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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe visiting new 200-bed Labutta General Hospital.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected development of Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Pyinsalu and Pathein 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 of the Ministry of Defence, ministers and departmental heads, left Yangon for Mawlamyinegyun in Labutta District, Ayeyawady Region at 9.45 am yesterday by helicopter.

There, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt and departmental heads.

The Senior General and party inspected develop-

ment of Mawlamyinegyun by helicopter.

On arrival at Mawlamyinegyun Township General Hospital (100-bed) which is under construction, the Senior General and party were welcomed by medical superintendent Dr Myo Thant and health staff.

After that, the Senior General and party inspected construction of OG Ward and Paediatric Wards, and left necessary instructions.

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Photo shows new 200-bed Labutta General Hospital.—MNA

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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Choose a representative capable of serving public interest by yourself

The multi-party democracy general election will be held on 7 November. Candidates will compete for the three legislative hluttaws, namely the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and Region/State Hluttaw.

In the Pyithu Hluttaw, a hluttaw representative has to be chosen for a township and in the Amyotha Hluttaw, 12 representatives each must be elected from a State or a Region. All must be equal irrespective of their sizes.

At Region or State Hluttaw level, a township has to choose two representatives. For the national races who have no self-administered area in the Regions and States, they will be entitled to choose one person for one national race if they have a population which constitutes 0.1 percent (one thousandth) and above of the population of the Union.

Those who are included in the three hluttaws will have to serve the interests of the State and the people.

Now, some media and people are instigating the people to refrain from voting. If the people are swayed by such instigation, they will lose their voting right.

As the people have to choose the representatives serving the public interest of their own accord, each and every citizen is urged to go to the polling stations to choose the persons representing their country and themselves and being capable of serving the public interest without losing the opportunity to embrace the voting right.

Journalist U Thein Tan Library opened in Maubin Tsp

YANGON, 26 Oct—A ceremony to open Journalist U Thein Tan Library and to donate books from village library foundation was held at the library in Thatyetngu village, Maletto village-tract, Maubin Township, Maubin District in Ayeyawady Region on 19 October. Director U Than Tun of Information and Public Relations Department, village Chairman U Aye Tun and patron of Library Committee U Maung Aye opened the library.

The director discussed sustainable development of village libraries, and handed over the books donated by village library foundation through the chairman of village library committee. The director visited libraries in the village.

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People's Party

- * 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

Relief supplies provided to storm victims in Myebon Tsp



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Thein provides storm-hit households in Myebon with relief aids.

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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western

village, Myebon Township with necessary assistance, and presented bags of rice, clothes, personal goods, relief

there. After that, they inspected relocating of storm victims and providing medical treatment to there by clinic

They provided relief supplies and encouraged the victims.

They provided households with relief supplies at rescue camp in Basic Education High School in Myebon. They comforted patients at Township People's Hospital (Myebon) and presented foodstuff and cash assistance.

After that, they attended a ceremony to present relief supplies to storm victims at Township PDC Office, and presented relief supplies to the victims. They held discussion with



Minister U Maung Maung Swe presents relief aids to storm-hit households in Myebon.

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Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, 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 met storm victims at makeshift rescue camp in Kyunthaya village in Myebon Township, yesterday morning.

They presented bags of rice, edible oil, blankets, clothes, bottles of water and medicine, personal goods, utensils and tarpaulin sheets.

In the afternoon, they provided storm victims in Kanhtaungyi

supplies and cash assistance.

They then proceeded to Myebon and viewed damage

of Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence and rescue clinic by Ministry of Health.

departmental officials on rescue, reconstruction and rehabilitation and fulfilled the needs.

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Relief aids for storm-hit households in Myebon.—MNA



File photo shows an injured blast victim arriving at a hospital in Peshawar following a suicide bomb attack. Blasts in Pakistan on Friday killed 10 people, targeting a military patrol in the lawless tribal belt on the Afghan border and worshippers leaving a mosque in the main northwestern city of Peshawar.

INTERNET

Air strike kills 15 militants in Afghanistan

Indonesia tsunami kills 113; scores more missing

JAKARTA, 26 Oct— A powerful earthquake triggered a 10-foot (three-meter) tsunami that pounded remote island villages in western Indonesia, killing at least 113 people and leaving scores more missing, an official said Tuesday.

A day after the quake struck 13 miles (20 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor, rescuers were still struggling to get to the

Mentawai islands — which are closest to the epicenter — because of strong winds and rough seas on the way to the islands that can only be reached by a 12-hour boat ride. But reports of the damage and casualties from the 7.7-magnitude temblor were already steadily rising.

Mujiarto, who heads the Health Ministry's crisis center, said 113 bodies

have been recovered so far. The number of missing was between 150 and 500.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity due to its location on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire — a series of fault lines stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia.

Internet

KABUL, 26 Oct— At least 15 militants were killed in a NATO air strike overnight in southern Helmand province, a spokesman for the alliance said on Monday. US Captain Ryan Donald, a spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), said he had heard allegations of civilian casualties but they had not been backed up by reports to date. "Current reports show we only killed Taliban. We are aware of allegations of civilian casualties," he said, adding that in addition to the 15 dead, six militants were detained.

MNA/Reuters

Situation in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 Oct— Following are security developments in Afghanistan at 0900 GMT on Monday:

Kabul - A service member from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) died after an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, ISAF said.

It was the 600th foreign military death in Afghanistan this year, a figure likely to weigh heavily on Western leaders amid declining support for the war. No further details of the incident were available.

Baghlan-A suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a foreign troop convoy in Pol-e-Khomri, capital of Baghlan Province, north of Kabul, the Afghan Interior Ministry said. The bomber was killed in the explosion but there were no other casualties, it said in a statement.

Paktika- Afghan and coalition forces killed a Taliban commander and two other insurgents in an overnight raid in eastern Paktika province, ISAF said.

Badghis- Afghan and coalition forces killed two insurgents in western Badghis province on Sunday when they were hunting a Taliban commander reportedly responsible for kidnapping operations and a recent ambush that killed two Spanish soldiers, ISAF said.

Troops are still trying to verify if the targeted commander was one of the dead, a spokesman said.

Situation in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct— Following are security developments in Iraq as of 0900 GMT on Monday.

Baghdad- Gunmen in a speeding car shot dead an employee at the Electricity Ministry in Baghdad's southern district of Saidiya, an Interior Ministry source said. A sticky bomb attached to the car of an employee at the Defence Ministry wounded him and two passers-by in Baghdad's southern Doura district, an Interior Ministry source said.

MNA/Reuters



A wounded Afghan policeman is brought to a hospital in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. Three explosions just minutes apart rocked Kandahar, killing at least two Afghan police officers and wounding almost a dozen others, according to the provinces officials.

INTERNET



Afghan children internally displaced by war sit outside their tent in Kabul recently.

INTERNET

Afghan President says "firm" on private security ban

KABUL, 26 Oct— Afghan President Hamid Karzai said on Sunday he was committed to disbanding private security companies, but signalled he may consider exceptions for some development projects after Washington asked for more discussions.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called Karzai on Saturday and recommended the United States and Afghanistan develop a plan to replace private security guards gradually, rather than enforce a ban that could threaten millions of dollars in aid work.

A spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said the president had ISAF support but the disbanding should not hinder development work. Karzai issued a decree in August banning all private security contractors in Afghanistan by the end of the year, with an exception for those guarding embassies, military installations, diplomatic residences and the

transport of diplomatic personnel.

The move caught US-led military forces by surprise, and some US funded aid companies have reported they are already scaling back projects to be ready should the ban come into force in December as scheduled.

This has spurred concern in Washington that aid work may already be starting to suffer. At a meeting of Karzai's security council, to which top diplomats in Kabul and the head of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan General David Petraeus were also invited, the president repeated his commitment to banning the companies.

But he also suggested he might consider exceptions on security provisions for major development work. "The President of the Republic of Afghanistan thanked the international community for development projects," Karzai's palace said in a statement about the meeting.

MNA/Reuters

Russia plans to build up Black Sea Fleet

MOSCOW, 26 Oct—Russia plans to add 18 new vessels to its Black Sea Fleet within the next decade after a landmark deal with Ukraine to extend the lease on the fleet's base, a navy source was quoted by *Interfax* as saying on Monday.

Ukraine agreed in April to extend the Russian fleet's Sevastopol base lease by 25 years in return for a 30 per cent cut in gas prices, a step that underlined Kiev's shift back towards Moscow after the election of President Viktor Yanukovich.

The fleet has fallen into disrepair in recent years, but Russia plans to add 18 new vessels, including at least six frigates and six diesel-powered submarines, *Interfax* news agency cited a source in Russia's naval command as saying.

A spokesman for the navy declined to comment on the *Interfax* report.

MNA/Reuters



A visitor looks at a jade sculpture on an exhibition in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 17 Oct, 2010. More than 300 jade sculpture works made by Su Ran, an artist of jade sculptures, were seen on a 10-day jade sculpture exhibition kicked off on Saturday. —XINHUA

Top climber missing in Himalayan expedition

KATHMANDU, 26 Oct—A leading Nepali climber, who has scaled Mount Everest 19 times, has gone missing after an avalanche hit members of an expedition to the Himalayas in eastern Nepal, his hiking agency said on Sunday.

Chuwang Nima, 43, was part of an expedition which included British climbers trying to summit the 7,129-metre (23,389-foot) Mount Baruntse. The

avalanche struck on Saturday while he was fixing ropes at an altitude of about 7,045 metres (23,114 feet).

"It was a big avalanche that swept him in windy weather conditions," said Jeevan Ghimire of the Sherpa Shangrila Trek and Expedition agency.

"A search and rescue operation will be carried out by a helicopter on Monday," Ghimire told

Reuters. The other climbers are safe, he said.

The only other climber to top Nima's ascents to Mount Everest is Apa Sherpa, who has climbed the world's tallest peak 20 times. Hundreds of mountaineers go to dozens of Himalayan mountains in Nepal, home to eight of the world's 14 highest peaks, including Mount Everest, every year.

MNA/Reuters

Japan provides assistance for flood relief in Vietnam

TOKYO, 26 Oct—The Japanese Government has decided to extend emergency relief goods worth 20 million yen (about 213,000 US dollars) to Vietnam, officials with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here on Friday.

The goods include blankets, electric generators, waterpurifiers and portable jerry cans, officials with the ministry told *Xinhua*.

The move is a response to the large-scale flood disaster caused by a series of typhoons which have hit the coastal areas of central Vietnam since early October.

The government hoped the assistance will contribute to the improvement of living conditions of the flood-affected people, officials said.

MNA/Xinhua



A resident cooks during the cooking section of 5th neighbourhood festival in a community in Yixing city, of east China's Jiangsu Province recently.

XINHUA

Egypt arrests 55 Sudanese headed to Israel

CAIRO, 26 Oct—Egyptian police found 55 Sudanese migrants hidden in a container on a truck heading into the Sinai region, where they planned to cross the border into Israel, security sources said on Sunday.

The migrants, 40 men, nine women and six children aged as young as four, were arrested at a checkpoint near the entrance to a tunnel under the Suez Canal separating Sinai from the rest of Egypt, the sources said.

The driver told police he had smuggled them from a mountainous area in Egypt's eastern Red Sea region after striking a deal with a people trafficker in Sinai. The migrants were exhausted after three days on the road and the children were taken to a hospital in the city of Suez, the sources said.

The route through Sinai to Israel is a common target for African migrants fleeing poverty or conflict and seeking work or asylum in Israel.

At least 34 migrants have been shot dead this year trying to cross Egypt's heavily-guarded border with Israel, up from 19 last year.

MNA/Reuters

Spain's Gamesa to build offshore wind factory in UK

LONDON, 26 Oct—Spain's Gamesa will open an offshore wind turbine factory and research centre in Britain, creating more than 1,000 direct jobs, the company said on Monday.

It will invest 150 million euros (210.6 million US dollars) until 2014 and base the global headquarters of its offshore division in London, Gamesa said, confirming a report from *Reuters* earlier this month.

More than 1,000 people will be directly employed at the facilities and another 800 jobs could be created for local suppliers.

"The commitment shown by companies like Gamesa who want to come to the UK and invest is good news for jobs and growth and good news for our clean energy future," British Prime Minister David Cameron said.

Britain plans to build up to 32 gigawatts of offshore wind power capacity to meet legally binding renewable energy goals.

Gamesa will operate its port logistics and turbine maintenance services from different ports in Britain.

The company's new type of 5-megawatts (MW) offshore wind turbines will be rolled out to the market in 2013, with first tests due in the fourth quarter of 2012, Gamesa said.—MNA/Reuters



A doctor examines a patient before prescribing her depression medicine at a free medical clinic in 2009. Scientists in the United States said on Sunday they had found a gene that appears to play a key role in the onset of depression, a finding that could unlock new avenues for drug engineers.

INTERNET

Iran says some academic courses too "Western"

TEHERAN, 26 Oct—Iran will not allow its universities to begin teaching certain disciplines it deems too "Western", and existing courses will be revised, a senior Education Ministry was quoted as saying on Sunday.

"Expansion of 12 disciplines in the social sciences like law, women's studies, human rights, management, sociology, philosophy...psychology and political sciences will be reviewed," Abolfazl Hassani was quoted as saying in the *Arman* newspaper. "These sciences' contents are based on Western culture. The review will be the intention of making them compatible with Islamic teachings".

Hassani said Iranian universities will not be allowed to open new departments in these disciplines and the curricula for existing departments would be revised.

Iran's hard-line rulers accuse the West of trying to harm the Islamic state by influencing the country's young generation with "decadent" culture. Pointing to the enrolment of some 2 million out of a total of 3.5 million university students in the humanities, in August Iran's most powerful figure Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called for modification of these studies.

MNA/Reuters

Haiti cholera toll tops 250, but some slowing seen

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 26 Oct— A multinational medical response has slowed deaths in a Haitian cholera epidemic that has killed more than 250 people so far, but the outbreak is likely to widen, a senior UN official said on Sunday.

"We must gear up for a serious epidemic, even though we hope it won't happen," Nigel Fisher, the United Nations humanitarian coordinator in Haiti, told Reuters.

More than 3,000 cholera cases have been reported so far in the poor, earthquake-hit Caribbean nation, which is experiencing its second humanitarian crisis since a catastrophic earthquake on 12 January.

The UN, Haiti's government and aid partners have launched a major effort to try to contain the epidemic.

This involved setting up cholera treatment centres to isolate patients in the two worst affected central provinces, Artibonite and Centre, and in the capital Port-au-

Prince. The main outbreak areas straddle the Artibonite River watershed, suspected of being the main propagator of the deadly disease.

"We have registered a diminishing in numbers of deaths and of hospitalized people in the most critical areas ... The tendency is that it is stabilizing, without being able to say that we have reached a peak," Gabriel Thimote, director-general of Haiti's Health Department, told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters



Patients suffering from diarrhea and other cholera symptoms are helped by other residents as they wait for treatment at the St. Nicholas hospital in Saint Marc, Haiti, on 22 Oct, 2010.

INTENRET

Suspected Nigeria sect firebombs police station

MAIDUGURI, 26 Oct— Suspected members of a radical sect in northern Nigeria firebombed a police station over the weekend, leading to a gun fight in which at least one person was killed, police said on Monday.

The attack on the police station in Bara, Yobe state, was believed to have been carried out by members of Boko Haram, the sect behind an uprising last year which led to clashes with security forces in which hundreds of people were killed.

"The Boko Haram members numbering six riding on motorbikes went to Bara ... and threw a petrol bomb into the police station," Yobe state police commissioner Mamman Sule said.

"The policemen who were on duty engaged the suspects in a shoot-out, wounding one person who later died in the bush," he told reporters.

Nigeria's security services in neighbouring Borno state said last week they were beefing up efforts to contain attacks by Boko Haram, launching joint army and police exercises and using attack helicopters to help with patrols.

The unrest has raised fears of a repeat of last year's uprising, which began with attacks on police stations, government offices, prisons and schools.

MNA/Reuters

New malaria estimate says 205,000 die in India

SINGAPORE, 26 Oct— Malaria kills around 205,000 people in India each year, more than 13 times the estimate made by the World Health Organization, researchers said recently.

WHO, the public health arm of the United Nations, estimates that approximately 15,000 people a year die from malaria in India, and 100,000 adults worldwide. The researchers called for both figures to be urgently revised so they do not hurt funding for prevention, rapid diagnosis and treatment.

"If you do not know the disease in any area, your requirement of drugs and all that (will not) be correct. Your control programme will suffer, it's really important to know these figures correctly," Vinod Sharma of India's National Institute of Malaria Research said in a telephone interview.

MNA/Reuters



Workers fix up railway track on Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway in Cangzhou City, east China's Hebei Province recently. The track laying operation of Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway will be completed by the end of this October.

XINHUA

Cold winter ahead for west Europe

LONDON, 26 Oct— Temperatures are likely to average lower than normal in western Europe from November to January, Weather Services International (WSI) said on Monday. Scandinavia and eastern

Europe are likely to average warmer than normal, WSI said.

"Based on all of the available evidence, we expect another winter with below-normal temperatures across the UK and the western

half of the mainland, although not nearly as severe as last winter," said WSI Chief Meteorologist Todd Crawford. "We expect the coldest weather to be early and late in the winter, with the potential for a very mild spell during the heart of winter."

US-based WSI which in October 2009 accurately predicted Britain would see a very cold start to 2010 said that an unusually strong negative phase of the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) was the main reason why it expects another cold winter this year.

MNA/Reuters



Photo shows sheep flock walking in snow at the foot of Tianshan Mountain in Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. A cold front hit Xinjiang since last Friday, bringing snow and plunging the temperature.—XINHUA

BP CEO slams media, rivals for boostingspills fears

LONDON, 26 Oct—BP's new chief executive said its rivals and the media had helped cause a climate of fear during the summer when the oil giant's blown-out Gulf of Mexico well caused the worst ever oil spill in the United States.

The comments represented the latest volley in BP's battle to rebuild its battered reputation by taking a harder line with those who have blamed the disaster on a safety culture at BP that, they said, put cost-saving before safety. In an address to the annual conference of British business lobby group, the CBI, Dudley said there had been: "A

great rush to judgment by a fair number of observers before the full facts could possibly be known, even from some in our industry.

"I watched graphic projections of oil swirling around the gulf, around Florida, across and around Bermuda to England—these appeared authoritative and inevitable. The public fear was everywhere," he said. BP said in late July that Dudley would take over as chief executive on 1 October, succeeding Tony Hayward who had come under fire for his handling of the oil spill.—MNA/Reuters

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Then, the Senior General and party oversaw Yazudaing Bridge (2) and (1) and then proceeded to briefing hall of Yazudaing Bridge (1) project.

There, the Senior General heard the reports by Minister U Thein Nyunt on rehabilitation of Mawlamyinegyun Township after being hit by Storm Nargis. The minister said that the Head of State went to Mawlamyinegyun after the storm. He carried out tasks of education, health, social, economic and transport sectors heart and soul, and gave guidance on creating better, more

regions, the course had been opened for four times with 60 trainees in each course, enabling the trainees to earn a living well.

Similarly, carpentry, masonry and steel fixer courses for the youths in storm-stricken regions was conducted for three times, and local youths are at work.

The construction of Mawlamyinegyun Township 100-bed People's Hospital is nearing completion and plans are underway to inaugurate the hospital soon.

Next, the Head of State gave guidance. Although Ayeyawady Region including



Senior General Than Shwe comforts patients at 25-bed hospital opened at Cyclone Shelter in Pyinsalu Village, Pyinsalu. MNA

regions are enjoying better condition than the past.

The Head of State said that local people are not to be complacent about present development momentum, but to continue to work hard for their brighter future with the effective utilization of fine foundations as the government is only ful-

lfilling the basic needs of the people.

Many vacant lands are left to be reclaimed in our country including Ayeyawady Region. There are sound foundations that can increase income of local people two or three times by making more efforts to boost paddy production. It is important

stock breeding two or three times. It is required to combine their efforts with innovations.

For example, there are salt farms in Ayeyawady Region. But, salt is only produced for consumption in Myanmar. Apart from consumption, caustic soda can be produced

Science, Technological Universities, and Technical Training Schools have been founded in the region to provide human resources for such industries.

He then urged locals to work industriously for enhancing socio-economic status of their families through harmonious combination of agriculture plus other natural resources and advanced industrial technologies. The Senior General and entourage then left Mawlamyinegyun for Labutta. They were welcomed by Col Myint Maung of local station, Chairman of the district PDC U Aye Maung Kyi and officials welcomed them.

The Senior General and party saw over departmental buildings, progress in construction of cold storage, ice mill, extended wards, Carpentry, Masonry and Steel Work Training School, and Lunge Ahman Training School in new Labutta by cars.

At the briefing hall of the construction site of 200-bed capacity Labutta (See page 7)



Senior General Than Shwe inspects ongoing 100-bed Mawlamyinegyun General Hospital.—MNA

perfect conditions than before.

In line with the guidance of the Head of State, model villages such as Kyetshar, Ngwezinyaw, Hlaiphphone and Danichaung were established after the scattered small villages had been combined. In addition, the State fulfilled the basic needs of their education, health and economic sectors. Damaged schools, hospitals and religious buildings have been repaired and rebuilt. And some of the schools and religious buildings can be used as cyclone shelters.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State on the opening of vocational training course for women in storm-hit

Mawlamyinegyun was hit by severe cyclonic storm Nargis in 2008 encountering loss and damage, the condition of Mawlamyinegyun had been returned to normalcy thanks to collaborative efforts of the entire people under the leadership of the government. Some

filling the basic needs of the people.

The local people are to try hard for the improvement of their socio-economic status by tapping natural resources in the region. The departments concerned on their part are to encourage the people to achieve con-

to utilize existing resources and good foundations in cooperation with their efforts.

Businesses such as agriculture, fisheries, salt farming and livestock breeding could be carried out on commercial scale. There have been prospects to boost fisheries and live-

from salt, which can be used in plastic production. We can speed up the development momentum of the region if we can establish production industries that can produce a substantial amount of chemicals.

Schools, universities, Universities of Computer



Photo shows 100-bed Mawlamyinegyun General Hospital under construction.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe visiting Patheingyi Railway Station.—MNA

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General Hospital, Minister U Thein Nyunt reported to the Senior General on progress of Labutta.

The minister said that 4,548 rural houses, and seven cyclone shelters, each of which is equipped with eight 15000-gallon capacity rain-water storage tanks, totaling 120000-gallon storage capacity were erected, 228 basic education schools, 58 hospitals and health centres, and 675 religious buildings were recon-

50 trainees each time. Lands were reclaimed, houses, roads and bridges were constructed to set up new wards in new Labutta. A wharf was built and water supply and electricity supply tasks were also carried out. Departmental buildings, cold storages and private dwellings were under construction. Ayeyawady Bank donated one ambulance for new Labutta General Hospital, and one fire engine for Labutta.

In response to the re-

meat and fish, prawn, salt, and coconut, it could not put these products on market on commercial scale due to poor transportation, and as a result, local people of South-West Command lagged behind in development.

So, priority was given to improvement of transportation so as to help Labutta catch up with other regions in development.

Smooth transport will contribute to convenience in traveling from one place to another along

Labutta is a wide and populous coastal region blessed with abundant natural resources. From administrative point of view, we designated Labutta as district level town in order to closely supervise for rapid growth of the region.

The Senior General reiterated that four outlooks, namely political outlook, economic outlook, administrative outlook and defence outlook are pivotal in administration of a nation. We improved transportation of the region from administrative point of view. Moreover, there were

and fishery are the only occupations for youths in Labutta. But, today, domestic science courses have been opened for female youths and carpentry, masonry and steel works for male youths in order that they can switch over to new career.

The Senior General then urged locals to work hard making use of natural resources for better socio-economic life.

The Senior General and party visited 200-bed new Labutta Hospital and comforted the patients. They looked round the progress of Labutta by car. They then left Labutta for

people, were welcomed by departmental officials and locals from nearby villages.

Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Myint Aung conducted the Senior General round the 25-bed hospital opened in Cyclone Shelter briefing him on health services of the hospital.

The Senior General and entourage cordially greeted the locals. They then viewed the progress of Pyinsalu by car. At the briefing hall of Pyinsalu, the Senior General put questions to ministers concerned about progress in construction of embankment, education, health, economic, health, and agricultural sectors and fishery industry of Pyinsalu left necessary instructions.

The Senior General and party left Pyinsalu for Patheingyi. There, they were welcomed by Col Myit Swe of South-West Command and departmental officials.

The Senior General and party looked round Patheingyi by car. On arrival at Patheingyi Railway Station, they were welcomed by Division Manager U Aye Maung of Railway Transportation Department under Myanmar Railways, Station Master U Ohn Kyawing and personnel.

The Senior General inspected Patheingyi Railway Station and put some questions to Minister U Aung Min about upgrading of railways in Ayeyawady Region.

The Senior General gave guidance and left there.—MNA



Photo shows Yazudaing Bridge No. 1.—MNA

structed, basic domestic science refresher courses have been conducted four times for female youths, with admission of 60 trainees each time. Likewise, carpentry, masonry and steel works courses have been conducted four times, with admission of

ports, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that Labutta Township was not easily accessible from other regions due to poor transport and weather conditions.

Despite the fact that Labutta is rich in natural resources such as rice,

with improvement in social, economic, education and health sectors. Better relations between one region and another due to smooth transport will further cement amicable relations between national races and help expand the horizons of local people.

losses of life as Labutta was not accessible to places of health service. So, we have designated Labutta as district level town and are building a new hospital with 200-bed capacity so as to provide health care to Labutta locals, he said. Agriculture

Pyinsalu. They were welcomed by Lt-Col Kyaw Naing of the local station and departmental personnel.

The Senior General and entourage, on arrival at the cyclone shelter in Pyinsalu Village, Pyinsalu that can accommodate 500

Inaugurate the new democratic state with correct voting

Kyaw Min Lu (Shwepyitha)

The democracy general election to which the people are looking forward will take place on 7 November, 2010. It is drawing nearer and nearer. Surely all eligible voters across the nation will be able to vote freely for candidates they favour at the polling stations concerned on the day of election.

The election commission is making systematic preparations for holding free and fair election in accord with prescribed Election Law and Rules. Educative talks on electoral work and demonstration of voting process are being conducted in all corners of the nation. It is heartening to see that all pre-election tasks are on the right track for successful and smooth holding of elections.

Political parties, candidates to Hluttaws and independent candidates are competing each other in canvassing for votes. It can be witnessed that there are radio and TV broadcasts and that election manifestos, party bulletins and pamphlets including papers that carry party policy, stance and work programmes are being distributed legally. It can be seen that canvassing for votes is in progress nationwide. So it is obvious that party politics and election process are going well together.

People are taking more interest in election as the day draws near. The nearer election draws, the more attention they are paying. Their interest will reach a climax when results come out. So taking consideration into which party they will have to vote and whom they will have to choose is the centre of attention of everyone while making preparations for the climax. It is apparent that the 2010 election process nationwide is becoming lively and advancing. And the nation is marching towards a free and fair election. A grand and successful election will go down in the annals.

But an old political party that has been null and void automatically in accord with the existing laws and internal and external destructive elements are instigating the people to boycott and protest against the upcoming elections. Likewise, we have frequently heard that foreign broadcasting stations are inciting the people to protest against the elections, to refrain from voting by boycotting the elections and to disrupt the elections. These acts reveal that they are attempting to tarnish the image of the elections and to disrupt the realization of State's seven-step Road Map by persuading the people to protest against the elections. In other words, they are insulting and underestimating our Myanmar people by indirectly saying that Myanmar people are not qualified to cast votes.

In fact, the right to cast vote and the right not to cast vote are prescribed in Hluttaw election law. Everyone has the right to enjoy such rights, but those concerned should pay special attention to such act of preventing the people from exercising the voting right by boycotting the elections amounts to violating Article 57 of Hluttaw election law by using undue influence to prevent the voters from enjoying the voting right.

In reality, we the people have been waiting for many years to embrace the right of voting. For us, the upcoming elections give us the opportunity to enjoy the right to cast vote for the first time during the period of 20 years. So I believe that everyone should not miss the national opportunity.

Voting is a fundamental right as well as a fundamental duty of every citizen. We all have the right to choose the party and candidate we favour by casting votes freely. Moreover, every citizen is responsible for casting votes. Refraining from casting vote despite having the voting right is tantamount to neglecting the responsibility of a citizen. In other words, it is an irresponsible act.

You have to plant a tree by yourself if you want to have fruit. If there is a person who wants to have others' fruit without exerting any efforts, one and all will know what kind of a person he is.

Moreover, rights and duties always go together in the democratic system. It is not possible to shirk the duty by expecting rights and privileges only. Every citizen has not only the right to enjoy democratic rights but also the responsibility to discharge democratic duties. Every citizen should vote freely without being swayed by incitement of anti-government organizations as casting vote is one of the duties of a citizen to express his wish for the nation.

However, there are some people who assume that it would not affect the election at all whether or not he votes. That is right. A ballot of an individual may not possibly produce a dramatic change and result instantly. However, when the vote of each individual is combined, there would emerge a massive force for sure. The outcome of these forces as a whole can give the definite answer to the question of what the nation looks like in the future. Every Myanmar citizen understands that a grain of sesame cannot produce oil but a significant number of sesame grains can. All national people have an obligation to combine forces as democracy is a system that can only be established through concerted effort of each individual.

As far as I am concerned, each individual in a certain society should be imbued with philanthropic attitude, only then can that society grow and succeed. You go to polling station and cast a vote. Not difficult work this is, nor tiring one. That every one of millions of national people casts vote in his country's election is a national indication of political aspiration and profound political awareness of national people. Every citizen should keep in mind that it is the prestigious index of Myanmar people with which we can show off our political aspiration to the entire world.

So, each and every eligible voter is to cast ballot without fail. They should not shirk it thinking others will do so even if they do not. Moreover, they are to resolutely oppose the incitement of the lackeys of neo-colonialists. For the benefit of the country, for the people and for the majority, they should show a sense of responsibility and duty by voting freely.

Now, the day on which we are to cast vote is drawing nearer and nearer. We have aspired to democracy which is now within our reach. So, we have to cast vote with a sense of responsibility to show to the world that we deserve democracy.

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Inaugurate the new democratic state with correct voting

Kyaw Min Lu (Shwepyitha)

As everybody knows, the upcoming election is the fifth step of seven-step Road Map which is being implemented in response to aspiration of the people for democracy. Representatives elected by the people will become candidates in respective Hluttaws, which is the sixth step. Then, these candidates will be able to freely discuss legislation and political, economic and social issues of the nation in the Hluttaws and make decisions democratically. Then, executive organs and judiciary bodies will be set up and implementation of the final step, which is the establishment of a peaceful, modern, developed, democratic nation can be carried on with these legislative, executive, and judiciary bodies.

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Suppose we are voting now. Then, there comes a question—What kind of party or what kind of person we vote for? To put it simply, one can vote any party or person one prefers. But, here they should bear in mind that it is important to choose the right parties and persons that can shape

our future and promote our interests.

I would like national people to make the right decision, that is to say the party they choose should have strong political background and sufficient management experience so as to enhance prevailing stability, development, unity and democratization process of the nation. Likewise

by the people will become candidates in respective Hluttaws, which is the sixth step. Then, these candidates will be able to freely discuss legislation and political, economic and social issues of the nation in the Hluttaws and make decisions democratically. Then, executive organs and judiciary bodies will be set up and implementation of the final step, which is the establishment of a peaceful, modern, developed, democratic nation can be carried on with these legislative, executive, and judiciary bodies.

To put it in a nutshell, we are not the people from 1990s anymore. We have already become efficient citizens who have wide knowledge of politics, economy, sociology and global issues along with high reasoning power. We used to believe grandiloquence of politicians and support them under the influence of their popularity. However, it is a thing of the past now. At present, people would support the good and oppose the bad. Therefore, I hope all national people will choose the right candidates who can promote interests of the nation and the people with high political aspiration and successfully inaugurate a new democratic nation.

Translation: YM + TKK

Assess, decide and choose

The forthcoming elections are free, fair and clean. Every Myanmar has been permitted to set up party during the designated period and stand for election. Well...

...they are free and fair and thus all inclusive, indeed.



So, let us assess, decide and choose the candidates who'll be working for the nation without making any mistake.

That's quite right.

Kyaw Thu Hein

candidates should have capabilities to carry out wishes of national people, putting national interest in the fore. Only then, would the future of the entire nation including the voter himself be pleasant and prosperous. On the other hand, all the national people should bear in mind that the future of the nation would become bed of thorns or even doom and gloom if they make decision just with superficial analysis of what political parties are talking at the moment.

As everybody knows, the upcoming election is the fifth step of seven-step Road Map which is being implemented in response to aspiration of the people for democracy. Representatives elected

POEM:

Be proud to vote

- * **Ensuring equality**
For nationalities of the Union
Written with all-inclusiveness
So glorious is the Constitution
- * **According to Constitution**
Step by step towards equal rights
With aim to promote
Rights of every citizen
Choose representatives
through voting
In the interest of nation
- * **Having voting opportunity**
Make prudent choices
For emergence of hluttaws
With discipline and harmony
Along the path of country
To shape its future
- * **Will witness soon**
The coming of golden age
Under systematic democracy
Be proud O' Myanmar
To make choices for future
And vote in the elections

Aung Khant Min (Trns)

Road and bridge networks across the nation

Arkar Hein

(from page 16)

Mandalay-Bhamo, Myitkyina-Putao, Hpa-an-Zathabyin-Mawlamyine, Taunggyi-Yangon-Hammyinmo, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana-Pinlaung, Sittway-An-Minbu, Kawthoung-Bokpyin-Dawei-Mawlamyine, Taungp-Maei-Kyaukpyu, and Monywa-Hkamti.

Minbu-Seikpyu-Pakokku-Monywa Road and Minhla-Thayet-Pyay Road were built to scale up the development momentum of the regions on the western bank of the river Ayeyawady. In addition, there have many roads stretching between Natmauk and Magway; Monywa and Kalewa; Toungyo and Pyay; and Nay Pyi Taw and Taungdwingyi.

The government opens roads and bridges section-wise. The total length of roads in states and regions has increased from 13,635 miles in 1988 to 21,361 miles and two furlongs, accounting for more 7726 miles and two furlongs as progress.

From 1988 to date, the nation has witnessed

2915 bridges, whose length ranges between 100 and 180 feet, and 247 bridges, 180 feet long and above. Now, five bridges spanning the Ayeyawady River are under construction: four, each of which has a two-lane motorway and a railroad on them, and one that has a two-lane motorway on it.

Among the five, Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) linking Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region is a rail-cum-road bridge. Its motorway is 9382 feet long and 28 feet wide; its railroad, 10,377 feet long and 14 feet wide; and either pedestrian lane, three feet wide. That makes considerable contribute towards the region's transport of people and commodity flow.

Next one is Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) close to Pahtanago and Malun that is intended to link Patheingyi-Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad on the western bank and Pyay-Aungmye-Taungdwingyi-Magway-Chauk Railroad on the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River. It has a 4695 feet long two-lane



Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) is playing an important role in north-south transportation of Myanmar.

motorway and a 5510 feet long railroad on it. Due to the bridge, the regions on the western bank will be able to enjoy greater development.

Upon completion, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) will be a 2841 feet and four inches long facility, linking Sagaing Region and Kachin and Shan States.

It is designed to link Letpanhla feeder road of Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road on the eastern bank of the river and Singu. And people will be able to travel to

Singu from Letpanhla feeder road of Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road on the eastern bank; to the northern regions along Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road through Kyauk-myaung-Shwebo Road on the western bank, and to Mandalay through Sagaing on the southern part of the nation. So, it is an important bridge.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), 11,431 feet long, is designed to link Letpanchepaw Village in NyaungU Township on the eastern bank and Pakokku on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River.

The main bridge will be over two miles long. The broad crest type bridge, on completion, will have a two-lane motorway and a railroad on it. People can travel between Pakokku and NyaungU through Myingyaing, Letpanchepaw and Thithauk. Now, the bridge project is ongoing.

When the bridge is completed, the railroads in the regions will be linked with the ones in Bhamo in Kachin State, Kengtung in Shan State,

and Myeik in Taninthayi Region, and with Kyauktaw and Sittway in Rakhine State through Minbu-An Railroad. In addition, it will help complete a Union railroad by linking regional railroads with those in Kalay through Yangon-Patheingyi section and Patheingyi-Hinthada-Kyangin-Pakokku section, and with those in Moyay and Kyegaung through Lashio. So, local people can travel by train to other regions through the bridge.

The last ongoing bridge is 4695 feet long Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) near Sinkhan village in Bhamo Township, Kachin State. It will have a motorway and a railroad on it, upon completion.

In addition to the five Ayeyawady River spanning bridges, the government is constructing 15 new bridges. More bridge projects to be launched soon are Shweli Bridge (Myitson) in Shan State, Yetpha Creek Bridge in Sagaing Region, Kyunpyathet Bridge in Kyonmange Township,

Ayeyawady Region, Gyaing River Bridge (Kawkaik) in Kawkaik Township, Kayin State, and Mulashedi Bridge in Putao Township, Kachin State. Furthermore, it has a plan to upgrade 720 feet long Sittoung Bridge (Natthangwin) on Pennwegon-Kyaukkyi Bridge to an all-weather one.

With farsightedness, the government has been constructing a large number of bridges throughout the nation for convenient transport of passengers and goods from one region to another at any time and equitable development of all parts of the Union.

In its bid to improve the transport infrastructure in the interest of the nation, the government has been building roads and bridges day in, day out, coping with a large variety of challenges, hindrances and sanctions.

It also indicates that the government is working hard with a sense of genuine goodwill to create a prosperous future of the nation.

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Concrete road on Nay Pyi Taw -Yangon road section of Yangon-Mandalay Highway, which is in line with the norms of ASEAN road standard.

Road and bridge networks across the nation

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Arkar Hein



*Scenic view of
Mingyoung creek
Bridge on
Maei-Kyaukpyu
road section in
Yanbye Township,
Rakhine State
constructed by the
Government after
1988.*

Major roads under construction

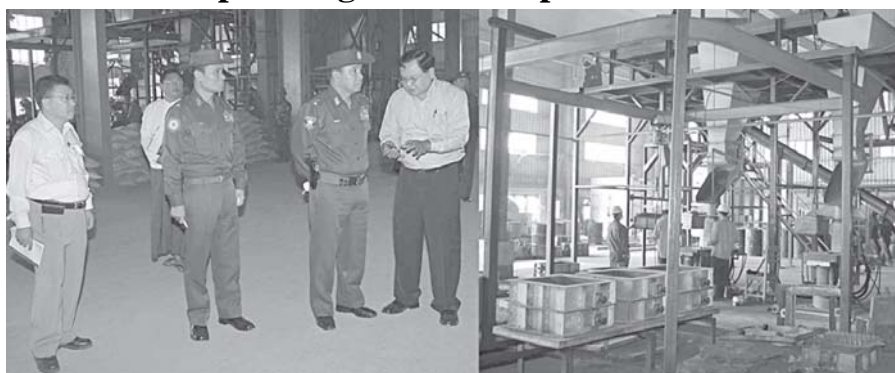
Sr.	Road	Length
1.	Patheingyi-Monywa	450 miles, 5 furlongs
2.	Taikkayi-Phaunggyi-Bago (Taikkayi-10 th Mile section)	42 miles, 7 furlongs
3.	Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung- Phado-Peinzalok-Banbwagon-Penwagon	143 miles, 6 furlongs
4.	Koebin-Thagaya	96 miles, 3 furlongs
5.	Magway-Kanbya-Myothit- Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw	108 miles, 4 furlongs
6.	Magway-Natmauk-Pyawbwe	91 miles, 4 furlongs
7.	PyinOoLwin-Mogok	97 miles
8.	Katha-Sinkhan	65 miles
9.	Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao	218 miles
10.	Thetkeyyin-Phaungbyin-Hkamti	330 miles
11.	Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana-Pinlaung	70 miles, 2 furlongs
12.	Ponnagyun-Yathedaung	22 miles, 6 furlongs
13.	Myebon-Minbya	24 miles, 7 furlongs
14.	Pauktaw-Minbya	20 miles, 6 furlongs
15.	Kyauktaw-Paletwa	33 miles, 5 furlongs

Bridges, above 180 feet long, from 1988 to date

Sr.	State / Region	Constructed	Ongoing	Target
1.	Kachin State	19	2	1
2.	Kayah State	1	1	-
3.	Kayin State	7	2	1
4.	Chin State	3	-	-
5.	Sagaing Region	19	1	1
6.	Taninthayi Region	7	-	-
7.	Bago Region	20	-	-
8.	Magway Region	21	2	-
9.	Mandalay Region	12	1	-
10.	Mon State	4	-	-
11.	Rakhine State	37	-	-
12.	Yangon Region	30	1	-
13.	Shan State (East)	4	-	-
14.	Shan State (South)	5	2	-
15.	Shan State (North)	7	-	1
16.	Ayeyawady Region	51	3	1
Total		247	15	5

Translation: MS

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence inspects regional development tasks



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence inspects foundry in Ayethaya Industrial Zone, Taunggyi.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by personnel concerned, inspected condition of Kalaw-Aungban-Taunggyi road section, teak plantations and progress of villages and small bridges along the road,

and beautifying tasks of Kalaw by car.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party visited Kalaw General Hospital. He provided patients with cash and refreshments and furnished the hospital with medicines.

Together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut visited Aungban Station Military Hospital and inspected condition of Aungban-Taunggyi road section and tasks for keeping Aungban neat and clean.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut in company with commander and personnel inspected roadworks on Taunggyi-Yaksaw road section, progress of villages along the road, cultivation of monsoon paddy, perennial trees and crops on both sides of the road, and progress of Yaksaw by car.

He then visited Myaungtaung Farm and Yaksaw General Hospital. He went to Bahtoo Station Military Hospital where he presented cash assistance to patients and medicines to the hospital.

He inspected mango plantation and cow farm of the station and gave necessary instructions. He oversaw roadworks on Shwenyaung-Yaksaw road. At foundry in Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut heard reports on works of the foundry and stressed the needs.

He visited Golden Palace Top Star wood factory and inspected the quality of products.

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Instructions to be followed in voting process

1. Try to know your serial number of ballot list in order to cast vote without any delay.
2. Voting process can be quick by giving your serial number of ballot list to the ballot list inspector.
3. Put a tick in the box next to the candidate and the symbol you want to choose on your ballot paper.
4. Do not sketch or write anything on your ballot paper, except putting a tick.
5. Do not sketch anything impossible to decide whether it is a tick or cross on your ballot paper.
6. Make sure that your ballot paper is not torn.
7. Put the ballot paper you have put a tick on into the ballot box concerned.

Notable points to avert having votes cancelled

Election Rule 66 (c) states that the following types of ballot papers shall be cancelled.

- (1) A ballot paper that does not have the seal of the commission
- (2) A ballot paper that does not have the signature of the returning officer
- (3) A ballot paper with more than one tick to favour more than one candidate
- (4) A ballot paper with no tick
- (5) A ballot paper with an unclear tick
- (6) A ballot paper the returning officer decides to be a fake one
- (7) A ballot paper with a mark designed to hint
- (8) A torn-up ballot paper

To amplify the provisions on cancelled votes for the knowledge of voters,

- (1) A voter must put a tick in the square box shown against the name of the candidate he favours.
- (2) If a voter puts at least two ticks or crosses in square boxes shown against candidates, the ballot paper is cancelled.
- (3) A vote with no tick is cancelled.
- (4) If a ballot paper carries only one mark in a box, but the mark is not clear enough to decide whether it is a tick or cross, it is cancelled.
- (5) However, if a vote is cast with one tick to favour only one candidate, it can be deemed to be a firm vote even if the tick is in the square box, or it passes through the line of the square box, or it is put diagonally or horizontally, or it has a bent line at its end or not.

To decide whether a ballot paper is valid or invalid is up to the returning officer. Candidates to hluttaws, their election representatives, and the representatives of a polling station are allowed to check the cancelled votes. The reason why a vote is cancelled will be put on record with the designated form.

UEC Chairman meets subcommissions in Nay Pyi Taw District



UEC Chairman U Thein Soe making a speech in meeting with chairmen and members of district/township subcommissions and polling station officers in Nay Pyi Taw District.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and member U Myint Naing met chairmen and members of district/township subcommissions and

chairmen, secretary and polling station officers of ward/village-tract subcommissions in Nay Pyi Taw District, at Paunglaung hall in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday.

UEC Chairman U Thein Soe made an opening speech. Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw District Subcommission Dr Aung Than submitted reports on electoral works, and then the UEC Chairman

discussed the reports.

After that, UEC Chairman made a concluding speech and then, he together with member U Myint Naing inspected polling stations in Nay Pyi Taw District.—MNA

YGN Mayor attends road inauguration

YANGON, 26 Oct—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin attended the opening of Okzana Street and side street (6) and (2) of Okzana Street in Zagwe Ward, North Okkalapa Township, here, this morning.

The mayor and officials formally opened the streets.

Okzana Street is 1200 feet long and 17 feet wide. Okzana side street (6) is 660 feet long and 14 feet wide, and Okzana side street (2), 720 feet long and 14 feet wide. The newly-upgraded streets are of concrete type.—MNA

Australia's Chinook helicopters, crews return from Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 26 Oct—Two Australian CH-47 Chinook helicopters, their crew members and support team on Sunday returned from Afghanistan after an eight-month deployment.

The two Chinooks, operating from the main coalition base at Kandahar in south Afghanistan, chalked up 860 sorties, transported more than 4,700 troops.

The helicopters also moved in excess of 691,000 kilograms of supplies and equipment, during 737 hours of flying assisting the

efforts of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

According to task group commander Lieutenant Colonel David Lynch, the effort of the team was highly commendable.

"On just about all the missions we flew this year supporting our coalition partners, our crews were fulfilling the role of air mission commander, taking the lead and providing direction to the other coalition aircraft involved in the missions," he said in a statement.—Internet

Fire preventive measures inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Director of the Fire Services Department (Nay Pyi Taw) U Than Kyaw Kyaw inspected preventive measures against fire in Myoma Market in Lewe, Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday.

He also supervised daily inspection by those in charge and elders of the market, and storage of water for fire prevention, and viewed a fire drill.

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Japan, Vietnam reach nuclear cooperation deal

TOKYO, 26 Oct—Japan said on Friday it had agreed with Vietnam to cooperate on nuclear power plant technologies and materials, as Tokyo competes with nuclear exporters such as France and South Korea.

"We've reached a substantial agreement. Both sides hope to work together towards a quick signing and conclusion of the deal," Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara told a news conference. He added that leaders from the two nations would confirm the deal when Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan visits Vietnam at the end of the month.

Japan, the world's third-biggest nuclear power generator after the United States and France, is stepping up efforts to tap the nuclear power development market after a Japan-US consortium lost out to South Korea in a deal to build and operate nuclear reactors for the United Arab Emirates in December.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshito Sengoku, at a separate news conference, said the framework of the deal includes rules to restrict Vietnam from supplying Japanese nuclear technology to other countries.

MNA/Reuters

Attempted bomb attacks exposed due to public cooperation



(1) TNT (2) walkie-talkie (3) remote control (4) time clock (5) battery-containers (6) 91 grenade (7) bulb (8) electric detonator (9) string.

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—The government is working hard for successful completion of upcoming 2010 multiparty general elections that will take place soon, while striving in cooperation with the people for national development, peace and stability of the State and the rule of law. But insurgents and minions of alien countries are committing terrorist attacks in the country with the intention of undermining State's peace and stability and disrupting the elections.

Acting on the information given by the public, security force members questioned a suspect Aung Myo Thu, 29, of Hlegu Township, who was found near a PCO in front of Bago Degree College at 10 am on 14 October. The investigations revealed that he was sent by Min Min Tun to take explosives buried near Sacred Heart Church in Ward-8 of Oktha Myothit, Bago. Min Min Tun (a) Lapyae (a) Khin Zaw was arrested at Hardaya tea house at 7.30 am the following day in Zaingkanine (South) ward of Bago with the help of local people.

Further investigation led to the arrest of Win Myint who stayed in Sacred Heart Church in Ward-8 of Oktha Myothit, Bago and hid the explosives. Tun Oo who attended a terrorist course in the other country and planted a mine and blasted the office of Ward-

8 Peace and Development Council in Bago on 29 September, 2010 and accomplice Kan Min Tha (a) Saya Kan (a) Francis. According to the investigation, a plastic

Myawady express bus on his way to Myawady to seek jobs together with his wife Ma Lay Lay Thin and his nephew Naing Lin. Wai Lin Zin persuaded him to commit terrorist attacks in



Tun Oo and Win Myint show the place where explosives were hidden.

container with explosives in it buried at the edge of Phaya Thonsu cemetery near the church was seized. The explosives are (a) five blocks of 200-gram TNT, (b) 10 electric detonators, (c) eight feet of string, (d) one 91 grenade with fuse, (e) one remote control, (f) one time clock, (g) three battery-containers, (h) one walkie-talkie and (i) one bulb.

Arrested terrorist Min Min Tun (a) Lapyae (a) Khin Zaw had a contact with ABSDF terrorist Wai Lin Zin with the rank of a colonel and member Khin Kyaw through an unidentified person who was onboard Yangon-

the country and provided him with a house in a border town of the other country and some food and gave him lectures on terrorist attacks theoretically and practically and assigned him to blow up bombs in Yangon International Airport and area of 10th Mile Ward in Yangon and gave him 6500 baths (about 200,000 kyats) for terrorist attacks. Terrorist Min Min Tun left Maesok on 9 October, 2010 and arrived back in Bago at 5.30 am on 11 October. He met his friend Aung Myo Thu in Bago and persuaded the latter to take part in terrorist attacks. Both of them were arrested when Aung Myo

Thu was asked to unearth the explosives. The explosives were sent via the other country at the command of ABSDF member Aung Win Naing (a) Steven (a) Tun Tun. He sent the explosive devices to Win Myint living in the compound of Sacred Heart Church in Ward-8, Oktha Myothit, Bago, through KNU insurgents. They first planned to blow up Yangon International Airport and around 10th Mile Ward. They would plan to detonate bombs at state-run factories and workshops and public places in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. Now, authorities concerned are trying to expose the culprits at large and taking action against the arrested culprits in accord with the law.

According to investigation, it is learnt

that Aung Win Naing, a favourite of KNU, has been doing destructive acts since 2008. He brought arms and ammunition and explosives to the country about five times from May 2008 to July 2010 under the arrangement of Wai Lin Zin with the rank of Lt-Col of ABSDF and Khin Kyaw and gave them to Win Myint.

When the explosives were sent to Win Myint for the third time, people's guerilla Kyaw Zay Lin (a) Ko Hsai together with Aung Win Naing took out those explosives and planted seven time bombs near Myanmar John A Garment Factory in Shwepaukkan Myothit and in the compound of Asia Optical Factory in Mingaladon Township on the night of 16 September, 2009. Acting on the public information, authorities concerned arrested Kyaw Zay Lin at the Fifth Light Book Shop in Kontalabaung Village in Mingaladon Township, Yangon, at 10 pm on 22 January, 2010. The search of the book shop and its home led to the seizure of a Spanish-made Astra .32 pistol, time bombs, detonators and accessories and the arrest of 11 persons. In connection with the case, the news release of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 27 January 2010 was carried in the January 28 issues of the dailies.

By using some of the explosives sent to the

country for the fourth and fifth times, a group of people led by Tun Oo blew up the office of Ward-8 Peace and Development Council in Bago with a remote control at 9.50 pm on 29 September, 2010. Min Min Tun and Aung Myo Thu were arrested by security force members while they were asking for the remaining explosives.

If those terrorist plots had not been exposed and stopped by security force members in time, the innocent people going peacefully around Yangon International Airport, 10th Mile Ward area and in public places of Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw would have ended in tragedy.

Besides committing brutal killings, terrorists are resorting to various ways to speed up their subversive acts in order to disrupt the forthcoming multi-party democracy general election, harm the peace and stability and progress of the State and cause public panic. The people have assumed that the incident has been committed by the anti-government groups attempting to disrupt the elections in league with external destructionist groups. That incident was one of their terrorist plots but it has been stopped by the security force members in cooperation with the public. As a result, unwanted tragic events could have been prevented in time.

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Tun Oo demonstrates how he planted a bomb at Ward-8 Peace and Development Council office in Oktha Myothit, Bago.

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Eleven fall from window of building in Paris suburb

PARIS, 26 Oct — Eleven people, including several children, were injured when they jumped from the third-story window of a suburban Paris apartment building on Saturday, an official said.

It wasn't known if they jumped on purpose or were forced to, the judicial official said. There was no emergency in the building at the time, such as a fire. The victims are of African origin, possibly from Angola, and 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.

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The Union of Myanmar Civil Service Selection and Training Board Vacancy Announcement

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(18 October 2010)

1. Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following positions:-

Sr. No.	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Assistant Engineer (Male)	10	B.E (Electrical Power)
	(Female)	5	
(b)	Assistant Engineer (Male)	4	B.E (Electronics)
	(Female)	2	
(c)	Assistant Engineer (Male)	3	B.E (Civil)
	(Female)	1	

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
- (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 16 November 2010.
- (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 16 November 2010.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/- for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) 2009, dated 6 August 2009 (Amendment).

5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 16 November 2010. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

7. Examinations will be held on 18 and 19 December 2010. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 16 December 2010.

8. The Ministry of Electric Power No.2 has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No. (27) of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 - 410066, 067 - 410063).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ccsb.imis.com.mm and www.ccsb.gov.mm.

Mexico arrests man accused of detonating car bomb

MEXICO CITY, 26 Oct — Mexico's federal police on Thursday announced they had arrested a drug gang member who detonated a car bomb that killed three people in the border city of Ciudad Juarez.

Federal police regional security chief Luis Cardenas Palomino said Fernando Contreras used a cell phone to detonate the 15 June car bomb that killed a federal police officer and two civilians. Cardenas Palomino said that after the attack, Contreras was sent to Chihuahua city as the leader there for La Linea drug gang allied with the Juarez drug cartel. Contreras was arrested on Wednesday in Chihuahua along with 14 others, several weapons and drugs, he said.

Ciudad Juarez has become one of the

world's deadliest cities amid a turf war between the Sinaloa and Juarez cartels. More than 2,000 people have been killed this year in the city across the border from El Paso, Texas.

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Police arrest drug gang member Fernando Contreras, who detonated a car bomb on 15 June that killed three people in the border city of Ciudad Juarez.— INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Police secure the area where two immigrant women were shot on Thursday in Malmo, Sweden.— INTERNET

Swedish police hunt serial shooter

STOCKHOLM, 26 Oct—A suspected serial shooter is keeping a city in southern Sweden on edge. Police say as many as 15 shootings in Malmo over the last year may be linked to a single perpetrator who is targeting immigrants living in the city. Investigators have no suspects.

The shootings have all been well planned, under the protection of darkness and at places familiar to the shooter, according to CNN's Swedish affiliate TV4, citing police. Several of the shootings have occurred in recent weeks, police say. On Thursday evening, two immigrant women were wounded when shot through their apartment window. "I'm almost afraid of turning on the light in my apartment at night now," Shukrije Berisha, who lives in the same building, told the Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet.—Internet

Florida school district recalls milk

FORT LAUDERDALE, 26 Oct — Epoxy used as a floor sealant in a Miami dairy plant was responsible for the bad taste in milk supplied to a Florida school district, company officials say. Officials in Broward County ordered milk out of all school cafeterias on Friday after 12 students were sickened at Cooper City Elementary School, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported. Other children complained of the milk's taste and smell.

Liliana Esposito, a spokesman for Dean Foods of Dallas, said employees at its subsidiary, McArthur Dairy, were not aware of the

problem when half pints of milk were shipped to the Broward schools. She said the epoxy being used in the plant on Wednesday gave off fumes that affected the milk. C Bradley Abell, general manager at the Miami plant, said experts consulted by the dairy believe children who drank the milk will suffer no lasting ill effects. The children at Cooper City who complained of stomach aches had consumed chocolate milk. The district decided on Friday to recall all the milk after students at a middle school also complained, this time about both white and chocolate milk.

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- ★ 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

Road and bridge networks across the nation

Arkar Hein



Myanmar engineers are constructing Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) in Katha District, Sagaing Region.

After I had read and watched news stories on construction of roads and bridges stated in newspapers and on TV these days, I came to witness that those in authority had been working hard day in, day out to improve the infrastructures for national development.

Regarding roads and bridges in Myanmar, up to 1988, it was very challenging to travel between Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State. It took three to four days to travel due to that fact that there are so

many rivers, creeks and mountain ranges in the distance. At that time, the total length of tarred, gravel and laterite roads across the nation stood at only over 20,000 miles. And there were only 198 above 180 feet long and only 3305 under 180 feet long bridges. Today, the nation has seen many new roads and bridges, which is amazing. Among them are six-lane and four-lane facilities, and Union highways such as Mandalay-Myitkyina, (See page 10)

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In reality, we the people have been waiting for many years to embrace the right of voting. For us, the upcoming elections give us the opportunity to enjoy the right to cast vote for the first time during the period of 20 years. So I believe that everyone should not miss the national opportunity.

KYAW MIN LU (SHWEPYITHA)

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POEM:

* Ensuring equality
For nationalities of the Union
Written with all-inclusiveness
So glorious is the Constitution

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