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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

## Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence attends opening of Food Fair 2010

YANGON, 15 Oct—The opening of Food Fair 2010 took place at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, this morning.

It was attended by Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials, the chairman of the committee for observance of the

fair, officials and guests.

The commander and officials formally opened the fair.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander and officials visited the booths around the hall.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander and officials attended the special sales held at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Landamaw Township.—MNA

## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Civil servants to refrain from party politics, but to continue pursuing national causes and national interest



Minister U Kyaw Hsan delivers address at founding anniversary of NPE.—MNA

Information U Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Managing Director of NPE U Soe Win, Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint, Acting Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Ye Tint, General Manager of NPE U Zaw Min Oo, other staff members

the departments and enterprises. Time is limited in implementing such onerous tasks, so the achievement is to be put on record for the ministry and staff members. Staff members are also to continue public information tasks for successful completion of the elections.

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—The News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information celebrated its founding anniversary for 2010 along with the awarding ceremony at Bo Waziya Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Daily house in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, this morning, with an address by Minister for

of the ministry and guests.

In his speech, the minister said that today is the day to be proud of for the staff members of the departments and enterprises under the ministry because the ceremony coincides with successful completion of the State's printing tasks due to collaborative efforts of all

ment is due to the fact that staff members at all levels were extensively engaged in their assigned tasks with a sense of duty and goodwill under the supervision of the managing director in line with the 14 guidelines adopted by the ministry.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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## Sound foundations for posterity

Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation is the national goal aspired by the entire people. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are joining hands in building the nation through the united strength.

Peace and stability have been restored across the nation. The people are enjoying fruits of peace, stability and prosperity. Due to prevailing peace and stability, nation building and development projects can be undertaken with momentum. Remarkable progress can be seen in all aspects including better transport.

The transport infrastructures are being built in the Union. In addition to new railroads, strategic highways, inter-town roads and rural development roads are under construction. The total length of gravel, hard, earth and motor roads has increased to over 80,000 miles from over 10,000 miles in the past. Small and large bridges have been laid across rivers and creeks including Ayeyawady Bridges.

In the aviation sector, airports and runways have been upgraded and extended. Likewise, airlines have spread their wings. Over 800,000 domestic passengers and over 700,000 foreign passengers are being transported yearly by air.

Jetties, wharves for ocean liners and container yards have been facilitated.

Remarkable success has been achieved in agriculture, forestry, industrial, energy and mining sectors. Sound foundations have been provided for economic, education and health sectors of the nation. All the national brethren are to maintain the fine legacy not only for today's people but also for new generations. We all are to work in concert for emergence of a modern and developed nation with unity and fine traditions.

## MAT to conduct management course on 19 Oct

YANGON, 14 Oct— MAT Professional Training & Services Centre will conduct Corporate Leadership & Management Development Course on 19 October.

The course covers human resources management, internal auditing and risk management, selling & sales management,

marketing, financial management, and understanding accounts for non-financial manager lessons.

Moreover, the training centre is conducting monthly courses on HACCP, ISO 22000 and marketing, auditing and helping the companies to obtain ISO certificates in line with international norms and

## 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

## A&amp;I Minister receives Chinese guests



Minister U Htay Oo receives Vice President Mr Yuanhong Fan, professors, associate professors and research officers of Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a six-member delegation comprising Vice President Mr Yuanhong Fan, professors, associate professor and research officers of Yunnan Academy of Agricultural Sciences (YAAS) in Yunnan Province of the People's

Republic of China at his office here this afternoon.

The meeting focused on matters concerning development of agricultural sectors of the two countries and technological cooperation between the two countries.

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## Mines Ministry's assistance benefits students

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — Ministry of Mines honoured outstanding children of the staff of the ministry for their achievement in the matriculation examination for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The ceremony to honour the outstanding students and to give cash assistance for education of the children of the staff was held at the ministry here today and Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint presented prizes to three five-distinction winners.

Heads of department and wellwishers also awarded outstanding students. A total of 125 students including three five-distinction winners, three four-distinction

winners, three three-distinction winners, six two-distinction winners, 18 one-distinction winners of the ministry passed the matriculation examination.

During the ceremony, the acting director-general of the Geological Survey and Minerals Exploration Department presented cash assistance for education of the children to an official concerned.

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Minister U Ohn Myint presents prize to an outstanding student.

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Ten trainees of Myanmar Fishery Federation being seen off at Yangon International Airport before departure for Israel to attend 10-week course for Scholarship (Diploma) on the Job Training on 14 October.—MNA



## US military says 77,000 Iraqis killed over 5 years

BAGHDAD, 15 Oct—A new US military tally puts the death toll of Iraqi civilians and security forces in the bloodiest years of the war thousands below Iraqi government figures.

The little-noticed body count is the most extensive data on Iraqi war casualties ever released by the American military. It tallied deaths of almost 77,000 Iraqis between January 2004 and August 2008 — the darkest chapter of Iraq's sectarian warfare and the

US troop surge to quell it. But the tally falls short of the estimated 85,694 deaths of civilians and security officials between January 2004 to 31 Oct, 2008, as counted last year by the Iraqi Human Rights Ministry. Casualty figures in the US-led war in Iraq have been hotly disputed because of the high political stakes in a conflict opposed by many countries and a large portion of the American public. Critics on each side of the divide accuse the other of manipulating

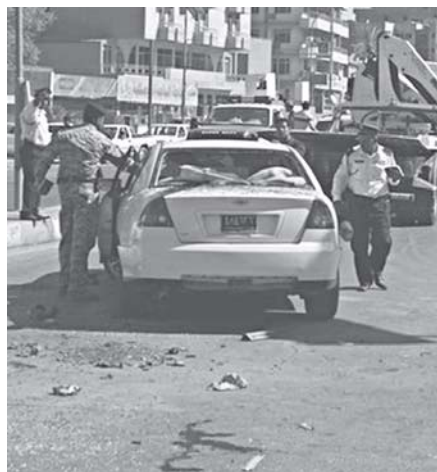
the death toll to sway opinion.

The new data was quietly posted on the US Central Command website without explanation in July, and a spokesman at its military headquarters in Tampa, Florida, could not answer basic questions Thursday about the information, including whether it counted government-backed Sunni fighters among Iraqi security forces or militants among civilians.

Internet



A rescuer rappels with a student pretending to be an injured victim during a mock earthquake drill inside a university in Manila on 15 October, 2010. The drill aims to test the preparedness and response capabilities of every individual, of communities and organizations towards a disaster-resilient nation.—INTERNET



Iraqi security forces inspected the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 Oct, 2010. A bomb attached to a car exploded in central Baghdad injuring several people, police said.

INTERNET

## Millions of Afghans at risk from parasitic disease

KABUL, 15 Oct—Afghanistan's health authorities Friday appealed for international help in dealing with a parasitic disease that is believed to threaten millions in the impoverished country.

Leishmaniasis, transmitted by a species of sandfly, threatened the health of 13 million Afghans, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said in a report on neglected tropical diseases.

It said the disease had affected an estimated 65,000 people in Kabul in 2009, markedly higher than the 17,000 who were expected to get the disease each year, but many more were likely to have been hit due to under-reporting.

"This number is likely to be the tip of the iceberg as cases are grossly under-reported owing to poor diagnostic tools and the stigma that is attached to this disease," WHO's Afghanistan representative Peter Graaff was quoted as saying.

The main symptom of the disease is skin sores that erupt weeks to months after the victim has been bitten, WHO said.—Internet



A 10-year-old Afghan leishmaniasis patient is pictured at a Kabul hospital. Afghanistan's health authorities Friday appealed for international help in dealing with a parasitic disease that is believed to threaten millions in the impoverished country.

INTERNET

## Roadside bomb in Baghdad kills four, wounds six

BAGHDAD, 15 Oct—Iraqi officials say a roadside bomb has hit a senior politician's convoy, killing four people and wounding six others, including the politician. Police and hospital officials say the blast struck the car of Abdul Karim al-Mohammadawi, a prominent member of the Sunni-backed Iraqiya alliance, while he was traveling through southeast Baghdad on Thursday.

The officials say three civilians and a bodyguard were killed in the attack. Al-Mohammadawi, three bodyguards and two bystanders were wounded. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Internet

## Taleban attack kills two NATO soldiers in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Oct—Taleban-linked activities claimed the lives of two more NATO soldiers in south Afghanistan on Thursday, bringing the number of casualties to seven in a single day, the alliance said in a statement.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today," the statement confirmed.

However, it did not identify the nationalities of the victims, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the

relevant national authorities.

The alliance in separate statements early in the day confirmed losing five more soldiers

in Taleban-linked activities particularly Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks Thursday.

Xinhua



Iraqi workers load the wreckage of a British military truck as it prepares on 26 June 2003 to leave the police station in the Shiite Muslim town of Al-Majar Al-Kabir after it was burned by rioters.—INTERNET

## Iraqia List member escapes bomb attack

BAGHDAD, 15 Oct—A member of the cross-sectarian bloc of Iraqia List that won Iraq's March parliamentary election escaped a bomb explosion near his convoy in southern Baghdad on Thursday, which killed three people and wounded four others, a police source said.

Abdul-Kareem Mahoud, a Shiite politician and a member of the Iraqia List headed by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, survived unhurt a roadside bomb explosion near his convoy in the rural area of Jurf al-Nadaf in southern the capital, the

source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast killed three civilians at the scene and wounded four others, while slightly damaging a vehicle of Mahoud's convoy, the source said.

Xinhua

## One child injured as blast hits Peshawar in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 15 Oct—At least one child was injured as an explosion hit the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Friday, residents said.

Locals said they heard the blast near the office of a political agent who deals with the nearby Khyber tribal region.

"It was a huge blast," several residents said. Local TV channels showed smoke emitting of the blast site.

Xinhua

## Science

### New species of carnivorous mammal found in Madagascar

ANTANANARIVO, 15 Oct—A new species of carnivorous mammal, likely highly endangered, has been discovered in eastern Madagascar, conservationists told *AFP* Thursday.

The animal, brown and similar to a mongoose, was found in the wetlands of Lake Alaotra, the largest expanse of fresh water on the Indian Ocean island.

It has been baptised Durrell's vontsira (*Salanoia durrelli*) after the late British naturalist Gerald Durrell, who led conservation projects in Madagascar.

The mammal belongs to the eupleridae family, which is endemic to Madagascar.

"We noticed the existence of this mammal several years ago but we thought it was a species we already knew and that is found in the forest," said Robert Bourou, an assistant researcher with the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust who took part in the operation to capture a specimen of Durrell's vontsira in 2004. The specimen captured allowed scientists at the Natural History Museum in London to determine they were looking at a species hitherto unknown.

Experts fear Durrell's vontsira is already highly endangered. "It is likely one of the species of carnivore that numbers the fewest individuals and that are the most endangered in the world," said Frank Hawkins of Conservation International. Bush fires and insufficient rain are contributing to the drying up of the Alaotra wetlands and conservationists have been trying for the past several years to increase local awareness of the importance of protecting biodiversity.—*Internet*



**A Madagascan worker for the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust holds a new species of carnivorous mammal that was discovered in Madagascar in this September 2004 image. The cat size creature has been called Durrell's vontsira (*Salanoia durrelli*) in honour of conservationist Gerald Durrell. Scientists found the creature in the wetlands of Lake Alaotra, the largest lake in Madagascar.**

INTERNET

### Dead animals are Exhibit A in Gulf investigation

NEW ORLEANS, 15 Oct—Dead birds are wrapped in foil or paper, then sealed in plastic bags to avoid cross contamination. Dolphin tissue samples and dead sea turtles are kept in locked freezers. Field notebooks are collected and secured.

Scientists examining dead animals that were discovered along the Gulf Coast in the wake of the BP oil spill are observing strict laboratory protocols, knowing everything they touch could become evidence in what may prove to be the biggest environmental case in US history.

Like detectives on a murder case, government scientists and outside experts under contract to the government — are using CSI-style techniques to determine whether the oil is to blame for the wildlife deaths.

The US Justice Department is investigating whether those responsible for the spill violated environmental laws that carry civil and sometimes criminal penalties, and the scientists are taking extraordinary steps to make sure their findings hold up in court.

"What we want to do is to make sure that the findings and the results we get aren't called into question in

court based on chain of custody or other legal issues," said Dr Michael Ziccardi, a veterinarian. "We're treating oiled wildlife response like a crime scene."

Justice Department spokeswoman Hannah August declined to comment on the investigation. Attorney General Eric Holder said in June that the government will prosecute violations of such laws as the Clean Water Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act.—*Internet*



**An aerial view shows the landscape in the coastal waters near Gingst on the Baltic Sea island of Ruegen in 2009. Many residents of the nine countries surrounding the Baltic Sea have concerns about its environment and pollution levels, but deny responsibility, a survey published Thursday showed.**

INTERNET

## Technology

### Google's 3Q proves company can afford big spending



**Google signs are seen outside the company's headquarters in Mountain View, California. Google reported that its quarterly profit soared on the back of its thriving Internet advertising service and that its display and mobile ad businesses are taking win.**

INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Oct—Google Inc is still spending money like the recession is a distant memory, but investors can't complain too much as long as the Internet search leader keeps expanding its advertising empire like it did in the summer.

The evidence of Google's dominance and prosperity emerged in its third-quarter results released late Thursday. The performance marked the latest sign that the technology industry is rolling again, even as other parts of the economy

lag.

Net income surged 32 percent to trounce analyst estimates, and would have been even higher if Google's management hadn't decided to hire so many more workers, buy other companies and invest in more equipment to keep its services humming.

Google's liberal spending dismayed some investors during the first half of the year, causing the company's stock to sag. But the third quarter provided a big lift as Google shares soared \$49.07, or more than 9 percent, in Thursday's extended trading after finishing the regular session at \$540.93.

It probably helped that Google shared some data that showed some of the company's previous investments are starting to pay off. As a result, Google finally appears to be turning it into something more than a one-trick pony dependent solely on text ads that appear alongside search results on a computer screen.

Internet

### US videogame sales remain uninspired

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Oct—Sales of videogame gear and software at stores slid anew in September, data showed, but the significance of the drop was difficult to assess given a trend to downloading titles online as digital content.

Revenue from videogame hardware and titles tallied 1.22 billion dollars, eight percent less than the 1.32 billion dollars taken in during the same month last year, according to data released on Thursday by NPD Group. "While industry sales of new physical retail sales show a decline versus year ago, it's important to remember that there is a growing volume of content being sold digitally," said NPD analyst Anita Frazier.

"These numbers reflect the largest channel



**Bungie Creative Director Marcus Lehto is pictured as he reveals the new 'Halo: Reach' video game in Los Angeles, California, in June.**

INTERNET

for hardware, software and accessories sales, but there are content sales happening elsewhere."

Sales of videogame consoles totaled 383 million dollars, a 19 percent drop from the 472 million dollars logged in September of last year, according to NPD.

Science fiction battle videogame "Halo: Reach" published by Microsoft for play on Xbox 360 consoles was ranked as the top title, with 3.3 million copies sold not counting those bundled with hardware.—*Internet*

### Sony Ericsson Q3 phone shipments fall, profits hit

STOCKHOLM, 15 Oct—Mobile phone maker Sony Ericsson reported third-quarter profit below market expectations on Friday as the company shipped far fewer phones than expected, though it said its high-end handsets were selling well.

Pretax profit for the firm, owned by Ericsson and Sony Corp., was 62 million euros (\$87.28 million), well below a mean forecast in a *Reuters* poll of 72 million.

Sony Ericsson posted third-quarter sales of 1.6 billion euros against a forecast for sales of 1.8 billion and shipped 10.4 million units, missing all 27 analysts expectations which ranged from 10.5 million to 13.9 million units.

The average forecast was for Sony Ericsson to ship 12 million phones during the July-September period compared to 11 million in the second quarter.

Chief Executive Bert Nordberg said Sony Ericsson's overall performance was "stabilizing."

"Our strategy to focus on the smartphone segment is succeeding and smartphones now comprise more than 50 percent of our total sales," he said in a statement.—*Reuters*



## Health



**US teens arriving at a Los Angeles school. Around half of US teens meet the criteria for a mental disorder and nearly one in four report having a mood, behaviour or anxiety disorder that interferes with daily life, American researchers say.—INTERNET**

### Health Tip: signs that you may have mono

Mononucleosis, often dubbed "mono," is a viral infection that causes a range of symptoms that may be mild to severe.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers this list of common symptoms:

- \* Running a fever.
- \* Having a sore throat.
- \* Feeling weak and fatigued.
- \* Having swollen glands in the armpits and neck.
- \* Having loss of appetite.
- \* Sweating at night.—Internet

### Immune protein plays role in abnormal brain development

LOS ANGELES, 15 Oct— Exposing fetal neurons to higher than normal levels of a common immune protein leads to abnormal brain development in mice, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) based their conclusion on analysis of a protein called major histocompatibility complex, or MHC.

The protein plays a dual role in the body: It helps the immune system to identify infected cells, and it enables neurons to make the right connections with each other in the brain.

The finding may provide new insights into factors contributing to human neurological disorders like schizophrenia and autism, the researchers said in the study published Thursday on the online *Journal of Neuroimmunology*.

"When neurons sense infection or damage to the brain, they produce more MHC," said Daniel Kaufman, professor of molecular and medical pharmacology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. "We wanted to explore whether higher levels of MHC affect how the brain develops."

Kaufman and his colleagues studied the development of mice whose neurons were genetically engineered to produce more MHC than normal.

Focusing on two key regions of the brain, the researchers looked at neurons that process vision and neurons involved in learning and memory. Next, the team compared these cells with their counterparts in normal mice.

What the scientists saw confirmed their hunch.

"The mice whose neurons produced extra MHC showed subtle changes in the connections between those neurons and other neurons in both brain regions," Kaufman said.

The UCLA finding could be of relevance in unraveling the origins of schizophrenia and autism, he noted.—Xinhua

### 1 in 22 blacks will get HIV, CDC report says

ATLANTA, 15 Oct— Health officials estimate that 1 in 22 black Americans will be diagnosed with the AIDS virus in their lifetime — more than twice the risk for Hispanics and eight times that of whites.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reported the numbers Thursday. The report says the lifetime risk is 1 in 52 for Hispanics, and 1 in 170 for whites.

Asian-Americans had the lowest lifetime risk, at about 1 in 222. The data is not considered surprising. Earlier research has shown blacks, especially, have a high risk of HIV infection. The estimates are based on 2007 death certificates, population figures and HIV surveillance data from 37 states and Puerto Rico. They update similar calculations reported two years ago.—Internet



**Photo illustration of bottled water. Alcohol has become cheaper than bottled water in New Zealand, a study showed Friday, with researchers warning there could be major implications for public health.—INTERNET**

## Business

### German economy to increase 3.5 percent in 2010

BERLIN, 15 Oct— German economy will rise 3.5 percent in 2010 and 2 percent in 2011, as unemployment rate falls to 7 percent next year, leading economic institutes said on Thursday.

Eight economic institutes selected by the German government together issued their two-year report, saying, "German economy is on an upward track to make up for the fall in production caused by the crisis."

Growth is expected to slow down due to the cooling of global economy, but it is still healthy, and domestic consumption will become a shining point, the report said.

"Domestic consumption and investment has witnessed significant acceleration," the report said, influenced by surging exports since 2010.

The people out of work are expected to fall below 3 million in 2011, the lowest level since 1992, which will push domestic consumptions to see a "noticeable rise for the first time in several years." The German government deficits are also expected to fall to 2.7 percent of GDP in 2011, as the government's stimulus programme fades out and serious budget saving plan takes effect.

Then Germany will become the first major EU nation to realize the goal of limiting government deficits within 3 percent of GDP, while Spain and France both forecasted their deficits would be 6 percent of GDP in 2011 and Italy predicted 3.9 percent.—Xinhua



**In this 25 Aug, 2010 photo, Grant Griffin, of Flint, Mich., fills out information while attending a job fair in Southfield, Mich. Applications for jobless benefits rose last week for the first time in three weeks, evidence that companies are reluctant to hire in a slow economy.**

INTERNET

### US wholesale inflation remains tame in Sept

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct— US wholesale prices rose by a modest 0.4 percent in September, despite a spike in food prices, US Labour Department figures revealed Thursday.

The growth of the Producer Price Index (PPI) in the United States was the same as that in August. In the 12 months ended September 2010, wholesale prices advanced 4 percent, their 11th straight year-on-year spike.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, core wholesale prices ticked up 0.1 percent in September, the same as in August. Economists believe that inflation remains no problem at the moment because of downward pressure on wages and prices as a result of the recession. They also contend that the subdued inflation pressure gives the US Federal Reserve room to keep interest rates low and take further quantitative easing moves to boost the faltering economic recovery.

Xinhua

**Pedestrians walk by a Yahoo sign in Times Square in New York City. Yahoo! shares surged on Thursday following a report the Internet's largest portal could be the target of a purchase by AOL and several private equity firms.**

INTERNET



### China's September FDI hits 8.384 bln USD, growth rate accelerates

BEIJING, 15 Oct— Foreign direct investment (FDI) in China in September rose 6.14 percent year on year, compared with a growth rate of just 1.38 percent in August.

China received 8.384 billion US dollars in FDI last month, compared with 7.602 billion US dollars in August, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said Friday.

The September figure brought the total amount for the first nine months to 74.34 billion US dollars, MOC spokesman Yao Jian said.—Xinhua

## Yoga may ease fibromyalgia pain

PORTLAND, 15 Oct—Fibromyalgia patients may benefit from a comprehensive yoga programme, US researchers suggest.

James W Carson of the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland led a study of a yoga programme tailored to address the symptoms of fibromyalgia, which include muscle and joint pain, fatigue, sleep disturbance, and emotional distress versus standard care.

The study, published in *Pain*, finds women assigned to the yoga programme showed significantly greater improvements on standardized measures of symptoms and functioning, including pain, fatigue, mood and demonstrated better coping

strategies.

"Although yoga has been practiced for millennia, only recently have researchers begun to demonstrate yoga's effects on persons suffering from persistent pain," Carson says in a statement. "The findings of this pilot study provide promising preliminary support for the beneficial effects of yoga in patients with fibromyalgia."

The yoga programme included 40 minutes of gentle stretching poses, 25 minutes of mindfulness meditation, 10 minutes of breathing techniques, 20 minutes of didactic presentations on the application of yogic principles to optimal coping and 25 minutes of group discussions of experiences while practicing yoga.—*Internet*



**A worker harvests grapes in a vineyard at Nipozzano castle, one of Italy's Frescobaldi family estate, 30 km (19 miles) northeast of Florence in this picture taken on 8 October, 2010.—INTERNET**

## Fewer plan to get influenza shot

ONKERS, 15 Oct—About 37 percent of US adults say they plan to get the seasonal influenza vaccine this year, down from 45 percent last flu season, a survey indicates.

A nationally representative poll of 1,500 adults from the Consumer Reports National Research Centre says one of the top reasons given for avoiding the flu shot this flu season is that people thought last year's epidemic was overblown.

Tim Uyeki, a medical epidemiologist in the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's influenza division says although last year's estimated flu death toll was about half that of an average seasonal flu season from 1976 to 2006, the numbers do not reflect the severity of the pandemic.

"It had a disproportionate impact on younger adults," Uyeki says in a statement.

About 270,000 people in the United States were hospitalized with H1N1 and 12,470 died, the CDC estimates. In most years about 90 percent of the deaths from seasonal flu are among those 65 and older but 87 percent of the deaths last year were among those age 65 and under.—*Internet*

**A devotee of the Chinese shrine of Jui Tui has his cheeks pierced with umbrellas as he takes part in a procession to mark the annual Vegetarian Festival in southern Thailand's town of Phuket.—INTERNET**



## UNSG's Message on World Food Day

**"United against hunger"**

**16 October 2010**

For many people, today is not World Food Day. It is another No Food Day. Although the number of hungry people has fallen from last year's historic high of more than one billion, there are still 925 million hungry people in the world. We are continually reminded that the world's food systems are not working in ways that ensure food security for the most vulnerable members of our societies.

The hunger target set out in the first Millennium Development Goal — to cut the proportion of hungry people by half by 2015 — is a pillar for achieving all the goals. When people are hungry, they cannot break the crippling chains of poverty, and are vulnerable to infectious diseases. When children are hungry, they cannot grow, learn and develop.

This year alone, millions have been thrown into life-threatening hunger by the earthquake in Haiti, drought in the Sahel and floods in Pakistan. The food and financial crises continue to affect the world's most vulnerable. Food prices remain volatile and recently hit a two-year high.

This year's theme for World Food Day, "United Against Hunger," reflects a welcome development: a growing number of governments, intergovernmental organizations, regional and sub-regional bodies, businesses and civil society groups are forming partnerships and implementing joint solutions. Increasingly, their approach is comprehensive — focusing on more stable supplies of food, better access to food and optimizing nutrition at the household level. They cover the full spectrum of food security, from smallholder farming to feeding schoolchildren. They help save lives in emergencies through food assistance.

In recent months, there has been more attention to nutrition and getting the right food to the right people at the right time. This calls for agriculture, health and social security systems to be sensitive to nutritional needs, and for specific interventions to improve the nutrition of children from conception to the age of two years.

I urge everyone to work towards such a comprehensive approach, and to do so in partnership, so that we can build on the progress we have made in reducing the numbers of hungry people. Let us unite against hunger and ensure food and nutrition security for all.—*UNIC*

**Basenji rescue : William Key, a volunteer for Basenji Rescue and Transport, takes a group of Basenji dogs out for a walk around Logan Circle Park in Washington DC. INTERNET**



## Man, nature affecting fish in rivers

TEMPE, 15 Oct—Human and natural impacts on the world's rivers are affecting their central role in supporting global fish species, US researchers say. Scientists at Arizona State University say rivers and streams around the world

are being affected by human use, or drying up due to climate change, altering the natural variability of river flows, *ScienceDaily.com* reported. Some rivers have dried completely and no longer run, while others are experiencing extreme variability of flows due to storm floods. The two forces are conspiring to shorten food chains, especially by eliminating top predators like large-bodied fish, one researcher says.

*Internet*

## UK police hail "bobby on the tweet" experiment

LONDON, 15 Oct—Greater Manchester Police have offered Britons a fascinating insight into the daily life of a bobby on the beat by publishing on Twitter every call they received over 24 hours.

The force tweeted every report made from 5 am on Thursday until 5 am on Friday to demonstrate the amount and variety of calls police deal with.

It comes a week

before the government announces spending cuts to address a record peacetime budget deficit, which could lead police forces to have to make savings of up to 25 percent.

The tweets ranged from someone calling police to say there was a rat in their house and a cat could be responsible, a woman reporting a man who shouted "you're gorgeous" at her, to serious incidents such as

injuries to a child and a motorway pile-up.

Officers arrested 341 people and 126 were still in custody.—*Internet*



**A McDonald's Happy Meal. A New York woman who purchased a McDonald's Happy Meal six months ago says the uneaten burger and fries are in as good shape as they were the day she bought them.**

*INTERNET*



## US responsible for a quarter of UN budget gap

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Oct.—Member states owe the UN 4.1 billion U.S. dollars, of which the United States is accountable for more than a quarter, a UN official told a Press conference here Thursday.

The global financial meltdown contributed to this gap in the UN budget, UN Under-Secretary-General for Management Angela Kane said. "It has been a difficult year in many ways for many member states because of the economic recession," she said, noting that "they

have to tighten their belts."

The US is the biggest non-payer, followed by Chile, Iran, Mexico and Venezuela accounting for the nine percent dividing them with the other 68 countries that were accountable for the remaining three percent of the unpaid sum.

Unpaid assessed contributions currently total 787 million US dollars, down 43 million from assessed contributions in October last year, according to Kane.

The budget for UN

peacekeeping missions fell short of 3.2 billion US dollars, some 1.3 billion dollar more than in 2009, Kane said, linking the cause of the increase to this year's higher assessments.

But the "unpredictable nature of the demand for peacekeeping activities makes it difficult to predict financial outcomes," she noted.

The UN money shortfall nearly doubled, going from 2.24 billion US dollars at the end of 2009 to 4.1 billion US dollars this year.—Xinhua



*Auto-rickshaws, the ubiquitous three-wheeled transport seen on India's roads, are seen displayed on the aerostat during the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi, on 14 October. Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city, will be host to the next Commonwealth Games in 2014.—INTERNET*

## Phnom Penh Authority alerts residents of flooding

PHNOM PENH, 15 Oct.—Phnom Penh Municipality Authority has alerted residents living in suburban area of the capital to cautious of any risks to property, animals and human lives that may cause by the flooding.

In the public notice sent out late Thursday and copied to the media on Friday suggested that those living along Prek Thnauth Stream which lies along the suburban area of Phnom Penh must be cautious with their property, animals and human lives.

It said the bad weather is affecting the country and it may cause more rain and flooding in the area.

At least seven communes located in Phnom Penh are being affected by the heavy rain over the past few days and the rain will continue for the next few days.

Due to flooding, at least two workers were reported dead caused by electrocuted while working the factory that submerged by the floods over the past two days. The first victim identified as Chan Bunthy, 52, while he was working in his metal handicraft in Khand Meanchey in Phnom Penh and another victim was Than Long, 50, while he was working in the construction field as his hand touched with the metal while power supply was running.

Xinhua



*Tropical storm clouds form over Havana's seafront boulevard "El Malecon" on 14 October, 2010.—XINHUA*

## UNICEF says diarrhea claims 194,000 lives in Nigeria annually

ABUJA, 15 Oct.—Diarrhea has killed more than 194,000 children under five annually in Nigeria, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

This figure was the second highest in the world,

after India, the world body said in a statement.

The simple act of washing hands with soap or ash and water particularly after using the toilet and before handling food can reduce the incidence of diarrhea among children under five by almost half, UNICEF said.

The statement quoted Suomi Sakai, UNICEF Representative in Nigeria, as saying that hand washing was simple, powerful and could be done by everybody. Sakai urged Nigerians to do it daily, not just on Global Hand Washing Day.

Diarrhea is the condition of having three or more loose or liquid bowel movements per day. It is a common cause of death in developing countries and the second most common cause of infant deaths worldwide.

Xinhua

## Tropical storm Paula affects western Cuba

HAVANA, 15 Oct.—The rains of tropical storm Paula began affecting Cuba since early Thursday morning, mainly in Pinar del Rio province in the west of the island state, according to the National Institute Meteorology (INSMET).

At 6:00 a.m. local time (1000 GMT), Paula was centered some 50 km north-northeast of Cabo San Antonio and was moving northeastward at 7 km per hour, with the maximum sustained winds at 120 km per hour.

According to INSMET's forecast, in coming hours Paula will change its course to the east-northeast and east, so it will pass Cuba's northwestern coast of Pinar del Rio.

The Civil Defence Department placed some municipalities of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas and Juventud Island on alert on Thursday.

Paula is the 16th tropical storm of the current hurricane season.

Xinhua

## Food crisis not in sight despite price surge

BEIJING, 15 Oct.—A UN food agency has said that an impending food crisis is not in sight, although grain prices in the international market have surged over the past few months.

Nevertheless, the Rome-based Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has warned that the recent price volatility is posing a "major threat" to the global food security.

Wheat prices in the international market have surged by 60-80 percent since July, and maize prices rose by about 40 percent, arousing concerns over the possibility of a

repeat of the 2008 world food crisis.

However, there is "no indication of an impending world food crisis," FAO said in a statement in late September.

World cereal output this year is forecast to be about 2.239 billion tons, while global consumption in 2010/2011 would be 2.248 billion tons, the statement said, adding that along with carry-over stocks, cereal supply and demand appeared "sufficiently in balance."

The current grain prices are still one third lower than their 2008 peak, it said.

Xinhua

## Severely wounded soldier describes Ft Hood spree

FORT HOOD, 15 Oct.—Everything had stopped.

Not a whisper, not a cough, not even the sound of someone shuffling in his seat could be heard as Staff Sgt Patrick Zeigler, his cane gripped in his right hand and an extensive scar visible across his closely shaved head, carefully made his way to the witness stand.

Then, in a strong though sometimes halting voice, Zeigler described Thursday to a military investigating officer how four gunshots left him the most seriously injured among the survivors of last



*Major Nidal Hasan*

year's deadly shootings at Fort Hood.

Maj Nidal Hasan, 40, an American-born Muslim, has been charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. Zeigler testified at an Article 32 hearing, a proceeding unique to military justice that will

determine if Hasan should stand trial. The hearing was to continue Friday.

Prosecutors have not said whether they'll seek the death penalty if the case goes to trial.

Zeigler had just returned from his second deployment in Iraq and was at a Fort Hood center to get routine medical tests on Nov. 5, preparing to go to the Army's Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. Then he heard someone shout "Allahu Akbar!"—"God is Great!" in Arabic, Zeigler testified.

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## Civil servants to refrain...

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The minister also called for hard work for greater success in implementing the 12 tasks including doing their bit in the tasks for completion of the State's seven-step Road Map, effective application of media means for successfully holding of 2010 multiparty democracy general elections, improving daily newspapers in

and the award for best maintenance of sheet-fed press to Editor U Than Lin Oo of Sub-printing House (Kengtung).

Managing Director U Soe Win of NPE awarded the outstanding service personnel. He handed over cost for uniforms of staff to Manager (Admin) U Khaing Min Kyaw of NPE (Head Office) and the self-help cultivation model prize to Assistant Manager (Circulation) U Hla Khaing of Nay Pyi Taw Daily.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of

Myanmar Radio and Television, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, Acting Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, General Manager U Zaw Min Oo of NPE and Chief Editor U Thet Swe of Myanmar News Agency (Internal) awarded the respective outstanding staff. After that, lucky draw programme followed. After the ceremony, the minister cordially conversed with those present.—MNA



Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to CE U Khin Maung Kyaw Din of Kyemon Daily.—MNA



Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to CE U Than Myint Tun of New Light of Myanmar Daily.—MNA



Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to CE U Hlaing Win of Myanmar Alin Daily.—MNA

appearance and quality, raising incomes, opening more sub-printing houses, ensuring that every village gets newspapers, and better welfare for the staff through agricultural and livestock farming.

He noted that civil servants are to refrain from party politics, but to continue implementing tasks for national causes and serving national interest. Service personnel are responsible for the three national duties: State's stability and peace, national development, improvement of socio-economic status of every individual and family, and freedom of settlement and business in accordance with the law. **Emergence of firm huttaws and reliable government is essential for sustainable progress in implementing those national duties. Accordingly, the entire people including service personnel should choose the persons and organizations capable for accomplishing national duties in the forthcoming elections.**

In conclusion, the minister urged all staff members to remain cohesive in pursuing the tasks of the ministry and mother units. The minister presented prizes to Editor U Soe Soe Naing of Kyemon Daily on behalf of 12 staff who were awarded Public Service Medals by the State Peace and Development Council.

Next, the minister gave the award for best display and appearance for Myanmar Alin Daily to Chief Editor U Hlaing Win, the award for earning highest income from commercials for Kyemon Daily to Chief Editor U Khin Maung Kyaw Din, the award for earning foreign exchange for the New Light of Myanmar Daily to Chief Editor U Than Myint Tun, the award for best operating and maintaining rotary press to Chief Editor U Tin Maung Than of Myanmar Alin Press.

The minister also presented the award for production of best printing quality and standard to in-charge officer U Hla Shwe of Nay Pyi Taw Daily, the award for earning most from commercials to Deputy Chief Editor U Nyunt Zaw of Sub-printing House (Mandalay), the award for minimizing loss and wastage and best production to Editor U Naing Tun of Sub-printing House (Taunggyi)



Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to CE U Tin Maung Than of Myanmar Alin Press.—MNA



Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of MMPE presents prize to Junior Reporter U Ye Htut Myat of NPE (Head Office).—MNA

## Heavy rains cause floods in Pwintbyu, Ngaphe Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Heavy rains caused floods in Thanatwa of Kyitkon Village-tract and Paypyin and Maubin Villages of Kywedaga Village-tract in Pwintbyu Township on 13 October. Some households were evacuated into safe place. Floods damaged some parts of the road.

Local authorities and social organization members provided bags of rice, bottles of purified drinking water and cash

assistance to the flood victims. Workers of Road Project Group are repairing the damaged parts of the road section.

Due to heavy rains, floods occurred between Panhtein and Hsinchidaing villages in Ngaphe Township on 13 October. There was no man or animal casualty. Local authorities, officials and social organization members provided the victims with necessary assistance.

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## Dokehtawady River at 885 cm in Myitnge

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge is (885) cm. It may fall below its danger level (870) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

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**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence visits booths at Myanmar Food Fair 2010. (News on page 1)—MNA**

## Indian clothes, utensils on sale at discount

YANGON, 15 Oct — To mark the end of Rainy Retreat Season, 555 Indian Fashion Store in Pabedan Township is offering 10 to 50 percent discount on all Indian traditional costumes from 9 to 31 October.

Besides, they are selling Indian made steel wares, bronze statues, cosmetic, clothes, food, medicines and household goods at discount.

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## A visit to model agricultural ...

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production to export based on all the paddy seed producers, rice millers, rice merchants, rice companies and those involved in rice production."

The government has been providing all possible ways of boosting paddy production that are in conformity with the regions. Myanmar has been extending many acres of arable lands. Before 1988, there were 23.8 million acres of arable land. But for now, there exist 53.1 million acres of land. With respect to cultivation and production, paddy output was 630 million baskets before 1988. To hit the target of 1625 million baskets of the paddy in 2010-2011 paddy growing season has been set. We went to the office of the Association before the ceremony. I saw departmental officials, townselders and members of the association at the front of the



**Farmers visiting model paddy plantation.**

office. The signboard was unveiled by Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Mya Oo, the district manager and Chairman U Sein Win of the Association.

Then, all those attended went to Bawaing village. I accompanied them to Nyaungnabin model high-yield agricultural farm in Bawaing village beside Yangon-Pathein road. There, Chairman of Maubin District PDC held discussion with those in charge in agriculture in the district and township, the chairmen from 55 village-tracts,

townselders and members. The discussion focused on boosting agricultural pro-

duction in the township. Then, we visited thriving quality paddy plantations

at farmer U Sein Win's model agricultural farm. I was inspired by thriving paddy plantations. So, I interviewed farmer U Sein Win about it in the farm. He said, "I grow paddy three times in the farm. Pre-monsoon paddy is grown in March and harvested at the end of May. I had to make land reclamation. In the second week of June, monsoon paddy is grown and it will be harvested in the third week of October. In November, green pea and sun flower will be grown. Two acres of Hsinthwelat, four acres of Hsinthukha and three acres of Shwethweyin are grown on nine acres wide planta-

tion. I asked about the cultivation methods. He said, "I take quality paddy seeds from Patheingyi. In first year, I cultivated paddy in my farm. In second year, I grew paddy from my farm. I put natural fertilizer before growing paddy and so did T-super and Potash fertilizers. And then I broadcast Pearl fertilizer."

I discussed with farmer U Sein Win and local farmers about growing of paddy and beans, food sufficiency of the region and trading of surplus crops. Then, I left for Yangon by car.

**Translation: MT**

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**Thriving quality paddy plantation in model agricultural farm in Bawaing Village in Pantanaw Township.**

## Meetings on electoral process held in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — Members of Shan State Election Subcommission and Kalaw Township Election Subcommission of Taunggyi District met with members of Ward/Village-tract Election Subcommissions at the hall of Basic Education Post Primary School in Heho on

9 October morning.

Also present were members of four village-tracts Election Subcommissions in and around Heho, polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and polling station members and townselders.

Chairman of Township Election

Subcommission U Pwint extended greetings. Shan State Election Subcommission members presented electoral rules and laws, voting process, Taunggyi District Election Subcommission members on arrangement for electoral work, Township Election Subcommission members on systematic preparedness of polling station and booths.

The chairman answered the queries raised by those present and the meeting came to an end.

A total of 1080 people from 23 wards and 24 village-tracts attended the similar meetings on electoral process held at Basic Education High School in Bawsai Village-tract, at the cooperative hall of Aungban and at the Town Hall of Kalaw till 11 October.

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## Basic Management Proficiency Course concludes

YANGON, 15 Oct — The Basic Management Proficiency Course No. 2/2010 of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2

concluded at the office of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board in Ahlon Township today.

Chairman of the YESB U Khin Maung Soe awarded the outstanding trainees.

Secretary of the YESB U Maung Maung Latt presented completion certificates to the leader of trainees.

Altogether 28 trainees attended the two-week course.

MNA

## Danube water within normal parameters at entrance in Romania

BUCHAREST, 15 Oct—The values of quality indicators on the Danube are within the normal parameters at its point of entry in Romania, national water authorities announced Thursday.

According to the Romanian Waters National Administration, the latest lab analysis revealing a pH value of 7.86 and experts measured the Danube water quality every four hours at Bazias, where the Danube enters Romania in the country's south-west.

In the next 24 hours, water samples will be collected once every eight hours and afterwards on a daily basis, according to the same release.

Millions of gallons of red mud, a

bauxite residue, from an alumina facility broke through a container barrier early last week in western Hungary, dousing on the tiny hamlet of Kolontar and the neighbouring village Devescer with millions of gallons of caustic liquid, killing at least four.

The red mud contains heavy metals that are highly toxic. Hundreds of tons of plaster are being used to bind the toxic mud, and military helicopters have been pouring neutralizing materials into the waterway from the air.

The accident has caused concern in the Danube riparian states, alarmed by a possible vast contamination.

Xinhua



*A teacher helps children recognising different kinds of grain in a kindergarten in Haozhou, east China's Anhui Province, 13 Oct, 2010. Kindergartens and schools around China held various theme activities prior to the 30th World Food Day which falls this Saturday. —XINHUA*

## Two killed, two injured in another car, train collision in Ukraine

KIEV, 15 Oct—Two people were killed and two others seriously injured when an ambulance collided with a passenger train about 50 km west of Kiev, local police said in a statement on Thursday.

"The incident took place on Wednesday evening when an ambulance went on the railroad tracks ignoring the signal. Pregnant woman and her husband died in the crash, driver and nurse were taken to hospital being in tough conditions," a statement said. The accident occurred just the next day after a bus collided with a train locomotive in Eastern Ukraine killing 43 people. Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich ordered to check all railroad crossings in the country as many of them are not properly equipped.

Xinhua



*Workers are seen on the site of the 57kms (35-mile) railway tunnel under construction under the Alps at Sedrun, in 2009. The new St Gotthard tunnel is expected to be the world's longest when completed. But the 9.8 bln Swiss franc (7.0 billion euro) tunnel is also the fruit of a popular wave of concern about pollution in the Alps with booming road traffic transiting from neighbouring countries.—INTERNET*

## British aid worker abducted in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 15 Oct—Masked gunmen have abducted a Briton and a Somali working for aid agency Save the Children from a compound in western Somalia, the agency and a witness said Friday.

Local resident Moalim Bashir said he did not know who had taken the two men on Thursday evening from the town of Adado, near the border with Ethiopia.

He said tensions in the town were high as a militia was massing to the south and might attempt to try to take the town from those currently in control.

Several forces have gunmen in the area, including pirate gangs and factions of militias allied to the government. The area was considered to be a safer part of Somalia and some aid agencies, which have mostly pulled out of the chaotic country, were considering returning.

"At this point, Save the Children have no further information as to the whereabouts or well-being of their staff," the organization said in a statement.

The British Foreign Office said it was investigating the reports of the kidnap.

Kidnapping for ransom is common in Somalia. The hostages are rarely hurt and people are usually freed after a ransom is paid.

Internet

## Gunmen kill police chief in central Mexican town

MEXICO CITY, 15 Oct—The police chief of a small town in central Mexico was killed by hooded gunmen after attending a regional meeting of police chiefs, local media reported Thursday.

It is believed to be the latest of a series of murders targeting public officials and related to the war on drug smuggling. Mario Mejia Ruvalcaba, 33, was the police chief of Mexicacan, a small town in the central state of Jalisco. He was ambushed late Wednesday on his way home after attending a regional police chief meeting in nearby Canadas,

local broadcaster Milenio reported. Mejia was driving. He slowed his vehicle after finding the road blocked by road cones and then came under fire. The hooded gunmen quickly fled the scene. His passenger and patrolman Petronilo Martinez suffered non-fatal injuries in the attack.

Officers from the Jalisco Forensic Science Agency (IJCF) said they found 50 shells at the scene from AK-47 or AR15 assault rifles. A Tiguan van was found abandoned in a nearby ravine with shells and balaclavas.

Mexico has seen a

number of public officials murdered this year, including 10 mayors, mostly from small towns, and one gubernatorial candidate from the state of Tamaulipas.

Analysts have linked the killings with Mexico's war on drug smugglers. Official statistics show some 28,000 people have been killed in gang-linked murders.

Xinhua

## Suspected bank robber shot by New York police

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—A suspected bank robber was shot on Thursday in Midtown Manhattan by New York police, according to the New York City Police Department. A NYPD spokeswoman told Xinhua that a knife-wielding man was shot by police by the Chase bank at Two Penn Plaza in Midtown around 12:40 today.

Police said the suspect, who was not immediately identified, had demanded bills of 50 and 100 US dollars. He was shot in the leg by a uniformed officer, who was patrolling nearby.

The suspect, in this

60s, had twice been ordered to drop the knife. The suspect was in critical situation and was taken to Bellevue Hospital, a FDNY spokesman told Xinhua. A spokesman for Chase said no money was taken from the bank. Authorities have blocked off a portion of West 31st Street right near the bank, which is temporarily shuttered, for further investigation.—Xinhua

## Russia to put up 3 billion dollars for future "Silicon Valley"

MOSCOW, 15 Oct — Russia would allocate 85 billion rubles (2.8 billion US dollars) for the construction of a research hub near Moscow over the next three years, said a billionaire participant of the project on Friday.

Earlier reports said the figures were more than 54 billion rubles (1.8 billion dollars).

"The government is ready to allocate 85 billion rubles (2.8 billion dollars) over the next three years," said the oil and metals giant Viktor Vekselberg as quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency.

The Skolkovo scientific and research hub, which was currently being built some 20 kilometres from Moscow, has already been dubbed Russia's Silicon Valley and will focus on five areas — energy, information technologies, communication, biomedical research and nuclear technologies.

Xinhua

*Chen Laikang, who is 101 years old, is dressed up for photos in a suit of wedding dress in Tianjin, north China, 13 Oct, 2010. Chen realized her dream of taking pictures in wedding dress as the Double Ninth Festival draws on. The festival is also known as "Chongyang Festival" or "Old Veneration Festival", a Chinese traditional occasion to pay respect to the aged. —XINHUA*





## Lebanon, Iran sign 16 agreements, no military aid



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (L) attend a press conference with Lebanon's President Michel Suleiman in Beirut, capital of Lebanon, on 13 Oct, 2010. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad arrived in Beirut on Wednesday morning, starting a visit to the Mediterranean country. —XINHUA

BEIRUT, 15 Oct — Lebanon and Iran signed 16 agreements and memoranda of understanding during Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's first day in Lebanon, none of which is on military aid, unlike what was predicted before, the local *An Nahar* newspaper reported Thursday.

With the 16 documents, Lebanon and Iran will develop bilateral relations and cooperation in the areas of agriculture, energy, oil and gas, trade and handicrafts, tourism, higher education, health, environment, media, communications, information technology and techniques.

The agreements, however, did not include military aid to Lebanon. It was expected before that some military aid agreements would be signed during Ahmadinejad's visit.

Iran said on August that it would supply Lebanon with military equipment, following US congress froze its aid to Lebanese Armed Forces on concerns over Hezbollah's influence in the army. —Xinhua

## Bus accident kills 10 in Peru

LIMA, 15 Oct — At least 10 people died, 25 more injured and an unidentified number of people went missing due to a bus accident in the Peruvian Andes on Thursday.

The accident occurred on a highway between La Mejorada and Izcuchaca towns in Huancavelica department, some 450 km southeast to Lima, according to local radio station Radio Programas del Peru. The Highway Police are investigating the causes of the accident, which allegedly ran out the trail and fell into a cliff of Mantaro River.

Internet

## Russia puts US telecoms satellite into orbit

Moscow, 15 Oct — A US *Sirius XM-5* satellite has been successfully put into orbit on Friday by a Russian *Proton-M* carrier rocket, said a spokesman for Russia's federal space agency.

"The Russian part of the programme is complete: the (US) spacecraft separated from the Briz-M upper stage rocket 9 hours and 12 minutes after the blastoff," said the Roscosmos spokesman.

A *Proton-M* carrier rocket carrying the telecoms satellite blasted off from the Kazakh Baikonur Space Center in Kazakhstan at 10:53 pm Moscow time (1853 GMT) on Thursday.

The 5,980-kg *Sirius XM-5* which takes the station point on the geostationary orbit 85.2 degrees West longitude, will work as a reserve for the *Sirius XM* satellite radio network. Its designed service life was 15 years.

The US radio company has 20 million subscribers. Russian *Proton* rockets have previously orbited all four *Sirius* spacecraft. —Internet

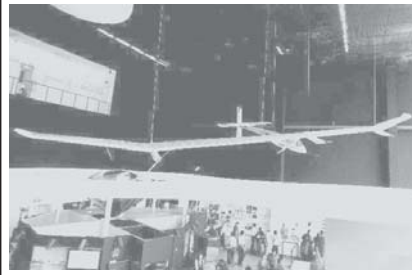


Photo taken on Oct. 12 shows a model of a solar-powered aircraft at Belgium-EU Pavilion in World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. The solar-powered aircraft made the history record as it landed on July 8, 2010 at Payerne airbase in western Switzerland, after flying around the clock on the sun's energy alone. Xinhua

## Asian Games torch relay held in host city of Asian Winter Game: Changchun

CHANGCHUN, 15 Oct — The torch relay of the 16th Asian Games kicked off Friday at northeastern Chinese Changchun City, which is the host city of the sixth Asian Winter Games.

Xin Qingshan, the coach of winter Olympic speed skating champion Wang Meng, was the first torch bearer at 10 am Friday.

A total of 16 torch bearers covered 1.2 kilometres of the relay.

Al-Qaeda-linked Haqqani network, whose network is fighting against US and local forces in neighboring Afghanistan, is also active in the region. The network is run by Sirajuddin Haqqani, the son of former Taliban commander Jalaluddin Haqqani.

Pakistan is under pressure to launch operation against Haqqani network. A number of high-profile militant leaders, including Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud were killed in the drone attacks. —Xinhua

## OPEC holds oil output, warns on risks to recovery

VIENNA, 15 Oct — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries left its official oil production target unchanged on Thursday, claiming the market was well supplied amid risks to the economic recovery.

OPEC, which pumps 40 percent of the world's oil, agreed to keep its target at 24.84 million barrels a day at a ministerial meeting here against an unclear price outlook and data pointing to surprisingly strong energy demand.

"Based on its detailed analysis of important market drivers, which clearly reveals that the market remains well supplied, and given the persisting significant downside risks to world economic recovery, the conference decided to leave current production levels unchanged," OPEC said in a final communique.

OPEC also elected Iran to become the cartel's president in 2011, a post it will hold for the first time in 36 years. Ecuador is the current president.

The oil market registered little reaction to the output decision, with Brent North Sea crude for November delivery remaining close to 85 dollars a barrel in London trade after solid gains in recent days. Ahead of the meeting, and mindful that a spike in prices could harm a slowing global economic recovery, OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia said it was happy for crude to stay around 70-80 dollars, where it has been for much of the past year. —Internet

Yang Lishan harvests in a rice field in Taoshu Village, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 13 Oct, 2010. Farmers were busy reaping the harvest of their hard work at this time of the year. —XINHUA



Ron Root of Citrus Heights, California shows off his first place ribbon next to his 1,535 pound Atlantic Giant Pumpkin during the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, California on October 11, 2010. Root pocketed more than 10,000 dollars for his colossal cucurbita. UPI/Terry Schmitt. —INTERNET

## Magnitude-5.0 quake hits Indonesia's West Java

JAKARTA, 15 Oct — A quake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale hit Indonesia's West Java Province at 2:48 am. local time on Friday (0748 GMT on Thursday), the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency said here in a statement.

The quake's epicenter was at 120 kilometres of southwestern Sukabumi regency and at a depth of 10 kilometres under seabed. —Xinhua

## Los Angeles int'l airport on-time departure percentage slips

LOS ANGELES, 15 Oct —

The Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) slipped to sixth place among US airports in on-time departure percentage during the first eight months of the year, according to statistics released on Thursday. That is a decline from the same period last year, when LAX ranked fifth in the country with 84.72 percent of its flights departing as scheduled, the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics said.

The figures showed that 82.95 percent of flights departed LAX on time from 1 Jan through 13 Aug.

The best on-time departure rate was out of Seattle-Tacoma International, Washington, where 89 percent of flights departed on time this year. Seattle also ranked first in on-time arrivals, at 86.5 percent.

Portland International and Salt Lake City International were also on top of the list, with almost 90 percent of their flights departing on time. Meanwhile, at the bottom of the list were JFK International Airport in New York, Miami International Airport and Chicago Midway International Airport. These airports had about 30 percent of their flights departing late.

Xinhua



### Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancies with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

#### Position No. 1

Functional title and level : Programme Analyst (Disaster Risk Reduction)- NO-A  
Type of Contract : Fixed Term  
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the overall administrative guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative (Programme) and technical supervision of the Disaster Risk Reduction Specialist, the Programme Analyst will support the DRR programme under its ongoing HDI programme. He/She will be primarily responsible for supporting smooth implementations, technical support for implementation and enhance project quality of UNDP in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

**Competencies Required:** Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability. Promotes a knowledge sharing and learning culture in the office. In-depth knowledge on development issues; ability to advocate and provide policy advice on the relevant sector/theme.; Ability to lead formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programmes and projects, mobilize resources; ability to formulate and manage budgets, manage contributions and investments; strong IT skills.

Focuses on impact and results for the client and responds positively to critical feedback. Leads team effectively and shows conflict resolution skills. Consistently approaches work with energy in a positive and constructive attitude; demonstrates strong oral and written communication skills and shows an openness to change and ability to manage complexities.

**Qualifications: Education & Experience:** Masters degree in social work, social sciences, natural science, public administration, international development and other relevant field. Minimum 1-3 years of relevant work experience. Excellent ability to quickly grasp and synthesize inputs from a range of disciplines related to disaster management and development; proficient in using the prevalent computer applications; self motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision. Good communication and interpersonal skills, team oriented work style, interest and experience of working in multi-cultural environment. Fluency in written and spoken English is absolute requirement. Ability to work under pressure, multi-task and meet deadlines; experience in working in post-disaster situation a distinct advantage. Good humour, patience, high energy and a shared belief in UNDP's mission.

#### Position No. 2

Functional title and level : Learning Manager- NO-A  
Type of contract : Fixed Term  
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance of the Learning Committee and the direct supervision of the Deputy Resident Representative (Operations), the Learning Manager is responsible for planning, design and conduct of corporate learning courses; He/She will liaise and monitor the performance of Area Learning Focal Points and Township Learning Managers in implementing UNDP learning policy and training plans.

**Competencies Required:** Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values; displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability. Previous experience in conducting learning assessments and managing training programmes; demonstrates ability to keep abreast of emerging trends and benchmark practices in learning and sharing; applies knowledge of systems and technology (including intranet and web technologies) to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Country Office knowledge processes; displays team spirit, motivates and facilitates teams well, inspiring confidence; promotes a learning environment in the office; empowers staff to address their development needs and promotes an open atmosphere of mutual feedback and support; ability to write clear documentation, client communications, proposals and other related working papers. Commitment to diversity; communicates effectively with and relates to people of different cultures, demonstrating an ability to see issues from different perspectives.

**Qualifications: Education & Experience:** Masters Degree in Development Studies, Organization Development, Human Resources Management, Public Administration, ICT for Development or related disciplines. Specialized training, knowledge of Information Technology an asset. Minimum 1-3 years relevant experience at national or international levels in administering and/or formulating knowledge-building, capacity building, organization-development, learning programmes. Fluency in English an absolute requirement.

Candidates should clearly indicate the post title in their application, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualifications, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph.

Detailed Terms of Reference is posted on the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.**

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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**Closing date: 29 October, 2010**



**Tankers carrying fuel for NATO forces into Afghanistan through Pakistan's Torkham border crossing point on 10 October, 2010.**

INTERNET

## Father in hope of seeing his new baby girl

CAMP ESPERANZA, 15 Oct — Ariel Ticona Yanez will be the second-to-last miner to climb into the metal cage and make the 2,047ft journey to the surface of the mine, and a special member of the family he has been desperate to meet will be there to greet him. Baby Esperanza was born on 14 September and she has had to wait a month until the moment her father could take her in his arms. Only days before the

29-year-old entered the San Jose mine he and his wife Elizabeth Segovia discovered they would be having a baby girl.

Between the ultrasound and the disaster on 5 August the couple decided to name their third child Carolina. But deep underground during the 17 days cut off from the rest of the world before rescuers discovered them alive, the miner came up with a better name.

Internet

## Top Chinese contemporary artists to travel along silk road

BEIJING, 15 Oct — China's top contemporary artists will start a journey late October along the ancient silk road to create works about the historic path. Fifty artists, including 25 traditional Chinese painters and 25 oil painters, will attend the event, which is organized by the Chinese Artists Association (CAA).

The event is aimed to promote the cultures of the ethnic minorities and portray the region's rich past, Wu Changjiang, executive vice chairman of CAA, said on Tuesday at a press conference in Xi'an, capital city of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Internet



The ASEAN Foundation (AF) is an inter-governmental, non-profit organisation established by the ten ASEAN Member States with the mandate to promote greater awareness of ASEAN among the general public and help address poverty and socio-economic disparity issues in the region. It now invites applications from nationals of ASEAN Member States for:

### Executive Director

Detailed information can be obtained from : <http://www.aseanfoundation.org>  
Only short listed candidates will be notified.

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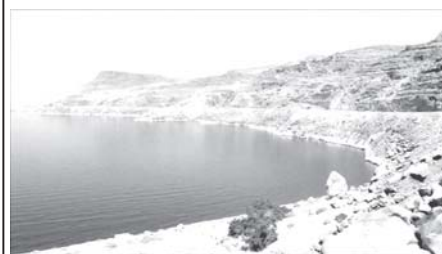
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## Don't Smoke



**Water levels in the Dead Sea are falling sharply and farms and businesses along its shore are suffering. — INTERNET**

## Supermarket to sell red sprouts

LONDON, 15 Oct — A new variety of red Brussels sprouts is set to grace Christmas dinner tables for the first time this year, a retailer has said. Asda hopes the sprouts will appeal to children and adults who would not normally touch the vegetable. It claims to be the first retailer to sell the sprouts commercially following trials in Cambridgeshire, where they are grown.

The sprouts are harvested between October and February and are said to have a milder, sweeter flavour than the green variety.

Asda produce buying manager Anne Spencer said: "Sprouts are as traditional as Father Christmas and we sell millions of them every year." — Internet



**A new variety of red Brussel sprouts will go on sale in Asda stores this Christmas. — INTERNET**

## Researchers use MRI to catch autism

LOS ANGELES, 15 Oct — Autism in children may be caught at earlier age than currently possible by MRI imaging, University of Utah said in a news release on Thursday. Focusing patients already diagnosed with autism, researchers at the university used MRIs to locate areas of the brain where the left and right hemispheres do not communicate properly, according to the release.

These so-called "hot spots" are central to motor function, attention, facial recognition and social behaviour — types of behaviours that are abnormal in people with autism. "We know the two hemispheres must work together for many brain functions," study author Dr Jeffrey S Anderson, an assistant professor of radiology, said in the news release. — Internet



## World's shortest man: 26.4 inches

A Nepalese man entered the Guinness Book of World Records on his 18th birthday Thursday as the world's shortest man, standing at 26.4 inches.

Marco Frigatti, vice president of records at Guinness World Records, said he flew to Pokhara, Nepal, and confirmed Khagendra Thapa Magar's status as the world's shortest man, CNN reported Thursday.

"I am very happy with the recognition," father Rup Bahadur Thapa Magar told CNN. "For the last few days, Khagendra has been saying that he is a big man now."

The previous record holder was Edward Nino Hernandez, 24, of Colombia, who stands at 27.4 inches.



**Khagendra Thapa Magar (front) celebrates with President of Khagendra Thapamagar Foundation Min Bahadur Gurung after receiving a certificate naming him as the world's shortest man at a ceremony in Pokhara, some 200 kilometers west of Kathmandu, Nepal on 14 Oct, 2010. The Nepalese teenager whose tiny stature has made him a celebrity in his homeland entered the record books as the world's shortest man at 67.08 cm or 26.4 inches according to new measurements by Guinness, as he celebrated his 18th birthday.**

## News Album

**An Indian mahout covers his head with a cloth as he rides his elephant on a hot day in New Delhi. A state in southern India is running a competition for designers to produce an "air-conditioned" jacket for outdoor labourers with prize money of more than 20,000 dollars up for grabs.**



## India seeks 'cool jacket' design to help hot labourers

A state in southern India is running a competition for designers to produce an "air-conditioned" jacket for outdoor labourers with prize money of more than 20,000 dollars up for grabs.

Local authorities in Kerala have challenged individuals and research organisations to produce a prototype cooling jacket that could be used by workers who toil in hot weather.

"If it is successful, then it is bound to increase their efficiency as they will be in an air-conditioned environment," a senior official from the industries department, T Balakrishnan said.

He said 10 viable ideas would be selected by an expert panel, with each inventor then given 100,000 rupees (2,200 dollars) to develop the concept.

"The winner will be awarded with one million Indian rupees (22,000 dollars) and monetary assistance will be given by the state to manufacture the prototype," he said.

## Chicago trains consider 'quiet cars'

Officials with Chicago's Metra commuter trains said they are seeking opinions from the public about potential "quiet cars," where cellphones would be banned.

Metra officials said in the October issue of the train system's "On the Bi-Level" newsletter that they are considering adding quiet cars, which would also carry bans on other noisy electronics, to trains as an experiment in January and they want opinions from the public, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Thursday. The newsletter stated Metra is "not opposed to quiet cars per se, but we're not sure about how great the need is, and we have concerns about how it would be implemented."

## TV, publishing jumping on story of Chilean miners

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—The Chilean mine rescue was an "uplifting and exciting" story in contrast to accounts of tragedy and woe that dominate the news, a top television executive said Thursday, explaining a rush to tell the tale in many formats.

Already, there's a book deal about the rescue, a reality show about mining and a Discovery Channel special on the saga. Wednesday's quickie *ABC News* special on the rescue of the 33 miners, who were trapped underground for 69 days, drew the biggest audience the network has gotten in the time slot in 10 months.—*Internet*



**In this photo released by the Chilean government, miner Raul Bustos, left, embraces an unidentified woman after being rescued from the collapsed San Jose gold and copper mine where he had been trapped with 32 other miners for over two months near Copiapo, Chile, on 13 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET**



**Silhouette of Jack Tretton, President and CEO Sony Computer Entertainment America, is seen with the display of video game Gran Turismo 5 in the background. Sony will again delay the global release of the latest version of its popular "Gran Turismo" car-racing game, which was due out early next month, officials said Thursday.—INTERNET**

## South Korean films take top awards at festival

BUSAN, 15 Oct—Two South Korean productions won the major awards at Asia's top film festival Friday, lauded for their richly evocative reflections of modern Korean society.

Park Jung-Bum's "The Journals of Musan" and Yoon Sung-Hyun's "Bleak Night" took the two prizes of 30,000 dollars in the New Currents section for first or second time Asian directors at the 15th Pusan International Film Festival.

Park was a double winner, also picking up the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) award for his film, which follows the problems faced by a North Korean defector when he moves to the south.

"Independent films are always very personal so I am very happy that my film was able to find



**South Korean director Park Jung-Bum poses after the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) award ceremony during the 15th Pusan International Film Festival, on 15 October, in Busan. INTERNET**

an audience here in Busan," he said.

Yoon's film follows three schoolboys caught up in a murder and how the South Korean school system and society deal with it.

*Internet*

## NBC's '30 Rock' lives it up with a live episode

NEW YORK, 15 Oct—"30 Rock" went live. Thank goodness for film.

This much-hyped, much-awaited departure into live-ness was a one-time-only (one hopes) stunt by "30 Rock," which any other week is one of TV's funniest shows.

Instead, Thursday's episode was an overheated slice of self-indulgence and excess. It was "30 Rock" transformed into a shrill, gags-filled sitcom, complete with a studio audience roaring its approval.

Any other week, the zany intricacies of this NBC comedy make a half-hour episode seem like a comedic Swiss watch or ship in a bottle. Instead, the live version of "30 Rock" seemed vaudevillian.—*Internet*

## UEFA eyes extra refs by Euro 2012 for goal spats



President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)  
Michel Platini

WARSAW, 15 Oct — UEFA wants to have extra officials on hand for matches at Euro 2012 in a drive to deal with disputed goals, the body's chief, Michel Platini, said on Thursday. "I am going to seek the possibility of having an extra official in place for the finals in Poland

and Ukraine," Platini told reporters at the construction site in Warsaw of the stadium where the European championships will kick off on 8 June, 2012.

"That way, extra officials will be able to see if the ball has crossed the line," said the head of European football's governing body, on a whistle-stop visit taking stock of preparations for the tournament. The International Football Association Board, which determines the rules of the game, has been wrestling with how finally to end years of controversy over goals deemed to have been disallowed or approved unfairly. "The International Board has accepted extra officials for Europa League and Champions League matches, but not for games involving national teams," Platini noted. — *Internet*

## IOC satisfied with Russia's progress on 2014 Games



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, left, and Jean-Claude Killy, right, the Chairman of the IOC coordination commission monitoring work in Sochi, visit a newly built village near Sochi where local residents evicted due to Olympic construction from the Imereti Lowland are rehoused, near the Black Sea resort of Sochi, southern Russia. — *INTERNET*

Sochi, 15 Oct — International Olympic Committee officials said Thursday they are satisfied with Russia's preparations for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, only urging the Russians to speed up work on building hotels.

The IOC coordination commission wrapped up a three-day visit to the Black Sea resort. The commission was accompanied Wednesday by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who has taken personal responsibility for the success of the games.

"The work done so far reconfirms my conviction that Russia and Sochi will host the 2014 Olympics at a very high level," commission chairman Jean-Claude Killy said.

*Internet*

## S P O R T S

### Hodgson plays down Kuyt injury fears

LIVERPOOL, 15 Oct — Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson expects Dirk Kuyt to be back in action within weeks despite the Holland forward's fears that he would be sidelined for several months.

Kuyt suffered an ankle injury after landing awkwardly after an aerial challenge in Holland's Euro 2012 qualifying victory over Sweden in midweek.

The 30-year-old admitted he expected to be out until next year, but Hodgson is confident he will be back in one month following an assessment by the club's medical staff at their Melwood training ground on Thursday. "The initial rumours coming out of Holland were that it was



Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson expects Dirk Kuyt, to be back in action within weeks despite the Holland forward's fears that he would be sidelined for several months.

*INTERNET*

going to be a really long injury, maybe months," Hodgson told Liverpoolfc.tv.

*Internet*

### Tyson plans to be a boxing ambassador in China

LAS VEGAS, 15 Oct — Just call him Ambassador Iron Mike. Mike Tyson was once the baddest man on the planet. Now he'll be circling that planet as a self-titled ambassador to spread the gospel of boxing to the Chinese. "I didn't even know what an ambassador really was," he said on Thursday.

"When I think of ambassadors I think of living

off government money and jet-setting with girlfriends." No government money just yet, though a Chinese company is paying Tyson to visit in December. No girlfriends, either, especially since his wife is due with a baby boy early next year. And no real formal agenda just yet for his trip to China in December, either.

*Internet*

### Miner's son Villa voices relief at rescue in Chile

MADRID, 15 Oct — World Cup star David Villa, who comes from a



Spanish forward David Villa

coal mining family in northern Spain, on Thursday expressed his joy at the rescue of the 33 trapped miners in Chile. "I have lived with uncertainty, hoping that everything would turn out well. It seemed that the rescue equipment was perfect, but in these situations there can always be complications," Villa told reporters. "I'm happy that everything has gone well and everyone is now on the surface," said the Barcelona striker, Spain's top scorer in the World Cup in South Africa and who had sent two signed Barca shirts to the miners last month.



Jurgen Melzer of Austria hits a backhand return against Rafael Nadal of Spain during their third round match at the Shanghai Masters ATP Tennis tournament in Shanghai. — *INTERNET*

### Mourinho says planning no new signings at Real

MADRID, 15 Oct — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said on Thursday he has no plans to sign more players during the winter transfer window. "This is our squad from now until the end of the season," he was quoted as saying on the club's website.

"These are the players we have faith in. Real



Real Madrid's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho

Madrid made the investment it had to in previous seasons and this past summer. We don't have the perfect squad because it doesn't exist. "We have an optimal squad with players who boost my confidence, so I don't want any players in the winter transfer window," said the Portuguese coach, who took over at Real last summer.

*Internet*

### Melzer defeats Nadal at Shanghai tennis Masters

SHANGHAI, 15 Oct — World number one Rafael Nadal was on Thursday dumped out of the 3.24-million-dollar Shanghai Masters in the third round by Austrian 13th seed Jurgen Melzer. It was only the ninth defeat of the season for the Spaniard, who came into this tournament on the heels of victory in the Japan Open last week. It was also the first time since the 2009 French Open that he has failed to progress further than the third round: in the 21 tournaments since then, Nadal has reached at least the quarter-final stage.

"I felt slow on court, I had more mistakes than usual," Nadal said. "I played shorter than usual. I was a little bit more tired just physically and mentally. I congratulate him and that's it." Despite never having taken a set off Nadal in their three previous encounters, Melzer stormed the first set here, winning 6-1. Nadal claimed the second, 6-3, but the Austrian ranked 12th in the world rankings, took the third, decisive set 6-3 to set up a quarter-final against Juan Monaco.

*Internet*

### Ivanovic through in Linz despite yoghurt wobble

LINZ, 15 Oct — Ana Ivanovic won 6-3, 6-2 against Czech Barbora Zlahavova Strycova to reach the quarter-finals at the WTA event here on Thursday, despite a game penalty for an unauthorised toilet visit. The seventh-seeded Serb left the court after holding serve to lead 1-0 in the opening set and upon her return was penalised a game. Rather than argue the matter, Ivanovic swept through the next



Serbian Ana Ivanovic

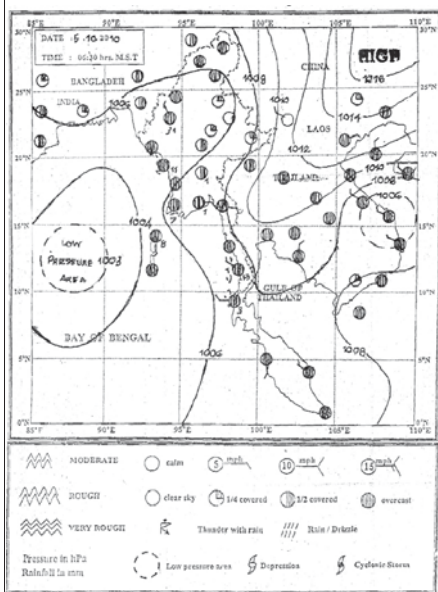
three games with the loss of just two points to lead 4-1.

"When I left the court I was really feeling sick," Ivanovic explained. "I'm really embarrassed because I had yoghurt right before I walked on. Don't ever have yoghurt before you have to play! "I told the umpire I really have to go to the bathroom and he said I couldn't go before her serve, but I said I have to. Then he said I could go on my own time. When I came back he said for every 20 seconds I got a point penalty. "It turned out to be good. I think I was so consumed with trying to feel a little bit better, but I think in normal circumstances it would make me really mad." Strycova was a tricky opponent and just one break decided the opening set.

*Internet*



### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States and Ayeyawady Region, scattered in Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were ChaungU (4.17) inches, TadaU (3.05) inches, Cocogyun (2.95) inches, Mindat (2.79) inches, Kyaukse (2.48) inches, Homalin (1.77) inches, Meiktila (1.61) inches, NyaungU and Pyawbwe (1.53) inches each, Monywa (1.46) inches and Minkin (1.38) inches.

## Nav Pvi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 14-10-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 15-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-10-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 15-10-2010 was (Nil) .

**Yangon (Kaba-Ave)**

Maximum temperature on 14-10-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 15-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-10-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 14-10-2010 was (2.4) hours.

Rainfall on 15-10-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (75.75) inches at Mingaladon, (87.99) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.41) inches at Central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 14-10-2010.

**Bay Inference:** According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's depression over Northwest Bay has moved Northwest wards and crossing Orissa Coast near **Gopalpur (India)**. Weather is partly to cloudy in the North and Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Kachin , Shan States, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-10-2010:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

## Mobile phones help lift poor out of poverty

GENEVA, 15 Oct.—Mobile phones — spreading faster than any other information technology — can improve the livelihoods of the poorest people in developing countries, a United Nations report released on Thursday said. But governments must design responsive policies to ensure that the benefits reach the broadest number in the most effective way, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development said in its Information Economy Report. Mobile phone subscriptions will reach five billion this year — almost one per person on the planet, UNCTAD Secretary-General Supachai Panitchpakdi told a news conference on the report. Penetration in developed countries is over 100 percent, with many people having more than one phone or subscription.

In developing countries, the subscription rate is now 58 per 100 people, and rising rapidly, with the rate in the poorest Least Developed Countries (LDCs) up at 25 from only 2 per 100 a few years ago, UNCTAD figures show. The potential of mobile phones in developing countries has been highlighted by the efforts of Russia's Vimpelcom to tie up with the telecom assets of Egypt's Orascom, which include Algerian operator Djezzy that Algiers wants to nationalize.—*Reuters*



*Malaysia's AirAsia, Asia's biggest budget carrier, said Friday it plans to list its Thai unit by the third quarter of 2011 in order to raise funds and buy new aircraft.*

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# Myanmar

**Saturday,  
16 October**  
**View on today**

**7:00 am**

1. Paritta By Hilly  
Region Missionary  
Sayadaw  
**7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy  
Exercise  
**7:30 am**
3. Morning News  
**7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puia Song

7:50 am

5. PhaungdawU  
Pogoda  
**8:05 am**  
6. Nice & Sweet Song  
**8:15 am**  
7. Poem Garden  
**8:25 am**  
8. International News  
**8:30 am**  
9. Islands Of Dhamma  
(6)  
**8:40 am**  
10. The Nine Precepts  
**11:00 am**  
1. Martial Song  
**11:10 am**  
2. Musical Programme  
**11:20 am**  
3. Game For Children  
**11:45 am**  
4. Round Up Of The  
Weekly TV Local  
News  
**12:20 pm**  
5. Yan Can Cook  
**12:35 pm**  
6. TV Drama Series

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7. Mahowthada (Part-4)  
**2:10 pm**  
 8. Musical Programme  
**2:20 pm**  
 9. International Science News  
**2:30 pm**  
 10. Cultural Dances  
**2:40 pm**  
 11. International News  
**2:50 pm**  
 12. Dance Of National Races  
**3:45 pm**  
 1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) (Live)  
 (Yangon United FC Vs Magway FC)  
**5:45 pm**  
 2. Musical Programme  
**6:00 pm**  
 3. Evening News  
**6:15 pm**  
 4. Weather Report

6:20 nm

5. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
6. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
8. News
9. Talks of the Political Parties (Repeat)
10. International News
11. Weather Report
12. "How to Cast Vote" (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon)
13. "Budding Lotus Flower at Dawn" (Part-3) (Film Artistes) (Director-Writer Tin Than Oo)
14. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayaṅvi

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**  
**Programme Schedule**  
**(16-10-2010)(Saturday)**

## Transmissions

**Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST**  
**Oversea Transmission - (16-10-10 09:30 am ~**  
**17-10-10 09:30 am) MST**

## Times

### Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Cultural Shows Enriching Ties Between Myanmar & Indonesia
- \* News
- \* Inle Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival
- \* Music Gallery
- \* World Food Day “Tele Food 2010” United Against Hunger”
- \* News
- \* Kid’s Talent “Pre School (4)” (Singing & Story Telling)
- \* News
- \* Mandalay Cultural Museum

## Overseas Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Cultural Shows Enriching Ties Between Myanmar & Indonesia
- \* News
- \* Inle Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda Festival
- \* Music Gallery
- \* World Food Day “Tele Food 2010”
- \* United Against Hunger”
- \* News
- \* Kid’s Talent “Pre School (4)”
- \* (Singing & Story Telling)
- \* News
- \* Mandalay Cultural Museum
- \* News
- \* Shrinking Footprints
- \* News
- \* Treasure Trove for Knowledge Seekers
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Monastery Yot Son Kyaung (Sa-Le)
- \* News
- \* People’s Utility & Electronic Exhibition
- 2010
- \* Myanmar Movie “The Magician’s Flower”

- ★ 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

## A visit to model agricultural farm in Bawaing village, Pantanaw Tsp

Article & Photos: *Thet Htet Ko (Bawgarmyay)*



Photo shows Shwethweyin, Hsinthwelat and Hsinthukha strain paddy plantations.

I recently paid a visit to Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region in order to write an article about a ceremony to erect signboard of Township Rice Association and to visit thriving quality paddy plantation.

Although the ceremony would start at 9 am, I

reached there in advance. Before the ceremony, I chatted with district manager U Toe Lwin. He said, "Myanmar Rice Association was formed with 14 objectives. One of them is to have continuous development in Myanmar paddy cultivation sector from

(See page 9)

## Bay Storm crosses Orissa Coast, India

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—According to the observation at 5.30 hr MST today, the bay storm formed northwest of Bay of Bengal is crossing Orissa coast near Gopalpur, India, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

The DMH's evening bulletin also said that the storm is now coded at yellow stage and it is not moving to Myanmar.

Due to the storm, the sea condition is likely to be moderate and rough along and off Myanmar coasts during the period and squally winds with speed reaching 35 mph would prevail along and off Myanmar coasts.—MNA

## M'Jangyang TV retransmitting station commissioned

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—M'Jangyang TV retransmitting station in Kachin State on 5 October began airing high resolution Myanmar TV programmes with 50-watt waves (J-13).

The project was completed on 4 October. The station was built under the programme for extensive coverage of TV programmes.—MNA

## Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (15-10-2010)

ChaungU	(4.17) inches
TadaU	(3.05) inches
Coco Island	(2.95) inches
Mindat	(2.79) inches
Kyaukse	(2.48) inches
Homalin	(1.77) inches