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## Development of transport sector goes hand in hand with other economic, education, health and social sectors

### Senior General Than Shwe on inspection tour of Bogale, Pyapon and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct.—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of

Gen Tin Maung Win, Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein and

scale model of the hospital.

The hospital is located on 31.9 acres of land and its floor area is

57,440 square feet. It has four main wards—Outpatient Department, General Medical Ward, OG and Paediatric Ward and Osteopathy Ward and Operation Theater. Its main ward is 222 feet x 62 feet and its patient wards are 222 feet x 52 feet each.

In meeting with townelders and departmental officials from Bogale, the Senior General and party asked them of social and economic conditions, and cordially greeted them.

The Senior General

and party inspected development of Bogale in a motorcade. They then proceeded to Bogale River-crossing Bridge construction project, which is being implemented by Special Bridge Construction Group (5) of Public Works.

At the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported to the Senior General on facts about the construction project.

Bogale river-crossing bridge will link Bogale-

Setsan-Htawpaing-Ahma road and Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road, which include in Ayeyawady Region road network project.

Thanks to the bridge, people will have easy access to Mawlamyinegyun, Kyonemange and Myaungmya through Bogale.

The bridge is on Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road. It is 3766 feet in length and 28 feet in width and can withstand 75 tons of load.

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects Bogale river-crossing bridge construction project.—MNA

Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected development of Bogale, Pyapon and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, ministers, and departmental heads, left Yangon for Bogale of Ayeyawady Region at 9:30 am by helicopter.

The Senior General and party were welcomed there by Ayeyawady Region PDC Chairman Commander of South-West Command Brig-

officials.

The Senior General and party arrived at the briefing hall of Bogale township hospital (100-bed) construction project. There, the Senior General heard a report by Chairman of Htoo Trading Co., Ltd U Tay Za on facts about the hospital and construction of four main wards.

In response to the reports, the Senior General instructed them to build the new hospital systematically and renovate the old hospital so as to use it as outpatient ward.

After that, the Senior General and party looked into the construction site of Bogale Township Hospital (100-bed) and



#### 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

Tuesday, 26 October, 2010

### Do not waste unique opportunity to vote

Multiparty democracy general elections are drawing near. The government has to take a long time to put into reality the State's seven-point Road Map it has laid down for democratization, coping with a large variety of challenges and disturbances. The people have long waited to enjoy the fruits of the process.

Now, Myanmar is poised to become a democracy as a result of harmonious efforts of the government and the people.

Certain foreign media and organizations that have not contributed towards the democratization and cannot bear the thought of the potential for successful transformation into democracy system are dissuading the people from casting votes in elections.

Voting right is bestowed upon every citizen, so disrupting elections is nothing more than anti-democratization activists.

The people are to remain cohesive at the beginning of democratization and vigilant against schemes to undermine national unity.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are therefore to collectively ward off any attempts to deal a shattering blow to the elections.

In the elections, the people have to make their choice for their future. Each and every eligible voter is urged to elect trustworthy candidates with a sense of serving national interest, instead of wasting the golden opportunity to vote.

### Fire at oil spill in Pakokku Tsp leaves 14 dead

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—A fire broke out in Pakokku Township, Magway Region yesterday evening, killing 14 and burning 107. The pipeline carrying crude oil from Thagayitaung oilfield to Ayadaw oilfield broke off and oil spilled out at the mile post no. 22/4 on Myitkye-Seikpyu road near Nyaungghla Village, Nyaungghla Village-tract at about 8 pm yesterday.

A fire broke out while about 200 villagers from such nearby villages as Nyaungghla, Nyaungnabin, Theintaw and Aigyi villages were trying to take the crude oil from the leaking pipe.

Members of Pakokku District MPF, and personnel of the oilfield security rushed to the scene and put out the fire. A total of 121 were burnt in the incident and were rushed to Pakokku, Kyunchaung and Myitkye Hospitals, of which 14 died from serious burns and others are still receiving treatment.—MNA

### Myanmar Arts and Science Academy holds paper reading session

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Myanmar Arts and Science Academy held paper reading session, the tenth of the academy at Yangon University this morning.

Present were chairman and executive members of MASA, personnel from Myanmar Medical Academy, Myanmar Science Association, Myanmar Agriculture, Forest and Livestock Association, rectors, professors, faculty heads, scholars, lecturers and enthusiasts.

## 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

### Commander inspects rubber and teak plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, accompanied by officials concerned, inspected rubber, teak and ironwood plantations along Patheingyi-Thalathwar-Mawtinsoon Road on 19 October.

The commander then inspected the site chosen for construction of a bridge across Haingyi Creek. He then visited local military headquarters of Haingyi Township and met officials, other ranks and their families.

The commander inspected monsoon paddy farm of the military headquarters and cultivation and livestock breeding of families of the

Tatmadawmen.

On 20 October, the commander inspected conditions of roads and bridges on Labutta-Thongwa-Ottwin Htaikzun road section and development of Ottwin, Gonthaya, Kyaukkalek, Zichaing and Pyithaya villages.

MNA

### WFP Representative presents entrustment and accreditation letter to FM

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Mr. Carlos Alberto Lopes Veloso, newly-assigned Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to Myanmar paid a courtesy call on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

He presented to the minister the entrustment and accreditation letter from the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP).

MNA



*Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin being welcomed by Resident Coordinator of UN agencies Mr Bishow B. Parajuli at the reception to mark the 65th Anniversary United Nations Day on 24 October.—MNA*

### Giri victims provided with cash and kind



*Personnel of MWAF presents K 3 million to storm victims through DG U Soe Aung of Relief and Resettlement Department.—MNA*

YANGON, 25 Oct—Wellwishers donated cash and kind for Giri victims through the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement at Fire Services Department on Ouakponeseik Street, Mayangon Township here today. Director-General U Soe Aung of

Relief and Resettlement Department accepted the donations on behalf of the SWRR Minister. Patrons Daw Ni Ni Win and Daw Mya Theingi and secretaries Daw Khin Htar May and Daw Mya Mya of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated K 3 millions, Action Aid

(Myanmar) 8,000 pieces of instant noodles, 1,000 bottles of groundnut oil, and 85 bags of rice, actor Khant Sithu K 1 million and Director U Nyunt Thein of Network Activities Group (NAG) 50 bags of rice for the storm victims.—MNA

### Earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about (10) miles Southwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (22) hrs (23) min (02) sec M.S.T on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.—MNA



## Bomb kills five people in Pakistan

### Shrine bombing



Map locating Pakpattan in Pakistan where at several people have been killed in a bomb blast after dawn prayers at a Sufi shrine.—INTERNET

MULTAN, 25 Oct—A bomb planted on a motorcycle exploded at the gate of a famous Sufi shrine in central Pakistan during morning prayers Monday, killing at least five people, officials said.

The blast at the Farid Shakar Ganj shrine in Punjab province was the latest in a string of attacks targeting Sufi

shrines in Pakistan. Militants often target Sufis, whose mystical practices clash with their hardline interpretations of Islam.

The dead from Monday's attack included at least one woman, said Maher Aslam Hayat, a senior government official in the Pak Pattan district where the shrine is located. At least 13 others were wounded in the explosion, he said.

The blast damaged several shops outside the shrine, said Hayat. But the shrine itself, which is dedicated to a 12th century Sufi saint, was largely unscathed, he said.

After the attack, a top Sufi scholar, Mufti Muneebur Rehman, criticized the government for not doing enough to protect the Sufi population. Pakistan is 95 percent Muslim, and the majority practice Sufi-influenced Islam.

"Our rulers are too busy serving foreign masters and have not prioritized protecting the people and sacred places from terrorists," said Rehman.

Earlier this month, two suspected suicide bombers attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan's largest city, Karachi, killing at least eight people and wounding 65 others.

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## UN says Nigeria cholera death toll rises above 1,500

LAGOS, 25 Oct — Cholera has killed more than 1,500 people in Nigeria this year, more than four times the death toll reported by the government in August, the United Nations said on Monday. According to UN figures, 1,555 people have died from the disease in Africa's most populous nation since January while 38,173 cases have been reported, Martin Dawes, regional spokesman for the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) told *Reuters*.

Heavy rains and flooding in rural areas where safe drinking water and sanitary facilities are scarce have fuelled the outbreak of the disease.

MNA/Reuters

## Indonesia to evacuate thousands as volcano simmers

SLEMAN, 25 Oct— Authorities will evacuate more than 11,000 villagers living on the slopes of the Mount Merapi volcano near Yogyakarta on Java after the alert status for an eruption was raised to the highest level, officials said.

"We will evacuate 11,491 people living within 10 kilometres from the top. We will work together with the military and police to evacuate them," local regent Sri Purnomo told *Elshinta* radio.

Authorities have prepared seven safety shelters and plan to evacuate the villagers on Monday afternoon, the radio reported.

Indonesia's vulcanology and geological disaster mitigation centre raised the volcano's alert status to the highest alert level on Monday, agency head Surono told *Reuters*.

"We recommended evacuation for people living on the slopes, especially the southern, southeastern and eastern slopes," Surono said.

He added the mountain had already released twice as much energy in recent days than in recent eruptions.

"We cannot estimate when it will erupt or how big the eruption will be, but we had to increase the volcano's status to top alert based on its activities," Surono said. In a 1994 eruption, 70 people were killed in an eruption when the volcano's lava dome collapsed. The volcano killed 1,300 people in 1930.

MNA/Reuters

## Gunbattle in northern Mexico kills three bystanders

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 25 Oct—Three bystanders died in the crossfire of a shootout between gunmen, police and soldiers in northern Mexico on Sunday.

The victims were a 14-year-old boy and two women aged 18 and 47, according to a statement by the prosecutors' office in northern Coahuila state.

The statement said gunmen traveling in two vehicles opened fire on a convoy of federal police and soldiers in the city of Saltillo, Coahuila. The officers and soldiers returned fire.

It was not clear who fired the shots that killed the bystanders, but the state attorney general's office said it was investigating and expressed condolences to the victims' families.

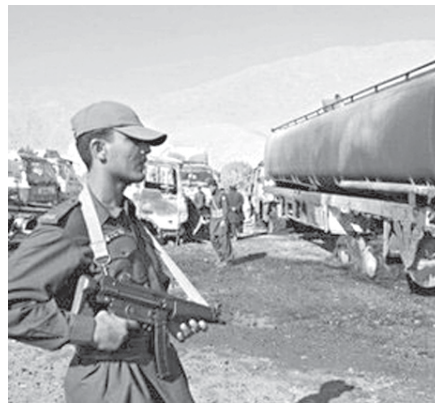
"They are civilians who unfortunately died in the exchange of gunfire," it said, describing a running series of confrontations between police and assailants who allegedly fired shots into the air to clear bystanders from their path at one point.

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Manuel Casares, 31, mourns for his wife at the house where she was killed when gunmen sprayed bullets during a family birthday party in Ciudad Juarez on 23 October, 2010.

INTERNET



Paramilitary soldiers stand guard nearby burnt out NATO supply trucks following an attack by Taliban close to the Afghan-Pakistan border. A series of brutal bomb attacks follow Washington's two billion dollar offer of fresh military aid to Pakistan, where it wants the country's military to do more to fight militants crossing into Afghanistan from the tribal belt.

INTERNET

## China paper slams US after WikiLeaks claims

BEIJING, 25 Oct— China's state media on Monday said the revelations in Iraq war documents published by WikiLeaks has tarnished the credibility of the United States as a protector of human rights.

The comments in the *China Daily* come after Beijing criticised a report by a commission of US lawmakers and government officials that condemned an "increasingly harsh" crackdown by Beijing on rights activists and

lawyers.

The documents published by the whistleblowing website WikiLeaks appear to show that the US military turned a blind eye to evidence of torture and abuse of civilians by the Iraqi authorities.

"The magnitude of the crimes should make every righteous person angry. It again puts a big question mark against the US self-proclaimed image as the world human rights champion," the *China*

*Daily* said in a commentary.

"For years, the US has been wielding the banner of human rights to criticise others, especially developing countries," it said.

"However, the US refuses to either clarify or rectify its own human rights violations as recorded by the WikiLeaks documents," it said, adding the documents let the world see through US "unilateralism and double standards".

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## Service member killed in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Oct— NATO says that a militant attack in eastern Afghanistan has killed one of its service members.

Monday's statement did not provide further details of the death that occurred a day earlier.

The Afghan militancy has traditionally been fiercest in the country's south and east, along the border with Pakistan. NATO and Afghan troops have been trying to wrest back control of the southern provinces from the Taliban since July, but attacks and roadside bombs are still daily occurrences.

The death brings the number of international service members killed this month to 50.

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## China welcomes WTO ruling on US regulation

BEIJING, 25 Oct— China welcomed the World Trade Organization's (WTO) ruling that United States imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on four types of Chinese imports was inconsistent with WTO regulations, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said Saturday.

The four categories of

Chinese imports include standard steel pipe, rectangular steel pipe, laminated woven sacks, and off-road tires, according to an online statement posted on the MOC's website. In a report released Friday, the WTO's dispute settlement body found that the US department of Commerce had acted inconsistently

with WTO rules on five elements of the case, which China filed to the WTO in 2008.

The US should conduct trade remedy investigations strictly in accordance with the WTO regulations, an unnamed official from the MOC's Department of Treaty and Law said in the statement.

MNA/Xinhua



A man drives a vintage car alongside the Rio de la Plata, or Silver River, in the historic quarters of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, Saturday 23 Oct, 2010. Colonia del Sacramento is one of Uruguay's popular tourist destinations and was founded in 1680 by Portuguese colonizers.—INTERNET

## Australia to assess Iraq Wikileaks papers

CANBERRA, 25 Oct— A defence task force will investigate the impacts of the latest leaked military documents to have on Australia, Defence Force announced on Sunday.

The latest 391,832 US military documents made public by Wikileaks on Friday detailed claims of torture and civilian killings by America's Iraqi allies, and it appeared to show US troops did nothing to stop state-sanctioned torture.

The leak also added more than 15,000 unreported civilian deaths in previously

unknown incidents, taking the overall civilian death toll in Iraq war to more than 150,000.

According to Australian Defence Minister Stephen Smith, the task force would be tasked with going through the latest leaked documents.

"The great danger of releasing such unauthorized information is that it does prejudice the security of our operations. It enables people to have an insight into them," he told the Nine Network on Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Massive solar plant to start construction in California

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct— Ground is to be broken for a massive solar thermal plant in California Mojave Desert of the United States next week, it was reported on Saturday.

The nearly two-billion-dollar project is the first of its kind to be built on federal land and also the first to have slogged through myriad environmental, financial and technical issues that future solar projects are likely to face as well, the *Los Angeles Times* said.

"There are so many precedents being set, since we're the first ones through the hoop on this," said Todd Stewart, the development manager for the project, known as the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System.

Spanning about 3,600 acres (about 1,458 hectares) and involving 346,000 mirrors, each about the size of a billboard, the project represents the clean energy and employment bonanza that California needs, the paper noted. Construction of the facility will start next Wednesday and is expected to be completed in 2013.

The installation will be in three phases, each with roughly 116,000 mirrors arranged in circles around a 460-foot-tall "power tower." The mirrors, or heliostats, focus the sun's rays onto the tower. The heat turns fluid inside the tower into steam, powering a turbine. The plant is expected to produce 370 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 140,000 homes. The power will be sold to Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

MNA/Xinhua

## China finishes Mars orbiter technical plan

BEIJING, 25 Oct— China has drawn up a technical plan for an independent Mars orbiter exploration project, according to China's space technology expert.

The plan was based on research conducted by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST), said an expert Thursday here at a forum on China's space technology.

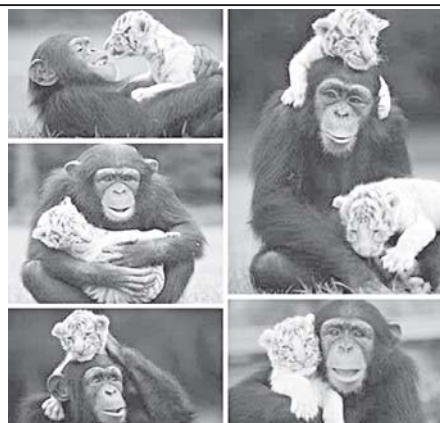
The project will make use of technologies developed for China's first lunar satellite

launched in 2007, the expert said.

The technologies likely to be used including ones to boost the satellite's payload capability and exploration accuracy were already quite advanced, according to the expert.

The earliest possible launch date for the orbiter was 2013, Huang Jiangchuan, scientist with the CAST, told China's state broadcaster China Central Television on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua



Friendship transcends species.

INTERNET

## Canada launches scholarships initiative to aid quake-hit Haiti

OTTAWA, 25 Oct— Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Saturday the launch of the Canada-Haiti Scholarships Initiative in an effort to help Haitian students resume studies in the aftermath of the earthquake that occurred in January.

In a statement issued in Montreux, Switzerland, where he is attending the 13th Francophonie Summit, Harper said Canada has played an important role in contributing to an effective and coordinated response to the earthquake. "Today's initiative will help promote education in Haiti, contributing to the country's long-term development and prosperity," he added.

Following the 12 January earthquake that struck Haiti with a profound effect on its education system, academic institutions, students, faculty and administration, the government of Canada, as part of its response to this natural disaster, developed the scholarships initiative.

These scholarships will give 85 students and faculty members the opportunity to study in Canada for one or two semesters. An additional 30 students will have the opportunity to pursue a certificate programme through distance education. The initiative will also fund 20 innovative projects offering vocational and academic training to Haitian students and faculty.

MNA/Xinhua



The world's smallest teapot.

INTERNET



## India, Japan PMs to confirm trade pact

TOKYO, 25 Oct—India's prime minister on Monday kicked off talks in Japan where the population giant and the high-tech nation planned to confirm a trade pact and push efforts for civilian nuclear cooperation.

The two premiers were due to declare the completion of talks on an economic partnership agreement (EPA), with a formal signing expected early next year, under which most tariffs would be phased out within a decade.

Another key agreement long sought by New Delhi, on civilian nuclear cooperation, is however a little further off, and not expected to be signed during



**India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh delivers a speech during a business event in Tokyo.**

INTERNET

Singh's three-day visit or the next few months.

Japan and India launched talks in June on a pact that would allow Tokyo to export its cutting-edge nuclear power technology to the energy-hungry South Asian nation, a hotly contested market for

atomic plants.

But Japan — the only country to have suffered atomic bombings and a key voice in global denuclearisation efforts — is worried by the fact that nuclear-armed India has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The start of talks on civilian nuclear cooperation brought cries of protest in Japan from survivors of the US atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the final days of World War II.

However, Japan's energy industry is keen to help build nuclear plants for India, a huge market where it is competing with US and French suppliers.

Internet

## HP unveils 'Slate 500' tablet computer for professionals

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—Hewlett-Packard unveiled a Windows-powered touchscreen tablet computer on Friday aimed at professionals, the latest entry into a growing market dominated by Apple's iPad.

The "HP Slate 500," which features an 8.9-inch (22.6-centimetre) screen, slightly smaller than the iPad's 9.7-inch (24.6-cm) display, costs 800 dollars, about the same price as the top-of-the-line iPad.

While the iPad is aimed more at consumers, HP is targeting its device at business customers and touting its ability to handle documents, spreadsheets and applications from Microsoft.

HP described the Slate 500 as the "ideal PC for professionals who don't usually work at a traditional desk, yet need to stay productive in a secure, familiar Windows environment."

"The ability to easily incorporate custom business applications differentiates this product and ultimately enhances the user experience and saves time for HP's business and



**A Hewlett-Packard logo**

enterprise customers," it said in a statement.

The Slate 500 weighs 1.5 pounds (0.68 kilos), the same as the iPad, and runs Windows 7, the latest version of Microsoft's computer operating system. It has two cameras - one still and one video - and a USB port that allows a user to connect a keyboard, mouse or printer.

The Slate 500 offers Wi-Fi connectivity to the Internet but does not have 3G cellular access. It will be available only in the United States for the time being.

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## Singapore bourse makes \$8.3B offer for ASX

SINGAPORE, 25 Oct—The Singapore Exchange Ltd said Monday it is making a \$8.3 billion cash and shares takeover offer for the operator of the Australian bourse, aiming to vault from second-tier stock market to leading Asian finance centre.

The combined exchange company would be the world's fifth-largest by market value and rank as the second-largest stock market in Asia by number of listed companies, the two exchanges said in a joint statement. But by other measures it would still rank behind Tokyo, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

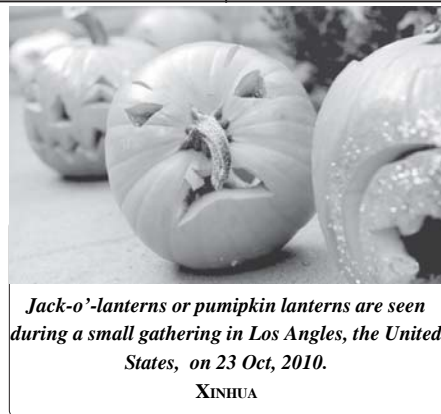
The deal aims to give both exchanges a better chance of prospering amid increased competition within Asia and as cross-border trading platforms like Chi-X Europe usurp the dominance of established stock exchanges.

The Australian Securities Exchange Ltd, known as ASX, is set to lose its monopoly on operating a stock market in Australia in 2011 and an affiliate of Chi-X Europe is planning to set up a trading system once the monopoly is abolished. Singapore, meanwhile, has long lagged behind Hong Kong and Tokyo as a regional financial centre.—Internet



**Men have a chat while walking through the Australian Stock Exchange in Sydney, Australia, Monday, 25 Oct, 2010.**

INTERNET



**Jack-o'-lanterns or pumipkin lanterns are seen during a small gathering in Los Angeles, the United States, on 23 Oct, 2010.**

XINHUA

## Boy in custody after 2 joyrides in 2 days

MARION, 25 Oct—An 11-year-old boy led a dozen police cars in pursuit as he "drove in circles" around this small South Carolina town on a joy ride, the first of two this week that landed him in juvenile jail, police said Thursday.

The youngster, a fourth-grade student,

was not identified because of his age. Marion Police Lt Farmer Blue said the boy is accused of driving off Monday evening in a fire department pickup truck that had been parked after an exercise near a training area.

"He put us on a real chase," Blue said in a telephone interview. "We had a line of cars after him."

Blue said the youngster led officers on a 45-minute chase around the city Monday evening, never exceeding 45 mph during a pursuit that stayed within Marion limits.

"He blew through stop signs. He drove in circles," Blue said. The boy stopped only after he'd driven by his home several times and his mother recognized him when she came out to see what was going on, according to the officer.

"He stopped after his mother jumped in front of the truck," Blue added.

Internet

## Adobe launches Project Rome

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct—Adobe has launched Project Rome, a new all-in-one content creation and publishing application targeted to consumers, small businesses, and educators. Designed as an easy-to-use tool for non-professionals, it provides a way for the general public to create rich multimedia documents without having to purchase or learn complicated desktop publishing, design, Web creation, or multimedia applications.

This product lets users produce printed,

electronic, and Web-based documents featuring integrated graphics, photos, text, video, audio, animation, and interactivity. The cross-platform application is available both as an Adobe AIR desktop programme and as a browser-based Web service. Project Rome offers output in formats such as PDF, SWF, JPG, PNG, SVG, or FXG or Web files for either an Adobe or third-party-hosted Website.

Users can create projects ranging from printed materials like flyers, business cards, and reports to interactive

documents, basic Websites, and animations. Adobe envisions Rome being used in the workplace for presentations, marketing materials, online advertising, and Websites. Individuals and families can use Project Rome for vacation updates, family Websites, party invitations, digital scrapbooks, CD and DVD covers, and other personal projects. Educators can use a special version of Project Rome in classroom settings to help convey complex topics visually.

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## Development of transport sector goes hand ...

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In his reports on road and bridge construction of 11 roads included in Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project, the Construction Minister said that the Head of State gave guidance on implementation of Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project due to loss and damages caused by cyclone Nargis on 2 May, 2008 in Ayeyawady Delta Region.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of

State, the Ministry of Construction started construction of three roads on 9 June, 2008. Now, 11 roads are under construction in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State on construction of another eight roads during his inspection tours, he added.

Regarding work progress of 11 roads up to 22 October, 2010, 11 roads included in Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project are 43-mile and five-furlong Maubin-Yaylegalay-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road, 69-mile and three-furlong Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Thitpoke-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu road, 35-mile and two furlong Labutta-Thinganyi-Pyinsalu road, 39-mile



*Head of State Senior General Than Shwe giving guidance at town hall in Dedaye.*

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*Head of State Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets departmental officials and townselders at town hall in Dedaye.*

MNA

Labutta-Thongwa-Ottwin-Hteiksoon road, 41-mile and two-furlong Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadokami road, 38-mile and five-furlong Bogale-Setsan-Htawpaing-Ahma road, 51-mile and five-furlong Pyapon-Kyonkadon-Daw Nyein-Ahma road, 19-mile and one-furlong Kyonkadon-Satsan road, 96-mile Pathein-Thalatkhar-Mawtinsoon road, 66-mile Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-Kyonmange-Wakema-Myaungmya and 21-mile Pathein-Ngapudaw road totaling 520miles and seven furlongs.

Of 508 bridges, 456 have been built on the roads. 48 bridges are under construction and four are left to be done.

Altogether 24 construction groups are implementing the project in cooperation with 25 companies.

The Senior General said that transport sector of Ayeyawady Region is on the right track to development as the road network project being built by the State in Ayeyawady Region and bridge construction on the road network is nearing cent per cent completion. The Senior General instructed to upgrade the roads to become all-weather roads, to choose a road with hard base in order to build a concrete road as an example for building of concrete roads that can contribute to better transport in a short time in place of tarred roads.

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*Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects extended People's Hospital (200-bed) in Pyapon.—MNA*







**Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction site of hospital (100-bed) in Bogale.—MNA**

## Development of transport sector goes hand ...

(from page 6)

Next, the Senior General observed the charts showing work progress of road network project and gave necessary instructions.

Then the Head of State and party inspected the worksite of construction of Bogale river crossing bridge from the view deck.

The Senior General and party then flew to Pyapon where they were welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Col Khin Maung Win of local station and officials.

The Senior General and party looked into progress of Pyapon in a motorcade.

At 200-bed Pyapon People's Hospital (annex) in Pyapon, Medical Superintendent U Nyi Nyi Min reported to the Senior General on health care services provided to local people.

Next, the Head of State and party left Pyapon by helicopter and arrived in Dedaye where they were welcomed by Col Tint Lwin of local station and departmental officials.

At the Town Hall in Dedaye, Minister U Soe Naing

elaborated on progress of monsoon paddy cultivation in Pyapon District for 2010-11 and growing and harvesting of monsoon crop (vegetable), rice and edible oil sufficiency, preparations for growing of summer paddy, salt production, onshore and offshore fisheries industry, opening of basic education schools and progress of repair work, extended opening of health centers, construction of new hospitals, availability of drinking water, rural development tasks being implemented and construction of cyclone shelters.

Next, the Head of State put some questions for his knowledge and gave guidance.

Although Ayeyawady Region was hit by storm Nargis in May of 2008 experiencing loss and damage, the local people's businesses such as farming, marine and salt could be regenerated in the shortest time and all the situations had been returned to normal thanks to the efforts of the entire people.

The government fulfilled the basic needs of the people living in this region. The local people themselves are to work hard for improvement of their socioeconomic. It is easy for this region to earn income as it has already had enough natural resources to tap.

The important point is that they only need to spend the income they earn in a beneficial way by avoiding

squandering. Only then will they improve their socioeconomic.

Global climatic conditions have changed and they are no longer normal like in the past. So, it is necessary to continue taking preparedness and preventive measures against natural disaster. For example, measures need to be taken to maintain the houses built by the State for their long-term durability.

Better transport plays a fundamental role in regional development. In other words, better transport is the basic requirement for progress. Development of the transport sector goes hand in hand with other economic, education, health and social sectors.

For the better road transport of Ayeyawady delta region, 11 major roads of 520 miles and 7 furlongs have been built. Furthermore, a total of 508 small and large bridges are being built along the roads and they are now nearing completion.

The government is trying for the betterment of road transport by spending a huge sum of money with the aim of improving the socioeconomic life of the locals day by day. Therefore, the people on their part are urged to continue to work hard for achieving success and progress from the time of present generation to posterity. —MNA

## Tatmadaw (Navy) rescues two storm-hit foreign vessels



**MTO Co Ltd -owned fishing vessel YUH FA No.9 rescued by Tatmadaw (Navy).—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct —There were SOS messages on aviation search and rescue satellite communication system on 23 October morning that a foreign vessel located about five miles northwest of Kyaukpyu

and another foreign vessel located about 30 miles northeast of Kyaukpyu and about 23 miles northwest of An were in danger of storm, it was learnt.

As soon as the message was received,

two ships of the Tatmadaw (Navy) were urgently sent to those foreign vessels for carrying out search and rescue work. At 10 am, a foreign fishing vessel YUH FA No. 9 was found broken on a rock and 11 foreign crewmembers

were rescued. According to the investigation, the fishing vessel, based in Malaysia, is owned by MTO Co Ltd doing joint-venture business with Myanmar.

According to the second message, another

naval ship conducted a search and found cargo ship MV Phuchaingmon owned by a Vietnamese company with Panama registration on a rock. The Tatmadaw naval ship rescued the 26 crewmembers who

sustained no injuries. Measures are being taken to hand over the crewmembers of the two vessels to the organizations concerned and necessary assistance is being rendered to them. —MNA



**Vietnamese company-owned cargo ship MV Phuchaingmon rescued by Tatmadaw (Navy).—MNA**

# Let's go to polling station and vote

Maung Deh Doe

**Uncle Phyo:** Hi Maung Deh Doe! I am expecting you. As you know the elections are drawing nearer and scores of remarks from various angles are appearing, we like ordinary people are getting confused. I have some questions concerning the elections.

**Maung Deh Doe:** Yes, Uncle Phyo, what do you want to know?

**Phyo:** So many! There are calls to stay away from casting votes or to boycott certain parties. There are many independent candidates in addition to a large number of parties.

There are so many candidates. We even don't know the names of Hluttaws (parliaments) and their exact number. Besides, we will have to cast votes for...ah... nationalities candidates? Or...ah... minorities? I have no idea how to call them. There will be a number of ballot boxes. Some are totally perplexed deciding to stay at home on the elections day. So, my first question is "Why do we have to cast vote? Will the elections make all the difference to us?"

**Doe:** Yes, maybe a bit confusing. Actually, it is the first-ever multiparty demo-

**Voters will have to elect one member of the Pyithu Hluttaw for each of the townships, and 12 members of the Amyotha Hluttaw from every Region or State. Equality is ensured for all regions and states regardless of their sizes. Tatmadaw representatives numbering one third of the elected members will also be participating in hluttaws at different levels. They will be elected by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.**

cracy election after a number of years. We have a new constitution and many are new parties. There will be a number of ballot

boxes for different hluttaws. So, the answer is: "This is a multiparty democracy election. In fact, we will have to choose members of the three legislative hluttaws—the Region or the State Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. In general, voters will have to choose two members for each township at the Region or the State Hluttaw level. For every national race whose population is 0.1 percent (1/1000) and above of the national population and who have no self-administered area in the Region or State concerned will have to elect one representative of their own race. Voters will have to elect one member of the Pyithu Hluttaw for each of the townships, and 12

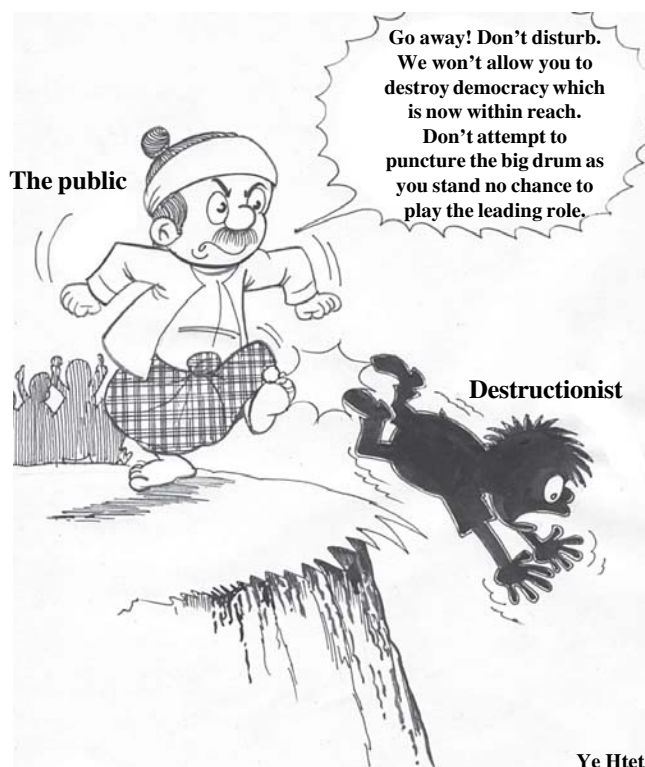
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**Phyo:** What will be the functions of those hluttaws and what are the elected members going to do for us?

**Doe:** Hluttaws will present bills concerning the national affairs and discuss whether to pass them or not. After the discussions, decisions will be made through voting. An approved bill

becomes a law and it comes into force after the President has signed it. The Chief Minister will have to sign the bill in a Region or a State Hluttaw. As these hluttaws make laws, they are called legislative hluttaws. A Region or a State Hluttaw deals with its own legislative affairs. Self-administered areas have been designated for the national races with sizeable populations in the respective localities. Leading bodies of the self-administered areas are entrusted with legislative power. The legislative power is entrusted from the Union level to Region or State, self-administered division and self-

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# Let's go to polling station and vote

Maung Deh Doe

**Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw will have to elect the President. The President will form the Cabinet with members he assumes resourceful. So, these legislative hluttaws can be called the bodies that choose the administrative institutions of the State.**

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administered zone levels. So, the number of hluttaws may be large. But this process is for the contentment of the great majority of the people of our country formed with regions and states and a diversity of ethnic groups. Moreover, it gives way for the representatives chosen by the locals to effectively serve their native lands. Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw will have to elect the President. The President will form the Cabinet with members he assumes resourceful. So, these legislative hluttaws can be called the bodies that choose the administrative institutions of the State.

**Phyo:** Ohoh! It is the work of holding discussions and making legislative decisions in the

national interest by public-elected representatives. There is no reason we should not vote. We will have to vote and elect our own representatives.

**Doe:** Yes, Uncle yes. We will have self-determination only if we choose our own representatives for the benefit of our own people. The voting process may be a little bit complicated, but there are polling staff to help you. Security measures have been taken systematically, so you do not need to worry about anything. You can vote peacefully.

**Phyo:** Sure! We are an elderly couple. I promise that we both will cast vote on 7 November to see with our own eyes a new peaceful and developed country before we die.

(Translation: TMT)

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## Of your own free will POEM:

- \* Setting up a new era  
O, patriotic Myanmar
- \* Of own volition  
All in good company  
And free from attachments  
Choose role models  
Representing people  
And leading communities  
Serving with goodwill  
All political, economic  
And social affairs  
To develop nation and race
- \* For a bright future  
Constant awareness and four outlooks  
Ever in fore  
Our Three Main National Causes  
A wise decision is made  
Accompanying one another  
Using the voting rights  
For prosperity of community  
Cast votes of own accord  
As good citizens
- \* From the bottom of hearts  
Comes the vote  
With firm belief to serve  
Motherland and people  
Kith and kin cast votes  
Of own free will
- \* Let's strive in nation's interest  
All patriotic Myanmar people  
In good company and unity  
Make correct choices  
As good citizens  
To the polling station  
A vote to build new nation  
Myo Myat Myat Myint Maung (Trns)

## Pirates seize two ships off Kenya

BERLIN, 25 Oct—Somali pirates seized a German freight ship off the coast of Kenya on Sunday the second commercial vessel to be captured in the region in as many days, officials said.

The pirates took control of the German freight ship Beluga Fortune about 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometers) east of Mombasa, Kenya, a spokesman for the German army said on condition of anonymity, in keeping with military regulations.

The German shipping company Beluga-Reederei, which owns the vessel, said Sunday night that Somali pirates were behind the attack and that the ship was on its way from the United Arab Emirates to South Africa.

Verena Beckhusen, a spokeswoman for the Bremen-based company, declined to give further details regarding the crew or the cargo, but the German news agency dpa said the vessel was

carrying at least two German citizens.

On Saturday night, pirates seized a liquefied gas tanker 105 miles (165 kilometers) off the coast of Kenya in the Somali Basin, said officials in Singapore, where the ship is registered.

The *MV York* was traveling from Mombasa to Mahe in the Seychelles with 17 crew when pirates commandeered it, the Singapore Maritime and Port Authority said in a statement.

The authority said Sunday it was working with the ship's owner, York Maritime Co., and government agencies to recover the ship. A Turkish warship sent a helicopter to investigate the attack, and its crew members saw pirates armed with weapons aboard the *MV York*, the European Union Naval Force said Sunday. The 5,076-ton *MV York* had one German, two Ukrainians and 14 Filipinos aboard, the EU force said in a statement.

Internet



*In this undated photo released on 24 Oct, 2010, by Interunity Management Corporation SA, (IMC) showing the MV York merchant vessel which was boarded by suspected Somali pirates approximately 90 nautical miles from Mombasa, Kenya, on 23 Oct, 2010. A distress signal from the vessel was received Saturday as the York sailed between Mombasa and Mahe, Seychelles, with 17 crew aboard, and is now believed to be headed towards Somalia under the control of pirates.*

INTERNET

## Myanmar's food supply enough for its population of far future

*Maung Win Naing*

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Records show that Myanmar monarchs and rulers till 1962 constructed only 69 dams for irrigating 853,284 acres of farmlands in arid regions. And the rulers from 1962 to 1988 could build only 69 dams that could benefit 482,915.

It means the total number of dams across the nation in 1988 stood at 138. At that time, the dams were only small ones, and there were no river pumping stations. As a result, the total irrigated acreage of farmlands was only 1.3 million.

In 1988, Myanmar's total sown acreage was only 23.8 million, and remaining over 26 million acres of vacant lands could not be utilized effectively. At that time, paddy sown acreage was only over 11 million, indicating that the nation's utilization of arable lands was deemed to be at the bottom. In addition, annual paddy output never exceeded over 630 million baskets. Being convinced well of the conditions, the government turned to adoption of necessary plans to boost land utilization.

In its bid to achieve the motto "Exploit water sources to boost land utilization" for food security of the nation's growing population, boosting national economy through export of surpluses of crops, and improving the living standard of local people, the government sought all possible ways and means to boost land utilization.

The government put the agricultural sector in the centre of its drive for all-round development other sectors. It has been constructing dam and river water pumping station and sinking tube-wells with the aim of improving the agricultural sector. Long ago, farmers mainly relied on rains for agricultural purposes. Farmers in arid zones depended on small amount of irrigation water from small dams and low rainfalls. So, local farmers of arid regions said "We want water rather than jewelry". At that time, single-cropping pattern was common.

In some regions in lower Myanmar, there were many inundate areas due to floods triggered by heavy rains. In such areas, local farmers could begin their farming only after the rainy season. In consequence, agricultural farming in those regions was not successful. And there was a great gap of



*Photo shows control tower of Chaungmange Dam.*

paddy output between one region and another based on availability of amount of irrigation water.

In order to remedy the situations, the government had to put a lot of attention to supply of adequate irrigation water and maintenance of water sources. In that regard, it tried to open dams at the rate of one dam a month in the regions where clusters of dams could be established. It took measures for sinking tube-wells in the regions where construction of dams was not possible. It built sluice gates to control natural water volume for agricultural success in low-lying areas and inundate areas.

From 1988 to date, the government has built 233 dams in total benefiting 2,827,255 acres of farmlands: two in Kayah State; one in Kayin State; one in Chin State; 27 in Sagaing Region; one in Taninthayi Region; 48 in Bago Region; 47 in Magway Region; 55 in Mandalay Region; 11 in Mon State; six in Rakhine State; 19 in Yangon Region; six in Shan State, and nine in Ayeyawady Region.

Moreover, the government started construction of river water pumping stations in the regions where

dam projects were not possible. So far, it has built 136 river water pumping stations that can irrigate 381,608 acres of farmlands. Furthermore, the number of diesel-fired river water pumping stations has touched 191, thereby benefiting 115,198 acres of arable lands. So, the nation has seen 327 water pumping stations with the irrigated area of 496,905 acres.

More than that, the government has sunk 8137 tube-wells and deep tube-wells that benefit 99,834 acres of farmlands. The damming of small creeks and drains, digging of manual pumps, and sinking of artesian wells benefit 184,570 acres of arable lands. The total acreage of farmlands irrigated by dams, sluice gates, river pumping stations and tube-wells has reached more than 3.8 million.

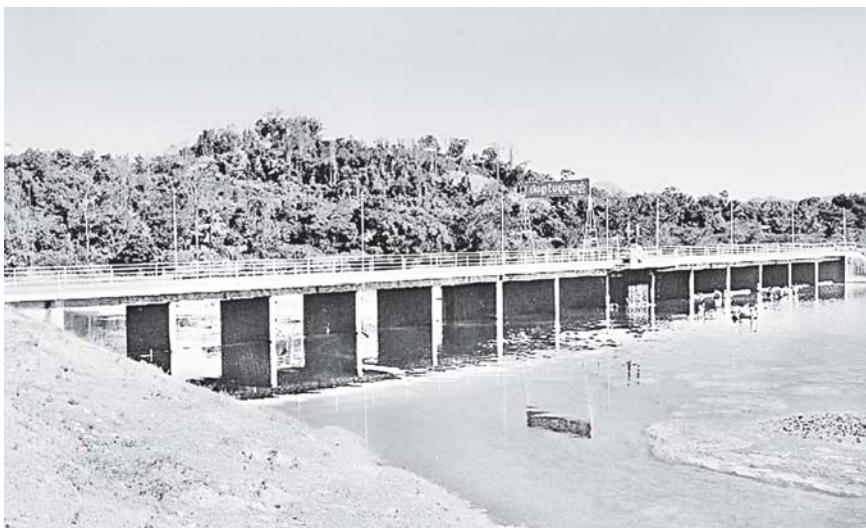
At the same time, more and more vacant lands were being reclaimed. The nation's sown acreage has increased from over 23.8 million to 53.1 million, accounting for progress of over 29.3 million. Reclamation of virgin lands brought to emergence of 11.5 million more acres of farmlands. So, only 14.6 million of fallow lands are left to be reclaimed for agricultural purpose. As a result of land reclamation, paddy sown acreage has jumped from over 11.8 million to nearly 18 million: over 17 million acres of monsoon paddy and over 900,000 acres of summer paddy.

Increased cultivation of paddy has yielded increased paddy output. Paddy output is now more than 1560 million baskets, compared with only over 630 million baskets previously. As a result, regional food sufficiency has surged from 102 to 173 percent.

Irrigated acreage has also mounted from 1.3 million to 3.8 million, denoting an increase by over two million acres. Increasing irrigation has brought total acreage of mixed- and multiple-cropping farmlands to about 16 million from 3.8 million. Besides, acreage of highland crop fields has crept to over 26,000.

If compared with the conditions in 1988, the nation has seen incredible progress in the agricultural sector. So, the nation's food production is increasing faster than demand, and food supply will still meet

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*Washaung Diversion Weir.*



# Myanmar's food supply enough for its population of far future

Maung Win Naing

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the local demand in far future. Now, surpluses of crops are exported. In order to sustain the agricultural development, 26 more dam projects are now ongoing.

They are one in Shwegu, Kachin State; one in Hlinebwe, Kayin State; six in Kalay, Ayadaw, Budalin and Kanbalu in Sagaing Region; one in Dawei, Taninthayi Region; three in Pyu, Bago and Waw of Bago Region; five in Pwintbyu, Gangaw, Sedoktara and Myaing of Magway Region; five in Madaya, Pyinmana, PyinOoLwin and Wundwin of Mandalay Region; one in Kyaikto, Mon State; two in Ywangan and Yaksaw of Shan State; and one in Ingapu, Ayeyawady Region. On completion, the project will be able to benefit 1,236,990 acres of farmlands.

Now, plans are underway to achieve the target of 100 more dams in the near future. At the first phase, thirteen dams are going to be built.

Feasibility study is being carried out to build the remaining 87 dams, which, on completion, will be able to irrigate 357,380 acres of arable lands.

Dam projects are being implemented by national engineers with huge funds, manpower, and a great



Nankyan Dam will contribute to greening of Lashio providing drinking and irrigation water for locals.



Photo shows Bawditataung Dam near Khatetkan Village in Monywa Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region.

deal of heavy machinery. Now, there have emerged many clusters of dams across the nation.

With firm resolution, correct concepts and hard work, the government has proved that double-cropping pattern of paddy is possible. A couple of two decades into the rule of the government, Myanmar has become a leading rice producing country and the leading peas producing country in ASEAN. The fruitful result is largely due to the combined efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been making in concert to meet the food supply for the nation's population of 100 million in future.

In conclusion, there have been so many tangible results owing to the fact that the government has been putting strenuous efforts into the drive for construction projects designed to improve the agricultural sector, such as per capita income of farmers is growing and socio-economic status of local people is improving significantly. Marked increase in producing monsoon and summer paddy and crops reflects the benevolent attitude the government shows to the entire people.

Translation: MS

## Agricultural development

Sr	Description	Unit	From monarchial time to 1988	2010	Progress
1.	<b>Land</b>				
	- Utilized land	Acre (million)	23.8	53.1	29.3
	- Fallow land	Acre (million)	26.1	14.6	10.5
2.	<b>Paddy cultivation</b>				
	- Monsoon paddy	Acre (million)	11.9	17.0	6.9
	- Summer paddy	Acre (million)	-	9.2	9.2
	- Sown acreage	Acre (million)	11.9	17.9	6.8
	- Paddy output	Basket (million)	630	1560	930
	- Food security	Percentage	102	173	71
3.	<b>Mix -, multiple cropping</b>	Acre (million)	3.8	20	16.2

## Dams built in time of the Tatmadaw government

Description	Unit	From monarchial time to 1988	2010	Progress
<b>Dam</b>				
- built	-	138	371	233
- under construction	-	-	26	26
Benefited area	Acre	1336199	4163454	2827255
<b>River water pumping station</b>				
- built	-	-	327	327
Benefited area	Acre	-	496905	496905
<b>Tube-well</b>				
- Benefited area	Acre	-	8137	8137
<b>River water pumping / underground water</b>				
- to be built	-	-	40	40
Benefited area	Acre	-	245581	245581
<b>Damming creeks, drains</b>				
Benefited area	Acre	-	184570	184570

## Giri leaves some destruction and casualties along its path

### Responsible people carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in cyclone-hit regions



Relief supplies for the storm-hit regions being unloaded from the plane at Sittway Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct – Severe cyclone Giri crossed over Myanmar on 22 and 23 October, causing damage to buildings and casualties in its path.

Rakhine State and some townships in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and came to abate near Budalin. Due to the cyclone, 22 people were killed, 15 went missing,

Myebon Township; five people killed, 597 houses, three office buildings, four schools damaged in Minbya Township; and 1035 houses, 40 office buildings and two schools



Relief supplies being loaded onto a truck.—MNA

State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Disaster Preparedness Central Committee members Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs

sheets and construction materials to the victims at the temporary and comforted them. Similarly, responsible persons are in other cyclone-hit areas and carrying out relief and rehabilitation work and donating cash and kind to the cyclone victims.

The Department of Meteorology and

and dailies.

Thanks to extensive broadcast of State-owned media on storm news and storm warnings and 10435 households and 53135 people who were in the path of the cyclone were evacuated in advance by the NDPCC, the cyclone caused slight loss and damage and a few casualties.



Debris seen in Myebon in the aftermath of cyclone Giri.—MNA



The cyclone crossed Kyaukpyu, Sittway, Myebon, Minbya, Pauktaw, An and Ponnagayun townships in

two bridges, 2088 houses, eight monasteries, 34 office buildings and 13 schools damaged and 80 motorboats sank in

damaged and the roofs of some buildings in the path of the cyclone blown off in Kyaukpyu Township. Chairman of Rakhine

U Phone Swe, regional authorities and members of social organizations visited Kyaukpyu of Rakhine State on 23 October morning and saw the loss and damage. In late evening, they met with responsible people, discussed relief and rehabilitation tasks for the victims and fulfilled the needs.

The commander and committee members went round the town centre areas and the wards to inspect clearing of the debris. Next, they presented clothing, foodstuff, bottled water, CI

Hydrology constantly issued storm news that, according to the observations recorded at 5 pm on 19 October, there had been a depression in Bay of Bengal, and it intensified further and moved towards northeastwards as a severe cyclonic storm. Moreover, the Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issued storm news and warnings in time. The storm news and storm warnings were continuously broadcast to public on State-owned TV, radio and FM radios

Not only did the government announce special weather news in time in order not to cause loss and damage to lives and property of the people but also the NDPCC issued storm reports and warnings systematically. Local people making review of the event are saying that if they strictly follow the warnings aired on TV and radio and issued in dailies in future, they will be able to protect themselves against possible dangers of natural disaster.

MNA



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1052)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1052) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING  
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV THINH CUONG VICTORY VOY NO (1070)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV THINH CUONG VICTORY VOY NO (1070) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: THINH CUONG CO LTD,  
VIETNAM**

Phone No: 256924/256914

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV BANG MUNNAK VOY NO (142)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG MUNNAK VOY NO (142) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO,  
LTD**

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (010)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (010) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S HARTMANN ASIA  
CONTAINER LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797



*People sleep on settees during the first Siesta Championship in Madrid, Spain.—INTERNET*

**Man snores his way to siesta prize**

MADRID, 25 Oct — A 62-year-old Ecuadorian has snored his way to win Spain's first-ever siesta championship. Unemployed security worker Pedro Soria Lopez took top prize of 1,000 euro (£888) after sleeping for 18 minutes out of a maximum of 20 minutes amid the uproar of a teeming Madrid shopping centre.

Organizers said he not only slept soundly but his snoring last Tuesday registered 70 decibels —

roughly the equivalent of the noise of someone talking — and earned him extra points. The somewhat tongue-in-cheek nine-day contest was aimed at promoting a revival of this timeless custom so identified with Spain but which organizers say is in danger because of the pressures of modern times.— *Internet*

**Vacuum seller cleaned up by finding diamond in rough**

LONDON, 25 Oct — The biggest influence on Wayne Rooney's career has never been Sir Alex Ferguson but a former vacuum cleaner salesman-turned-controversial football agent. Paul Stretford is the man who was plotting Rooney's departure from Manchester United and he stood to make up to £5m if the striker moved to another club. Rooney's trust in Mr Stretford is unwavering. The player stuck by his representative even while he was banned from football for 18 months for breaking agents' rules.

*Internet*

**Faberge wine taster sold for £3,800**

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, 25 Oct — A wine taster thought to have been made by coveted designer Faberge fetched £3,800 when it went under the hammer, an auctioneer has said. The woman who owned the 19th century piece originally asked auction house J P Humbert Auctioneers if it was worth anything at all, then they spotted the famous Faberge mark.

The wine taster, made of silver and silver gilt and decorated with rubies and amethysts, sold on Friday night for £3,800 at J P Humbert's sale room in Towcester, Northampton-

shire. Auctioneer Jonathan Humbert said the item, which is only 4in long, was listed as being worth £2-3,000 but was confident it would fetch a good price. "Just the name Faberge is enough to get a wide amount of interest," he said.— *Internet*



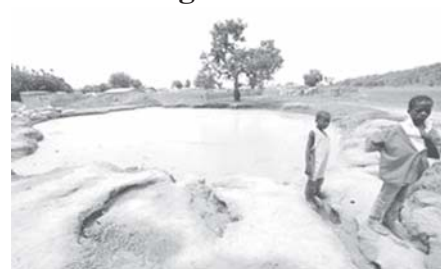
*Faberge wine taster fetched £3,800 when it went under the hammer.*

*INTERNET*

**Gold rush brings wealth but kills 400 children in Nigeria**

ZAMAN GIRA, 25 Oct — Ibrahim Bello says extracting gold from the ground can earn him \$23 (£15) in two hours — more than subsistence farmers hereabouts make in two months. Such are the sums to be made in northern Nigeria's "gold rush", with impoverished farmers digging up rocks by hand in open mines — but many are in denial about its devastating consequences.

At least 400 children have died from poisoning caused by illegal gold mining since March because the ore being unearthed around their villages con-



*Two boys by a Nigerian pond polluted with lead.— INTERNET*

tains high concentrations of lead, contaminating the air, soil and water.

International agencies including the UN, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the World Health

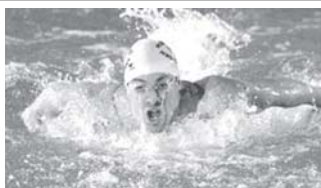
Organisation (WHO) and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention have been working for months to try to contain the pollution.— *Internet*

**US swimmer dies during event in United Arab Emirates**

FUJAIRAH, 25 Oct — A 26-year-old member of the US national swimming team died Saturday during an open-water race in the United Arab Emirates, according to event officials. Fran Crippen died during the last leg of the 10-kilometre Marathon Swimming World Cup in Fujairah, said the

International Swimming Federation, or FINA.

The cause of death is under investigation, FINA said. Swimming World magazine reported that Crippen fell unconscious during the event and was found by deep-sea divers two hours later near the race's final buoy.— *Internet*



*An investigation is under way in the death of US swimmer Fran Crippen, pictured in January 2007.*

*INTERNET*

**Deaths feared in N Ireland helicopter crash**

DOWNPATRICK, 25 Oct — An unknown number of people were feared dead after a helicopter crashed Saturday in Northern Ireland's Mourne Mountains, police said. The medium-sized helicopter, with a capacity of eight people, departed St Angelo Airport in Enniskillen, the BBC reported. It went down in an area known as Leitrim Lodge between Hilltown and Rostrevor, witness Jim Wells said.

*Internet*



**Manchester United's French player Patrice Evra (L) tackles Stoke City's Icelandic player Eidur Gudjohnsen (C) during the Premiership football match at The Britannia Stadium in Stoke on 24 Oct, 2010.— INTERNET**

## Fergie hails Manchester United spirit after Stoke win

STOKE-ON-TRENT, 25 Oct—Sir Alex Ferguson saluted Manchester United's spirit as his side snatched a crucial 2-1 win against Stoke. Ferguson's side moved to within five points of league leaders Chelsea after two predatory finishes from Javier Hernandez at the Britannia Stadium on Sunday. The Mexico international - standing in for the injured Wayne Rooney — struck in the 27th minute with an impudent header, before Tuncay Sanli levelled nine minutes from time.

But Hernandez pounced in the 86th minute to finally — as Ferguson put it — “get the show on the road” for United. With a League Cup tie against Wolves on Tuesday and a Premier League encounter with Tottenham at the weekend, Ferguson believes this victory could prove pivotal. He said: “When their goal went in you start to say to yourself it is going to be one of those seasons.— *Internet*

## Gordon, Busch not too chummy after Martinsville

MARTINSVILLE, 25 Oct —Jeff Gordon said earlier in the week he figured his chances of getting back into contention for a fifth series championship were pretty much gone. On Sunday, Kurt Busch helped make sure there was no doubt, bumping Gordon coming out of the fourth turn and sending him slamming into the front-stretch wall and out of contention. Turns out, Busch holds a grudge. For a long time.

“He shoved me in there and I shoved him back in Turn 4,” Busch said before detailing a history of discontent with Gordon at Martinsville. “I didn’t mean to get into him that hard, but over the years with Gordon here, back in the 97 (car), wrecking the 2 car, whether you’re a current Kurt fan or ex-Rusty (Wallace) fan, he’s wrecked the 2 car a lot here.” Wallace, now a television announcer, drove the No. 2 car before Busch.— *Internet*

## Wenger impressed by mature Gunners

MANCHESTER, 25 Oct—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger feels his Gunners team are finally showing they are mature enough to end their long wait for a trophy. Wenger's youthful squad have not picked up any silverware since winning the FA Cup in 2005. But their 3-0 victory at Manchester City on Sunday — their first win in 10 matches against title rivals Chelsea, Manchester United and City — could prove to be a watershed moment.

They have long been criticised for their lack of success, with Wenger regularly insisting their potential would eventually be rewarded. But the Frenchman thinks that the manner of the victory at Eastlands shows his players are coming of age.— *Internet*

## Lazio surge clear as Inter held at home in Italian league

ROME, 25 Oct—Lazio went four points clear at the top of Serie A with a 2-1 home win against Cagliari as champions Inter Milan were held 1-1 at home to Sampdoria on Sunday. AC Milan can



**Lazio's forward Sergio Floccari (L) celebrates with teammate Swiss defender Stephan Lichtsteiner.**

INTERNET

close the gap to two points if they win away to Napoli on Monday night. Inter came close to losing their first home league match in three years as Stefano Guberti gave the visitors the lead but Samuel Eto'o's 15th goal in 13 games in all competitions earned a share of the spoils.

Argentine centre-back Walter Samuel said he was unconcerned by Lazio's flying start. “We didn’t lack anything, we played well and created many chances,” he said. “There’s a long way to go, Lazio are doing well but we’re confident.” Samp coach Domenico Di Carlo was happy with the point as his side moved towards the European qualification places.— *Internet*

## Hodgson hopes Torres can fire Liverpool out of trouble

LIVERPOOL, 25 Oct—Roy Hodgson hopes Fernando Torres' first Premier League goal since August can kick-start Liverpool's spluttering season. Torres bagged only his second goal this term to secure a 2-1 win over Blackburn at Anfield on Sunday that eased the pressure on Reds boss Hodgson. The Spanish striker, who has been the subject of criticism follow-

ing his sluggish form, was rewarded for an improved display with the second half match-winner.

The Reds remain rooted in the bottom three, despite an improved display seeing them claim only their second league win of a miserable season.

And Hodgson hopes this could be the catalyst for Torres to rediscover the form that once him Europe's most feared striker. He said: “He played an awful lot better and looked likely to score on so any occasions.

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## S P O R T S

## Marseille up to second as Lyon flounder

PARIS, 25 Oct—Reigning champions Marseille took advantage of Rennes' slip up at home to Montpellier with a come-from-behind 3-1 success at Lille on Sunday to move into second place in the French table. Rennes stay one point clear



**Lyon midfielder Jean Makoun (L) vies with Arles-Avignon forward Franck Dja Djedje.— INTERNET**

but their momentum is fading after their first loss of the campaign Saturday, 1-0 at home to Montpellier.

Loic Remy was Marseille's inspiration as he netted twice against a Lille side who have now lost two on a roll to slide out of the top six. A Yohan Cabaye half-volley put the hosts on 26 minutes but Marseille roared back and Remy, played in by Mathieu Valbuena, fired in the equaliser eight minutes after the break before Argentine Lucho put the visitors ahead with a deflected effort on 71 minutes. Remy then wrapped up the points nine minutes from time with a majestic header.— *Internet*

## Madrid looking the real deal under Mourinho

MADRID, 25 Oct — Portuguese pair Jose Mourinho and Cristiano Ronaldo are weaving their magic for Real Madrid with the Spanish giants crushing their opponents at home and abroad, topping the Spanish league table and their Champions League group.



**Cristiano Ronaldo**

Real routed Racing Santander 6-1 at the Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday to reclaim top spot from Barcelona with Ronaldo scoring a best ever quadruple to make it eight goals in his last three league outings. “I am really happy because I have never scored four goals before,” said Ronaldo. “However, the most important thing is the team and it wouldn’t have been possible to score without the help of my teammates. I must congratulate the team.— *Internet*

## Federer level with Sampras on 64 titles with Swedish success

STOCKHOLM, 25 Oct—Roger Federer won the 64th trophy of his glittering career Sunday, leveling with Pete Sampras in the title Pantheon after a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Florian Mayer at the Stockholm Open. The victory in 63 minutes was particularly pleasing for the Swiss world number two, who now has a few days off before tackling the outside duties which come with his position as top seed from November 1 at his home Swiss Indoors in Basel.

“It feels great winning any event, but it’s especially nice to do it where I’ve never had a chance before,” said Federer, whose only other Stockholm visit was a decade ago. “There is such a great tennis heritage here with all the greats. “I knew I’d have a chance here, this

was a good week for me. I’m happy to have played well.”— *Internet*



**Roger Federer of Switzerland holds up the champion trophy after defeating Florian Mayer of Germany in the final of the 2010 ATP Stockholm Open tennis tournament in Stockholm, Sweden.— INTERNET**

## Villarreal down Atletico to go second in Spanish league

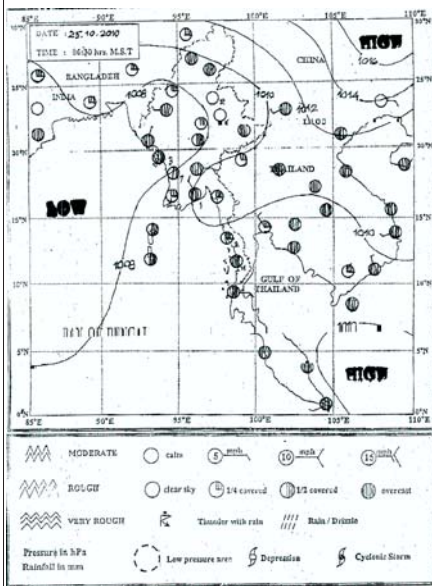
MADRID, 25 Oct—Villarreal made it a perfect four league home wins at El Madrigal defeating visitors Atletico Madrid 2-0 on Sunday to move above Barcelona on goal difference into second a point behind league leaders Real Madrid.

Goals from Ruben Cani and Giuseppe Rossi helped Villarreal stretch their unbeaten league run to seven matches and Juan Carlos Garrido's team have a flawless four wins from four at home.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER****Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay and Ayeyarwady Regions, isolated in Kachin and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyeikmaraw (1.73) inches, Yamethin (0.87) inch, Manaung (0.83) inch and Taungup (0.67) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 24-10-2010 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 25-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-10-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 25-10-2010 was (0.08) inch.

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 24-10-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 25-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-10-2010 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 24-10-2010 was (5.9) hours.

Rainfall on 25-10-2010 was (0.04) inch at

Mingaladon Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (81.18) inches at Mingaladon, (95.04) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.03) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 24-10-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the West central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup>**

**October 2010:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Bago Regions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-10-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**UK's Cameron to switch focus to growth**

LONDON, 25 Oct— Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron will seek to switch the focus to boosting economic growth on Monday after unveiling deep spending cuts that some economists fear could plunge Britain back into recession.

Cameron's speech to the Confederation of British Industry, a leading business group, comes a day before third quarter growth figures and other data this week expected to point to further housing market weakness and a drop in consumer confidence. That could raise fears of a return to recession and give ammunition to critics of last week's spending review.

Cameron's coalition government slashed public spending by 81 billion pounds (127 billion US dollars) to tackle a record budget deficit of almost 11 per cent of national output. The government is looking to the private sector to grow and replace the near 500,000 public

sector jobs expected to disappear because of the spending cuts.

Cameron is due to announce a 200-million-pound investment in the next four years in Technology Innovation Centres, bringing together university researchers and business. He will also give further details of a national infrastructure plan and how to unlock 200 billion pounds worth of public and private sector investment.

Cameron, who leads the Conservative party in the coalition with junior partner the Liberal Democrats, will say he wants to "bridge the gap" between innovation and commercial success.

"The fact is that we are not as good as some of our competitors in turning great ideas on the drawing board into prototypes in a laboratory and actual goods and services people can buy", he will say. — *MNA/Reuters*

**MYANMARINTERNATIONAL  
Programme Schedule  
(26-10-2010)(Tuesday)**
**Transmissions****Times**

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

**Local Transmission**

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* 100 Shuttle Silk Fabric and its Key Notes
- \* News
- \* Sketches from the west
- \* Booming of Rakhine Coastal Region
- \* News
- \* Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)
- \* News
- \* Living Myanmar Glazed Ceramics
- \* Close Down

**Oversea Transmission**

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- \* Healthy Dragon Fruit for Beneficial investment
- \* Monastery Bagayar Kyaung
- \* News
- \* Inside Myanmar's Music World
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Delicious Myanmar Traditional Food
- \* Myandalay Traditional Snack ( Htou Moun)
- \* News
- \* Myanmar's Customs & 7 Days Born
- \* Myanmar Movies "That's why Were"
- \* Close Down

**Myanmar****TV**
**Tuesday,  
26 October  
View on today**
**7:00 am**

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw Uppatthandi Paritta

**7:25 am**

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

**7:30 am**

3. Morning News

**7:40 am**

4. Dhamma Puja Song

**7:50 am**

5. Nice & Sweet Song

**8:05 am**

6. Song Of Yester Years

**8:15 am**

7. Teleplay (Agri)

**8:35 am**

8. Dance Of National Races

**8:40 am**

9. International News

**8:45 am**

10. Musical Programme

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial Song

**4:10 pm**

2. Musical Programme

**4:25 pm**

3. Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra

**4:35 pm**

4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

**4:55 pm**

5. Teleplay (Traffic)

**5:00 pm**

6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Zoology)

**5:15 pm**

7. Song For Upholding National Spirit

**5:20 pm**

8. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

**5:30 pm**

9. Sweet Melody

**5:45 pm**

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

**6:00 pm**

11. Evening News

**6:15 pm**

12. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**

13. Kyae Pwint Myaye

**6:50 pm**

14. Sing A Song

**7:00 pm**

15. TV Drama Series

**8:00 pm**

16. News

**8:00 pm**

17. Talk of the Political Parties (Repeat)

**8:00 pm**

18. International News

**8:00 pm**

19. Weather Report

**8:00 pm**

20. Just for Laughs

**8:00 pm**

21. TV Drama Series

**8:00 pm**

22. Movie Quiz

- ★ 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

## Myanmar's food supply enough for its population of far future

Maung Win Naing



Gwaygyo Dam in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region seen with its water control tower.

Myanmar is blessed with fertile soil, temperate climate patterns and rich natural resources. According to its geographical features, Myanmar has a lot of favourable conditions to boost its agrarian economy. In olden days, Myanmar's agricultural pattern was conventional farming just designed to meet the food

demand of the people.

Rural people who make up 70 per cent of the nation's population are engaged in agricultural farming for their living. In the process, they relied on rains in growing crops.

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### ARTICLE

Hluttaws will present bills concerning the national affairs and discuss whether to pass them or not. After the discussions, decisions will be made through voting. An approved bill becomes a law and it comes into force after the President has signed it. The Chief Minister will have to sign the bill in a Region or a State Hluttaw. As these hluttaws make laws, they are called legislative hluttaws.

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### POEM:

- \* Setting up a new era  
O, patriotic Myanmars
- \* Of own volition  
All in good company

Myo Myat Myat Myint Maung (Trns)

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