

Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence inspects Pyay-Paukkhaung-Toungoo Road

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut and departmental officials, visited Kyetmahnit Camp of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction at mile post No. 80/3 on Pyay-Paukkhaung-Toungoo Road on 17 October.

At the briefing hall, a responsible person reported on progress in implementing roadwork and maintenance tasks to the road and follow-up programmes.

Maj-Gen Hla Min attended to the needs and gave instructions.

Next, Maj-Gen Hla Min, the commander and party inspected roadwork by car along the road.

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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

Pathein-Ngapudaw Road to complete road network in Ayeyawady Region

In Ayeyawady Region, all the 26 townships except Ngapudaw Township are accessible by car. Boat is only means of transport to the township.

To comply with the guidance of the Head of State, the upgrading of Pathein-Ngapudaw

road to a tarred one was launched as No. 11 road of the road network on 17 August 2010.

B o g a l e Mawlamyinegyun-Kyonmange-Wakema-Myaungmya Road is No. 10 road, and the 68 miles and seven furlongs long section was built on 30

April 2010. Now, five bridges are being built to complete the section.

The Ministry of Construction has been implementing its four main types of projects—road, bridge, airport and building. As a result, the total length of roads it has built across the nation has

increased from 13,653 miles to 21,361 miles and two furlongs. In Ayeyawady Region alone, the ministry has built roads stretching over 1590 miles. And from 1988 to date, it has built 39 above-80-foot-long bridges and 312 under-180-foot-long

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bridges. Of the 507 bridges to complete the 11 roads of the road network in Ayeyawady Region, the ministry has

built 456 bridges so far.

P a t h e i n - Ngapudaw Road links Kangyidaunt and Ngapudaw townships. It was built as an earth facility in 1992 with the labour of local people. Then, Public Works upgraded it to a gravel road.

It also built three wooden bridges on the road: two over Salu Creek and Wegyi Creek in Kangyidaunt Township and one, in Ngapudaw Township in order that cars could run directly between Pathein and Ngapudaw townships. In that regard, cars were carried by Z-craft across the 600-foot-wide Pepin River and 400-foot-wide Thetkeichaung River.

Now, the three wooden bridges have gone to rack and ruin. In consequence, Z-crafts no longer run across the rivers, and the road is no longer available for cars.

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Excavators at work at Pathein-Ngapudaw Road Project.

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 21 October, 2010

Let's vote to choose reliable public representatives

Multiparty democracy general elections will take place on 7 November 2010, which is a golden opportunity for the people to shape their own future. It is therefore to vote for candidates capable of serving the interest of the nation and the people. A democratic nation will be built with the representatives-elect. So, constituents should be wise to make the right choice.

Now, preparations have been made for holding free and fair elections. Political parties have been formed in line with Political Parties Registration Law. The 37 political parties include those of national races such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan, Pa-O, Pa Laung and Wa. Candidates to respective hluttaws number over 3000.

Candidates representing political parties and independent candidates are canvassing for votes. Parties are presenting their policies, stances and work programmes. That denotes political parties and candidates to hluttaws are canvassing support from voters democratically and in accordance with the law.

Electoral rolls have been on notice boards in respective wards and villages in order that all eligible voters can enjoy the voting right. If an eligible voter finds that his name is not on the voter roll yet, he can claim in consistence with the rules to add his name to the voter roll.

Polling stations will open during the voting hours on the day elections will be held. Voters can enter the polling station concerned together with candidates to hluttaws, representatives of elections. After the electoral process is over, votes will be counted in front of members of the polling stations, people and candidates at the polling stations.

Now, all possible arrangements have been made to ensure free and fair elections. To cast votes to build a democratic nation is a democratic right which is now in the hands of the people. What voters should do is to go to the polling stations and cast votes most wisely.

UMFCCI CEC member U Myo Thant and party seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for the PRC.

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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

Chinese guests call on A & I Minister



Minister U Htay Oo receives President Mr Liu Xueyi of State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) of the PRC and party. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received President Mr Liu Xueyi of State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) and personnel from Union Resources and Engineering Co Ltd (UREC) and Great

Wall Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry here on 18 October.

The minister and the Chinese guests discussed mutual cooperation on agriculture and production of bio-diesel.—MNA

Transport Minister visits MPA and IWT in Sittway



Minister U Thein Swe visits Phaungdawgyi Pontoon Bridge of Myanma Port Authority in Sittway.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe on 16 October oversaw function of Phaungdawgyi Pontoon Bridge of Myanma Port Authority in Sittway,

Rakhine State. The minister then went to Inland Water Transport (Rakhine Branch) where he inspected condition of port and gave necessary instructions.

In the evening, the

minister met heads of departments under the ministry and heard reports on completed tasks and future plans of the respective departments.

The minister called for flawless service,

punctuality of vessels and aircrafts, tight security, regular maintenance of communication equipment, greening environs of airport and efficient civil servants.—MNA

UMFCCI attends 7th China-ASEAN Expo 2010

YANGON, 20 Oct—Central Executive Committee Member U Myo Thant of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and party on 13 October

and UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and party on 15 October respectively left here for the People's Republic of China to attend the 7th China-ASEAN Expo

2010 to be held in Nanning of Guangxi Province from 20 to 24 October. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI President U Win Myint and personnel. —MNA

Ten killed in northern Iraq bomb attacks

TIKRIT, 20 Oct—Death toll from bomb attacks in Iraq's Salahudin province on Tuesday rose to 10 after the police retrieved eight bodies from a bombed house of a police officer, a provincial police source told *Xinhua*.

Eight family members of Major Qais al-Rashid, a company commander in the provincial rapid reaction police force, were killed and two more are still under the debris of his house which collapsed after a bomb explosion earlier Tuesday in the provincial capital city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, a source from Salahudin operations command said on condition of anonymity.

A six-month-old child survived the attack after the rescue team pulled him

out of the debris alive, the source said.

Also in Tikrit, a bomb exploded in the house of Lieutenant Colonel Khalid al-Baiyati, commander of the provincial rapid reaction police force, wounding two of his family members. Baiyati survived the attack unhurt as he was not at home when the blast occurred, the source said. Meanwhile, two policemen were killed and four people wounded in a roadside bomb blast near a police patrol in the city of Samarra, 110 km north of Baghdad, the source said.

Xinhua

Over ten militants killed in Taleban hotbed

KABUL, 20 Oct—A joint patrol team of Afghan and NATO-led forces killed over 10 militants in Taleban hotbed Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan Monday, the military alliance said in a statement issued here Tuesday. "An Afghan National Security and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) patrol killed numerous militants in Shah Wali Kot District, northern Kandahar province, Monday," the statement said.

It said the joint force was conducting a dismounted patrol after receiving intelligence reports indicating a large number of militants, including many high-ranking leaders would be present in the area, the statement said. "As the Afghan and ISAF patrol entered the area, they were met with heavy small-arms and machine-gun fire," it added.

After the combined troops engaged the militants, they went through a number of nearby compounds and evacuated and protected 34 women and many children, while they were taking fire, it said. "Having sheltered the civilians, the combined force cleared the militants-firing positions, killing more than 10 militants and detained several more, including one who was taken to a coalition hospital for medical care," the statement said.

Xinhua

An Afghan man arrives for treatment at a local hospital in Kandahar. A Taleban-style explosion Saturday in a volatile city in southern Afghanistan at the heart of the militancy killed one civilian and injured four others, officials said.—INTERNET



Two NATO trailers torched in Quetta, west Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 20 Oct—Some unidentified miscreants on Tuesday set two NATO trailers on fire in west Pakistan's city of Quetta, said police, adding no casualties were reported in the incident.

The trailers were parked at a terminal built in Dasht area for tankers and trailers carrying supplies for the foreign troops in Afghanistan. The attackers set two NATO trailers ablaze and fled from the scene on their motorbike.

"Two men riding on a motorbike held up the trucks at gun point,

forcing the drivers and their helpers to leave," police official Khuda Bakhsh told media.

The gunmen doused the trucks in petrol before shooting at them, witnesses said.

Xinhua



Locals inspect two NATO trailers which were set ablaze by unidentified attackers in west Pakistan's Quetta 19 Oct, 2010.

No casualties were reported in the incident, according to the police.

XINHUA

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 20 Oct reached 703837 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1273914, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	703837
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1273914

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 20 Oct—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33313 Afghan people were killed and 40065 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 20 Oct.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33313
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	40065

Internet

Mine blast injures three in E Afghan city

KHOST, 20 Oct—Three civilians were injured as a remote-controlled bomb detonated Wednesday near a shop in Khost city capital of the same name Khost Province in eastern Afghanistan, provincial police chief Abdul Hakim Isaqzai said. "Anti-government militants planted a mine near a butcher shop and exploded it today leaving three people injured. The butcher shop provided meat to Afghan Border Police stationed in the Province," Isaqzai told *Xinhua*.

He said the three injured were evacuated to the city hospital for medical treatment. No group or individuals have claim of responsibility. However Taleban militants in the militancy-hit country have been warning the local contractors not to cooperate with Afghan and NATO-led forces.

Xinhua

Two killed in blast in NW Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 20 Oct—At least two people were killed on Wednesday in a blast near a checkpoint in northwest Pakistan, local media reported.

Police said that some miscreants threw hand grenades at a shop near Bara Qadeem checkpoint in Khyber tribal area. Local sources said that shooting was heard after the explosion and police cordoned off the site. Nobody has claimed responsibility for the blast. The checkpoint is located near a crowded market and has been attacked many times in the past.

Xinhua

Science

Ancient turtle bones discovered in Antarctica

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—An ancient turtle's fossils, dating from roughly 45 million years ago, were recently discovered in Antarctica.

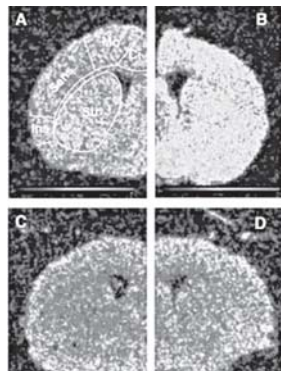
The bones, only two fragments from a turtle's carapace, or shell, were unearthed in the La Meseta Formation on Antarctica's Seymour Island by an expedition of the Antarctic Institute of Argentina.

While the researchers can't pin down exactly which species the turtle, or turtles - the fragments may not come from one individual - belonged to, the bones are not from any species that was already known to live in the region during this prehistoric era, which is known as the Eocene Epoch. San Rafael, 20 Oct—The discovery could give scientists clues about what the environment and

temperatures were like in Antarctica during this time. "The new fossils show the diversity of turtles was greater in Antarctica in the Eocene than previously thought," said researcher Marcelo S. de la Fuente of the Natural History Museum in San Rafael, Argentina.

During the Eocene, Earth was very different than it is today. At the beginning of this period, Antarctica and Australia were still connected, and Antarctica was much warmer, even containing a rainforest at an early stage. Over time, the pole cooled. The new turtle bone finding, and its suggestion of high turtle diversity in the area, could indicate that at this point, Antarctica was still warmer than some experts have proposed.

Internet



New research shows that the human brain is able to determine the shape of an object simply by processing specially-coded sounds, without any visual or tactile input.—INTERNET

Huge Alien Planet has a mysterious hot spot

LOS ANGELES, 20 Oct—A huge alien planet has a strange hot spot on its side, and astronomers aren't sure what to make of it.

The planet, named Upsilon Andromedae b, is a so-called "hot Jupiter" — a scorching gas giant. It is also tidally locked, meaning that one side is perpetually boiling under its parent star's fierce glare.

But the warmest part of the planet isn't this sun-baked face, according to a new study. A spot way over on the side of the planet is actually much hotter. "We really didn't expect to find a hot

spot with such a large offset," said lead author Ian Crossfield, of the University of California, Los Angeles, in a statement. "It's clear that we understand even less about the atmospheric energetics of hot Jupiters than we thought we did."

Upsilon Andromedae b is about 44 light-years from Earth in the constellation Andromeda. The planet is about 70 percent as massive as Jupiter, and it whips around its star every 4.6 days or so, scientists said.

Crossfield and his team used NASA's infrared Spitzer Space Telescope to measure the total infrared light coming from the planet and its parent star over five days in February 2009.

The Spitzer telescope cannot see the planet directly, but it can detect light variations that arise as the hot side of the planet comes into Earth's field of view. The hottest part of the planet will give off the most infrared light. Conventional wisdom suggests that the star-planet system should appear brightest when the planet is directly behind the star, thus showing Spitzer its full sun-facing side.—Internet

Swiss archaeologists find 5,000-year-old door

ZURICH, 20 Oct—Archaeologists in the Swiss city of Zurich have found a 5,000-year-old door that may be the oldest ever found in Europe.

Chief archaeologist Niels Bleicher says the ancient poplar wood door is "solid and elegant" with well-preserved hinges and a "remarkable" design for holding the boards together.

Bleicher said Tuesday the door has been dated to 3,100 years BC. Archaeologists working at the dig for what is intended to be a new underground car park have found traces of at least five Neolithic villages believed to have existed at the site between 3,700 and 2,500 years BC.—Internet

Technology



Photographers take pictures of the Kinect peripheral and the new Xbox 360 console at a Microsoft press briefing in Los Angeles, California, in June 2010. Microsoft unveiled an array of Xbox 360 videogames tailored for play using the movement-sensing Kinect controller set to debut in November.

INTERNET

Palm Pre 2 now official, headed to Verizon in 'coming months'

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—About a week after it was outed by a French wireless carrier, the long-awaited Palm Pre 2 complete with a new version of WebOS is finally official, and it'll be heading to Verizon Wireless in the "coming months," according to HP.

Arriving more than a year after the last major Palm phone (the diminutive Pixi), not to mention being the first Palm-branded handset since HP acquired Palm in April, the Pre 2 looks

an awful lot like its predecessor: the same basic slider design, a physical QWERTY keypad (with small, stubby, but relatively tactile keys, or at least they were on the first Pre), and a 3.1-inch display with a resolution of 320 by 480 pixels.

Indeed, the new Pre (which is slated to arrive Friday on French carrier SFR, the same carrier that leaked the handset last week) is almost precisely the same size (4 inches

long, 2.35 inches wide, 0.67 inches thick) and weight (5.1 ounces) as the original. The Pre 2 replaces the Pre's plastic screen with a glass one.

Most of the changes in the Palm Pre 2 (which I have yet to see in person, by the way) are under the hood rather than cosmetic. The new handset marks the first Palm phone with a 1GHz processor, while the built-in camera has been upgraded from 3 megapixels to 5.

Internet

Starbucks hopes free songs, e-books lure customers

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—Starbucks is adding a venti-sized dollop of free books, news and entertainment to its Internet offerings starting Wednesday.

The coffee chain's new digital network promises customers free e-books, movies and other exclusives, including free access to some paid Web sites such as The Wall Street Journal, is meant to get customers spending more on drinks and content they buy through the site.

The move comes as Starbucks faces steep competition from McDonald's Corp. and other fast-food chains pushing increasingly fancy coffee drinks. But it also offers Starbucks a chance to make money by selling songs, e-books and other material to customers who linger over its free Wi-Fi, which saw 30 million log-ins last month.

Starbucks Corp. started offering free wireless Internet access in July. The new network, a partnership with Yahoo, is the next step in its strategy.

Customers will see the network as soon as they connect to Starbucks' Internet on their smart phones, computer or tablets, such as the iPad. A welcome page allows customers to scroll through various sections including entertainment, wellness,

business and careers, and "my neighborhood," where they can find community news, restaurant reviews and more.

Other partners also include Apple Inc.'s iTunes, The New York Times, Patch, USA Today and Zagat. The offerings include advance copies of books, through deals with publishers such as HarperCollins and Penguin Group books, and iTunes downloads.—Internet



In this screen-shot provided by Starbucks Corp., the website for Starbucks' Digital Network is displayed on an Apple iPad. Starbucks Corp. is launching its digital network on 20 Oct, 2010, giving users free access to some paid sites such as the Wall Street Journal, free e-books and other content to better compete with its rivals.

INTERNET

Health

Many obese people see no need to lose weight

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—A substantial proportion of obese people don't think they're too fat, new research shows.

Among more than 2,000 obese Dallas County residents surveyed in 2000-2002, 14 percent of African Americans and 11 percent of Hispanics — but just 2 percent of whites — believed that they did not need to lose weight, Dr. Tiffany M. Powell of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and her colleagues found.

People who misperceived their body size were happier with their health, and felt healthier, than those who did recognize their obesity; they were also more likely to think they were at low risk of developing high blood pressure or diabetes or having a heart attack during their lifetimes. In fact, two-thirds of people with body size misperception thought they were at low risk of becoming obese.

The study "points to really a lack of understanding about the effects of obesity," Powell told Reuters Health. At the same time, she added, "you walk a fine line, because you don't want people to necessarily have an unhealthy body image, but you also want people to understand that they

need to lose weight."

Powell and her colleagues investigated body size misperception among 2,056 men and women participating in the Dallas Heart Study. All were obese, meaning that they had a body mass index (BMI; a measure of weight in relation to height used to gauge obesity) of 30 or greater. For a woman 5 feet 5 inches tall, this translates to weighing at least 180 pounds; for a 6-foot-tall man, this would mean weighing at least 221 pounds.

Internet



A midwife examines a pregnant woman. A new study published on Wednesday boosts suspicions that a child's risk of allergies could be linked to the season that coincides with the first three months of pregnancy.

INTERNET

Big VA study shows surgery checklist saves lives

CHICAGO, 20 Oct—Which hip is being repaired? Is this the right anesthesia? Do we have all the right surgery tools?

Answering such basic questions from surgery checklists and involving everyone as a team, even patients saved lives in Veterans Affairs hospitals, according to one of the

most rigorous studies of patient safety in the operating room.

Surgery deaths dropped 18 percent on average over three years in the 74 VA hospitals that used the strategy during the study.

Surgery team members all created checklists and discussed them in briefings before, during and after surgery.

That's a somewhat novel concept in a setting where the surgeon has traditionally called all the shots.

The study found that death rates were lowest where surgical staff had the most teamwork training.

Dr Peter Pronovost, a Johns Hopkins professor and author of a book on using checklists in medicine, called the VA results impressive.

"Teamwork problems are ubiquitous in health care but in operating rooms, they're so problematic because ORs are so hierarchical. They're full of ritual and for so many years it's been the surgeon (who) dictates," Pronovost said. The VA's program began in 2003 and over time has been adopted at virtually all of its 130 surgery centers.

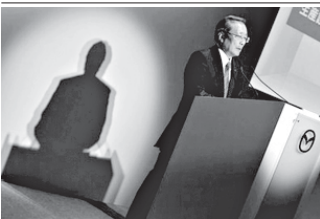
Internet

Australian study rejects benefits of fish oil capsules in pregnancy

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct— A University of Adelaide study has found no evidence that taking fish oil capsules during pregnancy can help reduce the risk of post-natal depression, contrary to international recommendations.

Professor Maria Makrides, who is Professor of Human Nutrition at the University of Adelaide and Deputy Director of the Women's and Children's Health Research Institute, says the results also contradict existing recommendations that fish oil capsules taken in pregnancy help newborn babies' language and cognitive development. In a five-year study led by Makrides, half the women in the later stages of pregnancy were given fish oil capsules and the other half vegetable oil capsules.—Xinhua

Business



Mazda Motor Corp. President and Chief Executive Takashi Yamanouchi speaks during a news conference on the 'Next-Generation Technology Forum' in Tokyo, Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010. Yamanouchi said his company's partnership with Ford remains unchanged amid speculation the US automaker plans to further reduce its stake, and ruled out tie-ups with other companies.

INTERNET

Asia stocks cut losses as China shock wears off

SINGAPORE, 20 Oct—Asian stocks pared early losses on Wednesday as markets recovered from an initial shock to China's first rate rise in nearly three years that had investors fretting it may be embarking on a policy tightening cycle.

European shares are expected to open lower, with futures for the STOXX Europe 50, for Germany's DAX and for France's CAC down 0.2-0.4 percent.

The dollar dipped against a basket of currencies, trimming gains it made after the surprise rate hike by China spurred the market to lower risk exposure, while commodity prices steadied after falling sharply on Tuesday. "China's tightening came as a shock, but the country's intention doesn't seem to be a cooling of its economy. Instead it has moved to prevent bubbles from bursting. It's rather natural, if you look at it in the longer term," said Tomomi Yamashita, senior fund manager at Shinkin Asset Management in Tokyo. "Financial markets are still supported by expectations of further easing by the United States, with ample liquidity helping assets such as bonds and commodities.

Internet

Samsung says working on joint TV, phone platform

HELSINKI, 20 Oct— Samsung Electronics is developing a joint software platform for use on its cellphones and televisions, hoping wider audience attracts more developers to use its products.

"We have a plan to have a single platform for Samsung TV and phones," Kyungsik Kevin Lee, vice president at Samsung's Visual Display Division, told Reuters in an interview.

Lee said he could not estimate when the platform would be ready as developers were still working on it.

In addition to Samsung only its local rival LG Electronics and Japan's Sony Corp, through its handset venture Sony Ericsson, are in a position to combine the two audiences.

"There is a small

number of companies positioned to do this, of course, and all have holes in their stories, whether geographically, in product terms, or in terms of engaging developer communities," said analyst John Jackson from research firm CCS Insight. "The strategic premise is that by doing this you can position yourself to participate in the revenue streams generated by the services that run on your platform," Jackson said.

Reuters



A man walks past a display showing stock market prices inside a bank in Taipei on 31 August, 2010.—INTERNET

Yen rise major negative for economy: BOJ Nishimura

HIROSHIMA, 20 Oct—They're rise is a major negative for Japan's economy, Bank of Japan Deputy Governor Kiyohiko Nishimura said on Wednesday, highlighting worries about yen strength as currency tensions look set to dominate a Group of 20 finance ministers' meeting later this week.

"The fact that the recent yen appreciation is causing a deterioration of business sentiment is a big factor in putting downward pressure on economic activity," Nishimura said in a speech to business leaders in Hiroshima in western

Japan. He also suggested the strong yen may prolong Japanese deflation.

"There is a risk that the yen's appreciation will lower consumer prices not only through worsening economic activity but also through changes in import prices." The dollar slipped to a 15-year trough below 81 yen late last week. Japan intervened in foreign exchange markets in September to try to curb gains in its currency which policymakers fear could stifle export growth.

Reuters



A worker walks with a torch during a rekindling ceremony of the Hulu kiln in China's porcelain capital, Jingdezhen City, eastern Jiangxi Province, on 19 Oct, 2010. The inflaming ceremony of Hulu kiln can date back to the Hongwu Period (1368-1398) when the first emperor of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) ruled the country. A total of 300 potteries and porcelain craftworks was burnt in the kiln this time, which would last for 18 hours.

XINHUA

S Korea loans 35 mln USD for solar energy plants in Mozambique

MAPUTO, 20 Oct—South Korea has loaned Mozambique 35 million US dollars in support for building solar energy plants in the Southern African country, Radio Mozambique reported on Wednesday. South Korea announced the loan on Tuesday within the framework of its program to support ecological projects in Africa, the radio said.

Citing the South Korean Finance Ministry, the radio said the loan from the Economic Development Cooperation Fund would be without interest for 40 years and a grace period of 15 years. The support is destined for three solar energy plants with a capacity to generate 400 to 500 kilowatts to be built in Mozambique's northern Niassa province, which suffers serious shortage of power supply.—Xinhua

UK cat abuser faces fine, animal ban

BEIJING, 20 Oct—A British woman who casually threw a cat into a rubbish bin and got caught on a security camera, has pled guilty to a single charge of animal cruelty.

Mary Bale, a 45-year-old bank worker, caused animal lovers' anger across the world, when her bizarre attack on four-year-old Lola was posted online this summer.

Lola was eventually recovered unharmed after its owners heard its muffled cries from inside the bin. But angry Internet users still pledged retribution, and police had to post guards outside Bale's home.

Bale pled guilty to one count of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal, and received a 250-pound fine. She was also banned from keeping or owning animals for the next five years.

Xinhua



Lightning flashes over Strip casinos as a thunderstorm passes through the Las Vegas Valley in Las Vegas, Nevada 19 October, 2010.—XINHUA

24 injured in Vietnamese jetliner accident

PARIS, 20 Oct—Twenty four people aboard a Vietnam Airlines jet that landed at Paris' Roissy airport Wednesday morning were injured when the plane staggered violently during flight, authorities said.

Eight of the wounded were sent to local hospital after the plane's landing at 7:15 am local time (9:15 GMT).—Xinhua

Rio Tinto approves 3.1bln USD Pilbara expansion in Australia

CANBERRA, 20 Oct—Mining giant Rio Tinto on Wednesday announced a 3.1 billion US dollars expansion at its Pilbara iron ore operations in north of Western Australia.

The announcement followed the formal collapse of Rio's 120 billion dollars (118.8 billion US dollars) iron ore joint venture in Pilbara region with BHP Billiton Ltd this week.

Rio, the world's second-largest iron ore producer behind Brazil's Vale, said the "single best creator of value" for its shareholders was to move more tonnes through an expanded Cape Lambert in the Pilbara region.

"Today we have committed further funds to doing just that," Rio Tinto Iron ore chief executive, Sam Walsh, said in a statement.

Rio hopes to eventually boost Pilbara production to 333 mtpa, while the expansion is the largest mining project ever undertaken in Australia.

According to the statement, Rio will increase annual infrastructure capacity to 283 million tonnes during 2013, and approval on further investments to achieve production of 283 million tonnes is expected over the next year.—Xinhua

China halting rare earths exports to US

New York, 20 Oct—The New York Times reports that China is halting exports of rare earth elements to the United States and Europe.

Tuesday's web edition of the US newspaper cites some industry officials as saying China expanded its restrictions on rare earths shipments beyond Japan on Monday.

Rare earths are essential for the

production of a wide variety of high-technology equipment. China is the dominant supplier of the materials. It has effectively suspended their shipment to Japan, following a bilateral row over a ship collision near the Senkaku Islands in Okinawa Prefecture in early September.

The Office of the US Trade Representative has told NHK it is seeking more information.

The US trade office had said last week that it would be investigating whether China's support for its environmental technology industry is violating World Trade Organization rules.

Internet

Japan resort firm tie-up with China ski slope co

SAPPORO CITY, 20 Oct—A resort facility operator in Hokkaido, northern Japan, is trying to attract skiers from China, through a tie-up with a Chinese ski slope operator.

Kamori Kanko and the Chinese company based in Hebei Province signed a business alliance deal on Tuesday in Sapporo City, where the Japanese firm's headquarters are located. Under the deal, the companies will promote personnel exchanges and advertisements for each other's ski facilities.

Kamori Kanko President, Kimihito Kamori, said the tie-up will allow his company to focus on Chinese skiers.

Referring to the recent series of anti-Japan protests in China, he said politics and sports are different matters, and that he wants to strengthen ties of mutual trust with China at such a time.

The Chinese company's president, Luo Li, said there is no problem because the people of Japan and China have conducted exchanges with each other for thousands of years.—Internet

A 15-year-old teenager from Wales has prompted a global Internet campaign against a phony "miracle drug" after posting warnings about it on the social networking website Twitter.—INTERNET



A homeowner (L) becomes emotional during a mortgage restructuring event in Los Angeles. The number of mortgage defaults in the US has soared from an annual average of one percent before 2008 to 10 percent today, according to a leading foreclosure-tracking firm.

INTERNET



Two armed policemen compete in a military training competition held in Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi, 19 Oct, 2010. More than 500 armed policemen of Shaanxi Province attended the competition dating from 16 to 20 Oct.—XINHUA

China, Italy seek closer military cooperation

BEIJING, 20 Oct—Senior Chinese and Italian military officials said in a meeting in Beijing Wednesday that they hoped for closer military cooperation.

China and Italy had seen frequent exchanges of high-level visits, said Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie in a meeting with visiting Italian Chief of Defense Staff Vincenzo Camporini.

Liang said the two countries had maintained close coordination in major international issues and conducted fruitful cooperation in the economic, trade, culture, technology and tourism sectors.

Military ties between the two countries had been promoted as pragmatic cooperation

had proceeded smoothly, said Liang.

China attached great importance to military relations with Italy, Liang said.

He hoped the two sides could expand cooperation to contribute to the sustainable development of friendly cooperation between the two armed forces.

Camporini said Italy-China relations had developed vigorously in recent years along with sound military cooperation.

He said Italy appreciated the contribution of the Chinese armed forces in dealing with international affairs, and he hoped the two sides could boost their military cooperation.

Xinhua



A Vietnamese girl searches for her handprint on the China-Vietnam handprint wall in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 20 Oct, 2010. The handprint wall, with handprints of 5,600 young people from China and Vietnam, was inaugurated here Wednesday, which was a part of the activity marking the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the two countries.—XINHUA

Cave-in leaves six missing in east China

FUZHOU, 20 Oct—More than 300 people have joined the search for six workers missing after a cave-in at a lime powder plant in a karst area of east China's Fujian Province, local authorities said Wednesday.

The accident occurred at about 11:30 am Tuesday at the plant near a village in Xinluo District, Longyan City, a city government spokesman said.

The cave-in area was about 50 meters long, 45 meters wide and 25 meters deep, the spokesman said.

Geological experts believed the cave-in happened naturally as a result of the long-term influence of surface and underground water, he said.

But villagers and workers said the plant's excavation of limestone had damaged the geological structure, triggering the cave-in.

Local authorities would further investigate the cause of the accident, a spokesman of the Xinluo district government said.

Xinhua

Five suspects held in car bomb attack in Nigeria

ABUJA, 20 Oct—A security official says five suspects are now being held over car bombings that struck Nigeria during a celebration of its 50th anniversary of independence.

State Security Service spokeswoman Marilyn Ogar told reporters Tuesday that Charles Okah, the brother of jailed former militant leader Henry Okah, and the four others will be charged in court over the attack. Ogar says security officials also know the cars used were wired with explosives in Port Harcourt and driven to Abuja. The bombings killed at least 12 people and wounded dozens more in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. The main militant group in the country's oil-rich southern delta claimed responsibility for the attack.

Internet



A tourist is seen here dancing with a Himba woman in the village of Ohungumure, in northern Namibia. Their bare-chested bodies painted with rich ochre-red colours, Himba women sing and dance in villages untouched by modernity since their ancestors settled on the Angola-Namibia border 200 years ago.

INTERNET

Two men steal euro500,000 Cartier ring in Rome

ROME, 20 Oct—Rome police are searching for two well-dressed thieves who walked into Cartier on Via Condotti, distracted a saleswoman, walked off with a euro500,000 ring and disappeared in a crowd of shoppers on the posh shopping street.

Detectives are investigating the Tuesday evening theft. Police are searching for two men, described as foreigners in their 40s.

Rome police couldn't immediately

describe the ring, but said two "customers" asked to see the "most expensive" ring in the store. The Italian news agency ANSA said it was studded with diamonds. Police said witnesses told them the man got into a waiting car with a driver and sped off.

Police refused comment on reports a store videocamera filmed everything. The store's phone went unanswered Tuesday night.

Internet

Global temperatures continue to rise

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct—The government's monthly climate report is beginning to sound like a broken record.

The National Climate Data Centre reported Monday that the January-September period is tied with 1998 for the warmest first nine months on record.

The agency said the average temperature for the period was 1.17 degrees above normal for records going back 131 years. For a full year the warmest on record was

2005. The agency added that it has been the warmest January-September on record in the Northern Hemisphere and the second warmest in the Southern Hemisphere. Steadily rising temperatures in recent decades have raised concerns among environmentalists and atmospheric scientists concerned that human-generated pollutants are contributing to a dangerous global warming.

Internet



An actress of Singapore's Toy Factory Productions perform in a drama called "Crab Flower Club" in Beijing, capital of China, 19 Oct, 2010. "Crab Flower Club" was presented on Tuesday as the premier drama during the ongoing fourth international drama season organized by the National Theater Company of China.

XINHUA

Minister meets staff of Settlement and Land Records Dept

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo held a meeting with the director-general, the deputy director-general, directors, staff officers of states and regions, and staff members of Settlement and Land Records Department at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here on 18 October.

In his speech, the minister said that the ministry is pursuing the goal of boosting agricultural production, which calls for cooperation of the departments and enterprises. He underlined the importance of prevailing conditions of the agricultural sector and accurate statistics of sown acreage, successful acreage, and per acre yields and total outputs of crops.

Only then will it be possible to set targets for food security, food surplus and boosting production of cash crops, he pointed out. Responsible persons are to make field trips and sharpen the abilities of their subordinates region-wise for boosting agricultural production, he urged. He also underscored staff welfare programmes.

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Commander tours Kengtung Station

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo on 14 October inspected agricultural and livestock farms and sales of personal goods and food-stuff at the command and responded to the reports by officials concerned.

Upon arrival at the quarters of war veterans in Kengtung, the commander inspected the houses and vegetable patches of families, and attended to the needs.

He also inspected the conditions of the edible oil miller of the command.

On 15 October, the commander had a meeting with officers and

other ranks and their families from local regiments and units at the assembly hall of the command. He fulfilled the requirements in response to their reports. He presented sports gear and exercise books to the officials.

Next, he inspected local regiment of Kengtung Station.

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Deputy Transport Minister meets Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun

Aung received a Thai delegation led by Deputy Permanent Secretary Mrs.

Saowanee Kamolbut of Neighbouring Countries Economic Development

Cooperation Agency (NEDA) at the Ministry of Transport here this morning. The meeting focused on transport cooperation between the two countries.

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Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung receives Deputy Permanent Secretary Mrs Saowanee Kamolbut and party of Neighbouring Countries Economic Development Cooperation Agency of Thailand.

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Book on World Shipping in circulation

YANGON, 19 Oct—Book on World Shipping by writer Professor U Kyaw Nyunt (Retd) has published. This book compiled by the writer based on his experience is intended for those who are serving in world shipping and local shipping and for shipping companies, staff managers and marinetime officers. The book's price is K 2500 per copy and is available at Wisdom House, No. 101, Building 1191/1192, Lewemindin road, Myittanyunt Ward,



Tamway Townshp, Yangon (ph-095058533 and 01-545036).

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Pathein-Ngapudaw Road to complete road...

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As 11th road of the delta road network, 21 miles long and 34 feet wide Pathein-

Ngapudaw road section (from 0/0 to 21/0) was upgraded to a tarred one on 17 August 2010.

In an interview,

Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Kyaw said that the project was launched in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State; that up to May 2010, the 10 roads with a total length of 502 miles and 456 bridges have



Groundwork is being carried out to upgrade Pathein-Ngapudaw Road to a 34 feet wide tarred facility.



Pathein-Ngapudaw road section will be upgraded to a tarred one.

been built; that construction tasks were being expedited to complete the remaining bridges as scheduled; that so, local people including those in seaside regions soon could travel with convenient to other regions through the road network; and that Public Works would complete

the two bridges on the road on schedule, and so the tarred road would emerge soon.

Pathein-Ngapudaw Road lies on a plain, so the distance is a 30-minute drive. The road is also flanked by two drains in which boats, sampans and motorized boats can run.

When Pathein-Ngapudaw Road is completed, all the 26 townships in Ayeyawady Region will be accessible by road, and local people will be able to enjoy better living conditions.

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence attends prize-giving ceremony of Latha Township BEHS No-2, tours Yangon North District

YANGON, 20 Oct — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials attended the prize presentation ceremony at Basic Education High School No-2 in Latha Township here yesterday morning.

First, the commander gave a speech. Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials presented prizes to six-distinction winning schoolgirls and posed for a documentary photo together with them.

Next, the commander and officials awarded five-distinction winners; and officials, distinction winners and other outstanding schoolgirls.

Accompanied by the commander and officials, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe proceeded to the Central Forestry Development Training Center of Forest Department in Hmawby Township where officials reported on works being carried out for greening Bago mountain ranges and courses being conducted at the center.

After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended to the needs.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected ironwood plantation in Taungthlaing Yoma Forest Reserve of Forest

Department in Taikkyi Township. At the briefing hall of Taikkyi-Phaunggyiroad project, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe heard reports on work progress and gave necessary instructions.

After hearing reports on work progress at the briefing hall of Myaungdaga Steel Foundry Industrial Zone in Hmawby Township, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe fulfilled the requirements and oversaw road construction in the zone.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe together with the commander and officials attended the workshop on reduction of traffic accidents organized by Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee at Traders Hotel here this morning. First, the commander made an opening address, and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and the commander accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe signed in the visitors' book.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presented cash assistances to victims of road accident and posed for a documentary photo together with them.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe cordially greeted them and viewed documentary photos on activities of traffic rules enforcement and posters and ambulances.

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence presents cash assistance to a disabled man who was injured in a road accident.

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Shine Khant introduces Golden Rose & Classic Products

YANGON, 20 Oct — A launching ceremony of Golden Rose & Classic Products from Turkey took place at Traders Hotel here on 15 October. General Manager U Zaw Min Soe of Shine Khant Co., Ltd made a greeting speech. After that, applying

make-up on models was demonstrated. Director U Khin Maung Soe presented gifts to designers and beauticians.

Established in 1993, Shine Khant Co., Ltd has been sold branded perfumes and Restoria Brand hair series from Australia. And the com-

pany has imported Golden Rose & Classic Products from Turkey since 2008. For more information, contact No. 43 (A), first floor, 87th street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon and dial 01-399081, 399176, 09-8032943 and 09-518573.—MNA



Director U Khin Maung Soe of Shine Khant Co., Ltd presents a gift to beautician Khin San Win.

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Want to learn ACCA and CAT in Singapore?

YANGON, 20 Oct — Crown Education offers services for those who want to learn ACCA in Kaplan and SAA Global Education. Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) course has nine subjects divided into three levels—introductory, intermediate and final. After completing CAT, students wishing to continue to join ACCA can get three

subjects exemption. Those who register at Crown Education may attend Job Hunting in Singapore and English for Accountant free of charge. For more information, contact Crown Education, No. 228/229, Summit Park View Hotel and dial 211888 (Ext-228/229) and 09-5085185.

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Polar Brand groundnut oil on market

YANGON, 19 Oct — Polar Groundnut Oil Factory established in 1999 is planning to contribute towards those wishing to make charities in post-Buddhist Lent.

Polar Brand pure groundnut oil is extracted from quality groundnuts, using advanced processing methods.

The groundnut oil is distributed at the price of 3200 kyats a viss. The factory is trying to reduce the price of pure groundnut oil. If bought for at least five viss contacting the factory at 146 on Saya San

Street, Industrial Zone (2), Hlinethaya Industrial Town (Ph: 01-684718, 685886, 705366, 392641, 09 5163803), Polar

groundnut oil is distributed right up to the customer's door with free transportation charge.

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Photo shows booth of Polar groundnut oil.

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How to enrol at MDIS in S'pore

YANGON, 20 Oct — Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) in Singapore conducts courses on biochemical science. After completing those courses, successful students are conferred "Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences" and "Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Pharmaceutical Management" by University of Bradford of England.

Doctors, dental surgeons and pharmacy degree holders may apply for subject exemption and stipend through AT & S Co Ltd.

Those wishing to attend the courses may consult with the chief consultant of AT & S Co Ltd may register at Myanmar Info-Tech at room No (4), building No (5) in Hline University Campus (Ph: 521125, 652288, 652320).—MNA

First World Statistics Day observed



Deputy Minister U Thurein Zaw addresses the ceremony to mark World Statistics Day.
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NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct.—A ceremony to mark the first World Statistics Day was held at the meeting hall of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here this morning.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Thurein Zaw made an opening speech on the occasion. He said: The general assembly of the United Nations has designated 20th October as the World Statistics Day. As a member of United Nations, Myanmar observes this World Statistics Day today. The objective of the World Statistics Day is to raise awareness of the official statistics contribution in social and economic development of the

Resident Representative Mr Mohamed Abdel Ahad of UNFPA reading out the message sent by the UNSG.
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society and to introduce the production of official statistics, statistical system and its achievements.

Our country had practiced central planning for long till late 1988. Since then, the government has been opening up the economy at practicing market oriented measures to uplift the economy and improve the economic and social conditions of the people.

Accordingly, high growth in GDP was achieved with annual average growth rate of 7.5 percent during the five-year plan from 1991-92 to 1995-96, annual average of 8.5 percent during the five-year plan from 1996-97 to 2000-2001 and annual average of 12.9 percent during the five-year plan from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006. There is a growth of 10.4 percent the fourth year of current fourth five-year plan

(2009-2010).

A number of nationwide censuses and surveys had been undertaken by respective government agencies to meet their own statistical needs. Survey of census of agriculture has been carried out by Settlement and Land Record Department, integrated household living condition assessment survey by Planning Department, multiple indicators cluster survey by Planning Department and Department of Health, national morality survey, household income and expenditure survey by Central Statistical Organization and population census by Population Department.

At present, Myanmar's statistical

development programme is at a crucial stage. The country has set up objectives for further strengthening statistical capacity, improving the quality of statistical data and enhancing the credibility of statistics.

All efforts on statistical works made so far are moving toward achievement of these

objectives.

After that, UNFPA resident representative Mr Mohamed Abdel Ahad read out the message sent by the UN Secretary-General on the occasion of the World Statistics Day. The ceremony came to an end after the UNFPA resident representative briefed on the importance of statistical sector.

The deputy minister and those attended visited World Statistics Day commemorative booths. In the afternoon, paper reading session was held. Five resource persons submitted papers on statistics. The motto of World Statistics Day is "Service, Professional and Integrity".

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A resource person reading out a research paper.—MNA

Yazagyo Dam, prospect for development of...

(from page 16)

December 2004, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is implementing Yazagyo Dam Project. The project is located two miles north from Yazagyo Village of Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, by damming Nerinzara Creek.

We the news crew of Myanmar Alin Daily arrived at the Office of the Assistant Director of Irrigation Department in Kalay in the morning. We left Kalay

along Kalay-Tamu Road. At the mile post No. 37, we turned to the west. After a 1.5 miles drive, we arrived at the project site.

Nerinzara Creek has 244,780 acre-feet of inflow water from Chin mountain ranges. Kalay has 63 inches of rainfall annually, but it is a dry area in the summer. The dam can store 80,000 acre-feet of still water and it will have 130 square miles of watershed area.

The embankment of the dam will have 13,690 feet long and 165 feet high including 4745 feet of main embankment. It will be of earthen type. The construction of diaphragm of the dam commenced in February 2004 and it was completed by cent per cent in October.

Of three saddle dykes of the dam, the hydropower plant will be built on No. 1 saddle dyke. The plan has been set to complete the intake structure of the plant in 2010-2011 and the remaining tasks in 2011-2012.

The spillway is being constructed at No. 3 saddle dyke. The dam will irrigate 2000 acres of farmlands in 2010-2011 and 4500 acres of farmlands in 2011-2012. Kalay Township is engaged in cultivation of monsoon paddy, groundnut, green gram, monsoon sesame, cold season sesame and sunflower. On completion of the dam, the township can grow summer paddy. Power House of the dam can supply electricity to Kalay.

Yazagyo Dam is constructed between Khamauk and Talon Hills. The spillway will be of reinforced concrete and it will be 330 feet wide and 568 feet long. Nine miles long canal and 8.25 miles long tributary canals will supply water to the irrigated farmlands. The canals will be installed with 80 canal structures.

The power plant will be installed with two 2-megawatt generators to generate 21 million kilowatt hours annually. The penstock steel pipelines will be 1562 feet long.

The project is being implemented by Assistant Director U Toe Aung and party of Construction 4 of Irrigation Department. On completion, the dam will irrigate 6500 acres of farmlands, supply electricity to Kalay, contribute to boosting production of agricultural crops and uplift living standards of the local people.

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Photo shows progress of embankment of Yazagyo Dam.

China's first made jumbo C919 to take off by 2014

BEIJING, 20 Oct—China's first locally made jumbo jet could take off as early as 2014. The nation is already taking leaps and bounds in aircraft production and space exploration, like the successful Chang'e programme.

In traditional Chinese culture, there are plenty of myths about life in the air.

Well, thanks to global industrial development and constantly changing

technology - those myths are now true.

Commercial air travel is becoming increasingly popular and profitable. In China, civil aviation has seen tremendous change since the reform and opening up back in the 1980s.

There's now an incredible 17.2 percent GDP growth every year, which is double China's average.

However, the slow progress of jumbo jet

technology in China isn't keeping up with demand. Most jets now flying here were made by Airbus and Boeing.

So now, China is going to make its own jumbo jet.

Chen Jin, Marketing Head of China Commercial Aircraft Corp, said, "After years of research, the general blue print of our own jumbo jet is being made. We will start the detailed design next year."

Xinhua



Representatives from the Chinese Delegation "Confucian Culture In Africa" and the Confucius Institute at Kenya's University of Nairobi sign an memorandum of understanding in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, 19 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA



Brides and groomsmen attend a group wedding ceremony in Zepu, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, 19 Oct, 2010. A total of 100 couples of Uygur, Tajik and Han ethnics attended the group wedding ceremony.

XINHUA

Nicaragua to offer free harelip surgeries for children

MANAGUA, 20 Oct—Nicaraguan and US experts will perform free harelip surgeries for children in a public hospital in Managua, the hospital director said Tuesday.

Noel Larios said about 40 Nicaraguan and US doctors are expected to participate in the initiative in the Fernando Velez Paiz Hospital on 24-29 Oct.

Each surgery would last between two and five hours, and each surgery would cost about 5,000 US dollars, the director said.

The doctors would evaluate some 60 cases of children suffering from harelip conditions before the surgery, Larios said, adding that the expenses would be covered by the hospital.

"I called the families in the remote areas of the country, such as the Caribbean coast, and told them not to worry, because the hospital will cover the expenses of patients and one escort," Larios said.

The Nicaraguan Health Ministry, the Rotary Club of Managua and Healing the Children provided funds for the initiative, the director said.

Xinhua

Three killed, 25 injured in road mishap in central India

NEW DELHI, 20 Oct—At least three persons were killed and 25 injured in a road mishap in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday, a senior police official said.

According to the official, the mishap happened in Chindwara district when a bus in which the victims were travelling turned turtle after the driver lost control of the speeding vehicle.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world, with at least 100,000 killed on the road each year.

Xinhua

High-speed train unveiled in London

BEIJING, 20 Oct—German rail firm, Deutsche Bahn, has unveiled a high-speed train in London. It hopes to run services to Germany through the Channel Tunnel.

The ICE 3 train, which can hit 320 kilometers per hour, was on display at London's Saint Pancras station following safety tests.

Deutsche Bahn is aiming to operate

services from London to Frankfurt and Cologne by the end of 2013.

The German company aims to run services three times a day between London and Amsterdam and Frankfurt.

One 400-meter long train would travel to Brussels and then split with one half going on to Amsterdam and the other half travelling to Frankfurt via Cologne.

Xinhua



The new ICE German high speed train is seen after it arrived at St Pancras station in London, 19 October, 2010.—XINHUA

Thai flood causes \$34 million in damage to roads

BANGKOK, 20 Oct—Damage to roads caused by heavy floods now hitting Northeastern area is estimated at 1 billion baht (33.5 million US dollars) and to rail tracks at 17-18 million baht (569 million US dollars), transport minister said on Tuesday.

Transport Minister Sohpon Zarum said the ministry would cover the cost of repairs from its existing budget and would not have to wait for cabinet approval.—Xinhua



Mahouts ride elephants along a flooded road near the Lopburi River towards the Royal Elephant Kraal elephant sanctuary in Ayutthaya, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok 19 October, 2010.—XINHUA

Floods cause 70 mln USD in damage in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 20 Oct—Storms that drenched 13 provinces over the past 10 days caused an estimated 70 million US dollars in damage, destroyed thousands of hectares of rice paddy and killed at least eight people, local media reported on Tuesday, citing local officials.

"The first cost estimate may be almost half of last year's destruction caused by typhoon Ketsana, which was 131 million US dollars," the Cambodia Daily quoted Nhim Vanda, vice chairman for the National Committee for Disaster Management as saying.

He added that the 70 million US dollars would go toward rebuilding roads, irrigation system, bridges and villagers' homes.

"The most affected areas are Pursat province, Phnom Penh municipality and Banteay Meanchey province," Vanda said.—Xinhua

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Yangon. 21st October 2010

A golden frog (Atelopus zetequi) is seen in Panama. The golden frog is in risk of extinction due to a fungal infection.— INTERNET



Cold sores linked to fatal brain disease

LONDON, 20 Oct—Cold sores and chicken pox could be linked to many cases of potentially fatal encephalitis, a study suggests. Researchers investigating the causes of the brain condition found a strong association with the virus responsible for cold sores and sexually transmitted herpes.

The herpes simplex virus accounted for 19pc of infection-related encephalitis.

Other infectious triggers were identified as varicella zoster virus — which causes chicken pox and shingles — and tuberculosis bacteria. Encephalitis begins as a flu-like illness and can progress to deadly inflammation of the brain. Patients who survive may be left paralysed or develop movement disorders, muscle weakness, tremors and confusion.

Internet

Car surfing, ghost riding: teens fall for deadly games

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — "Car surfing" — on top of cars, "ghost riding" — with no one behind the wheel and "skitching" — riding a skateboard pulled by a moving vehicle — are a wide range of dangerous and potentially deadly activities catching fire with young people. "An injury even at those slow speeds can result in significant neurologic disability and even death," CBS News quoted Alan R Cohen as saying.

According to a CDC report between 1990 and 2008, 58 people died in car surfing accidents alone. Another 41 were injured. Injuries and deaths from ghost riding and skitching have never been counted, so the numbers are likely to be far worse.—Internet



People check out a piece from the exhibit "Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef" at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History on 14 October in Washington, DC. The exhibit is the work of some 800 women, and a few men too, who hope to draw attention to the plight of the world's coral reefs, which face stress, degradation and outright extinction because of damaging human activity. — INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (055)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RESTU VOY NO (055) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (133)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (133) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 21.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(6) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD

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Mountain goat 'kills hiker' in Olympic National Park

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — A hiker has died after being attacked by a mountain goat in the US state of Washington, officials have said. Robert Boardman was gored in the leg by the goat while out walking on Saturday with his wife and a friend on Klahhane Ridge in Olympic National Park. The 63-year-old was transported by US Coast Guard helicopter to a hospital in

Port Angeles, where he was pronounced dead.

Rangers later killed the goat, which was known for its aggressive behaviour. Barb Maynes, park spokeswoman, told the *Peninsula Daily News* that in the past rangers had tried "hazing" the ram - inducing it to be frightened of people - by shooting it with bean bags and throwing rocks. But there had been no reports of any incidents which would have warranted killing the goat, she added.

Witnesses said Mr Boardman, his wife and friend had stopped for lunch on Klahhane Ridge when the ram appeared and moved towards them. Mr Boardman tried to shoo the animal away but it instead attacked him.

Internet



Mountain goats usually stand about 3ft (0.9m) tall at the shoulder and can weigh up to 300lbs (136kg).— INTERNET

UN summit sends SOS on biodiversity

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — Delegates from all over the world are descending on Nagoya in Japan from Monday for talks considered crucial to sustaining the future of animal, plant and human life on Earth. For two weeks, delegates

at the 10th meeting (COP10) of the Convention on Biological Diversity will attempt to agree a 20-point plan for the next decade following the comprehensive failure of any government to meet previous targets set out in 2002.

"Nagoya is the main global event to communicate the value of nature and the costs of its loss to the whole world," Pavan Sukhdev, special advisor and head of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative told CNN.— Internet

The UN's biodiversity summit in Nagoya, Japan will set global targets for governments worldwide to protect ecosystems.

INTERNET





Incredible cube houses

Man accused of robbing same Indiana bank four times

Authorities have arrested a man who they believe robbed the same South Bend bank branch four times since late August. Federal prosecutors allege that 42-year-old William Easley robbed the 1st Source Bank on 23 Aug, 10 Sept, 5 Oct and Wednesday, taking about \$14,000 in all.

The *South Bend Tribune* reported Easley surrendered at the St Joseph County Jail early Saturday. A federal magistrate on Monday ordered him jailed until a preliminary hearing Thursday.

Authorities said that in each robbery the man entered the bank on the city's east side, brandishing what appeared to be a handgun. The robber wore a bandanna over his face, but tellers believed it was the same person.

A message seeking comment was left for Easley's defence attorney.

Dropped phone leaves man otherwise engaged in toilet

A Chinese man who got his arm stuck in a toilet pipe in an attempt to retrieve his dropped mobile phone was freed by rescuers, state television reported on Tuesday. When rescue workers arrived on the scene in Jiangsu Province in eastern China, they found the man crouched over the toilet in a bathroom stall, his entire arm submerged up to the shoulder in the drain.

Workers broke the porcelain bowl with crowbars and hammered the pipes, taking care not to injure the man, CCTV reported. After 10 minutes of work, the man was able to slowly remove his cut and bruised arm from the bowl and retrieve his waterlogged phone.

Nevada feline becomes world's longest domestic cat

A cat in Reno has broken the Guinness world record for world's longest domestic cat. *The Reno Gazette-Journal* reported that a 5-year-old Maine Coon named Stewie was certified as the new record holder after measuring 48 1/2 inches from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail bone. That's a little more than 4 feet long.

The record was previously held by another Maine Coon that measured 48 inches.

Stewie's owners, Robin Hendrickson and Erik Brandsness, said they decided to try for the record after hearing countless people say they were amazed by Stewie's length.

Hendrickson said Maine Coons are known as "the gentle giants" of the cat world.



A donkey cart passes through the main square of Shali with an abandoned fortress in the background in Siwa, Egypt, on 18 Oct, 2010. Located in the Libyan Desert, Egypt's Siwa Oasis is home to one of the Middle East's most ancient settlements.

Mass cleanup crew finds bag full of pot in river

Rocky Morrison thought he'd seen everything in his six years of pulling trash from the rivers of northeast Massachusetts. That was until Sunday, when he grabbed a plastic bag of marijuana floating in the Shawsheen River in Lawrence. Morrison calls the discovery "unusual."

Morrison, of Salem, NH, helps run the nonprofit Clean River

Project. He and his co-workers alerted police.

Lawrence police Chief John Romero tells *The Eagle-Tribune* that some of the pot had been packaged for street sale, and some was still in plant form. He estimated it weighed two pounds had a street value of \$2,000.

News Album

Donny and Marie Osmond to bring songs to Broadway



Donny Osmond, left, and Marie Osmond

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—He's a little bit rock 'n' roll, she's a little bit country. Together, they're going to be a whole lot of Broadway.

Donny and Marie Osmond will be appearing in a Christmas show at the Marriott Marquis Theatre starting 9 Dec. The 12-performance run ends 19 Dec.

The show, titled "Donny & Marie — A Broadway Christmas," marks the first time the siblings have shared a Broadway stage. They'll

be singing favorite hits and holiday songs with a live band.

Donny starred in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in Toronto for six years and made it to Broadway as Gaston in "Beauty & The Beast." Marie made her Broadway debut in 1997 as Anna in "The King and I" and toured as Maria in "The Sound of Music."—*Internet*



JK Rowling

'Harry Potter' author JK Rowling wins Danish award

COPENHAGEN, 21 Oct—"Harry Potter" author JK Rowling has won the Hans Christian Andersen Literature Prize.

She is the first recipient of the 500,000 kroner (\$93,352) award, which was handed out Tuesday at a ceremony in Odense, Andersen's hometown.

The prize is given to a person who can be compared with Andersen, the Danish writer who was born in 1805 and wrote some 160 fairy tales and poems before his death in 1875.

Rowling said the author of such classics as "The Little Mermaid" and the "The Ugly Duckling" had "created indestructible, eternal characters."

Internet

Celine Dion hospitalized as precaution

NEW YORK, 20 Oct—Celine Dion has been admitted to a Florida hospital to prevent the early delivery of her twins.

The superstar singer is at St Mary's Medical Centre in West Palm Beach Fla. The hospital said in a statement the admission was recommended to make sure she's near her doctors leading up to the babies' birth. Her rep said she is due to deliver



Celine Dion

the twins early next month.

Dion announced earlier this year that she's pregnant with two boys. She had tried for years to have more

children. She and her husband, Rene Angelil, are the parents of a 9-year-old son, Rene Charles.—*Internet*

Actress Michelle Lee attends a promotion event of *Leica* in Hong Kong, south China, 19 Oct, 2010.—*INTERNET*



Mel Gibson confirmed for 'The Hangover 2'

BEIJING, 20 Oct—Academy Award-winning actor Mel Gibson will be appearing in "The Hangover 2," media reported Tuesday.

The troubled actor "will make a cameo as a tattoo artist." Filming is taking place on the Warner Bros lot, where a Bangkok set has been built, and Mel is expected to film his role in two weeks.

"Then the production moves to Thailand at the end of October," according to the *New York Post*.

Most of the storyline details are still under wraps, but there have been web reports about the guys taking a trip to Thailand to attend a bachelor party.

"It takes place in Bangkok and L.A.," director Todd Phillips recently told *Empire* magazine. "There's gonna be some f—ed-up surprises."—*Xinhua*





Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo (right) salutes AC Milan's Ronaldinho before their Champions.—INTERNET

Mourinho keen to wrap up top spot early

MADRID, 20 Oct—Jose Mourinho could not hide his delight at Real Madrid's 2-0 Champions League Group G home win over AC Milan at the Santiago Bernabeu on Tuesday and now wants his side to win the group and, in theory, ensure a kind draw for the knockout phase.

Spanish league leaders Real made it a perfect three wins as two goals in as many minutes from Cristiano Ronaldo (13 min) and Mesut Ozil (14) clinched victory over Milan and the nine-time European champions are five points ahead of Milan and Ajax in Group G with three games to play.

"We have nine points but we want to be first in the group so we have to try and win the next games," said Mourinho. "We have the next two games away from home before finishing off at home to Auxerre.—INTERNET

AS Roma coach defiant despite home loss to Basel

ROME, 20 Oct—AS Roma coach Claudio Ranieri is in defiant mood despite his team suffering a humiliating 3-1 home defeat to unfancied FC Basel in the Champions League.

Roma now face a fight to make the knock-out rounds as they are level on three points after three games with both Basel and Romanians CFR Cluj, but with one less home game to come.

Ranieri is not giving up the fight, insisting that anything can still happen behind runaway Group E

leaders Bayern Munich, who have a maximum nine points.

And the former Chelsea, Juventus and Valencia boss ruled out any possibility of him throwing in the towel.—INTERNET



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Energetic Federer ready to conquer Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, 20 Oct—An energised Roger Federer on Tuesday pronounced himself fighting fit and ready to go as he plays the Stockholm Open for the first time in a decade, beginning his campaign on Thursday against American Taylor Dent.

"I'm excited to play straight after Shanghai," said the world number two, who lost in straight sets to Andy Murray in China at the weekend. "I have no jet-lag, (coach) Severin (Luthi) and the family are here.

"I had a perfect sleep, I feel energised. I was not too tired after the final and I didn't have any crazy-hard matches last week, I feel very confident I will be in perfect shape when I start."

Federer is keen to end his season on a high note over the next six weeks with four events including Stockholm, Basel, Paris and the London year-end finals to go.—INTERNET



Switzerland's tennis star Roger Federer

Chelsea beat Spartak in Champions League

MOSCOW, 20 Oct—English Premier League champions Chelsea maintained their 100percent record in this season's Champions' League with a 2-0 win over the hosts Spartak Moscow here on Tuesday.

Yury Zhirkov and Nicolas Anelka both scored for the visitors to record their third successive win and inflict Spartak's first defeat of the campaign.

It was a happier result for the English side than their last appearance here when they lost on penalties to Manchester United



Nicolas Anelka of Chelsea celebrates his goal during the Champions League Group F football match.—INTERNET

in the 2008 Champions League final.

"We played very good before the break and scored two goals," Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti said. "In the second half Spartak managed to come back and created several chances but we still were in control.

INTERNET

Megastar Beckham set for Australian exhibition

SYDNEY, 20 Oct—Football megastar David Beckham will play a one-off exhibition match with LA Galaxy against Australia's Newcastle Jets next month in a major coup for the club, officials said on Wednesday.

The ex-Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder, one of the world's top-earning sportsmen, will headline the November 27 fixture at the Jets' modest 26,000-capacity stadium north of Sydney.

"This is fantastic news for football fans and for tourism in the Hunter (Valley)," said the region's state MP,



Football megastar David Beckham

Jodi McKay.

"The phenomenal global interest in David Beckham, World Cup hero Landon Donovan and the LA Galaxy team means Newcastle and the Jets will be in the spotlight for sports enthusiasts from around the world."

The ambitious bid was revealed on Tuesday, just days after the former A-League champions were rescued from financial ruin by youthful coal tycoon Nathan Tinkler, 34.—INTERNET

Marseille edge Zilina to record first win

MARSEILLE, 20 Oct—French champions Marseille beat Slovakian side MSK Zilina 1-0 here on Tuesday to record their first win and pick up their first points in the Champions League this season.

Souleymane Diawara's 48th-minute header was enough to keep alive Marseille's hopes of reaching the knockout stage for the first time since they won the competition with present coach Didier Deschamps as captain in 1993.

"We could have scored more goals," said Deschamps.

INTERNET



Marseille's forward Loic Remy (L) vies with MSK Zilina's defender Vladimir Leitner (R). INTERNET

Champions League results on 19 October

Champions League - Group E

AS Roma	1 - 3	Basel
Bayern Munich	3 - 2	CFR Cluj

Champions League - Group F

Spartak Moscow	0 - 2	Chelsea
Marseille	1 - 0	Zilina

Champions League - Group G

Ajax Amsterdam	2 - 1	Auxerre
FTReal Madrid	2 - 0	AC Milan

Champions League - Group H

Arsenal	5 - 1	Shakhtar Donetsk
FTBraga	2 - 0	Partizan Belgrade

S P O R T S

Wenger rules out Rooney raid after Gunners romp

LONDON, 20 Oct—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger ruled out entering the race to sign Wayne Rooney after watching the Gunners turn on a dazzling display of goalscoring. The Gunners swept aside Shakhtar Donetsk 5-1 at the Emirates on Tuesday to go three points clear at the top of Group H and leave themselves within touching distance of the knockout rounds.

The rout means Arsenal have now racked up an incredible 14 goals in three games. And with an embarrassment of attacking riches either left on the substitutes bench or still to return from injury, Wenger said there was no chance of trying to lure want-a-away Manchester United striker Rooney.—INTERNET



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The long road to a PGA Tour card

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 20 Oct—David Duval flunked Q-school twice, and both times came away feeling good about himself. Because at least he tried.

The question is how many others, who haven't achieved nearly as much, will even bother.

Duval was one of those can't-miss college stars — he had the 54-hole lead at a PGA Tour event as an amateur — but in his first attempt to get on tour, he failed miserably. He didn't even make the 72-hole cut for the final two rounds of qualifying school.—INTERNET



File photo shows David Duval, left, and John Daly walking in the rough. INTERNET

- ★ 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

Yazagyo Dam, prospect for development of Myittha Basin

Article & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*



An aerial view of a saddle dyke at Yazagyo Dam.

Relentless efforts are being made in conducting feasibility studies for utilization of water and land resources for development of the State economy. At present, Yazagyo Dam construction project is being implemented to irrigate 6500 acres of farm-

lands for development of Myittha River Basin and generating 4 megawatts of hydropower.

According to the Special Projects Implementation Committee Meeting 2/2004 held on 27 (See page 10)

Low pressure area likely to intensify into moderate storm

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 12.30 pm today, the low pressure area still exists in the mid-east of the Bay of Bengal and it is likely to intensify into a moderate storm in 24 hours from this noon.

Under the influence of the low pressure area, rain or thunderstorms are likely to be widespread in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Yangon Region, Magway Region and Mandalay Region, with likelihood of isolated squalls in Delta, along Rakhine coast and in deep sea with moderate to large tidal waves. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 mph.

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Hlawgar Park to be kept open on Fullmoon Day, first Waning of Thadingyut

YANGON, 20 Oct—Hlawgar Park of Forest Department opens from 8 am to 5 pm daily. But, it will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 23 October (fullmoon day of Thadingyut) and 24 October for public recreation. Two Sight Seeing Buses will ply from Hledan bus stop (Pyay Road) to Hlawgar Park from 7:30 am to 6 pm (from Hledan to Hlawgar Park at 7 am, 8 am and 10 am and from Hlawgar Park to Hledan at 3 pm, 5 pm and 6 pm). For more information, dial 600052, 600054 and 600055.

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