufi sites have frequently been the target of Islamist militant groups, whose hardline interpretations of the religion leave no room for the more mystical Sufi practices that are common in this Sunni Muslim-majority nation of 175 million.

Internet

Indonesia flood toll rises to 110



Damage caused by flash floods in Wasior, Papua Province. The death toll from flash floods in eastern Indonesia has risen to 110 with bodies still lying unclaimed in the mud four days after the disaster, an official said Friday.—INTERNET

MANOKWARI, 8 Oct—The death toll from flash floods in eastern Indonesia has risen to 110 with bodies still lying unclaimed in the mud four days after the disaster, an official said Friday.

The remote seaside town of Wasior in West

Papua Province was devastated after a torrent of mud, rocks and logs struck it on Monday following torrential downpours.

Hundreds of homes were swept away and scores of people remain missing feared dead, with rescue workers unable to clear huge piles of debris due to shortages of heavy equipment.

"We face difficulties removing dead bodies as our rescuers don't have enough excavators," local official Yappi Akwan said, adding that 80 people were listed as missing.

Internet

Science

Russian rocket blasts off carrying astronauts to ISS

BAIKONUR, 8 Oct—A newly modernised Russian Soyuz rocket carrying three astronauts to the International Space Station blasted off Friday from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The rocket, carrying two Russians and an American, took off into the night sky on schedule at 3:11 am Moscow time (23:11 GMT Thursday).

Russian space officials said the launch had gone according to plan and the craft successfully went into orbit.

Russian spy Anna Chapman made a rare public appearance before the lift-off. Dressed in a scarlet

File photo of Finnish-Swedish paper manufacturer Stora Enso's paper plant in Norrsundet, Sweden. Stora Enso's plantation in China has flouted the rights of local workers, some of whom were physically threatened into handing over their land, US researchers charged Friday.—INTERNET



The Soyuz-FG rocket booster with Soyuz TMA-01M space ship carrying a new crew to the International Space Station, ISS, blasts off from the Russian leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, early Friday, Oct. 8, 2010. The Russian rocket carries US astronaut Scott Kelly and two Russian cosmonauts Alexander Kaleri and Oleg Skripochka. INTERNET

peacoat, she was spotted in front of the astronauts' hotel in Baikonur as they boarded a bus to go to the launch. She was swiftly led away by a guard after being recognised by journalists.

The glamorous auburn-haired Chapman was at the centre of the biggest spy crisis between the United States and Russia since the Cold War as one of the US-based "sleeper" agents who in July were exchanged in a dramatic spy swap.

Since her arrival back in Moscow she has posed in cocktail dresses for a weekly magazine and appeared at a party at a nightclub, but has not given any interviews about her experience. The Soyuz TMA-M spacecraft is a modernised version of the ship used by Russia to put humans into the space. It is the first such craft to be fully equipped with a digital measuring system and Friday's launch was the first time the new design has been used.

Internet

Little-known shark species gets a closer look

DUBLIN, 8 Oct—A tiny, little-understood shark species that lives off the coast of Ireland has garnered more attention lately from a scientist who spent four years getting to know the wee creatures.

The sharks grow to 3.3 feet (about 1 metre) in length, can weigh up to 26 pounds (12 kilograms) and each summer they swarm into the shallow waters off the Irish east coast. Yet until researchers at University College Dublin undertook a project to study them, the starry smooth-hound was a mystery.

As part of his PhD project, Edward Farrell, a recent graduate from University College Dublin School of Biology & Environmental Science successfully investigated the age, growth, reproduction and identification of these animals.

"It's amazing how little was known about this species considering their size and abundance on the East Coast," Farrell said. "Until recently we weren't even sure what species we were dealing with, but we developed a genetic method which allowed us to confirm that it is the starry smooth-hound which occurs in Irish waters and not the related common smooth-hound." Starry smooth-hounds were previously considered to be a fast-growing and early-maturing species. However, the results of the four-year project have revealed that starry smooth-hounds in Irish waters actually grow twice as slowly as previously estimated and only reproduce every two years rather than annually as is the case for their counterparts in the Mediterranean.

Internet

Technology

Technology brings connection, stress

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Technology has become so entwined with college students' often frantic lives that most in a new survey say they'd be more frazzled without it.

Yet The Associated Press-mtvU Poll, released Thursday, also found that being perpetually connected comes at a cost. While 57 percent of students said life without computers and cell phones would make them more stressed, a significant number — 25 percent — said it would be a relief. A big majority feel pressured to instantly answer texts or voice mails, most get nervous if someone doesn't immediately reply to a message, and nearly half worry whether messages they get are jokes.

"If you're without it, you're disconnected," Megan Earley, 20, a junior at Mount St Mary's University in Emmitsburg,

Md, said of technology. "You feel like it's a lifeline."

The Internet's central role for many students was underscored last month when Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University freshman, leaped to his death from the George Washington Bridge after others secretly webcast his sexual encounter with another man. News reports said Clementi left a note on his Facebook page reading, "Jumping off the gw bridge sorry."—Internet



The Adobe logo is displayed in January 2010 in San Jose, California. Adobe shares surged on Thursday following a report that the US software maker could be the target of an acquisition by Microsoft.—INTERNET

A woman walks past a BlackBerry smart phone advertisement in Dubai. The United Arab Emirates said on Friday that a planned ban on BlackBerry services that had been due to come into effect next week will not go ahead. INTERNET



UAE says BlackBerry dispute resolved before deadline

DUBAI, 8 Oct—The United Arab Emirates will not suspend BlackBerry services on 11 October after resolving a dispute with its Canadian maker Research in Motion over access to email and other data, state news WAM agency said on Friday.

The UAE had said it would suspend BlackBerry Messenger, email and web browser services to about 500,000 subscribers from 11 October unless Canadian BlackBerry maker RIM works out a way to locate encrypted servers in the country, so that the government can seek access to messages.

"The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has confirmed that Blackberry services are now compliant with the UAE's

telecommunications regulatory framework," a statement on WAM said.

"Therefore all Blackberry services in the UAE will continue to operate as normal and no suspension of service will occur on 11 October, 2010," it said. Saudi Arabia and India also threatened to cut off services but have reached an agreement with RIM, and an UAE official said in September the country was "very optimistic" about reaching a deal before the 11 October deadline. Before the dispute, information sent to and from BlackBerry devices had been encrypted and handled by servers outside the UAE.

Internet

Software on tap to slim actors on-screen

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—Goodbye, Hollywood fat suits!

Scientists in Germany have created software that enables actors to appear thinner or heavier on-screen. The programme also alters muscle tone and body shape, according to *The New Scientist* (via Valley Wag).

The developers say their software will save money because advertisers won't have to shoot different actors to account for "standards of beauty ... across cultures." They also say it can help stars stay healthier, pointing to Robert De Niro, who famously gained 60 pounds for his role in "Raging Bull."

Internet

Health

Obese workers cost US 73-bln dlrs a year

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Obese workers cost US employers 73.1-billion dollars a year, much of it due to “presenteeism,” or being less productive on the job due to health problems, a study published Friday shows.

The dollar sum lost is the “equivalent of hiring 1.8 million workers a year at 42,000 dollars each, which is roughly the average annual wage of US workers,” found the study led by Eric Finkelstein, deputy director for health services and systems research at Duke-National University of Singapore.

Finkelstein and his team of researchers tallied medical expenditures, presenteeism and absence from work to put a dollar figure on the per capita cost of obesity among full-time US workers.

Taking all three



A customer waits in a fast food restaurant in New York. Obese workers cost US employers 73.1-billion dollars a year, much of it due to “presenteeism,” or being less productive on the job due to health problems, a study published Friday shows.—INTERNET

categories into account, the researchers calculated that the per capita cost of obesity was as high as 16,900 dollars a year for women who were roughly 100 pounds (45 kilograms) overweight, or had a body mass index over 40. For obese men with a BMI over 40, the cost was 15,500 dollars a year.

Internet

Health Tip: Living with Psoriasis

Psoriasis is a skin condition that occurs when immature skin cells rise too quickly above the surface of the skin. This leads to symptoms including patches of thick, red skin that itch or feel sore.

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases describes how psoriasis can impact a person’s quality of life:

- It can cause pain and discomfort, and in some cases, disability.
- It can interfere with simple tasks such as sleeping, walking and taking care of yourself.
- It can lead to emotional problems, including lack of self-confidence.
- If psychological distress is serious enough, it can trigger self-isolation and depression.—Internet



Patients wait for an appointment with a psychiatrist. World Health Organisation chief Margaret Chan has vowed to “change the landscape” for mental health at the launch of a drive to counter neglect that is leaving millions of poor people without care.—INTERNET

Many Americans plan to skip flu shot this year

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Although vaccination against influenza can protect people from illness and help prevent the spread of flu, many Americans say they and their children won’t be getting a shot this coming season, new surveys reveal.

Despite the attention surrounding last year’s outbreak of H1N1 flu, 43 percent of Americans say they will not be getting the vaccine this fall, according to a survey from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID).

Another survey from the same group found a third of American mothers saying they have no plans to get a flu shot for their children.

Those decisions could come back to haunt

Americans, experts said.

“Flu is serious. Every year millions of people get sick; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and thousands of people die from influenza,” Dr Thomas R Frieden, director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said during a Thursday morning press conference. In keeping with CDC guidelines, “everyone over the age of 6 months should get a flu shot,” he said. Flu vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself against the illness, Frieden added. “There is plenty of vaccine available,” he said. “This year we think that the three strains of influenza in the flu vaccine are going to be excellent matches with the flu that’s circulating.”

Internet

Business

Mobile and ‘cloud’ computing key future job skills

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Oct—US technology titan IBM says the job skills of the future include savvy with smartphones, tablet computers and software hosted in the Internet “cloud” rather than standard desktop computers. IBM Tech Trends Survey results being released Friday show that a majority of business technology specialists expect that by 2015 more business software will be made for smartphones and tablet computers than for traditional office systems.

And some 91 percent of the 2,000 respondents from 87 countries agreed that within five years it will be more popular for companies to use programs offered online as services than for firms to manage in-house computer networks.

“I think the social implications are going to be huge,” IBM vice

president of alliances Mark Hanny said while discussing the survey findings with AFP. “It is important for people to embrace technology; it is a key determinant in all kinds of professions.” From medicine to media and beyond, needed job skills will include mastering software applications on the booming array of mobile gadgets linked to the Internet, according to Hanny.

Internet



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Containers are loaded onto a ship at the German port of Hamburg. German exports declined in August by 0.4 percent from the previous month, official data showed on Friday, the second consecutive month that Europe’s biggest economy has shipped fewer goods abroad.—INTERNET

German exports fall for second month running

FRANKFURT, 8 Oct—German exports declined in August by 0.4 percent from the previous month, official data showed on Friday, the second consecutive month that Europe’s biggest economy has shipped fewer goods abroad.

The value of exports from Germany, the world’s second biggest exporter after China, came to 81.8 billion euros (113.7 billion dollars), the federal statistics office said.

Seasonally- and calendar-

adjusted figures provided by the Destatis office also showed that German imports increased by 0.9 percent to 70.1 billion euros.

The unadjusted German trade surplus dropped to nine billion euros from 13.5 billion in July, and the current account surplus was nearly half the July figure at 4.6 billion euros in August.

Economists polled by Dow Jones Newswires had forecast a much stronger trade surplus of 12.6 billion euros.—Internet

Consumers cut credit card borrowing for 24th month

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Consumer borrowing fell again in August as consumers cut back on credit card use for the 24th consecutive month, the Federal Reserve said Thursday.

Borrowing by consumers declined by \$3.3 billion that month. It was the 18th drop for overall consumer borrowing in the past 19 months.

Americans are borrowing and spending less as they face widespread unemployment and uncertainty about their financial futures. The reduced use of credit by consumers is a drag on the recovery, which has yet to show a sustained rebound.

Households are struggling to repair their personal balance sheets after the worst recession since the 1930s. The home foreclosure crisis is grim evidence that excessive borrowing can upend people’s lives.

Another cause of the decline in credit is banks’ slow recognition that many debts will not be repaid. Banks gave up on \$42.5 billion in credit card debt in the first half of 2010, according to an analysis by the website CardHub.com.

Internet

National Democratic Party for Development presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Chairman U Maung Maung Ni of National Democratic Party for Development presented the party's policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 8 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-



Esteemed people,

I would like to extend greetings, wishing all public voters health and happiness.

I am U Maung Maung Ni, Chairman of National Democratic Party for Development and Pyithu Hluttaw candidate for Sittway Township. On behalf of the NDPD, I would like to give a brief account of our party's policy and work programmes.

All national brethren live together through thick and thin in the successive eras and all walks of life regardless of race and religion took part in the independence struggle. In the post-independence period, all national brethren participated in the drive for building a nation where democracy flourishes.

Our party was formed with the aim of fulfilling the people's desire to build a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Esteemed people who adore democracy,

Now I would like to present the objective of the party.

We aim to strive for emergence of a new Myanmar society based on worldly values such as justice, equality and liberty without having racial, religious and regional discrimination against all national brethren in the Union of Myanmar and for its perpetual existence.

Besides, we aim to uphold non-disintegration of Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty in accord with the tradition of living together in unity and amity, doing away with instigations and fabrications that can cause hostilities among the national brethren.

We aim to take part in peace process and nation-building tasks that are not harming the Union, national solidarity and sovereignty.

We aim to constantly maintain the future new nation and society joining hands with all national brethren unitedly.

We aim to ensure mutual recognition, mutual respects, mutual help and mutual understanding among the national brethren and religions.

Esteemed public listeners,

In pursuit of the above-mentioned objectives, we will implement the following work programmes.

We will mobilize every citizen to constantly adhere to the process of democratization that is in conformity with discipline-flourishing Myanmar society.

We will organize people to discard ideology and concept that will not benefit Myanmar society.

We will constantly oppose any acts of terrorism and leftist or rightist extremism.

We will make efforts to hold dialogue with all national brethren and all walks of life and to build mutual friendship in order to protect the worldly values-based new Myanmar society.

We will support candidates of parties who want to cooperate with (or) assist our party.

We will strive for emergence of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in joining hands with Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw candidates directly elected by eligible voters across the nation and Tatmadaw candidates nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the Constitution.

We will create a new Myanmar society endowed with justice, liberty and equality regardless of race, religion and financial capacity.

We will try to ensure that all national brethren will have the right to do their business freely in the Union.

Esteemed public listeners,

I would like to continue to present the party's foreign policy.

We will practise non-aligned policy based on mutual friendship, especially with neighbouring countries, and non-interference in internal affairs of another country.

Regarding the education sector, highly-qualified education is essential for national development. It is required to improve the education standard of each and every citizen. We will try to realize a paradigm shift from teacher oriented system to student oriented system. We will launch a compulsory basic education system. We will try to upgrade and update education system in order to contribute to nation-building endeavours.

Regarding the economic sector, we will encourage market-oriented system with competitiveness. Economic growth plays an important role in development of a nation. We will adopt and implement free national economic policy. In implementing the basic policy, we will support state-owned, private-owned and joint-venture sectors and we will make efforts for attracting increased foreign investments. We will strive for the entire people to meet all requirements on an equal basis. We will try to develop health care services and to modernize private hospitals. Health insurance system will be adopted and implemented.

Regarding the agriculture sector, our party will provide necessary assistance for transformation of conventional farming into the mechanized one. We will create the market for agricultural produce. We will guarantee the farmers to possess farmlands.

Moreover, we will draw and realize a social insurance system for the entire workers to be able to fully enjoy the basic rights.

Regarding the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people, we will place emphasis on stability of prices for basic foodstuffs and local food sufficiency. In addition, we will encourage the economy based on export promotion.

In respect of the State service personnel, we will give priority to fixing sufficient salaries of the staff in conformity with present time. Moreover, we will present sufficient pension salaries to the retired personnel for their livelihoods.

With regard to the human rights, we will guarantee the people to enjoy the social, economic and political freedom, rights of press, mobilization, religion, profession and living freedom.

In the new generation youth sector, the youths are to be nurtured to become State leaders, intellectuals, intelligentsia and skilled workers as they will bring the

brighter future to the State in the future. As such, opportunities will be created for the youth to pursue further studies on their respective professions abroad. Furthermore, the youths are to be nurtured to have the broad knowledge on dynamism of patriotic spirit and international issues.

As to the Tatmadaw sector, the Tatmadaw must be patriotic Tatmadaw with fine traditions to discharge duties of ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty, State defence and security.

I would like to continue to present literature, culture and social sectors.

We will support development tasks while preserving literature, language, custom and cultural heritage of all national brethren. We will carry out the tasks such as creating job opportunities for the unemployed with the contribution of the State's fund, taking care of orphans and building homes for the aged.

We will carry out all necessary means for better transport across the nation as development of a nation depends on smooth transport.

The mottoes of our party are as follows:-

1. People born in the Union
Regardless of race and religion
May enjoy equal rights!
2. For people
Democracy is needed
For brothers
NDPD has emerged
3. Gaining democracy for all national is-----first
National peace is -----basic
National development is -----essence
4. To serve national interest.
Let's join NDPD!
5. Going to hold multi-party democracy
General election across the nation soon
People should cast the vote for NDPD

Esteemed people,

All in all, our party's Hluttaw candidates will run for three seats in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and two seats in Pabedan Township in Yangon Region; five in Maungdaw Township, four in Buthidaung Township, three in Sittway Township, four in Kyauktaw Township and one in MraukU Township. Our party's symbol is book and pen. It is important to cast the vote right in upcoming multiparty democracy general elections to be held on 7 November, 2010 in order to have a democracy aspired by the people and the rights, and national interest we would like to serve. I would like to urge all public voters to cast the votes by understanding the value of your vote.

I would like to request the voters to cast the votes for the candidates of our party who aspire democracy and will strive to have equal rights, regardless of race and religion. The voters should make a tick beside book and pen symbol of NDPD to support our party. To serve the national interest, let's vote the book and pen symbol.

May people enjoy physical and mental well-being.



Union Solidarity and Development Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Party U Htay Oo presented party's policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 8 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-



Esteemed people,

I would like to wish you mental and physical well-beings.

I am U Htay Oo, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

All the people aspire to enjoy peace and tranquility, modernity and development. They want to achieve peace and prosperity throughout their lives. To be able to fulfill the wish of the people, the Union Solidarity and Development Party was formed with the fine legacy of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The Union Solidarity and Development Party is constituted as a national force with all strata of national brethren and people from various regions of the nation.

Our party has planned to maintain prevailing peace and stability and sound development foundations of the State and the people and to cooperate with the people for gaining development momentum.

Our party will join hands with the people for perpetual existence of the Union, perpetuation of sovereignty, national unity, everlasting of the country as peaceful, modern and developed nation, ensuring life security of the entire people, fulfillment of basic needs and enjoying rights of democracy.

As members of our party are also people, the aim of the party is similar to the wish of the people to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation and maintain its durability.

The Union Solidarity and Development Party adopted the policies in conformity with the objective conditions looking forwards to implementing the wish of the people.

As the national policy, our party will steadfastly uphold the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Putting the national interest in the fore, our party will practise the multiparty democracy system, market-oriented economic system and independent and active foreign policies. We will strive to protect nation against internal and external dangers. We will guarantee rights and liabilities of the people in line with the constitution. Placing emphasis on national unity, we will strive for enabling all the national brethren to fully enjoy rights in line with the constitution. We will try hard to improve socio-economic status of the peasants. Our party has planned to strive for improvement of socio-economic status of workers and for enabling the workers to enjoy their rights in line with the constitution.

Esteemed people,

Our party will guarantee freedom of religion. Our party will enhance the education sector to meet the international standard and encourage development of human resources. Our party has adopted the policy to ensure the entire national people fit and healthy and preserve and uplift cultural heritage and national characters.

Esteemed people,

With regard to the basic concept, the Union Solidarity and Development Party has planned to establish an industrialized nation to become a developed one. While improving sound agricultural foundation, we are to build an industrialized nation. We all are to solve the internal problems within the nation. We will strengthen friendly relations with all global countries and enhance mutual cooperation. Emphasis will be placed on development of all national brethren including national people from border areas.

In serving the interests of the State and the people, we deem officially registered political parties and individuals as colleagues. We will give top priority to the State's interest than the interest of the party, and we will sacrifice lives for the nation and people.

Esteemed people,

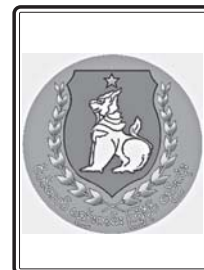
The Union Solidarity and Development Party accepts that peasants, workers, youths, women, intellectuals, intelligentsia, artistes and public service from all strata of the people are important strengths that are participating in the respective sectors of nation-building task.

The people are to choose the candidates who will really serve the interest of the regions and the people in coming multiparty democracy general elections. They are to choose the candidates who have really served, are serving, will serve and have the capability to serve the interests of the regions and the people. The people are to choose what type of the party and candidate will really serve the interests of the nation and the people.

Esteemed people,

Our Union Solidarity and Development Party is formed with the fine legacy of the Union Solidarity and Development Association that has been joining hands with the people for about 17 years in serving the interest of the national people. Although the association could not carry out all the efficient tasks, the organization could try its best in carrying out the efficient tasks most. Our party has selected the best candidates for effectively serving the public interest. I would like to request the people to cast votes for the candidates of our party who will really serve the interests of the State and the people.

May all the people enjoy best wishes.



Seals help map ocean floor

SANTA CRUZ, 8 Oct—Seals diving deep in the ocean for food near Antarctica are helping provide extremely accurate data for use in mapping the sea floor, oceanographers say.

Seals, walruses, whales and other large marine creatures have helped oceanographers before, as scientists have glued sensors to the animals' bodies that measures factors like temperature and salinity, *Science-News.org* reported.

The new work with elephant seals is the first to extract information

on the shape of the seafloor known as bathymetry from new sensors, glued to the animals' heads, which can measure pressure and hence depth. "You can actually map the ocean floor," Daniel Costa, a marine biologist at the University of California, Santa Cruz, says.

The data came from 57 elephant seals tagged by Costa's group during five summers at the US Antarctic Marine Living Resources camp in the South Shetland Islands.—*Internet*

Facebook Groups dinged for drafting members

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Oct—Facebook on Thursday was getting kudos for giving members better control of their information but dinged for letting people be thrown into "groups" without their permission.

A day after the world's most popular online social network began letting users form cozy cliques at the website the Internet was abuzz with grumblings by people who found themselves added to groups without being asked.

Well-known technology entrepreneur and blogger Jason Calcanis posted at his website a copy of an email that he sent to Facebook after being "force-joined" to a group called the "North American Man/Boy Love Association" (NAMBLA). "There is no opt-in," Calcanis complained, noting that he is not and has no interest in being a NAMBLA member. "I've now been assigned to a group that advocates well...ummm...You can look it up; it's very bad."

Internet

China launching search for domestic potash sources

BEIJING, 8 Oct—China has launched a search for domestic sources of potash to ensure stable supplies of the mineral used in fertilizer, a state news agency said Friday, amid official concern about mining giant BHP's bid to acquire a major Canadian producer.

China is a major potash importer and says a BHP Billiton Ltd. takeover of Canada's Potash Corp could boost prices and hurt Chinese farmers.

A state company reportedly is considering a possible competing bid to BHP's \$39 billion offer but Canadian officials are wary of allowing Chinese ownership.

The Ministry of Land and Resources has spent 50 million yuan (\$7 million) this year looking for potash in China and plans to spend 100 million yuan annually through 2015, *Xinhua* said, citing ministry sources.

Xinhua



Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence visits Tapioca Mill in Tanai. (News on page 1)—MNA



Transport Minister visits staff housings in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe this morning visited staff housings of the Ministry of Transport in Mingala Theikdi, Bawga Theikdi and Balatheikdi wards in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District.

The minister viewed cultivation of vegetables, shade and flowery plants and sanitation at the housings.—MNA

PCOs, a drive for emergence...

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These projects were the international telegraph upgrading project, the international linkage and communication extension project, the internal communication extension project, the communication project for regional development, the 6000-line installation project in Yangon Region, the construction of new microwave linkages in western area of Ayeyawady River and border regions, the substitution of Asia-Europe Underwater Cable Project (SMW3), the cross-bar exchange substitution project, the construction of digital auto-exchanges construction project in countryside, the GSM mobile system construction project, the Bago, Dawei, Taunggyi auto-exchanges construction project, the modern communication system installation project, the communication facilities upgrading project, the local/transit exchanges construction project, the Basic e-Government Project, the special development zone project, the Myanmar Communication Network Construction Project, the Fiber Cable Construction and ADSL System

Installation Project, the Mekong Region Information and Communication Broadband Linkage Project, the Offshore and Onshore Communication System Construction Project, the Yatanarpon Myothit Construction Project, the formation and registration of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd and the internal and international postal service project.

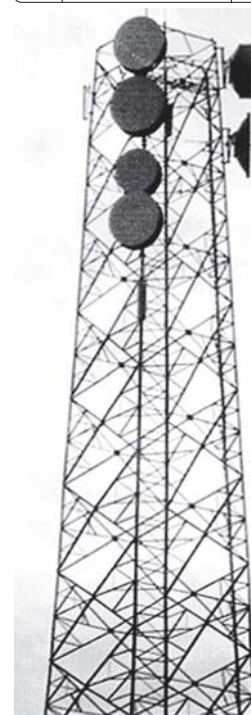
Implementing the projects, telephone lines were installed for the public for the trunk call system, the overseas call system, local call system, Internet communication system and the rural communication system. Although there were 74855 telephones in 1988, the number of telephone lines increased to 2172434 telephone lines in August 2010. As such, the telephone communication contributes to progress in economic and social sectors, regional development, national disasters preparedness and tasks on prevalence of law and order. In addition, the government earned from the charges of installation of telephones and phone call services. In addition, the improvement of other communication services is mentioned as follows:-

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Public Call Offices (PCO) were opened in States and Regions for uplifting the rural communication services for the rural people.

In Nay Pyi Taw, the dwellers have the opportunity to use CDMA-450 mobile phones as of June 2009. Therefore, the CDMA-450 (PCO) booths were constructed in wards and villages around Nay Pyi Taw. With the aim of uplifting the rural communication system throughout the nation, the CDMA-450 mobile phones were installed up to September 2010. They are:

No.	State/Region	Rural PCO station (GSM)	Rural PCO Station (CDMA-450)
1.	Nay Pyi Taw	-	603
2.	Kachin State	-	1942
3.	Kayah State	-	105
4.	Kayin State	-	105
5.	Chin State	-	108
6.	Sagaing Region	-	2511
7.	Taninthayi Region	-	1412
8.	Bago Region (East)	565	150
9.	Bago Region (West)	-	208
10.	Magway Region	2	3019
11.	Mandalay Region	638	620
12.	Mon State	-	2744
13.	Rakhine State	-	192
14.	Yangon Region	-	242
15.	Shan State (South)	431	52
16.	Shan State (North)	-	427
17.	Shan State (East)	-	192
18.	Ayeyawady Region	851	3400
		2487	17892
Total			20379

No.	Subject	Unit	1988	1-7-2010	Progress
1.	Trunk-call linkages				
1.	Fiber cable linkages	mile	-	8470	8470
2.	Overseas underwater cable communication channel	number	-	1815	1815
3.	Inland cross-border fiber cable linkage	number	-	1197	1197
4.	Overseas satellite ground station	number	1	2	1
5.	Overseas satellite communication channel	number	26	804	778
6.	Digital microwave linkage	station	-	312	312
7.	Analog microwave linkage	station	71	-	to digital
8.	Carrier	station	124	-	to digital
2.	Telephone services	line	74855	2172434	2097579
	Number of lines	line	74855	866084	791229
1.	Auto-telephone services				
-	Digital auto-phone services	line	12000	804184	792184
-	Analog Auto-telephone	line	46400	-	to digital
-	Magneto telephone	line	16455	36057	19602
-	ARTS radio telephone	number	-	3856	3856
-	CDMA (Fixed) telephone	number	-	20038	20038
-	DECT telephone	number	-	1949	1949
2.	Mobile telephone service	number	-	1306350	1306350
-	GSM mobile phone	number	-	494300	494300
-	CDMA mobile phone (iPstar)	number	-	545650	545650
-	WCDMA mobile phone	number	-	28000	28000
-	D-AMPS telephone	number	-	38400	38400
-	CDMA 800 WLL mobile phone	number	-	150000	150000
-	Mc WLL telephone	number	-	50000	50000
3.	Telephone offices	office	245	914	669
-	Digital auto-exchange	office	12	375	363
-	Analog auto-exchange	office	22	-	to digital
-	Magneto exchange	office	211	306	95
-	Rural telephone exchange	office	-	233	233
3.	Telephone density (per 1000 people)		1.92	37.78	35.86
4.	e-Mail, Internet	number	-	120060	120060
	Internal satellite ground station	number	-	1773	1773
5.	(MPT Satellite Terminal)				
	Internal satellite channel	number	-	7092	7092
6.	(MPT Satellite Terminal)				
	International telephone channel	number	26	3816	3790
7.	Post station	number	1114	1375	261
8.	Telegraphic office	office	310	513	203
9.	Fax	number	10	5385	5375
10.	Computerized telegraph	number	-	140	140



The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs is gearing up installation of public call offices in rural areas to be able to contribute a great deal to social, economic and regional development, prevalence of law and order, preparedness and prevention against natural disasters.

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PCO
microwave
tower in
Myebon of
Rakhine State.

UEC chairman meets state/district/...

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U Nyunt Shwe, Secretary U Kan Win and members, the chairman of Myitkyina District subcommission and members, the chairmen of Myitkyina, Waingmaw and M'Jangyang Township subcommissions, the polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and members totaling 376.

The UEC chairman called on members of subcommissions and polling station officers and members to carry out electoral work in accord with election law and rules and directives for success of holding multiparty democracy general elections and electoral process and called for smooth electoral process without delay in casting vote.

After hearing reports on work progress presented by the chairmen and secretaries of respective subcommissions, the UEC chairman gave necessary instructions.

Next, the UEC chairman and party inspected demonstration of voting process at BEHS No (1) in Ayar Ward, Myitkyina and left necessary instructions.

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Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut meets Tatmadawmen and families at Naungwoe local battalion in Ba Htoo station



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence meets servicemen and their families at Naungwoe local battalion in Ba Htoo station.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Coun-

cil Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, met Tatmadawmen and their families at Naungwoe local battalion in Ba Htoo station yesterday.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut presented cash assistance and inspected farm of the battalion.

He also viewed the Naungwoe-Yaksawk road construction, Saikhkaung Bailey Bridge and thriving plantations on either side of the road.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party inspected People's Hospital in Indaw, gave away presents to patients and presented medicines to officials.

On arrival at Zawgyi Hydropower Plant No (2), Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut heard report on inflow and storage of water submitted by an official and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Heavy rains cause floods in some parts of nation

Authorities provide assistance for victims

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Heavy rains on 6 and 7 October caused floods, landslides and damages on some parts of motor roads and railroads in some States and Regions.

Due to heavy rains, landslides occurred on the railroad between Bonchaung and Namhkam stations on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad at 10 pm on 6 October. Officials of Myanma Railways completed repair of the railroad section at 6 pm. Now, the trains regularly run on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad.

A landslide from the hill occurred near Hsedaw station of Mandalay-Lashio railroad in Shan State (north) due to torrential rain on 6 October. In the incident, stone fell near the rail trucks. At 8 am on 7 October, removal of stones on the railroad completed. The rail transport turned into normalcy. No casualty occurred in the incident.

On 6 October, the heavy rains caused landslide on railroad section between Ngaminmae and Kanthaya stations in NyaungU Township. Officials cleared sand from the railroad, and the train schedules turned into normalcy yesterday afternoon.

A heavy rain fell in Magway Township at 10 pm

on 6 October. Motor road was blocked as Daungnay Creek near Daungnay Village become swollen due to the heavy rains. Due to concerted efforts of officials, vehicles yesterday afternoon started to pass Daungnay pass the road near Daungnay Bridge which is under construction.

Due to heavy rains, some villages of Sagaing and Yinmabin townships were flooded yesterday and some parts of motor road were inundated. There was no one dead and wounded in the heavy rains and floods.

Heavy rains occurred in Phayapon, Ahmar, Dedaye and Bogale townships on 6 and 7 October. Due to flooding, some households were evacuated to the safe places. The heavy rains left damage to some huts. However, there was no casualty in the incident.

Local authorities, officials and social organizations are joining hands in clearing debris and the damaged parts of landslides, motor road and railroad sections. At present, motor road and railroad sections turned into normalcy. The flood victims were evacuated to the safe places and provided necessary assistance.

MNA

Special Appellate Bench hears appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Myint Aung and U Kyaw Win sitting at the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment of five special civil appeal cases and then heard five special civil appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, today.

MNA

Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) ...

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The two-motorway facility will be emerged as a rail-cum-road bridge as well as Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

The project located upstream from the second defile of Ayeyawady River embarked on 7 May 2009.

The main bridge will be 3215 feet long and approach roads from Katha and Bhamo will be 680 feet and 735 feet long.

Approach railroads will be 680 feet long from Katha and 1615 feet from Bhamo. So the total length of bridge will be 4630 feet and that of the railroad bridge will be 5510 feet.

The bridge will be of combined reinforced concrete and steel girder type.

The bridge with three-foot pedestrian walks has 14 feet wide railroad and 14 feet wide motor road. It has 320 feet

of clearance and 47 feet of height and can withstand 60 tons of load.

Upon completion, local produces can be accommodated between the upper and lower Myanmar. Thanks to emergence of the bridge, the local people, formerly who had only access to waterway, will see more progress in their socio-economic lives.

The bridge which will link Shan State, Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region will be conducive to national integration and bring about



Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) being constructed with heavy machinery.

development in social, economic and education sectors to national brethren. It is learnt that the

project is being implemented with the aspiration to meet set standards and to be completed on

schedule.

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Wayward baggage handler causes Pa security scare

PHILADELPHIA, 8 Oct—Two US Airways workers loading a Bermuda-bound plane grew suspicious of whether another baggage handler was allowed to be near the jet and confronted him Thursday, leading the man to flee and forcing transportation security officials to remove passengers and rescan all their luggage.

More than 100 passengers and five crew members were taken off *USAirways Flight 1070* for more than four hours over the security issue.

The Philadelphia baggage handlers alerted their bosses when they saw a co-worker who was not assigned to be near the plane, FBI spokesman JJ Klaver said. "When they asked him to leave, he drove away from the plane in a baggage loading-vehicle," he said.

By late Thursday, the person had not been identified or located, Klaver said. Officials believe he was authorized to be in that section of the airport, but not at that particular place.

Authorities swept the plane for explosives and found none, Klaver told *The Associated Press*. The situation did not appear to have any connection to terrorism, he said.

The flight had been scheduled to depart at about 11 am. Passengers were instead removed and the plane was towed away for inspection. The *Airbus 319* was surrounded by emergency vehicles with lights flashing, and security dogs moved from bag to bag, checking luggage spread on the ground near the jet. The flight finally left after 4 pm.

Internet



Authorities move items near a plane on a closed runway at Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia, on 7 Oct, 2010. Transportation security officials removed passengers from the Bermuda-bound flight Thursday after reports that someone was helping to load the plane without a security badge.—INTERNET

Armed men kidnap peacekeeper in Sudan's Darfur

EL FASHER, 8 Oct—Armed men abducted a civilian peacekeeper in the capital of Sudan's North Darfur state Thursday hours after UN Security Council envoys arrived in the city, the mission said.

It was believed to be the first time kidnappers had seized a foreigner in El Fasher, a development certain to dismay aid officials in Darfur who have pulled staff back to the main towns to escape a wave of abductions in remote locations.

"Today in the evening, armed men entered the residence of four civilian staff members in downtown El Fasher. They tied up two of them and made away with the other two in a vehicle. One man escaped and the other is still missing," said Kemal Saiki, spokesman for the joint UN/African Union force UNAMID. Saiki said the missing man was not Sudanese but gave no other personal details. Sudanese security forces sealed off the main exits from the city, seeking the UNAMID vehicle that the kidnappers used to escape, he added.

Reuters

Ukraine announces grain export restrictions

KIEV, 8 Oct—Ukraine, one of the world's leading grain exporters, on Thursday announced a limit on exports after a severe drought, but confusion remained on the precise volume of restrictions.

Prime Minister Andrei Klyuev was the first to announce through his spokesman that the government would allow the export of two million tonnes of maize (corn), 500,000 tonnes of wheat and 500,000 tonnes of barley.

The measure will "remain in place until the end of the year," Klyuev's spokesman Artem Petrenko said.

But shortly after, Finance Minister Fedir Yaroshenko gave different figures: "500,000 tonnes for wheat and 3.0 million tonnes for maize," he said, *Interfax* agency reported.

Agriculture Minister Nikolai Prisyazhnyuk later denied altogether that the issue had been settled, saying the cabinet had "decided to continue



A farmer reaps grain in combine harvesters on land near Zhovtneve village, in the region of Chernigov, some 220 kms north of Kiev in 2009.—INTERNET

working on the document" until its "definite" approval on Monday or Wednesday, *Interfax* reported.

The government is still discussing both the volume of the export caps and their duration, he said.

He added that the export restriction should be three million tonnes for corn, one million tonnes for wheat, and 150,000 tonnes for barley.—Internet

Pfizer says recalled 191,000 Lipitor bottles

NEW YORK, 8 Oct—Pfizer Inc said it recalled 191,000 bottles of its top-selling Lipitor cholesterol fighter following reports of a musty odor coming from some bottles of the medicine made by a third-party supplier.

The world's largest drugmaker said the recall, which took place in mid-August, involved seven lots of 40 milligram Lipitor, as well as three other lots of the medicine supplied to a Canadian generic drugmaker. Five of the seven recalled lots of the branded medicine were in the United States, while two were recalled from Canada, Pfizer said.

The recall was initiated after the company received three reports from consumers complaining about the musty odor, including one so-called adverse event report, Pfizer spokesman Rick Chambers said. The health problem reported by the consumer was found to be not likely to be related to the odor problem, Chambers said.

Even with declining revenue amid generic competition in some countries, such as Canada, Lipitor remains the world's largest-selling prescription medicine with annual sales in excess of \$11 billion.

Reuters

Yemen arrests seven suspects in attack on UK diplomat

SAN'A, 8 Oct—Yemeni authorities announced on Thursday the arrest of seven suspects in the attack on the motorcade of the British embassy's No 2 all from an area in the capital that has become synonymous with militancy.

The neighbourhood of Nuqum in Yemen's capital of San'a not only plays host to the US and British embassies but contains a sprawling slum on the eastern half of the city which security

officials say is full of extremists with Al-Qaeda connections. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, an offshoot of Osama bin Laden's terror network, was formed more than a year ago when Yemen and Saudi militant groups merged. Al-Qaeda fighters are believed to have built up strongholds in remote parts of the country, allying with powerful tribes that resent the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

They are also believed to have a presence in the capital city itself and several attacks in recent years have cast doubt on the government's ability to protect its own backyard. On Wednesday, militants fired a rocket at an embassy vehicle containing four officials and the deputy chief of mission as it was passing through Nuqum. One staffer and three bystanders were wounded.

Internet



Yemeni policemen attend the scene where an attack took place on a convoy carrying a senior British diplomat in San'a, Yemen on 6 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Magnitude 6.3 quake hits Indonesia's Moluccas islands

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—A 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia on Friday, 146 miles north east of Ternate in the Moluccas, the US Geological Survey said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The quake was measured at a depth of 90 miles.

Xinhua

Morocco draws on the elements for its green energy project



A Moroccan flag flies next to a wind turbine at a 250-million-euro (300 million US dollar) wind farm, near Tangiers, shortly after its inauguration by Moroccan King Mohammed VI in June 2010.—INTERNET

DHAR SAADANE, 8 Oct—Water, sun and wind: Morocco has launched an ambitious programme to harness the elements to produce “green” electricity to reduce its dependence on energy imports. And eventually it even hopes to export the energy produced.

Lining the hills of Dhar Saadane, 126 windmills overlook the city of Tangiers, in what site manager Loubna Farabi says is the largest windmill park in Africa. King Mohammed VI himself launched the site in June, one of the first steps towards Morocco’s avowed aim of exploiting renewable energy sources. It has a capacity of 140 megawatts (MW).

But to get that green energy requires a lot of money up front, especially when you are dealing with relatively new technology.

What has helped however, is the growing interest along the southern Mediterranean coastline among not just businesses but some European governments.

This has sparked interest in the Mediterranean to develop one of the region’s most abundant resources: the sun.

Internet

Pakistan envoy criticises US travel alert

LONDON, 8 Oct—A US travel alert warning Americans travelling in Europe against possible terrorist attacks may have been politically motivated, Pakistan’s top diplomat in Britain told a newspaper Friday.

High commissioner Wajid Shamsul Hasan suggested the decision to issue the alert — which followed reports militants in Pakistan were plotting to target Europe could have been influenced by mid-term polls in the US next month. “I will not deny the fact that there may be internal political dynamics, including the forthcoming mid-term American elections,” Hasan was quoted as saying in *Britain’s Guardian Daily*.

“If the Americans have definite information about terrorists and Al-Qaeda people, we should be provided [with] that and we could go after them ourselves.”

The US alert on Sunday was followed by warnings from Britain, Japan and Sweden that its citizens may be at risk of terror attacks while travelling in Europe. Hasan further said recent US attacks inside Pakistan had “set the country on fire” and warned that mounting public anger could lead to American personnel in Pakistan being attacked.

“If they [the Americans] kill someone again, they will react,” he was quoted as saying.

“There is a figure that there are 3,000 American personnel in Pakistan. They would be very easy targets.”

Internet

Universal Postal Union’s Director General Message on World Post Day 2010

9 October, 2010

A Post that is innovative and relevant

With the surge in new information and communication technologies transforming our world, many are wondering whether Posts really do have a future. My response is a categorical yes.

Post offer a whole host of services—both traditional and new—to meet the communication needs of billions of people and businesses every day. Instead of retreating before these new technologies, which are changing our concept of communication almost every day, Posts are changing too and showing that they can also be innovative.

Some 65% of the world’s national Posts now offer online services, including online bill payments (16%), e-postage services (13%) and delivery of items against e-signatures (10%). Another 12% offer internet shopping (e-commerce), and, a full 40% provide public internet access points. A new top level domain name, post, recently assigned by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), in sponsorship with the UPU, will enable the postal sector to establish a solid base in cyberspace for developing secure and trusted e-postal services.

This is a course that needs to be followed. While Posts worldwide continue to process more than 483 billion letters per year, mail volumes continue to decline as a result of electronic substitution and the recent financial crisis (particularly in industrialized countries and depending on the state of the economy).

And although physical mail will not be disappearing overnight any time soon despite this downward trend, Posts are looking to the future by diversifying their products and services. Thanks to e-commerce, parcel volumes are taking off. Posts in many countries are seeing annual growth rates of 20% in parcel volumes due to online sales. Posts are also offering more and more financial services, customized e-services, logistics services, administrative services and many others.

All of these services also create jobs and support local businesses. A study of 5,561 municipalities in Brazil revealed that the opening of a postal bank branch in one of these municipalities over four years directly resulted in a 14% increase in the number of new jobs and a 23% increase in the number of new small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). More generally, economists agree that postal services help to increase a country’s gross national product by at least 1%.

On this 9 October, World Post Day, let us remember the very relevant and valuable role the Post plays in the day-to-day lives of billions of people and businesses, not only as a means of communication, but also as an essential driver of economic growth.

United, Air Canada to form joint venture

Two United Airlines planes are seen on the tarmac at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport. United Airlines and Air Canada announced plans Thursday to form a revenue-sharing joint venture for flights between Canada and the United States.

INTERNET



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lead to lower fares and better services. It comes a week after United completed a merger with Continental Airlines.

“Working cooperatively with our partner Air Canada, we can create a more streamlined travel experience for customers traveling between the United States and Canada, providing more travel options and

benefits while reducing travel times,” said Jeff Smisek, United Airlines President and Chief Executive Officer. The joint venture is expected to come into effect in early 2011, subject to regulatory approval. The carriers already benefit from anti-trust immunity granted by the US Department of Transportation.

Internet

Honda launches hybrid Fit to take on Toyota’s Prius

TOKYO, 8 Oct—Honda Motor on Friday launched a hybrid version of its popular Fit subcompact car in Japan, making it the cheapest petrol-electric car available in the nation. The Fit Hybrid went on sale with a starting price of 1.59 million yen (19,000 dollars), cheaper than any other hybrid vehicle in Japan. The conventional Fit is priced at about 1.2 million yen. The vehicle has been launched as a direct competitor to Toyota’s Prius, which has been Japan’s best selling vehicle since May 2009.

Internet

Japan’s auto maker Honda Motor president Takanobu Ito introduces the company’s new hybrid compact car “Fit Hybrid”, equipped with 1.3-litre electric motor and front-wheel drive during a preview at the company’s headquarters in Tokyo on 8 October, 2010.—INTERNET



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Most Americans Back Embryonic Stem Cell Research

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Americans overwhelmingly support embryonic stem cell research, and that backing stretches across a broad range of demographic groups, including Republicans, Catholics and born-again Christians, according to a new *Harris Interactive/HealthDay* poll. Almost three-quarters (72 percent) of the adults surveyed believe that scientists should be allowed to use embryonic stem cells left over from in vitro fertilization procedures to search for potential treatments or ways to prevent diseases such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, diabetes and other conditions. Only 12 percent oppose using stem cells for biomedical research, numbers that mirror those from a similar poll conducted in 2005. "There is now overwhelming public support for using embryonic stem cells in biomedical research," said Humphrey Taylor, chairman of the Harris Poll, a service of Harris Interactive—*Internet*

Wave of mass robberies terrorizes Rio residents

SAO PAULO, 8 Oct—Dozens of armed drug gang members have been setting up roadblocks and robbing drivers en masse in recent days in the Rio de Janeiro area, prompting the firing of 19 police battalion leaders in the city that will host the 2016 Olympics.

Residents were yanked from their cars in the middle of the streets in about 10 such robberies in the past week, including three since Tuesday. Gunmen made off with vehicles and took some victims hostage as they battled police with weapons and grenades.

No serious injuries have been linked to the robberies so far, although Globo TV's website said Thursday that a 13-year-old boy was killed in the crossfire of a gunbattle during a police operation to recover a stolen vehicle in a shantytown. It was not known if he was killed by police or gang members.

Internet



Australian swimmer Leisel Jones competes in a semi-final for the women's 100 metre breaststroke at the S.P. Mukherjee Aquatics Centre in New Delhi on 7 October, 2010.

INTERNET

Dad, son step over dead body in burglary

CINCINNATI, 8 Oct—A Cincinnati father and son are accused of burglarizing a home as a woman lay dead inside — even stepping over her body as they robbed items — police said. Jon Sester, 21, and John T Sester, 53, were charged with criminal trespass, breaking and entering and burglarizing Virginia Maxwell's home, authorities said. Maxwell, 66, died months before the 12 Sept burglary and her decomposing body was still in the house when the Sesters allegedly broke in and stole copper piping and other items. —*Internet*

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAPHAN VOY NO (86) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(3) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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'Disgusting' sculpture stays on show in Milan

MILAN, 8 Oct — Milan city council has extended the display of a controversial new sculpture by Italy's most famous living artist, Maurizio Cattelan. The sculpture — officially titled LOVE but popularly known as The Middle Finger — will now remain in the Piazza d'Affari outside the Milan stock exchange until the end of a retrospective of Cattelan's work in the city on 24 October.

Now admirers of the artist's work are pressing for the piazza to become its permanent home. But opinions are sharply divided. Cattelan's latest creation is a huge hand, beautifully sculpted from Carrara marble — the same material used by Michelangelo and Bernini. But its middle finger is extended skywards in a very un-Renaissance-like gesture of contempt.

Internet

Gold rush at Commonwealth Games

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct—The Commonwealth Games reaches the halfway stage of competition on Friday with the busiest day of gold medal action in prospect.

A whopping total of 42 Games titles were on

the line and there remained a question mark over one from Thursday in the women's 100 metres sprint.

Australia's hurdles specialist Sally Pearson won that final at a canter but was then disqualified over a false start drama. The Australian camp immediately launched an appeal and a decision was expected during the morning.

Internet



Three week old Sumatra tiger cub Daseep grows out of her box during her first public appearance at the zoo in Frankfurt, on 6 October, 2010. —INTERNET

FBI seizes John Lennon fingerprints before auction

A set of John Lennon's fingerprints being auctioned for at least \$100,000 was seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday 30 years after the singer's death.

The 1976 signed application for Lennon's US citizenship was one of the hallmarks of about 850 celebrity items in an online sale timed around Lennon's 70th birthday on Saturday.

The fingerprint card was being shown to media at a midtown New York store early Wednesday in an auction preview of more than 90 Beatles items when the FBI faxed a subpoena there and took the card.



Buzz Pinkham shouts during the motorized competition at the fourth annual Damariscotta Pumpkinfest Regatta, on 11 Oct, 2009, in Damariscotta, Maine. Pinkham and a friend came up with the idea for a race while looking for something to do with a 700-pound pumpkin they had shown at a county fair. They hollowed it out, attached a motor and launched what has become a wacky race that now attracts more than a thousand people to town.

Hot dog vendor's trailer stolen



Wait staff at an American restaurant prepare a table for the city's first hot dog eating competition in Beijing on 11 July, 2009. China's capital hosted its first own international 'dog off' competition a week after American Joey Chestnut chomped down a record 68 hot dogs, capturing his third straight July Fourth hot-dog eating contest at Coney Island, an annual showcase for flamboyant hot dogging contestants eager to show they really are what they eat.

A New York state hot dog vendor said his livelihood is in danger after someone stole his hot dog trailer from its usual location.

Fred Martucci, 54, proprietor of Fred's Franks in Orangeburg, said he had been working at his business for 9 hours a day, six days a week for more than a year before the trailer was stolen 30 Sept from the parking lot of Orangeburg General Auto Repairs, *The Journal News*, White Plains, NY, reported Thursday.

"They took my business. They took my

livelihood, my means of supporting my family," he said. "It hit me the other day when I realized that I have no work to go to and no way to make money."

Detective Sgt George Garrecht of the Orangetown police said surveillance footage depicts three men cutting locks and stealing the trailer, but rain at the time of the incident makes obtaining detailed descriptions of the suspects difficult.

News Album

Police stand outside Sweden's parliament on 1 October. A Swedish museum only learned of the theft of three of its works of art, including a valuable Edvard Munch painting, after they were discovered by police during a raid, media reported Thursday.

Swedish museum learns of artwork theft from police

A Swedish museum only learned of the theft of three of its works of art, including a valuable Edvard Munch painting, after they were discovered by police during a raid, media reported Thursday.

The Malmoe Art Museum in southern Sweden had not reported the three recovered pieces stolen and had no idea they were missing, the bewildered head of the institution said.

"Neither I nor our staff can explain how this could happen," Goeran Christenson told the Kvaellsposten local tabloid.



Stars flock to Rome's 'multicultural' film festival

ROME, 8 Oct—Actresses Keira Knightley, Eva Mendes and Julianne Moore are among the movie stars set to attend the 2010 Rome film festival this month, which will focus on independent cinema, organisers said Thursday.

"It's an international programme, particularly multicultural, with films by independent directors born for the most part in 1964," festival director Piera Detassis told journalists.

Internet



British actress Keira Knightley, seen here in February 2010.

INTERNET

Spider-Man creator turns to NHL for new heroes



Stan Lee, the 87-year-old comic book writer seen here in July 2010 who co-created such heroes as Spider-Man and the X-Men, is partnering with the National Hockey League to create his next set of superheroes.

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to create his next set of superheroes.

The NHL and Lee's Pow! Entertainment announced Thursday a partnership to launch the American's latest effort, The Guardian Project, which will see the creation of 30 superheroes by the man who masterminded the Hulk and Iron Man.

Characters will represent each NHL club

and various elements of the league but will not be set in the hockey world. Each character will have powers that represent the team or city. "Every great plan starts with a great story," Lee said. "I truly believe we have the perfect combination from which to launch 30 new superheroes and excite young fans around the globe."—Internet

Paramount grabs Jason Reitman-Diablo Cody comedy

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—Paramount Pictures has acquired worldwide distribution rights to the latest collaboration from "Juno" filmmakers Jason Reitman and Diablo Cody's, the black comedy "Young Adult."

The Mandate Pictures production stars Charlize Theron, Patrick Wilson, Elizabeth Reaser and Patton Oswalt in the story of a divorced, young-adult fiction writer who returns to her hometown in Minnesota to chase an ex-boyfriend who's now married and has a baby. The project, which Cody wrote and Reitman will direct, begins shooting in New York this month. Paramount released Reitman's last film, "Up in the Air," which grossed \$161 million worldwide.

Internet

Stars gather for top Asian film festival



People watch the opening movie 'Under the Hawthorn Tree' by Chinese director Zhang Yimou during the opening ceremony of the 15th Pusan International Film Festival in Busan, South Korea, on 7 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

BUSAN, 8 Oct—An array of international film stars dazzled on the red carpet as Asia's top film festival opened Thursday in the South Korean port city of Busan. The 15th Pusan International Film Festival kicked off with an outdoor screening of Chinese director Zhang Yimou's "Under the Hawthorn Tree" at the Haeundae Yachting Centre, with thousands of screaming fans lining up to welcome South Korean heartthrobs such as Won Bin and Lee Yo-Won.

Attention also focused on international stars Kim Yun-Jin, star of the hit TV series "Lost", Japanese starlet Yu Aoi and Chinese star Tang Wei.

A few hundred lucky fans were able to pick up tickets to the screening and they roared their approval when the event was officially opened with fireworks by its founder and outgoing festival director Kim Dong-Ho.

Internet

Liverpool buyers have winning legacy with Red Sox

BOSTON, 8 Oct — To paraphrase Liverpool legend John Lennon, all the Boston Red Sox owners are saying to sceptical Liverpool FC fans is give them a chance. A deal by New England Sports

Ventures to purchase debt-saddled Liverpool for 477 million dollars was not made lightly by 61-year-old hedge-fund billionaire John Henry and partner Tom Werner, a television producer.

"Our objective is to stabilize the club and ultimately return Liverpool FC to its rightful place in English and European football, successfully competing for and winning trophies," they said in a statement. Liverpool supporters can be forgiven for worries about trading one set of American owners, Tom Hicks and George Gillett, for another, especially with fan protests against the Glazers, the wealthy US family that own Manchester United. — *Internet*



A 'For Sale' sign is pictured above a shop, opposite Liverpool Football Club's Anfield Stadium. — *Internet*

Brazil cruise to victory over Iran

ABU DHABI, 8 Oct — A much changed Brazil from the one that disappeared at the World Cup finals eased to a 3-0 victory over Iran in an international friendly here on Thursday. Goals

by Daniel Alves, Alexandre Pato and Nilmar were enough to see the Brazilians to an easy win on what was their second appearance in the United Arab Emirates - they walloped the UAE 8-0 in 2005.

Brazil — now under the management of Mano Menezes after Dunga was sacked following their exit in the World Cup quarter-finals to the Netherlands - opened the scoring in the 14th minute through a terrific freekick by Alves. Despite being cheered on by the 20,000 strong crowd the Iranians couldn't deliver much of a threat but the Brazilians also could not add to their tally during the first period. — *Internet*



Iran's Masoud Soleimani (L) vies with David Luiz of Brazil during their friendly football match in Abu Dhabi. — *Internet*

SPORTS

Van der Sar tipped to quit at end of season

MANCHESTER, 8 Oct — Manchester United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar is likely to retire from football at the end of the season, according to Red Devils goalkeeping coach Eric Steele. The former Dutch international No 1 turns 40 later this year and has indicated that he plans to call time on his glittering career at the end of the current campaign, Steele told the *Manchester Evening News*. "I think Ed has made his mind up and said this is his last year," Steele was

quoted as saying.

"He is a good pro and a sensible and highly intelligent guy who will know when the time is right. I don't think he will need myself or the manager to tell him that time has come. He will know. — *Internet*



Manchester United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar

Carson vows to win back England place



West Bromwich Albion keeper Scott Carson

LONDON, 8 Oct — West Bromwich Albion keeper Scott Carson has vowed to fight his way back into England manager Fabio Capello's squad after being dropped for the upcoming Euro 2012 qualifier with

Montenegro. Carson was picked for last month's matches against Bulgaria and Switzerland but forced to withdraw following a family bereavement. However he missed out on selection for Tuesday's Group G game at Wembley.

"I was really devastated to find myself out this time. Having got back in for the last squad, I thought I'd carried my form on in the last few games," said Carson, who has been in superb form for the Baggies this season. — *Internet*

'No split loyalties' for Germany's young turk Ozil

BERLIN, 8 Oct — Germany midfielder Mesut Ozil insists he will feel no split loyalties when his team take on Turkey in Friday's key Euro 2012 qualifier in Group A.

The 21-year-old is German born and bred of Turkish parents, but opted to play for the country of his birth, first wearing the Germany shirt in February 2009.

Some outstanding performances at the World Cup earned him a multi-million euros transfer to Real Madrid and Ozil says he will have no problem

playing against the country of his ancestors on Friday. — *Internet*



Germany's midfielder Mesut Ozil warms up during a training session at Berlin's Olympiastadion on 6 Oct, 2010. — *INTERNET*

Sneijder ready to commit to Inter

ROME, 8 Oct — Dutch playmaker Wesley Sneijder said Thursday he is set to sign a contract extension that will see him remain with European champions Inter Milan until 2015. "I'm pretty sure that in the coming weeks I will sign on until 2015," said Sneijder. "Some other clubs have expressed interest, but I'm feeling comfortable in Milan and at a great club

like Inter."

Sneijder helped Inter win Italy's Serie A last season, the Italian Cup and the Champions League. He is among the favourites for the inaugural FIFA Ballon d'Or award. The European Footballer of the Year and FIFA World Player of the Year awards have been merged into the Ballon d'Or. — *Internet*



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Cristie Kerr leads Navistar LPGA Classic

PRATTVILLE, 8 Oct — LPGA Championship winner Cristie Kerr shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over Morgan Pressel, Anna Nordqvist and Dorothy Delasin in the Navistar LPGA Classic. Kerr, also the LPGA State Farm Classic champion this year, birdied three of the last four holes in her bogey-free round on the links-style Senator course at the Robert Trent Jones

Golf Trail's Capitol Hill complex. "It's fun to be at the top of the leaderboard," Kerr said. "But it's only Thursday. You can't win it on the first day, but you can lose it, so it's great to be in this position."

The third-ranked Kerr topped the leaderboard a day after missing the program because of illness. "I didn't feel that great in the morning," Kerr said.

— *Internet*



Cristie Kerr stretches as she waits to tee off on the 17th hole during the first round of the Navistar LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Senator course, on 7 Oct, 2010, in Prattville, Ala. — *INTERNET*

It takes more than a black eye to sideline Dempsey

BRIDGEVIEW, 8 Oct — The puffy knot that obscured Clint Dempsey's left eye is almost gone, the bruise below fading to a technicolor blend of purples, blues and yellows.

The nasty-looking souvenir from Fulham's game against West Ham last Saturday would have sent most people to the sidelines immediately.

Not Dempsey, who not only kept playing after taking an elbow to the eye, he went on to score for Fulham in the 1-1 draw.

Whether playing for club or country, Dempsey is going to do whatever it takes to stay on the field. — *Internet*



Fulham's Clint Dempsey, right, celebrates his goal against West Ham United during their English Premier League soccer match at Upton Park, London, on 2 Oct, 2010. — *INTERNET*

Serena could make comeback at Linz

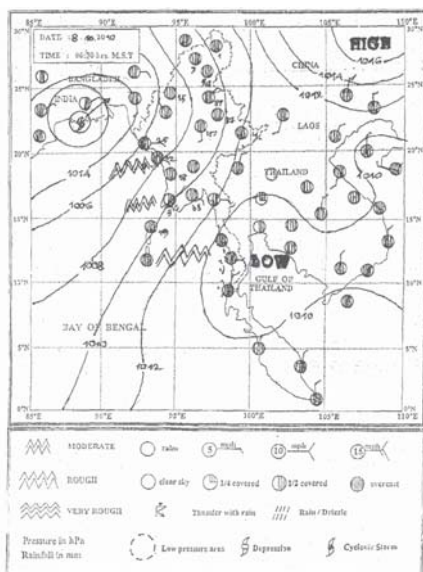
VIENNA, 8 Oct — Current world number one Serena Williams, absent since July with a foot injury, could make her comeback next week at the WTA tournament in Linz, organizers revealed on Thursday. "Her flight is booked, her arrival in Linz is scheduled for Sunday morning," organizers said on the tournament website. Williams has until 1400GMT on Friday to confirm her participation in the event.

— *Internet*



Serena Williams

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 8th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Shan State and Taninthayi Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Chin and Shan States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (11.31) inches, Maungdaw (8.19) inches, Myitnge (7.87) inches, Singaung (7.10) inches, Kyaukse (6.42) inches, Amarapura (6.24) inches, TadaU (5.91) inches, PyinOoLwin (5.75) inches, Mandalay (5.12) inches, Shwesayan (5.00) inches, Nawngkhio (4.57) inches, Myinmu (4.45) inches, Pale (4.25) inches and Kani (4.08) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-10-2010 was (85%). Rainfall on 8-10-2010 was (Tr).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-10-2010 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 7-10-2010 was (1.9) hours.

Rainfall on 8-10-2010 was (0.94) inch at Mingaladon, (1.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (71.81) inches at

Mingaladon, (83.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.86) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 7-10-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observation at (13:30) hours MST today, the depression over North Bay is crossing over West Bengal (India) and coastal areas of Bangladesh. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 9th October 2010: Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Region and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of locally heavy falls in Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45) mph. Seas will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Southern Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Outlook For Second Weekend Of October 2010: During the coming weekend, One or two rain or thundershowers in Yangon Region and isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region.

Female donor of religious structures and sponsor of monk

Daw Khin Su (Aged 100)

Daw Khin Su, elder daughter of U Kyaw Khaung (Criminal Officer) (KSM, ATM, TDM)+ (Daw Thauung) of Sagaing Division, wife of Dr. U Maung Oo of the Ministry of Health, benefactor mother of U Pe Win (Richard) + Daw Yawa Latt (Add), Dr. Khin Swe Aye (Doris), Thura U Tin Maung Aye + Dr. Khin Swe Lay (Anne), Dr. Khin Swe Tin (Alise) + Professor Dr. Myint Maung Maung, Daw Khin Swe Yin (Lillian), Dr. Edward Maung Oo, U Nyo Win (Charles), Daw Thida Khine (Beauty) and U Nay Lin Oo (Dean) and grandmother of 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild, passed away in Los Angeles in the United States of America at 5.45 am of the local time on 18.9.2010.

Bereaved Family



Cebu Pacific airlines cabin crew dance during a safety demonstration routine with the tune of 'Safety Dance' on a domestic flight to Davao City, southern Philippines on 8 October, 2010. Cebu Air received some well-timed publicity this week when a video of its flight attendants dancing a safety demonstration routine racked up more than 6 million hits in five days after it was posted on the Internet. Airline representatives said they want to make their flights fun and help passengers pay attention to the demonstration.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (9-10-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am - 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (9-10-10 09:30 am ~ 10-10-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ever Green Taunggyi
- * Taste Around the City
- * News
- * Smoother Access...From the East to the West
- * Why So Melodious?
- * "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture" Myanmar Pottery
- * News
- * Myanma Traditional Chess

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- * Being Young (Youth and Music)
- * Mobile Education Activities for Wildlife Conservation
- * News
- * Dream of a farmer
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Urbanized Kachin Traditional Cuisines
- * News
- * Fashion Guide (i-gift)
- * Myanmar Movie "Mystery of Snow"



Saturday, 9 October
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw
- 7:10 am**
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am**
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning News

- 7:40 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am**
6. Pome Garden
- 8:05 am**
7. Cultural Dances
- 8:15 am**
8. Song Of National Races
- 8:20 am**
9. Teleplay (Bank)
- 8:30 am**
10. Local Talent
- 8:40 am**
11. International News
- 8:45 am**
12. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
3. Game For Children

- 11:50 am**
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 1:10 pm**
5. Yan Can Cook
- 1:30 pm**
6. TV Drama Series
- 2:30 pm**
7. Mahowthada (Part-3)
- 2:50 pm**
8. International News
- 3:15 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) (Live) (Zeyar Shwe Myay FC Vs Ma Naw Myay FC)
- 5:15 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 5:25 pm**
3. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

- 5:40 pm**
4. Documentary
- 6:00 pm**
5. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
6. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
7. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
8. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
9. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
10. News
11. Talks of the Political Parties
12. International News
13. Weather Report
14. Cartoon Series
15. TV Drama Series
16. Gitadagale Phwinfbaoahn



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

UEC chairman meets state/district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — The work coordination meeting between Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and members of Kachin State subcommission and district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions took place at the

Town Hall in Myitkyina, Kachin State on 6 October.

It was also attended by UEC members U N Zaw Naw, Dr Maung Htoo, Dr Ba Maung and U Win Kyi, chairman of Kachin State Subcommission (See page 9)

Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, the depression over North Bay had crossed West Bengal Coasts of India and Bangladesh Coasts.

Under the influence of the remnants of the Depressoin, locally heavy falls are likely in Rakhine and Chin States, Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions.—MNA

Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) swinging into action

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Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) in Kachin State under construction.

Myitkyina's hazy morning can make anyone feel content. The bus I boarded left Myitkyina Bus Terminal for Bhamo at 8 am.

It was 2.30 pm when I stepped off the bus in Bhamo. So I managed to stay for a night in Bhamo as it is too late to proceed.

Early in the morning on the following day, I took a hovercraft ride to visit the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan).

The construction site with mountain ranges surrounded and with clouds cast over could be seen from the distance.

The construction of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) was implemented in Sinkhan village in Bhamo of Bhamo District in Kachin State as a special project by the guidance of the Head of State.

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