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Senior General Than Shwe sends UN Day message

Myanmar has full faith in the important role being played by the United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standard of living of the citizens of the world

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe sent a message on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the United Nations. The following is the complete text of his message.

Today marks the 65th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. On this auspicious occasion, it is my great pleasure to convey my warmest greetings to all our people living throughout the country.

The United Nations came into existence sixty-five years ago today, with the purpose of main-

taining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, promoting cooperation in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems, among others. The United Nations today represents 192 States, making itself the biggest world body. The UN is the only universal body in which the States

of the world and the peoples they represent can come together to ensure international peace and security and to meet the challenges of our time. It serves as a central forum for multilateral discussions, consultations and compromise. Due to increased interdependence among

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Yangon Port to be upgraded systematically through a plan according to day-by-day growing commodity flow

Senior General Than Shwe inspects development of Yangon Port



SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe inspects Asia World jetty.—MNA

YANGON, 24 Oct — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected development of Yangon port region yesterday morning.

Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of

Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Hla Min and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Quartermaster General Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Yangon Region PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, ministers, senior military officers of the Min-

istry of Defence and departmental heads, arrived at the office of Myanmar Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport at 10.30 am. First, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe reported that facts about the ports and jetties would be explained in three parts. He said that the first part is about the ports. Myanmar Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport is responsible

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Embrace the right to vote

Multiparty democracy general elections will be held on 7 November 2010 as part of democratization. Reliable candidates will be elected by vote according to democracy practice.

Myanmar citizens, associate citizens, naturalized citizens and temporary certificate holders, who meet the provisions of Election Law and have attained 18 years of age will have the right to vote. Electoral rolls have been collected and announced in the wards and villages concerned for public information.

Voting hours are from 6 am to 4 pm. Those on the electoral registry will cast votes, holding citizenship scrutinization cards. After getting into the compound of the polling station, a voter has to put his signature at the place against his name to draw a ballot paper. In the polling booth, he has to put a tick in the box shown against the name of the candidate he is in favour of, fold the paper in half and put it into the ballot box.

Arrangements have been made for those who will be busy on the day of elections, the aged, severely sick people, hospitalized people, those in custody of police stations or jails for trials, those citizens who are in other townships or foreign countries on duty to vote in advance.

The ballot papers that are not confirmed by the commission, ballot papers without the returning officer's signature on them, ballot papers each has more than one tick for more than one candidate, ballot papers without a tick, ballot papers with unclear ticks, fake ballot papers, ballot papers with marks on them with the intention of making known who the voter is, and torn ballot papers will be cancelled.

The number of candidates for respective hluttaws has reached more than 3000. The right to vote for the candidates in favour is bestowed on every citizen. It is the democracy right in the hand of every citizen. Therefore, the people are urged to make correct choice to elect reliable and responsible candidates for further flourishing of democracy.

Central Committee for observing 90th Anniversary National Day meets

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The Central Committee for observing the 90th Anniversary National Day 2010 met at the Ministry of Education here yesterday.

Chairman of the central committee Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered a speech on observation of the 90th Anniversary National Day in line with such objectives as uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit, promotion of national prestige and integrity, promotion of national education, perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the nation, and success of the seven-step Road Map.

Members of the central committee then

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

Pyinmana Township Association (Yangon) honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—Pyinmana Township Association (Yangon) held a ceremony to award outstanding students and to donate cash to No. 3 Basic Education High School in Pyinmana and social organizations, at Mingalarkantaw hall in Pyinmana today.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presented awards to winners. The commander and officials from social organizations awarded the winners. Wellwishers of the association donated cash to No. 3 BEHS in Pyinmana and other associations through officials.

MNA

*Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander
Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presents prize to
an outstanding student.*

MNA



FM attends the 10th High-Level Roundtable Meeting in Laos

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—The Myanmar delegation, headed by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 October from Vientiane, Laos, after attending the 10th High-Level Roundtable Meeting held on 20-21 October 2010.

The meeting began on the morning of 20 October at Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane with an opening address delivered by H.E Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR. The meeting made deliberations on the following topics: Achieving Growth with Equity through the seventh five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED) 2011-2015; Enabling Environment: Financing, Accountability and Jobs; Catalyzing Development; Key

Recommendations and the Way Forward. The meeting successfully concluded in the evening with a closing address delivered by Mr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR. In the evening, Minister U Nyan Win, together with other heads of delegation, attended a dinner hosted in their honour by the Laotian Deputy Prime Minister.

The Foreign Affairs Minister together with other heads of delegation, paid a courtesy call on Mr Choummaly Sayasone, President of the Lao PDR, at the Presidential Palace in Vientiane on 21 October. He then visited Myanmar Embassy there and met with Ambassador U Nyunt Hlaing, Military Attaché Col Win Hlaing and other embassy officials.—MNA



discussed works of the respective sub-committees for observation of the National Day. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks of the minister.

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*Minister Dr Chan Nyein makes a speech at
the meeting of the central committee for
observing the 90th Anniversary National Day.*

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Afghan policemen investigate at the site of a suicide attack at the UN compound in Herat on 23 October, 2010. Four Taliban suicide bombers dressed as women and police attacked the main United Nations compound in western Afghanistan on Saturday, officials said, but there were no casualties among UN staff.—INTERNET



Suicide bombers attack UN office in Afghan city

HERAT, 24 Oct—Four suicide bombers wearing police uniforms and burqas have attacked the United Nations office in the western Afghan city of Herat, senior police and UN officials said.

There were no casualties among UN workers, Delawar Shah Delawar, deputy police chief of Herat province,

told AFP after the raid, which was claimed by the Taliban.

Delawar, who earlier said there were three attackers, said another had been found, shot and killed by police.

"In total four attackers have been killed. One detonated his explosives-packed vehicle at the gate, a second attacker was shot and killed outside the compound, and two other attackers have been shot and killed inside the compound," he said.

The interior ministry said three security guards contracted by the UN were injured in the attack.

Internet

Ban on private guards threatens Afghan aid work

KABUL, 24 Oct—US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called President Hamid Karzai on Saturday to persuade his government to modify its imminent ban on private security companies, which threatens to shut down or stall billions of dollars in development projects across the nation.

Clinton suggested formulating a joint plan to steadily phase out private security companies without disrupting the work of contractors who employ private guards to protect their workers, projects and facilities, said PJ Crowley, a spokesman for the US State

Department.

The telephone call was part of intense negotiations that US and other Western diplomats are conducting with Afghan officials this weekend over Karzai's decision to shut down private security contractors by 17 Dec. He claims the private

guards are undermining his nation's army and police, and wants Afghan security forces to take on the job of providing protection for the aid workers. Western officials argue that the hand-over must be phased in so projects are not disrupted.

Internet

Two civilians killed in Afghanistan's Wardak Province

KABUL, 24 Oct—Two Afghan civilians were killed on Saturday as Taliban militants attacked a NATO-led force patrol in Afghanistan's Wardak Province, 40 Km west of Afghan capital Kabul, the military alliance said.

"Two civilians were possibly killed when militants attacked a coalition patrol in Maidan Shahr district, Wardak Province Saturday," the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed in a press release here.

It said the coalition unit was on a patrol when they were attacked by militants with an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

"The coalition forces stopped the patrol to investigate the explosion and clear the area of any more IEDs," it added. The press release further said that the patrol came under small-arms fire from an unknown number of militants prompting the troops to return fire.

Xinhua

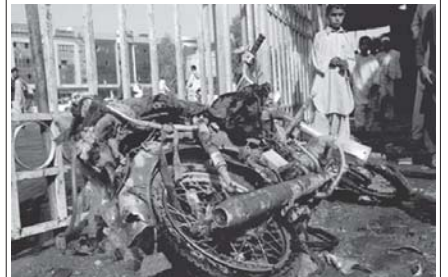
Blast rocks Kandahar city in S Afghanistan, killing two

KANDAHAR, 24 Oct—An explosion on Saturday hit Kandahar city, capital of Kandahar province in southern Afghanistan, killing two civilians and injured at least three others, provincial police chief said. "A suspected man who was riding a three-wheel motorbike laden with explosive material but the device went off prematurely in precinct 1 of Kandahar city and as a result two civilians were killed and at least three others injured," Sardar Mohammad Zazai told Xinhua.

The suspected terrorist riding the three-wheel motorbike was also killed in the blast around 2 pm local time.

Earlier, a police officer on the condition of anonymity said that the police wanted to check the three-wheel motorbike when the rider blew himself up, killing self and a policeman.

Xinhua



An Afghan boy stands by a motorbike used by a suicide bomber in Kandahar city, on 23 Oct, 2010.

INTERNET

NYT photographer badly wounded in Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Oct—A photographer with *The New York Times* was seriously injured Saturday when he stepped on a mine while covering the war in southern Afghanistan, the newspaper said.

Joao Silva, 44, was evacuated to the main US military base in southern Kandahar after being wounded in the legs in the volatile Arghandab region of the province.

"A group of minesweepers and bomb-sniffing dogs had already moved over the area several steps ahead of Mr Silva when the bomb went off," the report on the newspaper's website said.

Mines or improvised explosive devices (IEDs) as they are called in

Afghanistan are the main weapon used by the Taliban in their war against the Kabul government, now in its 10th year.

They are cheap and easy to make but difficult to detect, and can be detonated by pressure or by remote control.

They have killed many of the almost 600 foreign troops to have died in the war so far this year, and cause devastating injuries to those who survive. The newspaper said that Silva was being treated at the Kandahar Airfield but no further information would be made available without his family's consent.

Internet



This undated photo shows New York Times photographer Joao Silva on assignment in South Africa.

INTERNET

Iraqi army officer, 16 people wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 24 Oct—An Iraqi army officer and 16 people were wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Saturday, the police said.

A roadside bomb explosions struck the convoy of Lieutenant Colonel Bakr Mohammed, commander of 3rd battalion of Iraqi al-Muthanna Brigade in Abu Ghraib area, just west of Baghdad, wounding him and five of his soldiers, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Three civilians were also wounded by the powerful blast that destroyed two vehicles of Mohammed's convoy, the source said.

In separate incidents, a soldier and a civilians were wounded in two bomb attacks in Abu Ghraib area during the day, the source said.

In Baghdad, a member of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's Dawa Party was wounded when a magnetic bomb attached to his car detonated in south the capital, the source added.

Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman inspects residents at a checkpoint in Baghdad on 23 October, 2010. Iraq vowed on Saturday to probe allegations that police or soldiers committed crimes in the country's sectarian war, after WikiLeaks released classified US files that revealed prisoner abuse by Iraqi forces.

INTERNET

Science

Philippines, Norway vaults saving rice diversity



A farmer holding rice stalks is seen at a farm in Didpig town, north of Manila.—INTERNET

LOS BANOS, 24 Oct—In a greenhouse near the Philippine capital, botanists grow strange grasses that bear tiny seeds which are promptly flown to a doomsday vault under Norway's Arctic permafrost.

The Norway deliveries are just the newest facet of a decades-old effort by more than 100 countries to save the world's many varieties of rice which might otherwise be lost.

A fire-proof, quake-proof, typhoon-proof gene bank set up by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines in 1962 now holds 115,000 varieties of one of the world's most important grains.

"We've got genes stored which could potentially help us increase the yields of rice, improve pest tolerance and disease resistance, and help us address the effects of climate change," IRRI geneticist Fiona Hay said.

The rice varieties are grown at IRRI's sprawling complex at the university town of Los Banos, two hours' drive south of Manila, so that they can be provided — free of charge — to farmers or governments around the world.—*Internet*

World's plants are atmospheric 'cleansers'

BOULDER, 24 Oct—The world's plants play a bigger role in cleansing the Earth's atmosphere of common air-polluting chemicals than previously thought, US researchers say.

Scientists at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo, used observations, gene

studies and computer modeling to show that deciduous plants absorb about a third more of a class of air-polluting chemicals known as oxygenated volatile organic compounds than previously believed, *Science-Daily.com* reported Friday.

These compounds form in the atmosphere from hydrocarbons and other chemicals emitted from both natural sources and human activities, and can have long-term impacts on the environment and human health, researchers say.

"Plants clean our air to a greater extent than we had realized," research center scientist Thomas Karl, the lead author, says. "They actively consume certain types of air pollution."

—*Internet*

Shy students choose science

GRONINGEN, 24 Oct—A Dutch study found shy, introverted students are more likely to choose science subjects at school while more sociable children tend to avoid them.

Researchers at the University of Groningen analyzing data on nearly 4000 students found that their subject choices at age 15 were affected by personality, *New-Scientist.com* reported Friday.

Students choosing science subjects tended to be less extroverted than those who chose non-science subjects and scored more highly on conscientiousness and emotional stability, education researcher Hanke Korpershoek says.—*Internet*

Climate change could bring 'travel chaos'

SOUTHAMPTON, 24 Oct—Rail networks in the United Kingdom face serious threats from climate change and its effects, researchers say.

Scientists from the University of Southampton and Network Rail say extreme weather events, projected to become more common over the next 50 years as a result of global warming, could lead to more landslides and floods, the BBC reported Friday.

Damage from such events could cause "widespread disruption" to travel, the researchers say.

Scientists studying the number of landslides and floods that resulted in delays of more than eight hours found the frequency of these major incidents was far higher during the wet winter of 2000-2001 when rail passengers experienced widespread travel disruption.—*Internet*

Technology

Microsoft brings windows games to the Web this November

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Oct—Taking aim (well, kind of) at online game distributors like Direct2Drive, Impulse, and Steam, Microsoft says it'll sell downloadable PC games online starting 15 November. The company already allows players to purchase and download full PC games, but required they do so using a locally installed software client.

The announcement amounts to a bifurcation of the Games For Windows transactional architecture. Until now, if you wanted to buy a copy of *Fallout 3* or *BioShock 2*, you had to download the Games for Windows client and click through its proprietary store to complete your transaction and initiate the download.

With what Microsoft's calling Games for Windows Marketplace (cribbing from its console analogue, Xbox Live Marketplace) you'll now be able to simply click through the Games for Windows website and download games directly—no client required.

—*Internet*



People play a multi-player video game during an introduction of "Xbox Live" in Hong Kong. Microsoft on Friday announced plans to open an online shop stocked with downloadable games for play on personal computers running on its software.—INTERNET

Russian hacker builds 70 terabyte home computer

MOSCOW, 24 Oct—Ever find yourself deleting some files to make room for your overgrown media collection? Thanks to a new hack from a Russian PC enthusiast you should have plenty of room for your MP3 collection, along with the collections of everybody else you know. The hack consists of an array of 60 hard drives and the whole thing holds a whopping 70 terabytes of data.

That translates to 70,000 DVD-quality movies or, if you're more musically inclined, somewhere in the neighbourhood of 24 million songs. Of course, that kind of storage space doesn't come easy. Besides the 60 drives themselves the rig requires 40 cooling fans to keep the temperature under control.

The final package may not win any awards for case design but the whole thing has a certain kind of stark utilitarian beauty to it. Presumably the unnamed maker is keeping the case open so he can switch the set up out with even heftier drives as they come along to keep the project from looking like an absurd relic a decade or so from now thanks to the storage equivalent to Moore's Law.

—*Internet*

Apple will no longer pre-install Flash on Macs

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Oct—Apple Inc said on Friday it will no longer ship Mac computers with Adobe Systems Inc's Flash player pre-installed, as the company continues to erect barriers to the software.

Apple's decision does not ban Flash software from its computers — as it has from the iPhone and iPad. Users will still be able to download and install a Flash player, which is widely-used to view videos on the Web.

Apple has been publicly hostile toward Flash and Steve Jobs has criticized it as a buggy battery hog. Adobe has responded by calling Apple overly restrictive.

—*Reuters*



Media and guests check out Apple's latest thinner MacBook Air 11" (L) and 13" models and new operating system after attending a news conference at Apple Inc. headquarters in Cupertino, California 20 October, 2010.

—INTERNET

Health

Horror disease hits Uganda

KAMPALA, 24 Oct—A disease whose progression and symptoms seem straight out of a horror movie but which can be treated has killed at least 20 Ugandans and sickened more than 20,000 in just two months.

Jiggers, small insects which look like fleas, are the culprits in the epidemic which causes parts of the body to rot. They often enter through the feet. Once inside a person's body, they suck the blood, grow and breed, multiplying by the hundreds. Affected body parts — buttocks, lips, even eyelids — rot away.

James Kakooza, Uganda's minister of state for primary health care, said jiggers can easily kill young children by sucking their blood and can cause early deaths in grown-ups who have other diseases. Most of those infected, especially the elderly, cannot walk or work.

"It is an epidemic which we are fighting against and I am sure over time we will eradicate the jiggers," Kakooza said.

The insects breed in dirty, dusty places. The medical name for the parasitic disease is tungiasis, which is caused by the female sand fly burrowing into the skin. It exists in parts of Latin America and the Caribbean, besides sub-Saharan Africa.

Kakooza said health workers are telling residents of the 12 affected districts in Uganda that jiggers thrive amid poor hygienic conditions.

"We are also telling them to use medicated soap. They can apply petrol and paraffin in places infested by jiggers and they die," Kakooza said.

Internet



Anatoli Alemo 40 a resident of Kamuli District in eastern Uganda displays his hands and feet infested by jiggers. —INTERNET

Bad neighbourhood can lead to bad health

INDIANAPOLIS, 24 Oct— Living in a deprived urban neighbourhood puts diabetics at a significantly higher risk of losing mobility, a study of African-Americans with the disease found.

Researchers at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis said residing in a neighbourhood with low air quality, loud traffic/industrial noise or poorly maintained streets and yards makes it more likely African-Americans with diabetes will develop problems walking.

While the researchers had expected these diabetic patients would be more prone to lower-body functional limitations, they say they were surprised to find a double jeopardy situation.

"Having diabetes is bad, living under adverse neighbourhood conditions is bad, but people with diabetes who live in adverse neighbourhood conditions quite remarkably were up to 80 times more likely to develop lower body functional limitations than those having the disease or living under these neighbourhood conditions alone," Dr Douglas Miller, the study's senior author, said in a statement. "In fact, in our study about 8 out of 10 people who developed lower body functional limitations were diabetics who lived in adverse neighborhood conditions."

The study, published online in *BMC Public Health*, had adjusted for exercise so Miller said lack of exercise was not a factor accounting for the diminished abilities. He suggested adverse living conditions may have caused higher oxidative stress, which exacerbated lower body function problems.

Internet

Men with prostate cancer, get colon exam

BUFFALO, 24 Oct — Men who have prostate cancer should not miss having routine colonoscopies because they have significantly more abnormal colon polyps, US researchers say.

Dr Ognian Pomakov of the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and a gastroenterologist at the Buffalo VA Medical Center and first author Madhusudhan Sunkavalli, a University at Buffalo medical resident, say the study involved 2,011 men who had colonoscopies at the Buffalo VAMC.

The researchers reviewed patient records, colonoscopy reports and pathology reports, as well as data on the prevalence of abnormal colon polyps, or adenomas, advanced adenomas, cancerous adenomas and their location within the colon. —Internet

Business

MySpace shared user data with advertisers



The homepage of MySpace displayed on a computer monitor. The Wall Street Journal on Friday reported that sister News Corp.

INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Oct —The Wall Street Journal on Friday reported that sister News Corp property MySpace has been giving advertising companies data that could identify members of the social networking service.

MySpace and some third-party applications popular at the online community transmitted unique ID numbers that could be used to find profile pages that could contain names, pictures, gender, and more about a

person, the Journal reported.

"Knowledge of a public user ID does not give anyone access to private user data," a MySpace spokesman said in response to an AFP inquiry. "We share non-personally identifiable information with advertising companies as part of our ad serving process." MySpace maintained that its terms of service prohibit third-party developers from sharing any user data, including public ID numbers.

"It has recently come to our attention that several third party app developers may have violated these terms and we are taking appropriate action against those developers," the spokesman said. Actions taken "regularly" to enforce terms of use at the online community include suspending or removing offending applications, according to MySpace.

Internet

G20 inks pact to avert trade war

GYEONGJU, 24 Oct— The Group of 20 major economies agreed on Saturday to shun competitive currency devaluations but stopped short of setting targets to reduce trade imbalances that are clouding global growth prospects.

At a meeting in South Korea, G20 finance ministers recognized the quickening shift in economic power away from Western industrial nations by striking a surprise deal to give emerging nations a bigger voice in the International Monetary Fund.

A closing communique contained no major policy initiative after a US proposal to limit current account imbalances to 4 percent of gross domestic product, a measure aimed squarely at shrinking China's surplus, failed to win broad enough backing.

Indeed, the United States itself came under fire from Germany and China for the super-loose monetary policy stance it has adopted to try to breathe life into the sluggish US economy.

German Economy Minister Rainer Bruederle

said he had made clear that easing was the wrong way to go.

"An excessive, permanent increase in money is, in my view, an indirect manipulation of the (foreign exchange) rate," he said.

Reuters



A Nuclear Power of India Limited handout shows the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors at the Tarapur Atomic Power Station in Maharashtra state. India is ready to seal a civilian nuclear deal and boost trade ties with Japan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said. —INTERNET

India ready to seal nuke deal, boost Japan trade

Tokyo, 24 Oct —India is ready to seal a civilian nuclear deal and boost trade ties with Japan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said, as New Delhi looks to prove its friendship in the wake of Tokyo's bitter territorial spat with Beijing.

"I am confident that we will be able to conclude an agreement (on a civilian nuclear deal), which will be a win-win proposition for both of us," Singh told a group of Japanese media, before heading to Tokyo to meet with his Japanese counterpart Naoto Kan on a three-day trip.

His visit comes as Tokyo struggles to repair ties with Beijing, hit by the worst diplomatic row in years over a disputed island chain in the East China Sea.

Singh said India would like Tokyo to be its partner in nuclear energy, noting that Japan has "one of the highest and most advanced nuclear technologies." —Internet

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States, the United Nations will be playing a more important role in world affairs in the years to come.

Nowadays, the global economy is gradually recovering from a deep recession. However, many countries still face daunting challenges. The economic recovery has yet to effectively lift the low-income countries from the deep recession. The developing countries have been hit hardest by the global economic and financial crisis. This sadly makes it all the more difficult for them to meet the

timelines set for the realization of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Since the Millennium Declaration was adopted in 2000, the pace of progress in the implementation of the MDGs by developing countries is uneven. Imbalances in the global economic, financial and trade environments remain a major impediment for many developing countries. The emerging global issues of climate change, food and energy crises also threaten to undermine their hard-won socio-economic progress, including the achievements in the im-

plementation of the MDGs.

Myanmar has full faith in the important role being played by the United Nations in promoting social justice, economic progress and better standard of living of the citizens of the world. We pin our hopes on the United Nations in bringing about a better, more prosperous and peaceful world.

On this auspicious occasion of the 65th United Nations Day, I would like to invite one and all to join me in extending our best wishes to the United Nations.



Head of State Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance on development of Yangon Port region. —MNA

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for all the sea ports in the country. There are nine sea ports altogether, including Yangon Port.

There were only 13 jetties international vessels can be moored to in 1988. After 1988, there are 16 jetties of Yangon Port and six jetties of Thilawa Port, totaling 22. There have now been three inland container

yards although there was none in the past.

As for the freight handling, 0.62 million ton of goods could be handled yearly in the times of Myanmar kings; 2.3 million tons yearly in the pre-independence period; 3.29 million tons yearly between the post-independence period and 1988; and 16.7 million tons in 2009-2010 fiscal year.

As regards to container handling,

In Thilawa port region, 37 plots with 200 m in length and 750 m in width are being reclaimed and 28 have been settled. On completion of new jetties in Yangon Port and Thilawa Port, there will be 62 jetties where up to 75 vessels can be moored to.

Myanma Port Authority and the private sector handled 0.303 million ton of containers and 4.3 mil-

lion tons of goods in 2009-2010. There are 22 jetties where 22 vessels can be moored

simultaneously. Annual handling of freight is 23.7 million tons.

The second part is about the extended construction of jetties, the minister said. Plans are under way to build new jetties in the area between Thanlyatsoon and Ahlon Hsinmin jetty where port activities cannot be used. There will be more 225 acres of port area. There will be 13 jetties, where 26 vessels can be moored to.

In Thilawa port region, 37 plots with 200 m in length and 750 m in width are being reclaimed and 28 have been settled. On completion of new jetties in Yangon Port and Thilawa Port, there will be 62 jetties where up to

75 vessels can be moored to. The volume of freight handling will be 80 million to 100 million metric tons a year. The minister also reported on measures being taken to improve waterways into and out of Yangon Port with the use of charts.

For the third part, the minister reported on plans to construct a four-lane road between Strand Road and Yangon River from Htitankyatsarsoon to Botahtaung Market in order to ensure that trucks and container trucks can go easily and smoothly and that there is no traffic congestion on Strand Road. He also explained that two six feet wide (See page 7)



Loading of containers onto the ships seen at Bo Aung Kyaw jetty. —MNA

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pedestrian lanes will be constructed on both sides of the new 48 feet wide road, which is 4.54 miles long. Moreover, he reported on plans to build a railroad along with new Strand Road.

With respect to the programmes for the dredging of Yangon River to improve the waterway, he said that the dredging of the river is being carried out daily in Yangon Port for the convenience of vessels, each of which is 167 meters long with total

In conclusion, he reported that follow-up programmes will be implemented to extend the wharfs and deepen the waterway in order that seagoing vessels can be loaded with more goods.

The Secretary-1 gave a supplementary report.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin presented a report, saying that the new Strand Road will be 4.54 miles long from Hteedankyetsharsun and

Road between Strand Road and Maha Bandoolla Street; Maha Bandoolla Street between Botahtaung and Bandoolla Bridge; Maha Bandoolla Bridge on Yamonnar Street from Bandoolla Bridge to Shukhintha Park; Shukhintha Street from Shukhintha Park to Thanlyin approach road; Yadana Road between Thanlyin approach road and Bago River Road; Bago River Road between Yadana Road and Ayeyawun Road; Ayeyawun Road between Bago River Road and Maungmagan Kantha Road; Maungmagan Kantha

to Ayeyawady Region through new Strand Road, Kyimyindine Road and Bayintnaung Bridge.

The Secretary-1 gave a supplementary report.

In response to the reports, the Head of State put some questions for his knowledge and gave guidance, saying that although Yangon Port is the main exit to the sea, there have been no plans yet to improve the port services, but only in some parts of the port.

Yangon Port is to be upgraded systematically through a plan taking into consideration the day-by-day

Boosting the capacity of ports also requires the upgrading of ports, smooth transport way, safety and port service.

With improvement in port services, it will be required to handle the goods as soon as possible and to take measures for smooth storage of commodities, and sustain the upgraded ports and keep them clean and beautiful.

In conclusion, he stressed the importance of upgrading new roads including new Strand Road to concrete facilities and completion of projects ahead of schedule.

of containers onto a vessel with a crane.

The Senior General inspected the unloading of goods from a vessel in Asia World Port.

He viewed the driving of piles in the river to upgrade the jetty in Asia World Port. At the briefing hall, Director U Kyay of Asia World Co reported on progress in shifting rich polishing plant, rice warehouse, raw soap oil tank, and palm oil tanks in old Hteedan Port to the place upstream the river, construction of a new jetty, and plans to construct jetties in the vacant places.

From the new

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspects works for extension of pontoon bridge of Asia World Port.—MNA



weight of 15,000 tons and a nine-meter draught, and in Thilawa Port Terminal for vessels, each of which is 200 meters long with total weight of 20,000 tons and a nine-meter draught.

Botahtaung Market Road with four creek-spanning bridges on it.

He said that the road sections to be upgraded into six-lane facilities to link Strand Road and No. 2 Road are Botahtaung Market

Road between Ayeyawun Road and No. 2 Road; and No. 2 Road between Maungmagan Kantha Road and Maso Bridge.

Trucks can run directly to upper Myanmar through No. 2 Road and

growing commodity flow.

Now, Yangon Port copes with vessels whose total weight ranges from 15,000 to 20,000 tons, but according to the tide. Necessary measures are to be taken till the port can cope with 35,000-ton vessels. Only then, will the port catch up with the commodity flow in future, and that will be economical.

The Senior General and entourage inspected Botahtaung Market section (between Strand Road and Maha Bandoolla Street) to link new Strand Road with No. 2 Road.

Upon arrival at Bo Aung Kyaw Port Bridge, the Senior General heard a report by Managing Director U Soe Tint of Marine Co Ltd on the bridge. He inspected the uploading

jetty, the Senior General inspected the rice polishing plant, rice warehouse, and palm oil tank.

Next, the Senior General inspected progress in building a market of greens near Padauk Creek in Hline Township. The Yangon Mayor reported work progress.

Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on tasks.

MNA

Relief supplies and cash assistance provided to storm Giri victims

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct.—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe inspected damage of offices, buildings and houses in Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State yesterday afternoon, due to cyclone Giri which hit in 22 October.

In the evening, the ministers and the deputy minister met commanding officer of local regiment, strategic command, district/township-level departmental officials, wards chairmen,

townselder and officials at Einphyutaw Yeiktha, Kyaukpyu. At the meeting, districts and township chairmen reported on lists of damage of houses and office buildings and resettlement of the storm victims. The ministers and the deputy minister discussed relief and rehabilitation tasks.

Today, they inspected clearing of debris in wards, and encouraged the victims at makeshift camp. There, they presented clothes, foodstuff, bottles of water, CI sheets, construction materials and cash assistance.—MNA

EP-2 Minister visits power stations

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct.—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint visited Hlawga power station of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise yesterday.

The minister in-

spected extension of control building and switch yard of the power station.

The minister then visited Hlawga Natural Gas Power Plant and inspected six boiler tubes.

The minister

heard reports on personnel affairs, condition of machines and supply of electricity, maintenance works and left necessary instructions.

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Notable points about voting process

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Introduction

A friend of mine said, "I've read so many articles about parties, leaders of parties and democracy in journals. And I've listened to songs on TV that are designed to persuade the people to vote in elections. But, to be honest, I haven't known yet what a voter should do and how a voter will have to vote." Some say, "I have learnt that there will be seven ballot boxes in each of the polling stations in Yangon Region. In that regard, I wonder if we will have to cast votes for all the seven ballot boxes." That implies that there should be some programmes to educate voters about voting process.

Voter

At first, I would like to present three requirements a voter has to meet. The first requirement is that a voter must attain 18 years of age on 7 November 2010 on which elections will be held. The second requirement is that he must be a citizen, or an associate citizen, or a naturalized citizen or a temporary certificate holder. If a citizen does not have any of them, he will miss the opportunity to vote. Therefore, such people should inform related departments in advance in order to get a temporary certificate for voting right. The third requirement is that a voter must be on the electoral registry. In other words, he must be a resident in the constituency (ward / village) with Form (10). In general, if a citizen meets these three requirements, he has the right to vote, and he can vote in elections in his constituency.

Many programmes have been adopted for such citizens who are living outside their constituencies for various reasons not to miss the voting right. If a citizen wishes to vote for a candidate in the constituency of his home town, he may go to his home town and take part in the election on the day of elections. He may also cast a vote in advance. Here, he has to join the ward/

village sub-commission concerned. If a citizen does not wish to do so, he must have lived in the present region for at least 180 days. If he meets this requirement, he has to submit an application to the ward/village sub-commission concerned with his testimony and the recommendation of the person in-charge of the electoral process before the day of elections. If guaranteed, he can take part in the election in the region he is staying. In that case, the two township sub-commissions will coordinate to cancel his name from the electoral roll of his home town.

Those who do not have voting right

Even if a citizen meets all those requirements of a voter, he shall not have the voting right. Such citizens are members of the religious order, persons serving prison terms, persons determined to be of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court, persons who have not yet been declared free from insolvent, persons who are disqualified by Election Law, and foreigners or persons who are naturalized as citizens of a foreign country.

Another important point is that if a citizen finds that his name is not yet on the electoral roll issued by the ward/village-tract sub-commission, he has to submit an application to those in authority to put his name on the electoral roll.

Representative

Surely, what I have explained is enough to know facts about a voter. Now, I would like to present some points about representatives for the voters to know which ballot boxes they will have to put ballot papers into.

I would like to give an account of a constituency. According to the State Constitution (2008), there are three hluttaws namely Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, and State (or) Region Hluttaw. So, constituencies are categorized into Pyithu Hluttaw constituency, Amyotha Hluttaw constituency, and State (or) Region Hluttaw constituency. The Union

Election Commission has already announced those constituencies.

Political parties will stand for election according to their funds and strength. Will a political party stand for election across the country? Or in a state/region? In at least three constituencies or more? How many constituencies will they stand for political position in? It is up to the party concerned. They will nominate their representatives according to their plans. The people will elect reliable candidates from among the representatives.

Ballot boxes

Anyhow, the commission will set at least three ballot boxes for candidates to three hluttaws in every polling station. Every voter has the right to cast votes for Pyithu Hluttaw ballot box, Amyotha Hluttaw ballot box and State/Region Hluttaw ballot box.

Here, I would like to explain some points about national race representatives. If the population of a national race in a state or region constitutes 0.1 percent or above of the nation's population, the state or region will be designated as a national race constituency, and the national race has the right to elect a representative. The national race constituencies for region or state hluttaws were featured in the 14-8-2010 issues of daily newspapers.

Yangon Region

For more details, I would like to explain some points about Yangon Region. Of the national races living in Yangon Region, those, each of whose population makes up more than 0.1 percent of the nation's population are Kayin and Rakhine. According to Election Law, Kayin nationals have the right to elect a representative, and Rakhine, a representative for Yangon Region. So, there will be at most five ballot boxes in every constituency in Yangon Region—three for three hluttaws, one for Kayin national race representative and one for Rakhine national race representative. (Similarly, in each of other states and regions, there will be more ballot boxes, each for one national race that represents at least 0.1 percent of the nation's population.) These two ballot boxes are for Kayin and Rakhine nationals only.

So, in Yangon Region, the entire voters except Kayin and Rakhine ones will have to cast votes for three hluttaws. If a voter is a Kayin national, he has to cast votes for three hluttaw ballot boxes plus Kayin national race ballot box, totaling four ballot boxes. If a voter is a Rakhine national, he has to cast votes for three hluttaw ballot boxes plus Rakhine national race ballot box, numbering four ballot boxes.

Justice

If there is only one Kayin national in a ward or village-tract, there shall be a ballot box for that Kayin national. In like manner, if there is only one Rakhine national in a ward or village-tract, there

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After getting into the polling station, at first, a voter has to go to the Pyithu Hluttaw electoral roll checker and put his signature in the place beside his name. If a voter is an illiterate, he needs to have a fingerprint. Every voter is to have their particulars checked by electoral roll checkers. Then, he has to go to the person who will issue the ballot papers and draw a ballot paper from the latter. The voter has to put his signature or have a fingerprint on the receipt part of the ballot paper. When he gets a ballot paper, a voter has to put a tick in the box shown against the name of the candidate he supports.

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shall be a ballot box for that Rakhine national. That is a symbol of a fair election.

Voting process

Lastly, I would like to present some points a voter should note. When electoral rolls are announced, a voter can know in which polling station he will have to vote. Or he may enquire at the ward/village-tract sub-commission concerned.

On the day of elections, polling stations will open at 6 am and will be over at 4 pm, accounting for a period of 10 hours. Elections are held on a holiday. In general, the people are free that day. Every polling station will be set in the place that is easily accessible from the four corners of the constituency. The lists of the names of confirmed candidates have been announced constituency-wise. So, by then, a voter will have decided which

candidate he will vote for.

I would also like to explain some points about the view of a polling station. Every polling station has their compounds. Only after entering the compound, can a voter get to the polling station. Maybe, the compound of a constituency does not have much space in a populous urban ward or a downtown area.

In a polling station, the voting process will be undertaken by a returning officer, a deputy returning officer, electoral roll checkers and security officers along with members of the ward/village tract sub-commission. In order to prove that the forthcoming elections are free and fair elections, candidates to hluttaws or their representatives are allowed to stay in the polling station. Ballot boxes and polling booths are set hluttaw-wise and national race-wise.

Each ballot paper features the names of the candidates and Logo.

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notable that if the tick is not clear enough, or a voter puts more than one tick for more than one candidate, or he does not put any tick, or he puts a mark on the ballot paper, or the ballot paper is torn up, the ballot paper will be cancelled. After voting for a candidate, he has to get out of the polling booth and fold the ballot paper in half and put it into the ballot box in front of others.

After voting for a candidate to Pyithu Hluttaw, a voter has to vote for Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaw as mentioned above. If a voter is the one who needs to vote for a national race candidate, he has to cast a vote for the ballot box concerned.

Conclusion

Even if a voter does not get into the polling station till 4 pm, he just needs to have entered the compound of the polling station. It is because time is up at 4 pm, but all the voters who have already got into the compound are allowed to cast votes even if it is already 4 pm.

Translation: MS

POEM:

To the polling stations we all go

- * With a red glow on horizon
Dawn breaks in east
A pleasant breeze comes
And birds start to sing
From a new auspicious day
Starts a new era
Where our future lies
Towards a golden age
People in amity and unity
Multiparty elections
They are going to partake
- * With correct conviction
And greater awareness in mind
O, the people
Choose and vote for persons
Who represent you truly
Relay good heritage
For future generations
Join hands the people
To discharge well
The duty of democracy
The national cause
- * O, kith and kin
Let's go to polling stations
From this glorious elections
Nation reaches higher stage
C'mon all gents
Let's cast votes
You ladies too
Join hands please
Shaping our own future
Till reaching national goal
In unity all are marching

Zaw Min Min Oo (Trns)



Kyauk Hsuu

Multiparty democracy elections are set out to be held...

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representatives and officials from UN agencies, outstanding students and guests.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivered a speech. He said: As a member of the international community, the Union of Myanmar has followed the fine traditions of the world community and in doing so, has been celebrating the founding of the United Nations annually. In this regard, I would like to express our pleasure and honour in holding this year's 65th Anniversary of founding the United Nations in harmony with our time-honoured tradition. We have witnessed the United Nations' noble endeavour to maintain international peace and security as enshrined in the Charter of the United

without discrimination, providing foreign direct investment, providing market access and solving the debt problem would facilitate the developing countries to reach their MDGs. Then, only the noble goals of achieving peace, security, justice and prosperity of mankind could be realized.

Despite various challenges which were put before us, Myanmar has managed to overcome these challenges and has achieved most of the targeted MDGs in various phases, especially in the areas of poverty alleviation, food security, education and health.

Severe natural calamities such as earthquakes, floods and heat wave that had battered the world are the testaments of climate change which is threatening the



Prime Minister U Thein Sein addresses the ceremony to observe the 65th Anniversary United Nations Day.

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Nations with the collective efforts of its member states. In order to overcome today's emerging challenges such as climate change, food security, water and energy and interfering insecurity as well as prevailing challenges such as attempts to impose domination on developing countries and interfering in international affairs of countries by use of force, we are of the view that the United Nations is the best forum to tackle these challenges with the universal participation of all member states.

In order to further strengthen the role of the United Nations and to practice the multilateralism democratically, practical and effective reforms of the United Nations such as revitalization of the United Nations General Assembly as well as reform of the Security Council to make more transparent and accountable, are needed. Therefore, the UN must take appropriate reform measures to reflect its increasing membership.

In order to fulfill the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, the international community must create better environment for the developing countries. By eliminating coercive economic measures as well as trade embargoes, providing Official Development Aid

mankind. Although natural calamities do not have borders and no single country is being spared, the developing countries are the ones which suffered the most.

The cyclone Nargis which struck Myanmar in May 2008 was the most severe in our history. After the cyclone Nargis, we have managed to overcome the emergency situation and to date, with the assistance from the UN, ASEAN and the international community. We have successfully managed to rehabilitate the cyclone affected areas. Taking this opportunity, I would like to

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win reading out the message of Senior General Than Shwe.

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once again reiterate our sincere appreciation to the UN and the international community for their humanitarian assistance rendered to us in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis.

Taking this opportunity, allow me to touch briefly on the ongoing political developments in Myanmar.

Myanmar today is at a crucial stage of its transformation to democratic and constitutional government. In accordance with the fifth step of the seven-step political Road Map, multiparty democracy elections are set out to be held on 7 November 2010.

A total of 37 parties including parties representing the various ethnic nationalities groups will be contesting at the elections. Therefore, Myanmar society as a whole will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights to elect representatives of their choice who will represent them better. Over 3000 candidates will be contesting for a total of 1171 seats at the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the State Hluttaws/Region Hluttaws. Political parties have started their campaign activities including the use of the state-owned media. Such a large participation of candidates clearly symbolizes the inclusiveness of the upcoming elections.

Whatever the challenges facing us, we are determined

to do our utmost for the successful conclusion of the free and fair general elections based on the past experiences and lessons learned in the best interest of our country and people.

As our new State Constitution subscribe to the present foreign policy, the new Government to be formed after the elections will also continue to embrace the policy of maintaining and strengthening friendly relations with all nations and work more closely with UN and international community.

In conclusion, I would like to invite all of you to join me in conveying our best wishes for the continued success of the UN in its noble endeavors for the peace, security, justice and prosperity of the mankind.

After that, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe.

Resident coordinator Mr Bishow B. Parajuli also read out the message of UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon. Then, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented awards to the students who won prizes in Basic Education High School level essay competitions held to mark the 65th Anniversary of the UN.

Resident representative Mr Bishow B. Parajuli reads out the message of UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win awarded the winners at basic education middle school level essay competitions. Resident coordinator Mr Bishow B. Parajuli also presented awards to winners at primary level essay competitions.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted ambassadors, charge's d' Affaires ai, the resident coordinator and resident representatives from UN agencies. The Prime Minister and those attended enjoyed winners' essays and documentary photos of the UN displayed in the hall.—MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein awards a prize winner in essay contest.—MNA

Kenya Red Cross says seven fans die from football stampede



Kenyan police officers inspect the scene of a stampede at the Nyayo National Stadium in Nairobi 23 October, 2010.

XINHUA

NAIROBI, 24 Oct—Seven fans died in a stampede Saturday while trying to enter a stadium where a football match between two of Kenya's most popular teams was being played, the Kenya Red Cross said.

Six people died when they were run over by the crowd outside Nyayo National

Stadium in Nairobi, and one died after being taken to Kenyatta National Hospital, said Red Cross spokesman Titus Mung'u. He said at least four people were injured, but that number could be higher since several ambulance services were called to the scene.

Jack Oguda, the CEO of the Kenya

Premier League, said he did not know why fans couldn't get into the stadium properly because it wasn't full.

"A gate was broken into by fans forcing their way into the stadium," Oguda said. "Access was limited and they got agitated, and that's why they forced their way in. We'll start an inquiry into the matter to establish why fans could not access the stadium."

Zedekiah Otieno, the coach of Gor Mahia, which beat the AFC Leopards 1-0 in the game, said: "Management should ensure that gates are open on time to avoid a mad rush to the stadium during games of this magnitude."

Internet

13 dead in massacre at Ciudad Juarez party



Mexican federal police officers stand outside a home after the exterior gate was covered with a plastic tarp in the northern city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, late Friday 22 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 24 Oct—Gunmen stormed two neighbouring homes and massacred 13 young people at a birthday party in the latest large-scale attack in this violent border city, even as a new government strategy seeks to restore order with social programmes and massive police deployments.

Attackers in two vehicles pulled up to the houses in a lower-middle-class Ciudad Juarez neighbourhood late Friday and opened fire on about four dozen partygoers gathered for a 15-year-old boy's birthday party.

The dead identified so far were 13 to 32 years old, including six women and girls, Chihuahua state Attorney General Carlos Salas told reporters at a news conference at the crime scene. The majority of the victims were high school students, a survivor said.

Internet

Some Africans, poor no more, hit by new diseases

JOHANNESBURG, 24 Oct—The medical experts gathered from around Africa were here to talk about a continentwide epidemic, but it wasn't AIDS or malaria—it was diabetes, and the bad habits that often bring it on.

A growing urban middle class is defying the image of Africa as poor, underfed and under-medicated. And with the comforts of middle class life, afflictions familiar in the West are making inroads here too — obesity, diabetes, lung cancer, strokes, heart disease.

A continent that traditionally traveled on foot or by bicycle now increasingly rides cars and buses. More time is spent at desks. Elevators are replacing stairs. White-

collar Africans are discovering the gym.

"In the past, we used to exercise without knowing it," South Africa's health minister, Aaron Motsoaledi, reminded the recent conference.

"You would walk a long distance to school. You would walk a long

distance to work. You would walk a long distance to the shops," Motsoaledi, 52, recalled of his childhood. "But now I'm an African whose child is dropped at the gate of the school in a car, then picked up at the end of the day and put in front of the TV..."

Internet



In this photo taken Saturday, 23 Oct, 2010, residents watch waves crash on the shore as Typhoon Megi lands on the Gulei Peninsula in southern China's Fujian province.—INTERNET

Baby dies, 10 injured in fall from window

PARIS, 24 Oct—A 4-month-old baby died after he and 10 other people fell from the third-story window of a suburban Paris apartment building on Saturday, an official said.

The baby had been admitted in serious condition to a Paris children's hospital after the accident and died there hours later. The other victims — adults and several children, all of African origin — were hospitalized with multiple traumas, the judicial official said.

Circumstances surrounding the early-morning incident were unclear and it wasn't known if the victims

jumped on purpose or were forced to, the official said. There was no emergency, such as a fire, in the building at the time.

An initial investigation suggested they jumped after one of the women involved became hysterical and started shouting she'd seen the devil, the official said. However, French television reports suggested the tragedy occurred when one of the men living in the apartment entered a

room where the others were watching TV after taking off all his clothes.

Two men — a 30-year-old and a man who jumped out of the window holding a 2-year-old — have been taken into police custody, the judicial official said on condition of anonymity in keeping with her job's regulations.

The apartment building is located in the Paris suburb of La Verriere.

Internet

Italian police arrest top mafia boss

ROME, 24 Oct—Italian police said Saturday they had arrested a top mafia boss who had been on the run since 1999 and was on the list of Italy's 30 most wanted fugitives.

Gerlandino Mes-sina, 38, was arrested in the Sicilian town of Favara, near Agrigento. He was wanted for several murders and criminal association with the mafia.

Some Italian media said he was considered the Sicilian Mafia's number 2, behind the top boss Matteo Messina Denaro, who is still on the run.

The arrest is the latest in a string of high profile arrests of top mobsters by Italian police.

An Italian Interior Ministry statement said 28 of the 30 most dangerous mobsters were now in jail, but Italian media said more names had been added to the list, which is regularly updated by authorities, and 16 top mafia bosses were still wanted.

Internet



Competitors start to run in rain during the 2010 Beijing Marathon in Beijing, capital of China, 24 Oct, 2010.—XINHUA



Photo taken on 23 Oct, 2010 shows a view of the Sijiqing clothes wholesale market in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province. The prices of cotton winter coats have increased by 10 to 15 percent in the market due to the cotton's soaring prices. Cotton prices on the spot and futures markets in China have soared significantly since May, both surpassing the highest record of 25,000 RMB yuan (3,755 US dollars) per ton.

XINHUA

China expands coverage of iron-fortified soy sauce to address anemia

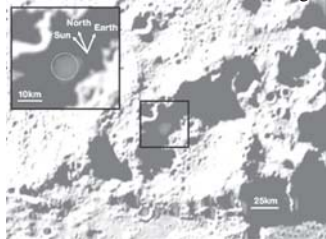
BEIJING, 24 Oct — China's health authorities will expand the population coverage of iron-fortified soy sauce to address the high prevalence of iron-deficiency anemia, *Health News*, a newspaper published by the Health Ministry, reported on Friday. The move is the second phase of the country's soy sauce fortification project, initiated in 2003. Administered by the Food Fortification Office of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), it is also funded by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), a Geneva-based foundation

dedicated to eliminating malnutrition.

The second phase would expand the reach of the project to less developed rural areas by involving small and medium-sized soy sauce producers. GAIN expected the project to be completed by April 2013. More than 20 percent of Chinese had iron-deficiency anemia, but the rates were much higher for infants under the age of two, people aged over 60 and residents of certain regions, said Chen Junshi, director of the Food Fortification Office of China CDC, at Thursday's launch. — *Xinhua*

NASA says Moon's water is useful resource

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct — There are oases of water-rich soil that could sustain astronauts on the Moon, according to NASA. Scientists studied the full results of an experiment that smashed a rocket and a probe into a lunar crater last year. The impacts kicked up large amounts of rock and dust, revealing a



An image of debris ejected from Cabeus Crater and into the sunlight, about 20 seconds after the LCROSS impact. The inset shows a close-up with the direction of the Sun and the Earth. — *INTERNET*

suite of fascinating chemical compounds and far more water than anyone had imagined.

A NASA-led team tells *Science* magazine that about 155kg of water vapour and water-ice were blown out of the crater. The researchers' analysis suggests some areas of lunar regolith, or soil, must contain as much as 5% by weight of water-ice. "That's a significant amount of water," said Anthony Colaprete, from the US space agency's Ames research centre.

"And it's in the form of water-ice grains. That's good news because water-ice is very much a friendly resource to work with. You don't have to warm it very much; you just have to bring it up to room temperature to pull it out of the dirt real easy. "Just as a point of reference — in about a tonne of material, at about 5%, you're talking 11-12 gallons of water that you could extract."

Internet

Runway opens at world's first spaceport

LONDON, 24 Oct — Commercial space travel took a step closer with the opening of the runway at the world's first spaceport in the US state of New Mexico. The event was marked with a flypast of an aircraft carrying SpaceShip Two. The vehicle has been designed to take fee-paying tourists on trips to the edge of space and back. British billionaire Sir Richard Branson — whose Virgin group has backed the venture — said the first passenger trip should take place within 18 months.

The opening of the nearly two-mile (three-kilometre) runway comes less than two weeks after another major step for Sir Richard's Virgin Galactic company: the first solo glide flight of SpaceShip Two. "Today is very personal as our dream becomes more real," Sir Richard said. "People are beginning to believe now. I think the drop flight two weeks ago, which went beautifully, I think it made people sit up and realize this is really reality." — *Internet*



The project's backers say the first commercial flight may take place within 18 months. — *INTERNET*

Richard to become hurricane, dumps rain on Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, 24 Oct — Tropical Storm Richard was gaining strength on Saturday as it dumped rain on Honduras and was seen becoming a hurricane before hitting Belize and Mexico's Yucatan peninsula later in the weekend.

Richard had top sustained winds of 70

miles per hour and would likely barrel through southern Mexico and emerge in Mexico's oil-rich Bay of Campeche on Tuesday as a tropical depression, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

At 11 pm EDT (0300 GMT Sunday), the storm was about 150 miles east of the Honduran port city of La Ceiba after brushing past the remote Miskito coast region where indigenous groups live in wooden houses along

Swedish researchers open new window on human fertilization

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct — Researchers at the Swedish medical university Karolinska Institutet say they have uncovered information about how egg receptors work that could help treat infertility in humans and lead to entirely new forms of contraception. A statement from the institute on Friday said the researchers had been able to describe the 3D structure of a complete egg receptor that binds sperm at the beginning of fertilization.

The results, published in the journal *Cell*, suggest which parts of the receptor are likely to be directly contacted by sperm, and provides new insights into how the sperm receptor is assembled and secreted from the egg. "The findings have important implications for human

reproductive medicine, as they may explain how mutations in the sperm receptor gene could cause infertility.

The research could also potentially lead to the design of non-hormonal contraceptives specifically targeting egg-sperm interaction," said Luca Jovine, who led the study at Karolinska Institutet.

Xinhua

Theme park dedicated to Hello Kitty opens in Tokyo

TOKYO, 24 Oct — "Hello Kitty's Kawaii Paradise," the first theme park dedicated to Hello Kitty, a popular cat character and leading symbol of Japanese popular culture, opened in Tokyo on Friday. The indoor park features a theater showing animated Hello Kitty programs which are projected onto its ceiling in languages including Chinese and English.

The facilities also include a restaurant serving Hello Kitty pancakes, and a gift shop in a floor space of about 891 square meters at the vast Venus Fort shopping complex in the Odaiba area. The park's operator PleasureCast Co, a subsidiary of Namco Ltd, said it is expecting some 700,000 visitors in its first year.

Xinhua

Severe drought afflicts Brazilian Amazon

BRASILIA, 24 Oct — The Brazilian government has announced \$13.5m (£8.6m) in emergency aid for Amazon regions hit by the worst drought in decades. The money will fund water pumping and purification, as well as food deliveries to towns cut off by the drop in river levels. The Brazilian air force has already flown 500 tonnes of supplies to areas that usually depend on water transport. The River Amazon at Manaus has

fallen to its lowest level since 1963.

Scientists say the region is facing its worst drought since that year. In

Amazonas state 27 municipalities have declared a state of emergency because of the dry spell.

Internet



Some rivers are at their lowest level in decades.

INTERNET

Diamond saucepan is hot item at Moscow fair

A diamond-studded saucepan is attracting plenty of interest at Moscow's top annual luxury fair, where a vast array of sparkly bling, fast cars and enormous price tags is on offer.

Displayed in a glass case, the saucepan has a handle and lid encrusted with 270 diamonds and is decorated with 18-carat gold, brand manager Natalya Oreshkina said.

Made by German cookware brand Fissler, the utensil is not really suitable for cooking, Oreshkina added, shuddering at the idea of putting it in an oven.

"It is for serving food beautifully," she explained as crowds packed the Manezh exhibition centre in central Moscow on opening night Friday.

At 150,000 euros, the pan costs roughly the same as a Porsche Cayenne SUV, but is better value, Oreshkina claimed in a practised sales pitch.



A gold and diamond encrusted saucepan on display at the Moscow Millionaire Fair on Saturday. The fair offers a vast array of sparkly bling, fast cars and enormous price tags.



Tontite, a Pomeranian dressed as "Zorro", the Spanish masked swordsman in the movie "The Mask of Zorro", models its costume during the "Scaredy Cats and Dogs" Halloween fund-raising event at a mall in Quezon City 23 October, 2010.

Woman brings fake \$10,000 bill to Mass. bank

A \$10,000 bill? The staff at a Massachusetts bank just wasn't buying it. The suspicious staffers quickly determined that the bill a woman brought into the Lowell bank was a fake.

Michael Gallagher, risk management director at Enterprise Bank, told *The Sun* of Lowell that it is believed there are only about 300 \$10,000 bills left, and most are in the hands of collectors.

The bank called police, who in turn notified the US Secret Service, the agency that investigates counterfeiting. Gallagher would not say what kind of transaction the woman attempted with the note on Tuesday.

The woman's name was not released because she has not been charged, but a police spokesman says she may have mental health issues.

Library book returned to Va college 35 years late

A novel checked out in 1975 from the College of William & Mary library is back in the stacks.

The long-term lender is alumnus Pat Harkin, who found the book of Leon Uris' "QB VII" in a box. He says he planned to return it for the past several homecomings, but he finally made good on his intentions Friday.

The library caps its fees at \$35. Otherwise, the overdue fee could have hit \$1,400 at today's dime-a-day late fee.

To atone for his late return, Harkin told the *Daily Press of Newport News* he made a cash donation to the library. He says it was more than the \$35 overdue fee, but less than the \$1,400 he might have owed.



The world's smallest working revolver.

News Album

Man, 73, rides lawnmower to spring dog from kennel

An elderly Hydro man landed in jail after springing his prized pooch from the town kennel. Instead of paying a \$100 fine for not having his poodle on a leash, 73-year-old Edwin Fry decided to bust Buddy Tough out, driving his lawnmower to the city pound on 13 Oct and breaking into the cage with bolt cutters.

As the pair escaped, police officer Chris Chancellor intercepted them.

Chancellor told the Oklahoman officers had received numerous complaints about Buddy Tough, who had been in the pound before. He said Fry had been told he could retrieve the dog and sort out the fine in court.

Tokyo film festival opens

TOKYO, 24 Oct—The Tokyo International Film Festival opened Saturday with 15 movies competing for the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, the top prize, in the nine-day gala.

Celebrities attending the opening ceremony of the 23rd edition of TIFF, which runs through to 13 October, included French actress Catherine Deneuve, who stars in "Potiche" and the cast of science fiction film "Tron: Legacy".

"Tron: Legacy" will be shown as a short version in 3D ahead of its full version screening around the world in December.

Opening the festival is David Fincher's "The Social Network", whose star Jesse Eisenberg attended the launch ceremony.

Since 2008 the festival has had an environmental theme, with stars, filmmakers

and other dignitaries walking along a ceremonial green carpet instead of the usual red.

Screenings include a documentary, "Countdown to Zero", which focuses on the reality and danger of nuclear proliferation, presented by the Oscar-winning crew which made "An Inconvenient Truth".

Internet



Japanese actress Norika Fujiwara poses with Shrek on 23 October, at the Tokyo International Film Festival where 15 movies are competing for the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix, the top prize, in the nine-day gala.—INTERNET

Maria Sharapova engaged to Lakers basketball star

SAN DIEGO, 24 Oct—Russian tennis player and model Maria Sharapova and Los Angeles Lakers basketball star Sasha Vujacic are engaged, Vujacic told sports reporters on Friday.

Vujacic said before a Lakers exhibition game in San Diego that the three-time grand slam champion had said "yes" to his "old-school" proposal, adding that they were both "really happy."

Vujacic, 26, proposed on the couple's



File photos of Los Angeles Lakers Sasha Vujacic in San Antonio dated May 27, 2008 and Maria Sharapova during the US Open tennis tournament in New York dated 31 August, 2010.

INTERNET

one-year anniversary of meeting at a friend's barbecue. No date has been set for the wedding.

Sharapova, 23, who moved to the United States when she was a child, won the Wimbledon tennis title in 2004, the U.S. Open crown in 2006 and the Australian Open in 2008.

She has also carved out a career as a model and regularly appears on lists of the world's most beautiful women.

Reuters

Hong Kong kicks off film fest with China focus

HONG KONG, 24 Oct—Hong Kong's independent film festival kicks off Friday with a line-up that reflects the ever-changing landscape of China's booming cinema industry, on track to become the world's second biggest box-office earner in five years.

The seventh annual Hong Kong Asian Film Festival features more than 60 independently-made films from across Asia, but this year it will shine a spotlight on the

work of Chinese directors, organisers said.

"Mainland Chinese films are the focus of this year's festival," festival director Gary Mak said.

"Previously, films from China were either extremely arty or big blockbusters but the industry is maturing. Now we are seeing much more diversity, as directors both new and established start to explore new genres."

Internet



A view of the Hong Kong skyline at dusk.

INTERNET

Stoke City 1-2 Manchester United

LONDON, 24 Oct—Manchester United gained their first away win of the season beating Stoke City at the Britannia Stadium.

Javier Hernandez put United in front after 27 minutes with a clever, acrobatic header.

Nani worked a short corner with Patrice Evra before delivering a deep cross from the right. Nemanja Vidic headed the ball back across the face of goal and the Mexican international twisted in mid-air to flick home his header despite facing away from goal.

Substitute Sanli Tuncay marked his 100th Premier League appearance with a spectacular equaliser nine minutes from time when he curled home a precise shot from the right edge of

the area. It was the Potters' first goal against the Red Devils in the Premier League.

However United nicked the points four minutes from the end when Evra squared across goal and Hernandez reacted sharply to sidefoot home his second from six yards.

Internet



Javier Hernandez heads Manchester United's first goal at Stoke City.

INTERNET

Manchester City 0-3 Arsenal

LONDON, 24 Oct—Arsenal moved back up to second with a comprehensive victory over 10-man Manchester City at Eastlands.

City were up against it from the moment Dedryck Boyata was sent off for a foul on Marouane Chamakh after just five minutes.

The Gunners took the lead after 20 minutes when Samir Nasri played a one-two with Andrey Arshavin on the edge of the box and clipped the ball over Joe Hart.

Cesc Fabregas could have added a second but Joe Hart brilliantly saved his 40th-minute penalty.

However the Gunners did stretch their lead on 66 minutes when

Alex Song lashed home a loose ball and substitute Nicklas Bendtner drilled a clinical third into the bottom right corner from the left of goal two minutes from time.

Internet



Dedryck Boyata was sent off for a challenge on Marouane Chamakh.

INTERNET

United to build on Rooney contract boost

STOKE, 24 Oct—Manchester United's trip to Stoke on Sunday will once again be dominated by Wayne Rooney even though the striker will miss the match with an ankle problem after signing a contract extension.

Rooney, 24, has agreed a new five-year contract that will keep him at Old Trafford until 2015 after speculation that he might leave the club in January.

It comes as welcome news for a club that has struggled in the opening weeks of the season, drawing each of their four away matches to lose ground on Chelsea and Manchester City at the top of the table. —Internet

Liverpool 2-1 Blackburn Rovers

LONDON, 24 Oct—Liverpool gained only their second win of the season to move level on points with Blackburn Rovers.

Liverpool took the lead three minutes after half-time when Sotirios Kyrgiakos powered a six-yard header home

from Steven Gerrard's corner.

Two minutes later Rovers equalised as Paul Konchesky's goal-line clearance from El-Hadji Diouf's shot cannoned back off Jamie Carragher and into his own net.

But the Merseysiders regained the advantage in the 53rd minute when Fernando Torres scored only his second of the season, sidefooting home Joe Cole's cross.

The Spain international may have been struggling to rediscover his best form this season but it was his fifth goal in his last four matches against Blackburn.

Internet



Liverpool's Martin Skrtel heads the ball away from Nikola Kalinic of Blackburn Rovers.

INTERNET

Fiorentina move off bottom with win over Bari

ROME, 24 Oct—Fiorentina managed only their second win of the season Saturday to move off the bottom of a Serie A with a 2-1 home success over Bari with Marco Donadel's superb lob and a clincher from Alberto Gilardino.

Donadel clipped home brilliantly on 34 minutes to spark the Viola as he left keeper Jean-Francois Gillet grasping at thin air and Gilardino was on hand to fire in after Adem Ljajic had a shot blocked.

Alessandro Parisi netted a consolation for Bari in injury-time but they slip into the bottom six as

one of a clutch of sides on eight points. —Internet



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Women's ski jumping up for approval for 2014 Games

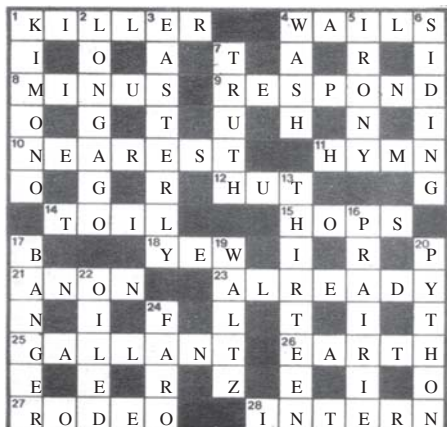


Rachael Flatt (L) of the US, Kanako Murakami (R) of Japan and Carolina Kostner (R) of Italy pose for photographers during the awards ceremony of women's event in the NHK Trophy, the first event of the six-stage ISU figure skating Grand Prix series, in Nagoya, central Japan. —INTERNET

ACAPULCO, 24 Oct—Women's ski jumping and new events in snowboarding, Alpine skiing, figure skating, biathlon and luge are being considered for inclusion at the 2014 Winter Olympics. The International Olympic Committee will decide on additions to the program at a three-day executive board meeting opening on Sunday.

Women's ski jumping was previously turned down twice by the IOC in its bid for inclusion at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. The IOC said that the sport lacked a sufficient number of elite competitors. Women jumpers took their case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada, but failed to overturn the IOC decision. In an incongruous setting, Olympic officials are meeting at a palm-lined Pacific beach resort to approve winter sports to be contested in the North Caucasus mountains of Sochi, Russia. —Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Defending champ Laird takes Las Vegas lead

LAS VEGAS, 24 Oct—Martin Laird has put together two great rounds at



Martin Laird, of Scotland

TPC Summerlin, following a second-round 62 with a 63. Now the Scot's trying to follow his breakthrough victory with a successful title defense. Laird eagled the 310-yard, par-4 15th — driving the green and holing an 8-foot putt — and closed with three pars to take a one-stroke lead over Jonathan Byrd on Saturday in the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open.

Internet

Federer favoured in Stockholm final



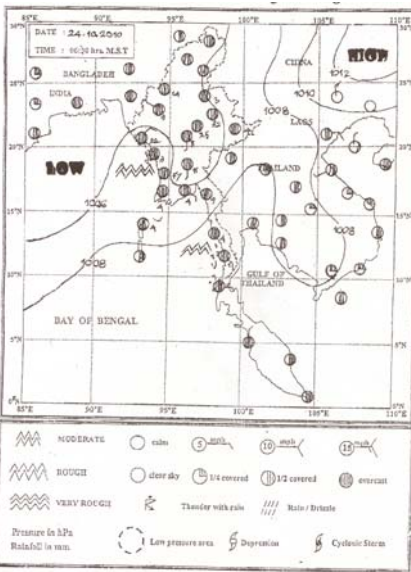
Roger Federer of Switzerland

STOCKHOLM, 24 Oct—Top seed Roger Federer carries a 35-match win streak against Germans into his Sunday final at the Stockholm Open when he faces what will surely be

a nervous challenge from Florian Mayer. The powerful Swiss number two put himself into position for a 64th trophy as he defeated longtime rival Ivan Ljubicic 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 in their semi-final.

Mayer, ranked 47th and without a title, will play his third career final after a fighting 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) defeat of Finn Jarkko Nieminen. Top seed Swiss-German Federer last lost to a German player when Nicolas Kiefer beat him in Halle in June, 2002. —Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 24th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Chin State, Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauppadaung (4.35) inches, Monywa and PyinOoLwin (3.03) inches each, Wundwin (2.80) inches, Mahlaing (2.55) inches, Kyaikhame (2.48) inches, Myiththa (2.34) inches, Thandwe and An (2.32) inches each, Singu (2.15) inches, Shwebo and Mogok (2.05) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2010 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-10-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 24-10-2010 was (0.39) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-10-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 23-10-2010 was (4.3) hours.

Rainfall on 24-10-2010 was (0.16) inch at

Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (81.14) inches at Mingaladon, (95.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.48) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 23-10-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 25th October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Chin and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-10-2010: One or two or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Giants eliminate Phillies to win NL pennant

PHILADELPHIA, 24 Oct—No one can say the San Francisco Giants took the easy path to the World Series. They had to wait until the final day to clinch a playoff spot, then had to wait through a tense final out in Philadelphia.

Brian Wilson, Cody Ross and the Giants can exhale. Now they'll try to bring the first crown to San Francisco.

Juan Uribe hit a tiebreaking homer off Ryan Madson with two outs in the eighth inning and the Giants held off the Phillies 3-2 Saturday night in Game 6 of the NL championship series.

"We had such a diversity of contributions from everybody," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Not bad for a bunch of castoffs and misfits."

Ross, the unlikely MVP, and the pitching-rich Giants reached the World Series for the first time since 2002 and will host the Texas Rangers in Game 1 on Wednesday night.

Internet



The San Francisco Giants celebrate after the ninth inning of Game 6 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the Philadelphia Phillies on 23 Oct, 2010, in Philadelphia. The Giants won 3-2 to win the series and advance to the World Series against the Texas Rangers.

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MYANMARINTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(25-10-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (25-10-10 09:30 am ~ 26-10-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture"
- * Myanmar Pottery
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- * (Being Young) Youth & Music (II)
- * News
- * New Year Flag-Mast Festival Dance (Kayah State)
- * Myanmar Movies "Create a Flower"



**Monday,
25 October
View on today**

7:00 am

1. Paritta By Vanarable
- Min Gun Sayadaw Uppatthandi Paritta

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

5. Song Of National Races

8:05 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:20 am

7. Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competition

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Musical Programme

9:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. Instrumental Music

4:40 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)

4:55 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:20 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:35 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

7:45 pm

14. "How to Cast Vote" (Myanmar Motion Picture Aseyone)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. Talk of the Political Parties (Repeat)

17. International News

18. Weather Report

19. TV Drama Series

20. Fine Arts Square

- ★ 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



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views prize-winning essays and documentary photos.—MNA

Multiparty democracy elections are set out to be held on 7 November 2010

Whatever the challenges facing us, we are determined to do our utmost for the successful conclusion of the free and fair general elections

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—A ceremony to mark the 65th Anniversary of United Nations Day was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre here at 10 am today, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw

Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, ambassadors and their wives from Foreign Embassies in Myanmar, Charge's d' Affaires ai, resident coordinator of UN agencies Mr Bishow B. Parajuli, resident

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ARTICLE

Even if a voter does not get into the polling station till 4 pm, he just needs to have entered the compound of the polling station. It is because time is up at 4 pm, but all the voters who have already got into the compound are allowed to cast votes even if it is already 4 pm.

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POEM:

* With a red glow on horizon
Dawn breaks in east
A pleasant breeze comes
And birds start to sing
From a new auspicious day

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