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Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence meets Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton growers in Minhla Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence in company with Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Soe Htut and party visited the local station in Paungde, Pyay District on 19 October.

At the briefing hall of six-acre model field of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton in Ottwin Village,

Minhla Township, Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence heard a report on cultivation target and progress in cultivation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton.

Maj-Gen Hla Min then inspected cotton, cotton wool and sample of pesticides and gave instructions to cotton growers. He looked into the cotton fields and left necessary instructions to officials concerned.—MNA

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

Motkhar Dam to boost agricultural production in west of Bago Yoma

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A bulldozer at work in building of spillway of Motkhar Dam Project.

In order to speed up development momentum in west of Bago Yoma and to irrigate about 1000 acres of farmlands, Motkhar Dam is under construction in Minhla Township, Bago Region.

Motkhar creek originates from Bago Yoma, and Yoethaythay Creek and other small creeks flow into it. Motkhar Dam is located between Kantinbelin Dam and

Minhla Dam. It will be adjacent to those irrigated areas.

The main purpose of building Motkhar Dam is to irrigate about 1000 acres of farmlands and to help contribute to the development of the region.

Motkhar Dam construction project is situated to the north of Bantkwaygon Village in Minhla Township, west of Bago Yoma. It is of earthen type facility which is 80

feet high and 470 feet long. It can store 24,100 acres feet of water and will irrigate 1000 acres of farmlands. In the east and the west of Bago Region, diversion dams and dams are being built. Motkhar Dam will be in the cluster of dams in the west of Bago Region. After completion, the irrigated areas of Motkhar Dam will be adjacent to that of surrounding dams. So, it would contribute much to boosting the agricultural production. The region has

average annual rainfall of 67.44 inches and there will be much inflow of water.

The farmers there are to grow quality strains with the use of advanced agricultural methods. After the dam is completed, local farmers can further boost production of crops, especially paddy through mixed- and multiple-cropping patterns.

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A tipper lorry and an excavator seen at spillway construction of Motkhar Dam Project.



PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 23 October, 2010

Thadingyut Fullmoon Day, Abhidhamma Day

Today, Thadingyut Fullmoon Day or Abhidhamma Day, is a day of religious significance for Buddhist devotees around the world, making the end of Buddhist raining season retreat. Myanmar month Thadingyut falls between the end of the rainy season and the beginning of the cold season.

In Thadingyut, five species of lotus flowers are in full bloom in lakes. Sweet smells of jasmine and water-lily flowers are spread out throughout surrounding areas. On Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Buddhists hold Lighting Festival as a gesture of hailing the period during which the Buddha returned from Tavatimsa Celestial Kingdom to Human Abode.

On His seventh Vassa (seven years) of enlightenment, the Buddha, out of compassion for the devas and brahmas, went to the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial Abode) and preached the Abhidhamma Pitaka (Basket of Ultimate things) on His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva for a full three months from Waso Fullmoon Day to Thadingyut Fullmoon Day.

Abhidhamma, the beginning of which is Kusala Dhamma, Akusala Dhamma, is the most surpassing discourse among the Teachings of the Buddha. One can purify one's mind from defilements such as greed, anger and ignorance and keep calm while listening to or reciting Abhidhamma discourse.

The Buddha preached Abhidhamma discourse as a result of the perfections he had fulfilled for four sanchas and 100,000 aeons successively.

On such an auspicious day, Abhidhamma discourse is being preached across the nation. Therefore, Buddhists are exhorted to spend whole Thadingyut Fullmoon Day reciting Abhidhamma discourse, making charities, observing precepts and performing meditation to achieve good results in this very life and next existences.

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Fishery inspectors course (4) concludes

YANGON, 22 Oct—The Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held the closing ceremony of fishery inspectors course No. 4 at the Institute of

Fishery Science in West Gyotgon, Insein Township, here, this morning.

Director-General of the Fisheries Department U Khin Ko Lay addressed the

ceremony and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

The deputy director-general and directors awarded outstanding trainees.

Twenty-four staff from states and regions took the six-week course.

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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

A&I Minister receives Japanese, Italian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received a four-member delegation led by Executive director Mr Hiroshi Watanabe of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) from Japan at the ministry here on 20 October.

At the call, both sides discussed boosting agricultural production.

In the evening, the minister also met President Madam Donatella Zingone Dini



Minister U Htay Oo receives Executive Director Mr Hiroshi Watanabe of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization of Japan.—MNA

of Zeta Group from Italy meeting focused on based industries and establishment of agro-coffee growing.—MNA

Chinese guests call on EP. 1 Minister



NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min received Group President Mr Fan Jixiang of Sino Hydro Corporation of the People's Republic of China and party at the ministry here this morning.

The minister and the Chinese guests discussed cooperation in implementing hydropower projects.

MNA

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min receives Group President Mr Fan Jixiang of Sino Hydro Corporation of the PRC.

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Foodstuff and Offertories Donated : Mo Asia Co Ltd-Dumex donates foodstuff and offertories worth K 350,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Associate Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi on 22 October. —MNA

Vietnam says military base not available to other countries

Moscow, 22 Oct— Vietnam would not lease out the Cam Ranh military base to foreign countries, the country's ambassador to Russia said Thursday.

"We are again confirming our position. We will not cooperate with foreign countries in operating the Cam Ranh base. It will be used exclusively for internal purposes," he was quoted as saying by the Russian media.

Russia recently suggested revamping a military base in Vietnam at the port of Cam Ranh as highly important for the Russian ships base reconstruction.

In 1979, Moscow and Hanoi signed an agreement on using the port by Russian ships for free for 25 years.

In 2002, two years before the agreement expired, Vietnam proposed a 300 million US dollar payment as the annual lease for the base. In the same year, Russia refused to prolong the agreement and withdrew its servicemen from the base.

The port is situated over 4,000 km away Russia's Far Eastern city of Vladivostok.—Xinhua

Chavez visits Syria on tour to counter US sway



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, left, waves to journalists as he stands next to the Syrian President Bashar Assad, right, at the Syrian presidential palace, in Damascus, Syria, Thursday 21 Oct, 2010.
INTERNET

DAMASCUS, 22 Oct—On the Mideast leg of an international tour, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Thursday that he and his Syrian counterpart are "on the offensive" against Western imperialism.

The trip underscores the forces that complicate Washington's battle for influence in Syria, which is under US sanctions because the State Department considers it a sponsor of terrorism. Despite US outreach, Syria has remained close to Iran and the militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah, while building ties with Venezuela. In Damascus, Chavez said that he and Syrian President Bashar Assad are building ties "to accelerate the fall of (US) imperialist hegemony and the birth of the new world of equilibrium and peace."

"We're on the offensive," Chavez said. "We're building an alternative." The two also discussed a proposed oil project and signed several economic agreements.

Chavez arrived in Syria on Wednesday from Teheran, where he and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said they are united in efforts to establish a "new world order" that will eliminate Western dominance over global affairs.—Internet

Key ruling due in NYC ground zero tower fire case

NEW YORK, 22 Oct— The three men charged in the deaths of two firefighters in a blaze at a contaminated, condemned skyscraper at ground zero say they're scapegoats. Prosecutors say the men are to blame for disregarding and covering up a major safety hazard.

A judge was expected to rule Friday on whether to toss out manslaughter and other charges against Mitchel Alvo, Salvatore DePaola and Jeffrey Melofchik. They are the only people facing criminal charges after a fire that led city officials to acknowledge oversight mistakes.

Alvo, 58, DePaola, 56, Melofchik, 48, and the John Galt Corp, which was helping to take down the former Deutsche Bank building, have pleaded not

guilty. If convicted, the men could face up to 15 years in prison.

The building was heavily damaged and filled with toxic debris when the World Trade Centre's south tower collapsed into it on 11 Sept, 2001. A laborious process of dismantling the now government-owned building has taken years. On 18 Aug, 2007, a construction worker's careless smoking sparked a fire that tore through several stories of the building. Firefighters contended with a roster of hazards, including deactivated sprinklers, blocked stairwells, an air system that was supposed to control toxins but ended up concentrating smoke, and a break in a crucial firefighting water pipe called a standpipe.

Internet

Bomb attack kills six Pakistani soldiers



Pakistani paramilitary soldiers search a vehicle on a street in the city of Karachi on 19 October.

INTERNET

PESHAWAR, 22 Oct—A bomb attack killed six Pakistani soldiers in one of the most lawless parts of the country's northwestern tribal belt on Friday,

security officials said, the third deadly attack this week.

The spate of killings of paramilitary troops in the tribal belt follows a relative lull in violence as the military and government focused on relief efforts for 20 million people hit by catastrophic floods.

Washington has branded the tribal belt a global headquarters of Al-Qaeda and wants Pakistan to do more to fight militants streaming across its border into Afghanistan, pressing its ally on the issue during talks this week.

The device exploded as the convoy was moving through the Yakh Kandaw area of Orakzai, one of the districts where Taliban militants have fled after punishing offensives elsewhere in the northwest.

"Frontier Corps troops were on a routine patrol in upper Orakzai when an IED (improvised explosive device) blast took place in Yakh Kandaw," the district's political administrator, Abdul Qadir, said.

Internet



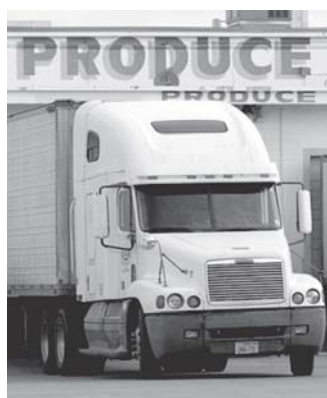
File photo, a fire that claimed the lives of two firefighters burns in the former Deutsche Bank building, a ground zero tower damaged and contaminated by toxic debris during the 11 Sept attacks, in New York. A judge is expected to rule, 22 Oct, 2010, on a request to dismiss a manslaughter case stemming from the deadly fire.

INTERNET

Tainted celery sickens at least 6 in Texas; 4 die

SAN ANTONIO, 22 Oct— Texas health officials have shut down a processing plant linked to contaminated celery that sickened at least six people this year, four of whom died, and ordered the recall of all of the produce that passed through the plant since January. SanGar Produce & Processing Co. issued the recall Wednesday after its plant in San Antonio was shuttered. The Texas Department of State Health Services traced six of 10 known cases of listeriosis in the state during an eight month period to celery processed there. The agency is investigating the origins of the other four cases, which include one death.

Health inspectors found problems with sanitation at the plant, including a condensation leak over a food



A truck is seen in front of the SanGar food processing plant in San Antonio Oct. 21, 2010. Texas health officials investigating five deaths have closed the facility and ordered a recall of all products shipped from there since January.
INTERNET

production area. The health department is trying to determine who the now-recalled produce was sold to and whether it was used in other products. The agency recommends that customers throw out or return all SanGar products.

Internet

Taleban elements found in South Korea

SEOUL, 22 Oct— Taleban elements have illegally entered South Korea, local media reported Friday citing an unidentified intelligence source.

South Korea's intelligence authorities, in collaboration with Interpol, seized a vessel carrying strategic weapons material heading to the

Palestinian territories, and are now running after Taleban militants in the country, Seoul Newspaper said.

The Taleban members targeted South Korea due to its lack of systematic control of strategic weapons, the newspaper said.

Xinhua

Science

Moon crash kicks up ice, silver, mercury

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct— A rocket sent crashing into the Moon last year kicked up several hundred pounds (kg) of water, silver, mercury and other surprising chemicals, scientists reported on Thursday.

The U.S. space agency NASA sent the rocket to the permanently shadowed moon crater Cabeus last October to see what would, literally, pop up.

Several reports published in the journal Science show some surprising findings, including a large amount of water in the form of ice, carbon monoxide, ammonia and the silvery metals.

“This place looks like it’s a treasure chest of elements, of compounds that have been released all over the Moon and they’ve been put in this bucket in the permanent shadows,” planetary geologist Peter Schultz of Brown University in Rhode Island said in a statement. During the mission, called LCROSS for Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, the rocket was sent crashing into the dark and freezing crater and instruments on the satellite measured the spectra of light in the dust kicked up.—Reuters

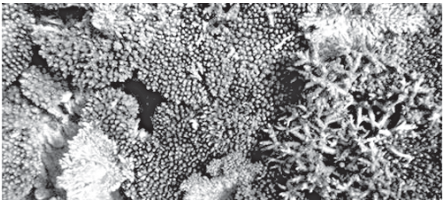


A 2009 image shows the area of the moon where a rocket struck a crater, creating a plume that yielded a trove of new data.—INTERNET

Coral die-off may be the worst ever

CANBERRA, 22 Oct— Huge swathes of coral in Southeast Asian and Indian Ocean reefs have died in what scientists say may be “the worst such event known to science.” Scientists from the Australian Research Centre and James Cook University say coral cover in the region could drop from an average of 50 percent to about 10 percent and will take years to recover, striking at local fishing and regional tourism industries, ScienceDaily.com reported Thursday.

“It is certainly the worst coral die-off we have seen since 1998. It may prove to be the worst such event known to science,” Andrew Baird of the ARC said. “So far



corals

around 80 percent of Acropora colonies and 50 percent of colonies from other species have died since the outbreak began in May this year.”

One of the areas hit by the die-off is the richest marine biodiversity zone on the planet known as the Coral Triangle, which is bounded by Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. “Although the Coral Triangle is the richest region for corals on Earth, it relies on other regions around its fringes to supply the coral spawn and fish larvae that help keep it so rich,” Baird said. “So there are both direct and indirect effects on CT reefs which will affect their ability to recover from future disturbance.”

The bleaching event was triggered by a large pool of super-hot water moving into the eastern Indian Ocean region several months ago, shocking the corals and causing them to shed the symbiotic algae that nourish them, thereby losing color and “bleaching.”

Internet

Microbes helping in gulf spill

CAMBRIDGE, 22 Oct—Microbes in the Gulf of Mexico may be consuming more of the gases spewed from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill than previously thought, researchers say. Research carried out before the oil rig exploded and gushed more than 200 million gallons of crude into the gulf measured the anaerobic oxidation of methane, a major component of the spill, by microbes living in brine pools on the sea floor, ScienceDaily.com reported Thursday. “Because of the ample oil and gas reserves under the Gulf of Mexico, slow seepage is a natural part of the ecosystem,” Peter R Girguis, a professor of biology at Harvard University, says.

“Entire communities have arisen on the seafloor that depend on these seeps. Our analysis shows that within these communities, some microbes consume methane 10 to 100 times faster than we’ve previously realized.”

In research conducted within 100 miles of where the spill would occur, scientists measured methane concentrations in brine pools surrounding gas seeps at the bottom of the gulf.—Internet

Technology

China unveils its own version of Google Earth

BEIJING, 22 Oct—A Chinese government body has released its own online mapping service, designed to compete with Google Earth’s popular satellite mapping service, that could spell more trouble for Google’s services in the mainland.

Google and China have been at odds since last year, when a serious hacking attack originating from China prompted Google to ultimately withdraw its search service from the mainland.

“Map World” was unveiled by the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping on Thursday, and can be accessed via www.tianditu.cn. The home page features an expansive view of the Great Wall of China, capped by clouds in the shape of the continents.

Google had not applied for a Web mapping license in China, the English-language paper said, but Google’s mapping service is accessible from computers on the mainland. Regulations issued by the bureau in May required companies providing online map and location services to apply for a license. In order to apply, firms would have to keep map servers storing data within the country.—Reuters

Rhinos equipped with GPS tracking



The device is implanted in the inert part of the rhino’s horn. INTERNET

JOHANNESBURG, 22 Oct— Five rhinos in South Africa have been “wired” with Global Position System devices to help protect them from poachers, wildlife officials say.

Each of the animals in the country’s North West province had a GPS chip fitted into a small hole drilled in the inert or dead part of its horn, the BBC reported Thursday. As well as GPS tracking, the devices are equipped with alarm systems to alert game wardens at the Mafikeng Game Reserve of unusual movement or if a rhino is outside of the park. “It’s basically a satellite system which

connects with the cellphone system and we can monitor the animals on whatever time delay we want,” Rusty Hustler, head of security for North West Parks Board, said. “There are a number of alarms that can be programmed: one for excessive movement, so if the rhino starts running, and another that goes off if the rhino sleeps for longer than six hours, which is abnormal,” Hustler said. An alarm also sounds if the chip goes outside of the area of the game reserve, and a reaction team in the park would be able to track and quickly reach the animal.—Internet

Asia, Europe face wait for Sony’s Google TV

TOKYO, 22 Oct—Sony plans to introduce its Web-surfing Google TV in Europe and Asia but customers may have to wait more than a year and even longer if they’re in China, a senior executive said Thursday.

Sony’s new TV sets, developed with Google Inc the Internet company based in Mountain View, California, went on sale last week in the US, with recommended retail prices from \$600 to \$1,400.

Yoshihisa Ishida, a senior vice president who oversees the Japanese electronics and entertainment company’s TV business, said Google’s precarious relations with the Chinese government make the TV’s introduction there more challenging than in Japan and Europe.

But adaptations in services are a must to offer the product in Europe and Japan as well and he gave no date. When asked if it could be promised within 2011, he said it couldn’t.

“We want to sell it as soon as possible,” Ishida said. “But I

cannot give a date now.”

He was hopeful about the Chinese market because of its sheer size and number of Internet users, but said some obstacles remain for its going on sale there.

Google pulled its search engine from China in March, in protest at censorship, and its future in that nation remains uncertain. “It’s a big market,” Ishida said. “We want to be able to offer it in China in some form.”

Internet



Sony Product Planning Department staff Tatsuya Yokoyama, left, and Product Planner Toshihiko Fushimi unveil Sony’s Web-surfing Google TV in Tokyo, on 21 Oct, 2010. Sony plans to introduce its Web-linked TV sets, developed with Google Inc., in nations other than the US but they may have to wait more than a year, especially in China, said Thursday.—INTERNET

Health

Low testosterone ups early death risk

SHEFFIELD, 22 Oct — British researchers link low testosterone levels in younger men to a higher risk of premature death from heart disease.

Chris Malkin of Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, England, and colleagues say their finding refutes conventional wisdom that testosterone is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

The study, published in the journal *Heart*, found twice as many men with low testosterone died as

did those with normal levels. One in five of those with low testosterone died, compared with one in eight of those with normal levels during the monitoring period.

The researchers base their findings on 930 men, all of whom had coronary artery heart disease and had been referred to a specialist heart centre between 2000 and 2002. Their heart health was then tracked for around seven years.

Testosterone deficiency was defined by

either a level of bioavailable testosterone — available for tissues to use — of under 2.6 millimoles per liter or a level of total testosterone of under 8.1 millimoles per liter. These measures showed testosterone deficiency — referred to as hypogonadism — as opposed to lowering levels of the hormone as a result of aging.

One in four of the men was classified as having low testosterone using these measurements.

Internet



Low doses of aspirin, taken daily and over the long term, cut cases of colorectal cancer by a quarter and the death toll from this disease by a third, according to a study published online on Friday by The Lancet.

INTERNET

Low-dose aspirin slashes colon cancer risk

PARIS, 22 Oct — Low doses of aspirin, taken daily and over the long term, cut cases of colorectal cancer by a quarter and the death toll from this disease by a third, according to a study published online on Friday by *The Lancet*.

Aspirin is already recommended in low, daily doses by many doctors for patients at risk of a heart attack or a stroke. High doses of this cheap, over-the-counter medication have similarly been found to help prevent cancer of the rectum and colon. But, studies have also found, the benefits may well be outweighed by the risks, such as increased bleeding from high aspirin use.

Eager to verify whether low doses can also be protective, researchers followed up four trials in Britain and Sweden, conducted in the

1980s or early 1990s, on the cardiovascular impacts of aspirin.

The study entailed looking over centralised data banks to see whether volunteers in these trials had since died or been diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

On average, the trials lasted six years, entailing volunteers who took either aspirin or a dummy lookalike pill called a placebo. The doses ranged up to 1,200 mg. Out of 14,033 patients whose health could be traced 18 years or so since the trial, 391 had colorectal cancer, the investigators found.

Taking aspirin reduced the risk of cancer by 24 percent and the risk of dying from it by 35 percent.

The results were consistent across all four trials — and there was no increase in benefits beyond a dose of 75 mg.

Internet

Inflammatory bowel linked to vitamin D

SAN ANTONIO, 22 Oct — A US researcher warns patients with inflammatory bowel disease may be low on vitamin D and also be at risk for bone loss. Dr Bincy Abraham of Baylor College of Medicine at Baylor College in Houston says it is vital patients with

inflammatory bowel disease to be evaluated for vitamin D nutritional deficiency that may be putting these patients at greater risk of osteoporosis, osteopenia and an overall higher rate of abnormal bone density.

Abraham and colleagues measured bone density using dual-energy

X-ray absorptiometry in 161 inflammatory bowel disease patients and found a reduction in bone density with a diagnosis of osteoporosis or osteopenia in 22 percent 50 percent of whom were age 50 and under. “Inflammatory bowel disease patients with an abnormal bone density exam had a significantly

higher rate of Vitamin D deficiency than those who had normal dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry scans,” Abraham says in a statement.

The study findings were presented at the American College of Gastroenterology’s 75th annual scientific meeting in San Antonio.

Internet

Business

Nokia to cut 1,800 jobs as net profit euro529 million

HELSINKI, 22 Oct — Nokia Corp is moving quickly to restructure its lagging smart phone business under new CEO Stephen Elop, announcing Thursday it will lay off 1,800 people even as third-quarter earnings bounced back from a year-ago loss. The world’s largest mobile phone maker reported third-quarter net profit of euro529 million (\$733 million). The profit compares to a net loss of euro559 million in the third quarter last year. Net sales in the quarter grew 5 percent to euro10.2 billion. Nokia’s profits were stronger than expected and its stock jumped 7 percent to euro8.25 (\$11.44) in Helsinki.

The company said it was cutting jobs as it shakes up product development in its Symbian smart phone business as it struggles to cope with competition from Apple’s iPhone, Research In Motion’s Blackberry and Google Inc’s Android software. Nokia employs about 131,500 people, with 66,000 of those at its Nokia Siemens Networks joint venture. —Internet



Nokia’s Research Centre in Helsinki, October 2007. The world’s top mobile phone maker Nokia reported a return to profit in the third quarter, posting an unexpectedly strong net figure of 529 million euros but revised down its market share for 2010. —INTERNET



The sign at San Francisco Toyota car dealership is shown in San Francisco. Toyota Motor Corp said on 21 Oct, 2010 it is recalling 1.53 million Lexus, Avalon and other models, mostly in the US and Japan, for brake fluid and fuel pump problems.

INTERNET

Toyota recalling 1.5 million cars as woes go on

DETROIT, 22 Oct — Just when Toyota thought its safety problems were over, they flare up all over again.

Less than a year after it was tarnished by reports of runaway cars, the automaker recalled 1.5 million vehicles Thursday to address brake-fluid and fuel-pump troubles, drawing new attention to safety issues that have festered inside the company for years. The world’s No 1 carmaker said there were no accidents or injuries connected to the latest recall, which covers some Lexus and Toyota models from the 2004 to 2006 model years, mostly in the US and Japan.

For Toyota, the latest recalls hurt the company’s image just as it tries to clear up old problems, said Jean-Pierre Dube, a marketing professor at the University of Chicago. Some previous braking and acceleration problems were blamed on driver error, he noted, but these problems were because of deterioration of parts.

Internet

G20 officials pour cold water on US trade target plan

GYEONGJU, 22 Oct — An agreement to tackle economic imbalances and fend off the prospect of damaging currency devaluations looked set to evade global financial leaders at the G20 meeting in South Korea. G20 finance officials started their formal meetings on Friday with nations from the developing world and Japan dismissing US proposals to set caps on current account balances in a bid to defuse tensions over currencies that economists fear could trigger trade wars. “We need to talk about it first, but numerical targets are unrealistic,” Japanese Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda said on Friday.

The best the meeting could hope for, officials said, was a firmer statement on avoiding competitive currency devaluations, a measure that could boost the dollar,

although officials indicated there would not be any significant hardening of rhetoric. “The reference to avoiding ‘competitive currency undervaluation’ as a goal between big economies is not new but appeared in a previous G20 meeting in the UK. It will likely appear again in the communique this time,” a senior G20 negotiator who spoke on condition of anonymity told *Reuters*.

The US dollar index, which measures the dollar’s performance against a basket of six major currencies, was down 0.12 percent, near a low for the year struck last Friday and currency strategists said there would be further weakness if the G20 disappointed.

Reuters

Hundreds sent to battle Indonesian forest fires



File photo shows a farmer fighting a fire on Batam island in Sumatra, Indonesia. Indonesia has sent hundreds of fire fighters to battle blazes on Sumatra island which have enveloped Singapore and Malaysia in choking haze, senior officials said Friday.—INTERNET

JAKARTA, 22 Oct—Indonesia has sent hundreds of fire fighters to battle blazes on Sumatra island which have enveloped Singapore and Malaysia in choking haze, senior officials said Friday.

Many of the fires smouldering across Sumatra have been lit by small landholders to clear trees from areas of peatland in order to grow oil palm or other crops.

“We have been making efforts to contain the fires. It’s very difficult in the peatland areas,” Forestry Minister Zulkilfi Hasan told reporters.

Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo phoned his Indonesian counterpart Marty Natalegawa earlier Friday to formally raise the city state’s concerns about severe air pollution, and offer its help to control the fires.

Natalegawa “assured Minister Yeo that Indonesia would address the haze problem, adding that many Indonesians in Sumatra are also affected,” the Singapore foreign ministry statement said. Air pollution in Singapore spiked to unhealthy levels Thursday.—*Internet*

Mexico arrests man accused of detonating car bomb



Federal police present 13 alleged drug cartel members to the press in Mexico City, on 21 Oct, 2010. —INTERNET

MEXICO CITY, 22 Oct—Federal police announced Thursday that they arrested a gang member who detonated the first successful car bomb by Mexican drug cartels, an attack that killed three

people in the border city of Ciudad Juarez.

Fernando Contreras used a cell phone to set off the bomb that killed a federal police officer and two civilians 15 June, said Luis Cardenas Palomino,

the regional federal police chief.

The bomb exploded after police and paramedics arrived on a street corner to help a wounded man, adding a new dimension of terror in Ciudad Juarez, which has become one of the world’s deadliest cities amid a turf war between the Sinaloa and Juarez drug cartels.

Cardenas Palomino said that after the attack, Contreras was sent to Chihuahua city — the capital of the state by the same name—as the leader there for La Linea drug gang allied with the Juarez drug cartel.

Internet

Congo plane crashes into gorilla park; two dead

KINSHASA, 22 Oct —A Congolese official says two people died when their small plane crashed into a gorilla park in eastern Congo.

Provincial Transportation Minister Laban Kashande says the small cargo plane crashed in Kahuzi-Biega National Park, which is home to endangered eastern lowland gorillas. He says Thursday’s crash killed the Filipino pilot and his Congolese co-pilot. UN Radio says there were no survivors.

Kashande says the plane was owned by a local airliner called Starec Congo and was carrying some 3,300 pounds (1,500 kilograms) of commercial goods.—*Internet*

Four killed in small plane crash in California

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct—Four people were killed when a small airplane crashed in southern California of the United States on Thursday, authorities said.

The crash, which was reported shortly after noon, set off a fire to a small barn in the center of Agua Dulce, a small town with a population of 4,000 in northern Los Angeles County. It was not immediately clear if the people killed were aboard the plane or on the ground, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Don Kunitom said. Three horses were also killed in the fire, he added.

Xinhua



An emergency worker walks an “injured” student to the triage area during The Great California ShakeOut at Providence High School in Burbank, California. A California school put on a graphic display Thursday of what will happen when not if the Big One hits this earthquake-prone western US state.

INTERNET

One American injured in blast in downtown Beijing

BEIJING, 22 Oct—An American was injured in an explosion near a subway station in downtown Beijing Thursday afternoon, police confirmed late Thursday.

The blast happened at 3:20 pm Thursday beside a newspaper stand near the Dongzhimen subway station in

Dongcheng District, police said in a press release.

Police said a 30-year-old American studying in China, who happened to pass by, was slightly injured in the leg and had been rushed to a nearby hospital.

Police are investigating the cause of the blast.—*Xinhua*

Policemen inspect the explosion site in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 Oct, 2010. An explosion happened beside Dongzhimenwai Street in Beijing on the afternoon of 21 Oct, leaving a national of the United States slightly injured in a leg.—XINHUA

California braces for the Big One with fake quake

BURBANK, 22 Oct—With choppers clattering in the sky above, bloodstained students watch in shock as blaring ambulances screech into the schoolyard, disgorging paramedics with medicine packs and gurneys.

At least that’s what it looked like, as one California school put on a graphic display Thursday of what will happen when not if the Big One hits this earthquake-prone western US state.

Nearly eight million Californians were signed up for Thursday’s drill, the most ever, after 6.9 million took part last

year. Thousands of schools, businesses and other organizations took part.

The show was given added drama as a real 6.9 temblor struck a few hundred miles to the south, in Mexico’s Baja California peninsula, although nothing was felt over the border in the US.

“At some point our luck is going to run out,” said leading seismologist Lucy Jones of the US Geological Survey after the fake quake put on by Providence High School in the film-making town of Burbank just north of Los Angeles.

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43 Taleban suspects arrested in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 Oct—Pakistani police arrested at least 43 suspects on charges of keeping connection with Taleban militants in the southwest Balochistan Province, police sources told *Xinhua*.

The arrest had been made by security forces on Thursday evening during a raid in Kuchlak, an outskirt of provincial capital Quetta, in an attempt to ensure security in the province plagued by militancy and terrorism.

The suspects were allegedly involved in extortion, land mafia and other petty crimes, and they are being questioned, an official said.

A senior police officer confirmed that majority of the detained are Afghan refugees. Balochistan shares a long border with Afghanistan and Iran.

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The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma

(The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavarana Day)

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma (the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavarana Day) falls on 23rd October in the year 2010.

In the fourth week, after attaining the enlightenment, the Buddha began to contemplate and review the Dhamma (the truth). He had realized near the Bodhi tree. On His seventh Vassa (Seven Years) of enlightenment, the Buddha, out of compassion for the devas and brahmas, went to the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) where he preached the Abhidhamma Pitaka (Basket of Ultimate things) for a full three months to His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva, and also to the other devas and brahmas assembled there, hoping to make them realize the four ultimate things for which a Knowledge of Abhidhamma is absolutely necessary because it deals with the highest and ultimate sense of things springing into being as facts as distinct from mere names.

After preaching Abhidhamma (Ultimate Truth) to His deceased mother, Santusita Deva and other devas and brahmas for a full three months, the Buddha returned to the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. According to the Pali Text, three decorated stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa town on earth were created as a token of paying deep homage to the Buddha who returned to the human abode. The Buddha took the middle stairway accompanied by Devas and Brahmas who took right stairway and left stairway. All Devas and Brahmas from the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) paid deep homage to the Omniscient Buddha for a full three months from 1st Waning of Waso to Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. According to the Vinaya rules of the Buddha, the period of a full three months from 1st Waning of Waso to Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (round about from mid-July to mid-October) is retreat-period of Buddhists. During retreat-period, all Buddhist monks must not have to go away from their residence (monasteries, temples) not more than seven days. Especially, they have to fulfill their religious duties (Ganthadhura and

Vipassanadhura) during the retreat-period more than before. All Buddhist monks have followed and practiced the said Vinaya rules for over 2500 years.

When the Buddha descended from Tavatimsa (Celestial abode), the Devas and Brahmas accompanied Him putting up white sacred umbrellas and fanning Him. At that time, because of unlimited miraculous powers, supernormal powers and glory of the Buddha, the whole earthlings could see the magnificent celestial abode, and also the Devas and Brahmas could see hundreds of thousands of millions of people greeting and paying deep homage to the Buddha who descended at the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavarana Day).

The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavarana Day) has been marked by Buddhists as the significant and noble day of Abhidhamma since then (over 2500 years ago). On the auspicious occasion of the Abhidhamma (Mahapavarana Day), in remembrance of the Buddha, members of the Sangha recite Abhidhamma discourses, and multifarious Buddhist devotees offer lights, water, flowers, incense, fragrant scents, fruits and other offertories. And also, Dhamma talks about Abhidhamma (Mahapavarana) Day are held. On this noble day, most Buddhists keep nine precepts for their meritorious deeds dedicating to the attainment of noble stage of Nibbana (supreme bliss).

The Pali term Abhidhamma is composed of Abhi which means subtle or ultimate, and Dhamma which means truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma, therefore, means subtle or ultimate truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma Pitaka consists of the four ultimate things, Mind (Citta), Psychicfactor (Cetasikas), Matter (Rupa) and Nibbana. It is the most important and most interesting to a deep thinker. It is subdivided into seven books.

When the Buddha had preached Abhidhamma for a full three months to His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva and to other Devas and Brahmas at the celestial abode, He said to the king of the celestials that He would return to the human abode. Therefore, the king of the celestials created and arranged three stairways of

silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

Sending forth the six coloured rays emanated from His body, the Buddha descended by the middle stairway of ruby to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode (on earth). The Devas (Celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the right side stairway of gold playing musical instruments and fanning the Buddha. The Brahmas (higher celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the left side stairway of silver putting up white umbrellas.

When the Buddha returned from the celestial abode to the human abode, the highest Brahma realm, Ekamanta, the lowest Avijji (Apya planes of miserable existences), the four cardinal points, the ten directions and thousands of worlds were clearly visible without any blockage and barrier because of unlimited miraculous powers, supernormal powers and glory of the Buddha.

People could see the whole celestial abode, Devas and Brahmas, and all celestial beings in turn viewed more than hundreds of thousands of million of people who were welcoming and paying deep homage to the Buddha. There was no one that did not wish and pray to become a Buddha, the noblest wish after witnessing the most surpassing splendour.

Up to this day, we can visualize the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the earth from the great Mount Meru accompanied by Devas and Brahmas to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

On the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, we all Buddhists generously offer lights, water, flowers, scents, fruits, food and other various kinds of offertories to pagodas and monasteries and also pay respects to teachers, parents and elders. These meritorious deeds dedicate to the attainment of the noble stage of Nibbana through the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the human abode from the celestial abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.

YCDC building new pavements

YANGON, 22 Oct—Engineering Department of Yangon City Development Committee (Road & Bridge) is building new concrete pavement on both sides of U Wisara Road in Dagon Township. YCDC Chairman Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin oversaw

the work this morning.

The Mayor also inspected progress of new concrete pavement along Kandawgyi Lake circular road in Bahan Township and concreting some roads in Tamwe Township.—MNA



Civil service course for junior officers concludes

YANGON, 22 Oct—The conclusion of civil service course No. 17 for junior officers took place at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) here this morning.

Pro-rector (Admin) U Tun Kyi delivered a speech, and presented prizes to outstanding trainees, and certificates to the trainees.

Fifty-three female staff from ministries attended the four-week course.—MNA

Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspects newly-built pavement of U Wisara Road in Dagon Township.—MNA

Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence looks into Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantation at Ottwin village in Minhla Township.

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Cyclone Giri reaches red level

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 5.30 am today, cyclone Giri over the mid-east of the Bay of Bengal continued to move northeastwards with its centre in the sea, about 110 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone is likely to become stronger and forecast to cross Rakhine coast between Sittway and Kyaukpyu within 18 hours from this morning.

The cyclone Giri is now at red level and is forecast to move towards Rakhine coast.

When the cyclone moving towards land, wind speed may reach 65 to 70 mph and tidal waves may rise up to 5 to about 8 feet.

Therefore, there is likelihood of tidal waves in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye,

Manaung and An townships of Kyaukpyu District and Sittway, Pauktaw and Myebon townships of Sittway District.

The people from coastal areas of those regions are advised to move to safety in advance.

Alongside the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread. So, the people from highlands or slopes in Rakhine State are warned to avert possible dangers of landslides.

Under the influence of the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread along Rakhine coast and offshore areas with strong waves. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 50 to 65 mph.

Trawlers and ships are therefore warned to avert possible dangers of the cyclone.

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Cyclone Giri moving towards Rakhine coast

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 9 am today, cyclone Giri over the mid-east of the Bay of Bengal continued to move northeastwards with its centre in the sea, about 70 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone is now intensifying and is forecast to cross Rakhine coast between Sittway and Kyaukpyu beginning this noon, and to reach inland within next 12 hours.

The cyclone Giri is now at red level and is moving towards Rakhine coast.

Its wind speed while crossing Rakhine coast is forecast to reach 70 to 75 mph, and tidal waves, as high as 12 feet. Tidal waves may hit Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Manaung and An townships in

Kyaukpyu District, and Sittway, Pauktaw and Myebon townships in Sittway District. Accordingly, local people of those coastal regions are warned to move to safety in advance.

In addition, torrential rains are likely to be widespread during the storm. Therefore, local people of low-lying areas close to hillsides of mountains are warned to avert possible dangers of landslides.

Under the influence of the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread along Rakhine coast and offshore regions with likelihood of strong waves. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 70 to 75 mph and 50 to 65 mph in the Delta. Trawlers and ships are therefore warned to avert the dangers of the catastrophe.

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Cyclone Giri to make landfall this evening between Sittway and Kyaukpyu

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 1.00 hrs today, cyclone Giri over the mid-east of the Bay of Bengal has become stronger, moving northeastwards with its centre in the sea, about 50 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu.

The cyclone will make landfall this evening crossing between Sittway and Kyaukpyu.

The stronger cyclone Giri is now at red level and is moving towards Rakhine coast.

The maximum wind speed at its center is about 75 mph and may reach 85 mph. As the maximum tidal wave may rise up to 12 feet in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Manaung, An, Sittway.

Pauktaw, Myebon Townships, the people from coastal areas of those regions where there is likelihood of tidal waves are to move to safety.

Alongside the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread. So, the people from highlands or slopes in Rakhine State are warned to avert possible dangers of landslides.

Under the influence of the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread along Rakhine Coast and the offshore with strong waves.

Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 70-75 mph along Rakhine coast and 50 mph in Delta region. Ships and trawlers are therefore warned to avert possible dangers of the natural disaster.

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Cyclone Giri reaches brown level

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 3.30 pm today, a cyclonic storm "Giri" over the mid-east of the Bay of Bengal and adjoining north-east of the Bay of Bengal has intensified further into a severe cyclonic storm and is crossing Rakhine coast near Kyaukpyu.

The severe cyclonic storm "Giri" is now at brown level and is crossing Rakhine coast.

The maximum wind speed near its center is about 100 mph and it may reach 120 mph.

As the maximum tidal wave may rise up to 12 feet in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Manaung, An, Sittway. Pauktaw, Myebon, Ponnagyun and Minbya Townships, the people from coastal areas of those regions where there is

likelihood of tidal waves are to move to safety in advance.

Alongside the cyclone that is likely to move northeastward as an inland storm after it crossed over Rakhine coast, squalls are likely to be in Rakhine State, Chin State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region. So the people near highland/slope and low lying areas are warned to avert possible dangers of landslide.

Under the influence of the cyclone, squalls are likely to be widespread along Rakhine Coast and the offshore with strong waves.

Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 80-100 mph along Rakhine coast and 45 mph in Delta region. Ships and trawlers are therefore warned to avert possible dangers of the natural disaster.

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Cyclone Giri moving northeastwards crossing between Myaypon and An Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 7.30 pm today, cyclone Giri over the mid-east and adjoining northeast of the Bay of Bengal is moving into inland area crossing Rakhine coast near Nayngdaw Island, Azingyi Island and Kyunthaya Island about 15 miles to the north of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone Giri will be crossing Rakhine coast between Myaypon Township and An Township moving northeastwards.

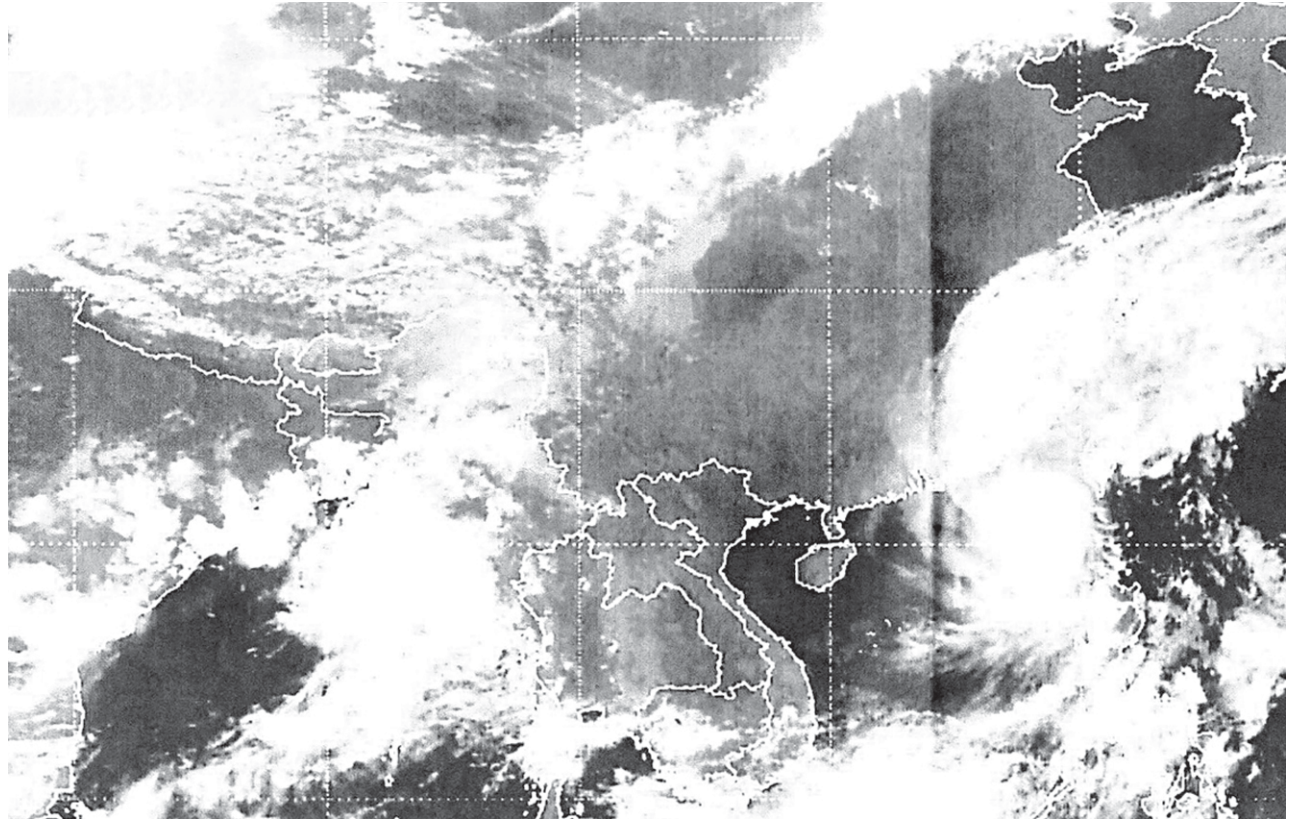
The cyclone Giri is now at brown level (emergency state) and is crossing Rakhine coast.

The maximum wind speed near its center is about 100 mph and may

reach 120 mph. As tidal waves may reach as tall as 12 feet in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye, Manaung, An, Sittway. Pauktaw, Myebon, Ponnagyn, Minbya Townships, the people from coastal areas of those regions where there is likelihood of tidal waves are to evacuate to safe places.

Since the cyclone is forecast to move northeastwards as an inland storm after crossing Rakhine coast, torrential rains are likely to be widespread in Rakhine State, Chin State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region. So, the people in highlands, or hillsides and low-lying areas are warned to avert possible dangers of landslides.

Under the influence of the cyclone, squalls



are likely to be widespread along Rakhine coast and offshore regions with likelihood of strong tidal waves. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 80 to 100 mph along Rakhine coast and 45 mph in Delta regions. Trawlers and ships are therefore warned to avert the dangers of the catastrophe.—MNA

Warnings for preparedness measures against storm

Now is the time when depressions and storms occur in the Bay of Bengal and Myanmar's waters. There may cause loss and damage due to storms that cross the Myanma coastal areas.

It is warned that the following points are to be followed in order not to cause undesirable consequences due to storms.

- (1) Tune in to 'storm news' and 'storm warnings' on TV, radio and FM radios and don't believe in rumours.
- (2) Carefully listen to news releases as the department concerned issues storm news when a storm occurs in the Bay of Bengal and it causes no danger in Myanmar and 'storm warnings' when a storm is moving towards Myanmar.
- (3) If a severe storm is likely to move towards your own region, evacuate your family members to a safe place by using a shortest way. Arrange to take important items, radios, torch lights, drinking water, preserved food, medicine and cattle.
- (4) Contact those going fishing at sea and those going on a trip so that they can be informed about the storm.
- (5) Arrange to take children, sick people and elders to a safe place.
- (6) Systematically pack and keep damageable things in a safe and secure place.
- (7) Make sure that all of your family members are in the shelter during the storm. If the shelter you are in is in danger of collapse, stay under firm tables or beds.
- (8) Get out of the shelter only when the authorities concerned announces that there is no more danger of storm. Receive medical treatment if your family members are injured.
- (9) Believe in and follow only the news and advice issued by authorities concerned.
- (10) Don't go round and view debris after the storm. Stay away from and don't touch the fallen electric cables and inform the nearest electrical engineer's office about it.
- (11) Drink boiled water as cholera may outbreaks in the aftermath of storm. Keep yourself warm in order not to catch a cold.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Commander attends prize-presentation of shooting contest

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The prize-presentation ceremony for South-West Command Commander's Champoinship Shield shooting contest took place at the local training school in Hinthada District on 18 October, attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin

Maung Win. The commander and officials presented championship shield and prizes to the winning teams.

Next, the commander and party proceeded to the rubber plantation in Ingapu and heard a report on nursing of rubber saplings. And the commander looked into construction of the Patheinywa road.—MNA

Commander, Minister visit Sittway, An Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein and Minister for Transport U Thein Swe visited Sittway Airport on 16 October.

The commander and the minister inspected the condition of the airport

and attended to the needs. On, 19 October, the commander and the minister visited An Airport and heard a report on condition of the runway and progress in face-lift of the airport building.

The minister left necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA



*Chairman of Rakhine State
Peace and Development Council
Commander of Western
Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein
and Minister for Transport
U Thein Swe inspect An
Airport in Rakhine State.—MNA*

Public warning about possible landslide
Signs of landslide

- (1) Windows and doors of the house are getting tight
- (2) Cracks appear in brick walls of the house
- (3) Cracks appear in concrete foundations of the house
- (4) Fences of the house move or turn down on one side
- (5) Cracks appear in concrete/hard roads
- (6) Cracks that have not leaked water before leak water
- (7) Brick walls, fences, lamp posts and trees come to sway and move
- (8) Faint sound at the beginning and the sound is louder when the landslide gets close to you

Preparedness measures to be taken against landslide

- (1) Listen to public warnings on radio and TV in order to know a possible landslide in advance
- (2) To seek knowledge about signs of landslides
- (3) If signs of a landslide are noticed, go to a safe place in advance
- (4) If signs of a landslide are noticed, inform it to those in authority as soon as possible
- (5) If signs of a landslide are noticed, inform neighbours as soon as possible

Measures to be taken after landslide

- (1) Not to stay near the landslide
- (2) To take care as there might be another landslide in the scene
- (3) To cooperate with rescue teams to rescue victims
- (4) To give first aid to victims and rush them to nearest hospital or health centre as soon as possible
- (5) To remove rubbles and wreckage as soon as possible
- (6) Not to touch power lines on the ground

Preparedness measures to be taken against storm

- (a) To listen to storm news
- (b) To take shelter on hills and mountains in time in the face of a storm
- (c) To strengthen windows, doors and roofs
- (d) Not to go fishing at sea and travel by sea
- (e) Store food, medicines, drinking water, electric torch and tarpaulin sheet
- (f) Put important materials and documents into a glazed earthen pot or water-proof bag and bury it in the ground
- (g) Move to storm-proof buildings and shelters as soon as possible

Measures to be taken during storm

- (a) Not to get out of the shelter
- (b) Keep inner tubes, empty buckets, banana stems, and car tyres
- (c) Keep windows and doors closed. If a window or door is blown off by the storm, make an exit opposite the window or door as soon as possible to let the strong wind blow away

Measures to be taken after storm

- (a) Get home only after getting news that the disaster has abated
- (b) Not to stay under unsafe buildings and trees
- (c) Not to touch power lines on the ground
- (d) Not to let children play in sites from which water is not drained off
- (e) To drink boiled water

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Forestry Minister back from Brunei

YANGON, 22 Oct—Minister for Forestry Chairman of the National Commission for Environmental Conservation U Thein Aung arrived back in Myanmar by air on 16 October, after attending the 12th ASEAN Environmental Conservation Ministerial Meeting held at the Empire Hotel in Banda Sri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 13 October.

Minister of Development of Brunei Mr Pehin Dato Suyol Haji Osman delivered an opening speech to open the meeting.

Minister U Thein Aung held discussions about cooperation on reduction of transboundary haze pollution between Myanmar and Thailand at the 6th Meeting of the Conference of the parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution. In the

afternoon, he addressed the 12th ASEAN Environmental Conservation Ministerial Level informal meeting.

The minister also delivered addresses at the meeting of ASEAN + Japan, Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China on 14 October; and the 2nd East Asia Environmental Conservation Ministerial Meeting on 15 October.

In addition, the minister sat down with attendee ministers and deputy ministers and held talks about opportunities of bilateral cooperation.

Members of the delegation: Deputy Director-General U Tin Tun of the Forest Department and Joint-Secretary of the National Commission for Environmental Conservation Dr San Win arrived back on the same flight.

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Industry-2 Minister meets Italian industrialist

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received Vice President Mr G.C Lavaroni of Danieli G.Sp.A Company of the Republic of Italy at the ministry here yesterday.

They hold discussion about potentials for cooperation in developing industries in Myanmar and technology transfer.

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Dy Health Minister visits hospitals and rural health centres in Paungde Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo stressed the need for health of rural folks and mothers and children while touring hospitals and rural health centres in Paungde Township, Pyay District, Bago Region on 13 October.

On his inspection tour, the deputy minister visited Kyaunggon Village rural health centre (branch), Taungbohla Village rural health centre (branch), Thapagon rural health centre, Paungde Township health centre for pregnant women, Hmattaing Station Hospital, and

Paungde Township General Hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

He then inspected the site chosen for construction of new Kyarnikan rural health centre and attended to the needs.

.In meeting with health staff, townsenders and members of social organizations, the minister called for putting emphasis on health of rural folks and mothers and children, use of flush toilets, consumption of clean water, cultivation of hand-washing habit and launch of mass campaigns against malaria, TB and AIDS.—MNA

Chairman of Rakhine State election sub-commission meets members of election sub commissions in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Chairman of Rakhine State Election Sub-Commission U Aung Mya and Chairman of Sittway District Election Sub-Commission U Soe Khant, accompanied by members of the district election sub-commission, and the township election sub-commissions on 14 October met with members of ward/village-tract

election sub commissions, and polling stations in Aungdaing Village-tract and Bumay Village-tract in Sittway Township and discussed electoral process, location and organizational set-up of polling stations.

They then viewed polling stations and made suggestions about the preparations.—MNA

Myanmar Wushu players to participate in 8th International Shaolin Wushu Festival

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—To participate in the 8th International Shaolin Wushu Festival to be held in Zhengzhou of the People's Republic of China from 22 to 28 October, Manager U Tun Tun Oo (Sanshou), U Aye Cho Tu (Taolu), coach Daw Swe Swe Thant, players Wai Linn Aung (Sanshou), and William Thein

Tun, Kyaw Zin Thit, Waimar Tun Thein, Aye Thitsa Myint (Taolu) of Myanmar Wushu Federation left here for the PRC this morning.

MWF President Dr Sai Sam Tun and personnel saw them off at Yangon International Airport.

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Iran, Venezuela sign 11 MoUs

TEHERAN, 22 Oct— Iran and Venezuela signed 11 memorandums of understanding (MoU) during Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's visit to Teheran, the local satellite *Press TV* reported Thursday.

The agreements, signed by the ministers of the two countries on Wednesday, promoted cooperation including oil, natural gas, textiles, trade and public housing projects, the report said.

During Chavez's visit, Iran hosted energy talks with Venezuela as part of the two sides' efforts to boost bilateral cooperation in oil, gas and petrochemical industries.

Both countries agreed to form a joint oil shipping company and set up petrochemical plants, according to the report.

Venezuela's state oil company *Petroleos de Venezuela SA* will also participate in the exploitation of Iran's South Pars gas field, said *Press TV*.

Heading a delegation of economists and politicians, Chavez arrived in Teheran late Monday for talks on promoting economic ties, especially of energy cooperation with Iran.

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Salespersons promote jewellery at a booth in Indonesia pavilion during the 7th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 21 Oct, 2010.

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A technician works inside the Itaipu hydroelectric plant in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, on 20 Oct, 2010. The Itaipu hydroelectric plant is the second largest in the world, only after the Three Gorges in China.

XINHUA

China's unemployment rate falls to 4.1% by Q3

BEIJING, 22 Oct— China's urban unemployment rate stood at 4.1 percent at the end of September, with 9.05 million urbanites registered as unemployed, a Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security official said here Friday.

The rate dropped 0.1 percentage points from 4.2 percent at the end of the second quarter this year, Yin Chengji, spokesman of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MHRSS), told a press conference.

Xinhua

Boeing books 50 orders for 737s; total hits 472 for year

NEW YORK, 22 Oct— US aerospace giant Boeing on Thursday revealed 50 new orders for its 737 jetliner on its website, worth about 3.5 billion dollars, bringing total orders for the year so far to 472.

The 50 orders were by "unidentified customers," according to a list dated 19 October. The online tally is updated on Thursdays.

A Boeing spokesman told *AFP* the 50 orders represented 3.5 billion dollars at current catalogue prices.

Total commercial aircraft orders in the year to date rose to 472, of which 432 are for the 737, the Chicago-based company's best-selling jetliner.

In September Boeing announced it would ramp up its

GENEVA, 22 Oct—Swiss food and drinks giant Nestle says its sales over the first nine months of the year reached 82.77 billion Swiss francs (\$85.56 billion). The company reported sales of 79.55 billion francs for the same period last year.

Nestle says it saw sales grow in all regions and categories. Food and beverage sales alone reached 77 billion francs.

The Vevey, Switzerland-based company said Friday it expects year-on-year growth in constant currencies of 5 percent for 2010.

Like many Swiss companies Nestles has seen its results suffer from the weak US dollar.

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A Boeing jet performs a flying display in 2007. US aerospace giant Boeing on Thursday revealed 50 new orders for its 737 jetliner on its website, worth about 3.5 billion dollars, bringing total orders for the year so far to 472.

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production rate for the Next-Generation 737 programme, to 38 airplanes per month in the second quarter of 2013.

Several months earlier the company had announced a rate increase from 31.5 to 35 airplanes per month in early 2012.

Boeing says the

entire 737 family has won more than 8,000 orders, a record in aviation history.

On Wednesday Boeing posted a robust third-quarter net profit of 837 million dollars that beat expectations, and boosted its full-year earnings forecast, as it delivered more jetliners.—Internet

Small Dutch passenger ferry capsizes after crash



Rescue workers are seen near a capsized ferry, rear, after a German freight ship struck a small Dutch passenger ferry in a canal near Amsterdam, Netherlands, on 22 Oct, 2010, capsizing the smaller vessel and knocking the skipper and any other passengers who may have been aboard into the water.—INTERNET

AMSTERDAM, 22 Oct—A freight ship struck a passenger ferry in a canal near Amsterdam Friday, capsizing the smaller vessel and knocking several people into the water, national police say.

"At this moment emergency services are trying to pull victims out of the water," spokesman Frans Zuiderhoek said in a telephone call broadcast on Dutch state broadcaster NOS.

Zuiderhoek said that after the collision the ferry was left floating upside down. He said it is not certain how many people were on the ferry, which is used to carry pedestrians and often their bicycles across the heavily-used internal waterway. He said he could not confirm any injuries.

Divers are in the water looking for victims and a helicopter is being used to search the water for warm spots.

The incident took place near the town of Nieuwer Ter Aa, roughly 6 miles (10 kilometers) south of Amsterdam.—Internet



Mexican military men prepare the 134 tons of marijuana for cremation in a military base in Tijuana, Baja California, north of Mexico, on 20 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA

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MV ORIENTAL ELF VOY NO (007)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL ELF VOY NO (007) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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Fish population to shrink drastically over next 40 years

TOKYO, 22 Oct—A report released by the United Nations Environment Programme predicted that the fish populations in the world will decline drastically in the next 40 years due to the factors including overfishing, rises in sea surface temperatures, and marine pollution, local media reported on Thursday. It warns that larger species such as tuna will almost disappear, leaving fisheries dependent on smaller species measuring around 20 centimeters, the public broadcaster NHK reported.

The release of the report on marine ecosystems co-

incided with an ongoing international conference on biodiversity in the central Japanese city of Nagoya. Representatives from all corners of the world gathered in the central Japanese city of Nagoya on Monday for the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, known as COP10.

If the marine environment continues to deteriorate at the current rate, multi-million dollar services including fisheries and tourism could be adversely affected, UNEP officials were quoted as saying.

Xinhua

'Intense' dream areas of brain pinpointed

ROME, 22 Oct—Italian researchers say they've identified two specific areas in the brain that allow people to remember particularly vivid dreams.

Italian scientists employing the latest neuroimaging techniques have managed to get down to the "deep microstructures" in two key brain areas, ANSA reported Wednesday.

"We've found the parts of the amygdala and hippocampus that are linked to bizarre and intense dreams, the ones people remember," Luigi De Gennaro of Rome University said.

"We think we've cracked why some people never remember their dreams and others have such a detailed memory you

might almost call it film-like," De Gennaro said. "It was possible to show that the volumetric and ultrastructural parameters of the two deep nuclei of the brain predict the qualitative aspects of every individual's dreams," he said.

Internet

Arctic continues to heat up, unlikely returns to previous conditions

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct—The Arctic region, also called the "planet's refrigerator," continues to heat up, affecting local populations and ecosystems as well as weather patterns in the most populated parts of the Northern Hemisphere, and it is "unlikely" to return its previous conditions, according to a team of 69 international scientists.

The findings were released on Thursday in the Arctic Report Card, a yearly assessment of Arctic conditions intro-

duced by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Xinhua



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SANG THAI LUMBER VOY NO (12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI LUMBER VOY NO (12) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W.1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Clowns pose during the 15th Latin American Clown Convention in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 20 Oct, 2010.— XINHUA

Blast in Iran's marine establishments kills one, wounds two

TEHERAN, 22 Oct—One was killed and two others were wounded in a blast incidence in Iran's Khorramshahr marine establishments, Iran Marinenews Website reported on Friday.

The manager of Engineering and Iranian Marine Establishments Construction Company in Iran's southwestern port city of Khorramshahr said that in the incident, which took place on Thursday in the deck of one of the old piping storehouses of the company, one was killed and two other

workers were wounded, according to the report.

The blast happened in the remaining ammunition from the Iran- Iraqi war in 1980s left in the site, said the report.

The manager of the

company who was identified by his last name Eslahi said that the company stores its 12-meter-long pipes in the outdoors in Khorramshahr port.

Xinhua

Driverless subway trains to start operating in S China

GUANGZHOU, 22 Oct—A new metro line with driverless trains will soon open in Guangzhou, where the 16th Asian Games is to be held this November.

Stretching 3.94 kilometers, the APM line,

or Automated People Mover system, links two business areas in downtown Guangzhou. It will open at the beginning of November before the Asian Games, said an official surnamed Ye with the Guangzhou Metro Corporation without giving the exact date.

Along the nine-station underground line, trains will travel at no more than 60 kilometers per hour.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 19 Oct, 2010 shows the scenery in the National Park of Iguazu Falls in Brazil. The National Park of Iguazu Falls enters its water season, where about 1.2 million tourists are expected to come by 31 Dec, according to the local media.— XINHUA

Superbug infections increasing rapidly in Brazilian district

BRASILIA, 22 Oct—A drug-resistant strain of bacteria is causing a rapidly mounting number of infections in the Brazilian capital and other areas in the district, local health authorities said on Thursday. Across the Federal District, carriers of bacteria containing the Klebsiella pneumoniae Carbapenemase (KPC)

enzyme rose to 183 on Thursday, a nearly 70 per cent hike in two weeks, according to the district's health department.

Meanwhile, deaths related to the killer bacteria, resistant to most of the common antibiotics on the Brazilian market, increased from 15 on Oct. 15 to 18 on Thursday, the department added. On Wednesday, Brazilian Health Minister Jose Gomes Temporao announced that confirmed cases of KPC infection had also been found in the states of Sao Paulo and Parana, but no deaths were reported there.

Xinhua

US researchers call for smoking-free buildings

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct—Nonsmokers's health could be threatened by secondhand smoking from their neighbours, demonstrating the need to have smoking-free buildings, US researchers say. To determine the impact of neighbours' secondhand smoking on nonsmokers, researchers at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI) in Buffalo, New York, analyzed air quality data from 30 apartments within 11 buildings.

The findings show that secondhand smoke can travel from the apartments of smokers to hallways and apartments of nonsmokers.

Xinhua

‘Renault, hands off our name!’ say girls called Zoe



The Renault near final model, called ZOE is displayed during the press days of the Paris Motor Show in September 2010.

Two French families called Renault went to court Thursday to stop the car company of the same name calling its new electric model “Zoe”, for fear that their daughters called Zoe will face ridicule.

“We don’t want to hear ‘It’s time for your oil change’ or ‘show us your airbags’,” the plaintiff’s lawyer David

Koubbi told a court, accusing the firm of “stealing a child’s name to compensate for an underperforming car.” “Industrialists, in order to humanise and market products, are turning names into brands. So, if you’re lucky, you could end up as pretty pot of flowers. If you’re not, as a whip, a vibrating dildo or a toilet brush.”

Renault’s ZOE, which the firm registered as a trade mark when spelled in capitals without the accent on the final “e” found in the French name, is a small zero emissions car due to be released in 2012.

But the families of two girls called Zoe Renault have received the backing of a pressure group, the Association for the Defence of First Names, to fund a legal challenge alleging breach of privacy and identity theft.

‘Clinically dead’ woman wakes up in French hospital

A woman pronounced “very certainly clinically dead” at a French hospital woke up hours later after her sons refused to turn off her life-support system, medics and the woman said.

Doctors were preparing cancer patient Lydie Paillard, 60, for a chemotherapy session when she passed out, the director of the Bordeaux Rive Droite private hospital Yves Noel said on Wednesday.

A doctor managed to resuscitate her and put her on a ventilator but then, having consulted other doctors, called Paillard’s sons to break the news that their mother was “very certainly clinically dead”. But her sons would not turn off the respirator and she was then transferred to the university hospital of the southwestern French city where a scan revealed that she was in fact not brain dead, Noel said.

Spain holds siesta championship

What is billed as Spain’s first national siesta championship is under way in Madrid to find the best napper and help revive the tradition of taking a snooze after lunch.

Participants are monitored as they lie on bright blue sofas in the middle of a shopping mall for a 20-minute nap. Some wear pyjamas; others sport eye masks or cover their faces with their jackets.

They have pulse monitors attached to their bodies and the maximum of 20,000 points is awarded to those who manage to sleep for the full 20 minutes. Sleeping fewer minutes means fewer points but judges also award marks for original sleeping positions, the loudest snore and the most eye-catching outfits.

The competition, organized by the National Association of Friends of the Siesta, began on 14 October and will wrap up on Saturday with the winner awarded a prize of 1,000 euros (1,400 dollars).

“The mission of the championship is to spread the idea that the nap is something of ours that must be defended and practised, because it is healthy and good for everyone,” the association says on its website.

“Being able to do it in public requires having a spirit of a champion and to be a great siesta taker.”

Couple sue after Mega Death sauce hospitalizes son

Some don’t like it hot. A Steak ‘n Shake restaurant in Cleveland, Tenn, was sued by a couple who claimed it served a hot sauce that sent their son to the hospital.

Tim and Mary Katherine Gann said a restaurant server gave their minor child a bottle of Blair’s Mega Death Sauce for his chili and

encouraged him to eat some. When he did, he broke out in hives, had trouble breathing and suffered severe pain.

The brand isn’t customarily served by the chain, according to the *Cleveland Daily Banner*. Mega Death’s maker warns that it’s “500 times hotter than a jalapeno.”

A spokeswoman for

franchise owner Debbie Richmond said Thursday the company wasn’t commenting.

The lawsuit seeks \$10,000 in compensation and \$50,000 punitive damages.

News Album

Bollywood looks for Diwali success

MUMBAI, 22 Oct—Bollywood is gearing up for a slew of new releases over the Hindu festival of Diwali, with expectations high that they will provide some cheer after a lacklustre year at the box office.

At least 10 big films are due to hit the screens in the coming weeks, with hopes of success pinned on the comedy “Golmaal 3” and the time-travel romance “Action Replayy” that will be released on Diwali itself on 5 November.

Like the Christmas period for Hollywood, Diwali has traditionally been seen as a money-spinner for India’s Hindi-language film industry, as studios look to attract the holiday crowd with well-trailed movies featuring big name stars.—Internet



Indian Bollywood actor Ajay Devgan in Mumbai in August 2010.—INTERNET

Van Damme: I’m 100 percent healthy

NEW ORLEANS, 22 Oct—Belgian action movie star Jean-Claude Van Damme says he is “100 percent healthy” despite reports this week claiming he suffered a minor heart attack.

“Hours ago, I read a rumour online about me suffering heart attack!!,” E! News quoted Van Damme as saying on his Facebook page Thursday. “Please, do not believe all what you read from rumours on any unofficial JCVD sites. Jean-Claude Van Damme is 100 percent healthy, training well for taking the fight and sending his fans & friends much love.”

Sources on the New Orleans set of Van Damme’s latest flick “Weapon” told several media outlets the actor was briefly hospitalized this week after suffering a minor heart attack. The reports said he headed home to Belgium after he was released from the hospital.

Internet

Martin Freeman to play lead role in ‘The Hobbit’

WELLINGTON, 22 Oct—British actor Martin Freeman from “The Office” will play the lead role of Bilbo Baggins in “The Hobbit”, director Peter Jackson said Friday.

While the production’s shooting location remains uncertain because of an industrial dispute in New Zealand, Jackson said he was pleased to confirm Freeman in the starring role. The Oscar-winning director said Freeman was

Lively debate after Russian Avdeeva’s Chopin victory

WARSAW, 22 Oct—Lively debate erupted Thursday in Poland the day after Russian Yulianna Avdeeva won the XVIth International Chopin Piano Competition, marking the bicentennial of the composer’s birth, in Warsaw.

“This is the biggest surprise in the history of this competition,”



Russian Yulianna Avdeeva

launched in 1927, marvelled musicologist and journalist Adam Rozlach.

“This is the Chopin Competition. So far the jury’s decisions reflected

the importance, above all, of fidelity to the soul of Chopin. But this year, we chose not Chopin, but Avdeeva, the pianist,” he said, quoted by PAP news agency.

Avdeeva, 25, was the first woman to win in 45 years and the sixth Russian in the history of the competition. The prestigious event takes place once every five years and is dedicated to the 19th century Franco-Polish composer and pianist who was born in Zelazowa Wola, near the Polish capital.

Internet



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INTERNET

No resolution in sight over Robben row

BERLIN, 22 Oct — Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness admitted on Thursday he no longer believes their disagreement with the Dutch Football Association (KNVB) over Arjen Robben's injury can be resolved amicably.

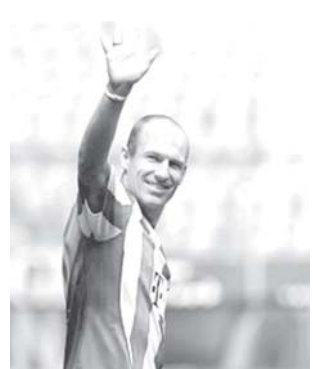
Robben will not play any more football in 2010 after damaging his thigh muscle playing for Holland in the World Cup finals and Bayern want some compensation for losing his services.

The matter may now go to court.

"In the present state of things, we can not conclude that they are willing

(to pay compensation)," Hoeness told Munich daily TZ. "I do not think the discussions will give us something.

"Bayern have been hard done by in this matter."—*Internet*



Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Arjen Robben.—INTERNET

Adebayor treble fires City, Liverpool hold Napoli in Europa League

PARIS, 22 Oct — Emmanuel Adebayor, making a rare start for moneybags Manchester City, scored his first goals of the season on Thursday to secure a 3-1 win over



Manchester City's Togo forward Emmanuel Adebayor (L) celebrates with Manchester City's Belgian.—INTERNET

Lech Poznan and give his club an excellent chance of qualifying from Europe League Group A.

Spoilt for choice City boss Roberto Mancini brought in David Silva and Shaun Wright-Phillips and benched Carlos Tevez and James Milner with French veteran Patrick Vieira replacing Gareth Barry - but it was Adebayor who bagged the plaudits as he plundered a fine hat-trick - his club's first ever in Europe.

"I'm very happy, very delighted - I'm training hard every day," said Adebayor, keen to feature in a weekend Premier League tussle with former club Arsenal.—*Internet*

5 tied for lead in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, 22 Oct — Robert Garrigus, Will MacKenzie, Michael Letzig, John Senden and rookie Cameron Tringale shot 7-under 64s on Thursday to share the first-round lead in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open, the fourth of five Fall Series events.

George McNeill, Nicholas Thompson, Ryan Palmer, Vaughn Taylor and Martin Flores opened with 65s, and John Daly and Davis Love III topped a group at 66.

Hunter Mahan shot a 67 in his first round since the Ryder Cup, and US teammate Rickie Fowler had a 68.

MacKenzie, a two-



John Daly

time winner on the PGA Tour, birdied his first three holes — Nos. 1, 2 and 3 — and made up for a bogey on No. 8 with a birdie on the ninth.

He birdied Nos. 12-14 and 16 on the back nine.

"I got off to such a great start," MacKenzie said. "I hit a beautiful 5-iron into 6 or 8 feet and made it (on the par-4 third hole). Of course, I started thinking, 'It's about time for me to shoot a real low one.'"

Internet

SPORTS

Angry Man United fans besiege Rooney's house

MANCHESTER, 22 Oct — Police have dispersed angry Manchester United fans who were besieging the house of club superstar Wayne Rooney reportedly in protest at his decision to quit.

Officers were called out late Thursday after a mob of up to 30 supporters descended on the star's 4.5-million-pound (seven-million-dollar) mansion in Prestbury, close to Manchester.

It came shortly after a crisis meeting at the club failed to resolve the future of Rooney, whose decision to walk away from Manchester United after six years has sent shockwaves through the world of English football.

Fans have been incensed by the news, and reports that the striker could be snapped up by local arch rivals Manchester City have only added to their sense of betrayal.—*Internet*



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney, seen here during a team training session at the club's Carrington.—INTERNET

Hat-trick hero Bale pledges future to Spurs

LONDON, 22 Oct — Tottenham midfielder Gareth Bale promised to stay with the Premier League club after earning worldwide attention with a stunning hat-trick



Tottenham's Gareth Bale heads the ball during training session at San Siro stadium on 19 October.—INTERNET

in his side's Champions League defeat against Inter Milan.

Bale netted three times in the second half as Spurs mounted an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to comeback from four goals down in the San Siro on Wednesday and the Wales international's performance immediately led him to be linked to some of Europe's biggest clubs.

Spurs' determination to hang onto their prize asset will be almost certainly tested when the transfer window reopens in January, especially after Inter president Massimo Moratti confirmed his interest in the 21-year-old.

Internet



Swiss tennis player Roger Federer returns a backhand to US Taylor Dent during their ATP Stockholm Open.

INTERNET

We're still alive, says Liverpool's Hodgson

NAPLES, 22 Oct — Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson insisted his team was still alive and kicking after they held Napoli to a 0-0 Europa League draw here.

The Reds remained top of Group K with two home matches left and Hodgson believes this result, in a drab stalemate, can give his team the boost they need to climb up the Premier League table.

Liverpool sit second bottom of the 20-team division, kept off the foot only by West Ham's inferior goal difference.

But ahead of Sunday's clash with Blackburn, Hodgson said this result was the right tonic.

"We're going through a very bad passage in the league, things haven't



Liverpool's coach Roy Hodgson, seen here during their Europa League match against Napoli at San Paolo.

INTERNET

gone our way for a variety of reasons and that's why we find ourselves down the bottom and desperate to get away," he said.

"The new owners have already done a little for the club, they've given us a lift.—*Internet*

Points over performance for Bayern's van Gaal

BERLIN, 22 Oct — With Dortmund bidding to consolidate their lead at the top of the Bundesliga against Hoffenheim on Sunday, Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal says points now take priority over performance.

A poor start to the season has left the German champions tenth in the table and needing a win at Hamburg on Friday night to help make up the considerable ground behind Dortmund.

They are already 13 points behind the leaders and van Gaal says the



Bayern Munich's Dutch head coach Louis van Gaal

need for points is growing ever urgent.

"Under these circumstances, we have to win," said van Gaal.

"It is currently more important to win points than to play well."

Internet

Federer, Soderling sweep to easy Stockholm wins

STOCKHOLM, 22 Oct — Roger Federer, returning to the Stockholm Open after a decade away, swept past outgunned American Taylor Dent 6-1, 6-2 in his 900th career match on Thursday.

It took a mere 49 minutes for the top seed to move through, a tennis lifetime after his last appearance at the Kungliga hallen which ended with a second-round loss.

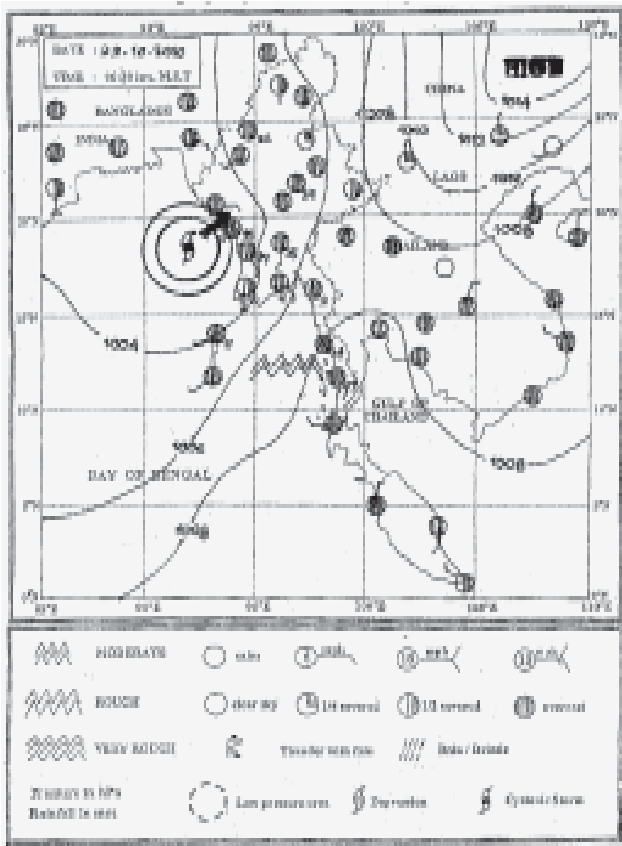
The 16-time grand slam champion now stands 727-173 for his singles career

and becomes the only active ATP player to reach 900 matches.

Second seed Robin Soderling also advanced with ease at the event where he has lost two finals. The Swede beat German Benjamin Becker 6-3, 6-3 in 67 minutes to next play Florian Mayer.

Federer's comprehensive victory set up a Friday quarter-final with fellow Swiss and Olympic gold medal partner Stanislas Wawrinka.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 22nd October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan, Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Region and Widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Magway and Mandalay Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (1.03) inches, Manaung (4.29) inches, Aungmye (3.86) inches, Gwa (2.01) inches, Pyaw (1.97) inches, Kyaukse (1.89) inches, Thandwe and Thaton (1.74) inches, Mandalay and Myeik (1.46) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 21-10-2010 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 22-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-10-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 22-10-2010 was (0.55) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 21-10-2010 was 80°F. Minimum temperature on 22-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-10-2010 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 21-10-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 22-10-2010 was (0.31) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (80.98) inches at Mingaladon, (94.72) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind

speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 21-10-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the cyclonic storm "GIRI" over the East Central Bay has intensified into the severe cyclonic storm and is moving Northeastwards. It is centered at about (50) miles Southwest of Kyaukpadaung. The centre of storm will cross the land between Sittway and Kyaukpadaung this evening today. Weather is cloudy in the East Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 23rd October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayah and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional Squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (70-75) mph along the Rakhine Coast. Seas will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-10-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-10-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Ducks take another step with 60-13 romp over UCLA

EUGENE, 22 Oct—None of the top-ranked Oregon Ducks were congratulating themselves after dismantling UCLA, so Bruins coach Rick Neuheisel did it for them.

"That was impressive," Neuheisel said. "I'll leave it at that. That was impressive."

Oregon, celebrating its first outing ever at No. 1, beat the Bruins 60-13 on Thursday night.

Darron Thomas threw for a career-high 308 yards and three touchdowns and Oregon stopped a run of losses for top-ranked teams. Alabama lost to South Carolina two weeks ago and Ohio State lost at Wisconsin last week.

LaMichael James, the nation's top rusher, finished 123 yards and two TDs on the ground for Oregon (7-0, 4-0) after spending part of the first quarter on the sideline with an apparent injury. Reserve Remene Alston ran for three scores.

The last time the No. 1 team lost in three consecutive weeks was November 1960, when Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri all fell.



Oregon running back LaMichael James (21) is congratulated by teammates after scoring during the first quarter of an NCAA college football game against UCLA on 22 Oct, 2010, in Eugene, Ore.—

INTERNET

"We feel as the No. 1 other teams are going to come after us, but no matter what our ranking is we were the Pac-10 champions last year so they'll still come after us," Oregon linebacker Casey Matthews said.

Thomas contradicted Neuheisel, insisting it wasn't anything special.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (23-10-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (23-10-10 09:30 am ~ 24-10-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Thadingyut Lighting Festival
- * Pa-Auk Forest Monastery & Meditation Centre
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "The Mystique of Shwedagon Pagoda"
- * News
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- * "Living & Working in Myanmar" Tourism
- * News
- * Planetary Posts! What do they serve?
- * Travelogue "Sagaing"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Day in Bagan
- * News
- * The Exotic Land of Myanmar
- * Buddha Sasana Flourishes in Bawdhitagang
- * Myanmar Movie "Due to this Hatred"



Saturday, 23 October
View on today

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Vanarable Min Gun Sayadaw

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Full Moon Day of "Thidinkyut Tayadaw"

7:45 am

5. Dhamma Puja Song

8:30 am

9. International News

8:35 am

10. Islands Of Dhamma

8:45 am

11. The Nine Precepts

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Songs Of Thadingyut Festival

11:25 am

3. Game for Children

11:55 am

4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:30 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

12:45 pm

6. TV Drama Series

1:30 pm

7. Song Of National Races

1:40 pm

8. Mohowthada (Part-5)

2:20 pm

9. Global Vipassana Pagoda Inauguration of Monument Peace and Harmony

2:50 pm

10. International News

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) (Live) (Yadanabon FC Vs Yangon United FC)

5:45pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai

6:35 pm

6. Yindagomae

7:00 pm

7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

8. News

9. International News

10. Weather Report

11. "How to Cast

- Vote" (Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon)

12. TV Drama Series

13. TV Drama Series

14. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

15. Abhithamma Akhadaw Day of Thida Gu

16. Mytta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

- ★ 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

MHD, TV, radios, NDPCC issue cyclone Giri warnings

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today issued storm warnings and special storm warnings. According to the observations recorded at 5.30 am today, cyclone Giri is moving towards sea, about 110 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone is likely to become stronger and forecast to cross Rakhine coast between Sittway and Kyaukpyu. The cyclone Giri is now at red level and is forecast to move towards Rakhine coast. When the cyclone moving towards land, wind speed may reach 65 to 70 mph and tidal waves may rise up to 5 to about 8 feet. According to the observations recorded at 9 am today, cyclone Giri continued to move towards sea, about 70 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone is now intensifying and is forecast to cross Rakhine coast between Sittway and Kyaukpyu beginning this noon and to reach inland. According to the observations recorded at 12.30 pm today, cyclone Giri has become stronger, moving towards sea, about 50 miles southwest of Kyaukpyu. The cyclone will make landfall this evening crossing between Sittway and Kyaukpyu. The stronger cyclone Giri is now at red level (emergency state) and is moving towards Rakhine coast. The maximum wind speed near its center is about 75 mph and may reach 85 mph. According to the observations recorded at 3.30 pm today, a cyclonic storm "Giri" has intensified further into a severe cyclonic storm and is crossing Rakhine coast near Kyaukpyu. The severe cyclonic storm "Giri" is now at brown level (emergency state) and is crossing Rakhine coast. The maximum wind speed

near its center is about 100 mph and it may reach 120 mph. The cyclone is likely to move northeastward as an inland storm after it crossing over Rakhine coast. According to the observations recorded at 7.30 pm today, cyclone Giri is moving into inland area about 15 miles to the north of Kyaukpyu. Heading northeastwards, it will be crossing Myepon and An townships. As the cyclone is likely to continue to move northwestwards as an inland storm after crossing Rakhine coast, torrential rains is likely to be widespread in Rakhine State, Chin State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region. So the people from highlands or slopes and low-lying areas are warned to avert possible dangers of landslides. According to the observations recorded at 10.30 pm today, the storm with its center continues to move to an inland area about 80 miles to the north of Kyaukpyu and is moving northwestwards from near Minbya. It is forecast to abate into a moderate storm within next 12 hours.

The storm warnings and special storm warnings have been continuously broadcast to public on TV, radio and FM radios.

Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee through media issued measures to be taken before, during and after the storm since the time of issuance of storm warnings and warnings for prevention against landslides as soon as it had known that the cyclone was likely to continue to move forward as an inland storm after crossing Rakhine coast.

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Cyclone Giri likely to abate into moderate storm

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 10.30 pm today, Cyclone Giri that has crossed Rakhine coast is still centred in a land about 80 miles north of Kyaukpyu at the maximum wind speed of 70 mph. The storm is moving northeastwards near Minbya. It is forecast to abate into a moderate storm within next 24 hours.

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Akyitakan villagers' thirst for knowledge fulfilled

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Akyitakin villagers in Saw Township of Gangaw District have now access to knowledge bank following the establishment of AryonU Library in the village on 22 October.

The library funded by the State was constructed under supervision of Saw Township Information and Public Relations Department.

Wellwishers presented 186 books and 11 magazines to the library on the day of inauguration.

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Talks on fire prevention held in Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—Staff Officer U Kyaw Kyaw of Tatkon Township Fire Services Department in Nay Pyi Taw District held talks on preventive measures against fire under School Based Fire Safety Education at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Tatkon Township on 20 October.—MNA