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**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a 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

**Abhidhamma Day observed at famous pagodas, stupas, religious edifices across the country**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—Today is Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day). During the three months of Buddhist Lent, Lord Buddha administered Abhidhamma discourses to Brahma and celestial beings including the celestial being who was His mother in the previous life, at Tavatimsa Abode. After delivering the Abhidhamma discourses on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, the Lord Buddha descended from the Tavatimsa Abode to Sankassa Nagar.

The Buddhists in Myanmar yearly held the lighting festival on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut dedicated to paying homage to the Lord Buddha. The first Abhidhamma Day was observed at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda this morning. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, departmental heads and staff received the Nine Precepts from Presiding Nayaka of Ngwetaung Tawya Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannasiri.

The commander, the minister and the deputy minister donated alms to the Sayadaws. Religious associations recited religious verses at Uppatasanti Pagoda. In the evening, 9,000 oil lights were offered to the pagoda.

Similar ceremonies were held at Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Bawgatheikdi Ward, ancient Phaya Koehsu Pagoda in Yanaung Ward 2 of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Lawka Marazein, Koekhangyi and Lawka Yanhnein pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, other pagodas and stupas in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

Pavarana ceremony was held at Shwehintha Monastery in Ngansat Village of Nay Pyi Taw Uttarasiri. Wellwishers donated alms to over 70 members of the Sangha.

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of extended building of eastern lift of Shwedagon Pagoda**

YANGON, 3 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning attended the ceremony to open the extended parlour of the east lift near Shwedagon Pagoda, here.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials formally opened the extended building. They viewed the road from the lift to the pagoda. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials sprinkled scented water on the plague of the building.

After visiting the extended building, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected all-round renovation tasks at the corridor to the lift and around the eastern stairways and the lift.
Look forward to a new nation based on justice, freedom and equality

With the climate change across the world, many people are facing natural disasters. Moreover, the world is facing many other problems such as food crisis, energy security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorist attacks and pandemic diseases.

Global nations will have to make cooperative efforts to overcome these problems and challenges. Although many countries, large and small, are facing the financial and economic crisis, the small developing countries have been the hardest hit. So the developed countries should increase their overseas development aids to the developing countries.

Some powerful nations have been resorting to economic sanctions to influence the political and economic systems of the developing countries. Sanctions pose a barrier to the economic and social development of the people of those countries. They can not only adversely affect people from different backgrounds but also make a form of violence.

Sanctions are being employed to pressure Myanmar politically. Myanmar is a country that practises a market economy. It has food security. Considerable progress has been made in socio-economic conditions thanks to the combined efforts of the government and the people.

Myanmar is now in democratic transition. The new constitution has been approved. Multi-party general elections will be held next year and a new government will be formed by holding a Hlutaw in accord with the constitution.

Peace and stability of the State and successful holding of elections in a democratic way are requirements of Myanmar’s democratization. With the active participation of the national people, a new democratic nation will emerge based on justice, freedom and equality prescribed in the constitution.

FM arrives back after attending 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly

NAV PYI TAW, 3 Oct
— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, after attending the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York from 17 to 29 September 2009 as Deputy Chairman of the Myanmar Delegation, arrived back via Bangkok by air on 1 October 2009.

While in New York, Minister U Nyan Win called on Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations on 18 September at the latter’s office. He then attended the United Nations Summit on Climate Change on 22 September, the General Debate at the Plenary Session of the General Assembly held from 23 to 28 September and the 33rd annual meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Group of 77 and China. Minister U Nyan Win attended the Luncheon hosted by UN Secretary General in honour of the heads of delegation on 23 September.

While attending the General Assembly in New York, Minister U Nyan Win met bilaterally with Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China at the Worldorf Astoria Hotel in the evening of 23 September. He also held discussions with Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, Under Secretary-General and Special Representative of the UNSG for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr John Holmes, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Mr Ibrahim Gambari, Special Adviser to the Secretary General on 24 September. On 27 September the Minister also held bilateral discussions with Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cambodia. While in the USA, the Minister visited Washington DC, on 18-19 September to inspect the Myanmar Embassy and met with the Charge d’Affaires ai, the Military Attaché and the staff of the Embassy. While in Washington D.C, the Minister met with US Senator Mr Jim Webb at his residential office and the team of US-ASEAN Business Council led by the Council’s President at the Residence of the Myanmar Head of Mission on 19 September.

On 24 September the Minister met with the Myanmar Permanent Representatives and Ambassadors, members of the Myanmar Delegation attending the General Assembly in New York and gave necessary instructions.

Computer Networking with Cisco Basic Course to be opened

YANGON, 3 Oct— NetInfo Technological September with opening addresses by President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and Chairman of Human Resources Development Work Committee Dr Myo Thet.

The three-month Office Management Course No (1) and the one-and-half month Intellectual Property Course DL-101 No (7) are being attended by 50 trainees each.

Training School will open Cisco Basic Course supplying CCNA Certificate, Networking Certificate being used through the world wide spread, to improve Myanmar ICT on 6 October. The purpose of the course is to enable the students to know Networking Basic Concept clearly and to get jobs abroad. The course will last six weeks and it will be conducted every Tuesday and Wednesday. Those interested may contact Room-1, Building-2, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon (Ph: 507045 and 652248).
Russian FM says cautiously optimistic on Iran nuclear talks

MOSCOW, 3 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Friday expressed cautiously optimism about the results of Geneva talks on Iran’s nuclear programme, Russian news agencies reported. “The results inspire cautious optimism,” Lavrov said during a visit to Georgia’s breakaway region of Abkhazia.

“Now the most important thing is to make sure these agreements are fully and timely implemented,” he was quoted as saying by Interfax.

Also the foreign minister also said the next round of talks would be held later this month.

Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili on Thursday held talks with top envoys from the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany.

During the talks, Jalili promised that Tehran would soon open its newly-disclosed uranium-enrichment facility near Qom to UN inspectors, according to EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who coordinated the talks.

The meeting in Geneva came shortly after news of the second Iranian uranium enrichment site had led to calls for harsher sanctions against Tehran. Western powers suspect Iran of attempting to build nuclear weapons, but Tehran says its nuclear programme is aimed at generating nuclear energy for civilian purposes. — Internet

Three more US banks closed, nearly 100 for year

WASHINGTON, 30Oct — Three US banks failed on Friday, bringing the total to 98 this year, as regulators continue to shutter financial institutions that are overwhelmed by bad loans and liquidity problems.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said that Warren Bank in Michigan was closed, with Huntington National Bank of Ohio taking over its deposits. It had 538 million US dollars in assets and 501 million US dollars in deposits.

Jennings State Bank in Minnesota was also shut down, with Central Bank in that state assuming its deposits. It had 56.3 million US dollars in assets and 52.4 million US dollars in deposits.

The third bank closed by bank regulators was Southern Colorado National Bank, with Legacy Bank in the state taking over its deposits. It had 39.5 million US dollars in assets and 31.9 million US dollars in deposits.

All the branches of the institutions will open on Saturday under their new owners and customers can continue to use checks, automated tellers and debit cards to access their funds. — Internet

Trapped Indonesian quake victim sends text message

PADANG (INDONESIA), 3 Oct — An earthquake survivor trapped in a collapsed hotel in western Indonesia sent a text message saying he and some others were alive, triggering a frantic rescue operation, but hopes faded on Saturday as sniffer dogs failed to detect life.

Padang’s police chief said voices and claps were heard from survivors buried in the Ambacang Hotel since Wednesday’s 7.6-magnitude quake, which killed at least 715 people. He said one survivor — who had been staying in Room 338 — sent a text message to relatives on Friday, saying he and some others were still alive.

“We estimate there are still eight people trapped alive under Ambacang Hotel,” Col Boy Rafli Amar told reporters. “We are still trying hard to evacuate them.” After more than six hours of searching, Amar said, “so far rescuers have found nothing.” — Internet

Spaniard’s General Jaime Domínguez Buj points to a map showing the Indian Ocean area where the Spanish tuna fishing boat “Alakrana” was hijacked, during a news conference in Madrid on 2 Oct, 2009. Somali pirates hijacked the boat, the regional government of the Basque Country and a pirate spokesman said on Friday. — Internet

Wall Street pulls back as unemployment rate hits 9.8%

NEW YORK, 3 Oct — Wall Street pulled back on Friday, as the US September unemployment rate hit the highest level since June 1983 and payrolls had now dropped for 21 consecutive months.

The US Labour Department posted that US employers cut a deeper-than-expected 263,000 jobs in September, lifting the unemployment rate to 9.8 percent. The report fueled fears the weak labour market could undermine economic recovery.

Meanwhile, US factories orders fell 0.8 percent in August, worse than economists’ expectation, reported the Commerce Department on Friday. The decline followed a 1.4-percent July increase. Economists had expected that the demand for manufactured goods might grow 0.7 percent in August.

Analysts said that factories will remain under pressure because of weak consumer spending as American households deal with the rising unemployment. — Xinhua

Somali pirates seize Spanish fishing vessel

NAIROBI, 3 Oct — Somali pirates have hijacked a Spanish fishing boat in the dangerous waters of the Indian Ocean after a month of a lull of activity along the coast of the Horn of Africa nation, a regional maritime official confirmed on Friday.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinating Director of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), said the 100-meter MS Alakrana was seized early on Friday by armed gun- men with 36 crew members on board.

“The crew is composed of 16 Spanish, eight Indonesians, four Ghanaians, three Senegalese, two from Ivory Coast, two from Madagascar and one from Seychelles,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

The Alakrana was hijacked in international waters at about 600 km off the Somali coast, and was being taken towards the Horn of Africa country.

The Alakrana managed to escape from would-be hijackers early last month off the coastal Somalia.—Xinhua

Residents clean the rubble of a collapsed building in the Sumatran city of Padang, Indonesia, on 2 Oct, 2009. — Xinhua
New energy, renewable energy take 9% in China’s energy structure

BEIJING, 3 Oct—New energy and renewable energy took nine percent in China’s energy structure in 2008, while coal took 69 percent and oil and natural gas 22 percent, according to the National Bureau of Statistics of China.

China’s new energy and renewable energy have boomed in recent years including hydropower, nuclear power, wind power and solar power. The country’s installed capacity of hydropower topped 170 million kw in 2008, the biggest in the world. Hydropower percentage in overall energy structure soared from one percent in 1949 to 7.4 percent in 2008.

China reported 8.85 million kw of nuclear power installed capacity in use. The country now has three nuclear power stations: Qinshan in Zhejiang Provinces, Dayawan in Guangdong Province and Tianwan in Jiangsu Province.

Wind power installed capacity topped 12.21 million kw, ranking the fourth in the world. China’s solar power sector also made remarkable progress. The sector produced more than 6,000 tonnes of polycrystalline silicon (a key material in producing solar power) and 2 million kw of solar photovoltaic cells in 2008. —Xinhua

Global chip sales keep sequential growth for sixth straight month

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Oct—Thanks to steady recovery of consumer spending, global semiconductor sales climbed 5 percent in August from the previous month, representing the sixth consecutive month of sequential growth, a leading US trade group reported on Friday.

Worldwide sales of semiconductors in August rose to 19.1 billion US dollars, compared with July sales of 18.2 billion dollars, according to latest statistics released by the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), which is based in San Jose, California.

Sales in the month were up sequentially in all geographic regions, SIA said. “Continuing recovery of consumer spending led the sixth-consecutive month of sequential growth in semiconductor sales,” George Scalise, president of SIA, said in a statement.

“Various incentive programs for energy-efficient products, ranging from automobiles to home appliances, have bolstered demand for semiconductors, which deliver critical enabling technology for reducing energy consumption,” he added.

Though global chip sales in August were 16.1 percent lower than in the same period a year earlier, SIA said it saw signs that the year-on-year rate of decline is slowing.

Mega rail network brought on track as new landmark in Gulf

KUWAIT CITY, 3 Oct—Oil-rich Gulf Arab states have brought on track an eye-catching project, this time not skyscrapers, but a mega railway network that would enhance economic integrity in the world’s largest oil exporting region.

The long-awaited rail network linking the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was approved at a leaders’ summit in 2004 and is expected to kick off construction in 2010 or 2011.

Initial studies of the project was finalized and approved by GCC leaders, the bloc’s Assistant Secretary General Mohammed Obaid Al-Mazroui told Kuwait’s state news agency KUNA on Tuesday.

Oil retreats on rising unemployment rate

NEW YORK, 3 Oct—Crude prices dropped on Friday as investors were worried about the recovery strength amid rising unemployment rate in the United States.

Light, sweet crude for November delivery lost 87 cents to settle at 69.95 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, ending the week with a 6 percent jump for the contract. Oil dropped as much as 2.3 percent during the session after the Labour Department said US unemployment in September rose to 9.8 percent, the highest rate since June 1983.

However, the losses were tempered later as job data pushed down the dollar against major currencies. A weaker dollar tends to boost commodities priced in the US currency as they become cheaper for holders of other currencies. —Xinhua
**Singapore sends humanitarian relief assistance to Indonesia**

**SINGAPORE, 3 Oct —** Singapore dispatched on Friday evening a 42-man rescue contingent to support Indonesia’s rescue and recovery efforts after the recent earthquake. According to Singapore’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the rescue contingent, which comprises experienced officers from Singapore Civil Defence Force’s elite Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (DART), will assist the Indonesians in their search and rescue operations in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck West Sumatra on Wednesday. The Singapore government will also contribute $50,000 US dollars worth of emergency relief supplies, including temporary shelters, blankets, medicines and electric generators.

**Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Friday evening also made a telephone call to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Lee conveyed his sympathies for the victims of the earthquake.**

**All items from Xinhua News Agency**

**Flood kills more than 70 in southern India, trains halted**

**NEW DELHI, 3 Oct —** At least 71 people have died in flooding caused by torrential rain in the southern Indian state of Karnataka by Friday as authorities were dispatching rescue teams to help people marooned in the water, said state disaster management office in the state capital Bangalore.

Meanwhile, landslides and water logging triggered by torrential rain forces a stoppage of at least four trains in the southern states of Goa and Karnataka on Friday, said railway officials. The majority of deaths were in the districts of Bijapur, Gulbarga, Raichur, Koppal, Bagalkot and Bellary, where thousands of houses were washed away by flood, said officials of the office.

A Hindu pilgrim center of Mantralaya was submerged by water from the swollen Tungabhadra river in Raichur district, 450 km from Bangalore, said the officials at the center.

**Damage by Typhoon Ketsana to Philippine agriculture rises to $115 million**

**MANILA, 3 Oct —** The Philippine agriculture sector incurred 5.4 billion pesos (about 115 million US dollars) worth of losses as tropical depression “Ondoy” (international code name: “Ketsana”) flooded key farm areas in Luzon, northern Philippines, a latest report said on Saturday. This is almost double than the initial estimated losses of 3.6 billion pesos (about 76 million US dollars) which Philippine agriculture officials reported on Thursday.

But in its latest report issued on Saturday, the Philippine department of agriculture said that the rice sector posted the biggest amount of damage at 4.2 billion pesos (about 90 million US dollars). An estimated 243,898 tons of paddy rice were damaged. This is equivalent to 3.76 percent of the target 6.5 million tons paddy harvest for the fourth quarter.

The typhoon submerged 168,065 hectares of rice lands. The agriculture department expects that standing crops in 142,473 hectares will be able to recover.

**US reports 443 flu-related deaths, 6,092 hospitalizations in past week**

**HOUSTON, 3 Oct —** The US federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Friday reported that 443 people had died of influenza and pneumonia-associated complications in the past week, bringing the death toll to 1,379 since the beginning of September.

Meanwhile, according to the latest statistics released by the CDC, 6,092 people across the country have been admitted last week to hospitals resulting from all types or subtypes of influenza, not just those from the A/H1N1 influenza virus, bringing the total number to 16,174.

Last Friday, the CDC reported 572 influenza and pneumonia-related deaths and 10,082 hospitalizations for the previous week.

**Floods strike Italian town, state of emergency declared**

**ROME, 3 Oct —** The Italian government declared a state of emergency on Friday after flash floods and mudslides hit the southern town of Messina in Sicily leaving at least 20 dead and 35 missing, local media reported.

The storm, starting on Thursday night, lasted till Friday morning flooding the entire area. The rains dumped 230 cm of water in less than an hour knocking down houses in the city’s districts and nearby towns.

Officials said there are more than 450 homeless people. Dozens were left waiting on their roofs to be rescued. Mudslides have cut off access to some of the hardest-hit areas forcing rescuers to get there on foot.

The first evacuees were loaded onto boats and flown out in helicopters as workers struggled to clear the roads, filled with debris and mud.

**Freed Palestinian prisoner, her child warmly received in Gaza**

The mother and the child were freed by her mother, husband Mohamed and her other three children who haven’t seen her since she was arrested in May 2007. Amid a mixed feeling of tears and happiness, al-Zeg, the Islamic Jihad (Holy War) movement’s member, hugged her family members and said “al-Hamdollilah (thank God)” while dozens of recipients shouted “Allah Akbar (God is great).”
**Lone llama rescued after month on Pikes Peak**

**COLORADO SPRINGS (COLO), 3 OCT—** A lone llama wandering near the summit of Pikes Peak for a month has been captured and is heading to a new home.

Tracy Ducharme and Mike Shealy, both of Black Forest, Colo., trekked up the 14,110-foot mountain Friday to find the little white beast of burden. They took two llamas with them, hoping Homer’s herd instincts would lure him to them. The two split up and Ducharme spotted the llama, which bounded after her llama, Dancer. She then slipped a rope around his neck. “I dubbed him ‘Homer’ because of his little odyssey,” she said, referring to the classic Greek novel “Odyssey” by the poet Homer.

Ducharme said the llama might lose its ears to frostbite, but is otherwise fine. “He’s going home,” said Ducharme, adding that she doesn’t expect to have any trouble finding him a permanent home.—Internet

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**Russian Soyuz docks with Space Station**

**MOSCOW, 3 OCT—** A space craft carrying an astronaut, a cosmonaut and Canadian billionaire Guy Laliberte docked Friday with the International Space Station, officials said.

The Soyuz TMA-16, which launched from the Baikonur spaceport Wednesday, carried Russian cosmonaut Maxim Surayev, NASA astronaut Jeffrey Williams and Laliberte, who paid an estimated $35 million to the Russian government to fly as a space tourist, ITAR-TASS reported on Friday.

Williams and Surayev are relieving Commander Gennady Padalka and flight engineer Michael Barratt, who are scheduled to return to Earth on 10 Oct with Laliberte.

Laliberte, 50, the owner of Cirque du Soleil, the Montreal-based acrobatic and circus acts entertainment empire, is to use his trip to promote his clean water efforts on Earth.

A two-hour Webcast on 9 Oct is to spotlight Laliberte, his One Drop Foundation and celebrities in 14 cities, including the rock group U2 and former US Vice President Al Gore.

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**Kidney failure need not bar donation**

**WINSTON-SALEM, NC, 3 OCT—** Kidneys recovered from deceased donors with acute renal failure appear to work just as well when transplanted as other kidneys, U.S. researchers found. The study, published in Surgery, found as long as the donor kidneys were still producing urine and did not have evidence of scarring they could be successfully transplanted.

While kidneys from deceased donors with acute renal failure have been considered unusable in the past, the study shows they can work quite well,” study senior investigator Dr Robert Stratta of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC, said in a statement.

Stratta and colleagues transplanted 25 kidneys from 17 deceased donors with acute renal failure. Unlike chronic kidney failure, acute renal failure may result from reversible causes such as trauma, medication, or dehydration and these kidneys appeared to restore to a healthy condition when transplanted.—Internet

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**Climate change threatens survival of mountain birds**

**VIENNA, 3 OCT—** The experts of bird protection warned that global warming had been increasingly posing a threat to the living environment of the alpine birds.

A professional meeting on bird protection started on Saturday and continues until 10 Jan next year, to which 250 experts from 20 countries representing the various organizations involved in bird protection “Bird Life” in cooperation with the German “Ornithologists Association.”

Participating experts pointed out that mountain birds have been increasingly posing a threat to the living environment of the alpine birds.

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**3.3 pound burger**

A British fast-food restaurant is hailing its signature dish, the Super Scooby, as the country’s largest and most fattening burger.

The store’s flagship Jolly Dryer restaurant in Bristol, England, said the 2,645-calorie burger includes four 1/4-pound beef patties, eight strips of bacon, eight cheese slices, 12 onion rings, three sauces and a generous serving of lettuce, Sky News reported on Monday.

Nick Lomovards, 42, owner of the restaurant, said the 3.3 pound sandwich has yet to leave a customer hungry.

“None of our customers have ever been disappointed by the Super Scooby,” he said. “We have never heard of a bigger one being served up anywhere else and we are challenging any bigger eaters to come along and finish one.

If you can manage that then we’ll give you a free can of Diet Coke.

I have never tried eating one myself but I’d struggle to finish one half the size.”

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**Woman, 92, executes ‘flawless’ skydive**

A 92-year-old New Hampshire woman said she jumped out of a plane at 13,000 feet to “just try something different for a change.”

Jane Bockstruck of Swanzey said she does not know exactly what inspired her to go skydiving on 19 Sept at Jumptown in Orange, Mass, but she was determined to follow through after making the plan.

The Keene (NH) Sentinel reported on Monday.

“I must have read it someplace and all of a sudden, ‘I’m going to go skydiving.’ So I did," Bockstruck said. “I’ve done so many things in life, I figured I’d just try something different for a change.”

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**News Album**

**Nero’s dining room unveiled in Rome**

Archaeologists say they have unveiled what they believe to be remains of the “dining room” of the Roman emperor Nero, part of his palatial residence built in the first century.

Lead archaeologist Françoise Villedieu says her team discovered part of a circular room, which experts believe rotated day and night to imitate the Earth’s movement and impress guests.

Villedieu told journalists on Tuesday that the room on the ancient Pala- time Hill was supported by a pillar with a diameter of 4 metres (more than 13 feet).

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**Xinhua**
Increasing supply of portable water in Yangon

Byline & photos: Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)

Yangon City Development Committee daily supplies about 95 million gallons of portable water from Gyobyu, Phugyi and Hlawgar lakes and its tube-wells to city centre and its suburbs and newly-established towns.

In compliance with the guidance on seeking more and more water sources for supply of adequate water to the growing population, YCDC launched the first step of Yangon City Water Supply Project (Nga Moe Yeik) in April 2004. The project has supplied 45 million gallons of portable water a day since 25 December 2005.

The committee is now implementing the second step of the project. The second step has not been completed yet, but Head of the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) Dr Tun Than Tun, Deputy Head Engineer U Sein Win, and Head Engineer U Myo Thein, under the instructions of Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, opened Water Supply Project (1) on 5 November 2008, and Water Supply Project (2) on 8 April 2009.

Upon completion, the radial collector wells will be able to supply one million more gallons of potable water to Kamayut, Sangyong and Kyimyindine townships a day.

The second step of Yangon City Water Supply Project (Nga Moe Yeik) is due to be completed at the end of 2010.

Project Manager Assistant Head of Yangon City Water Supply Project (Nga Moe Yeik) said that they were making finishing touches to collector tanks, filtering tanks and storing tanks. After the second step is completed, Yangon City Water Supply Project (Nga Moe Yeik) will be able to supply 90 million gallons of water daily.

Manager of the committee’s Reinforced Concrete Pipe Factory, as well as Assistant Head Engineer U Khin Maung Phu said that the factory produced 10-inch, 16-inch, 24-inch and 36-inch diameter concrete pipes at three shifts in Phawtkan Ward, Insein Township.

Moreover, the committee is implementing the Water Supply Project (Thebyu) in Thebyu Village, Htanabint Township, Yangon Division, to add potable water to Hlinethaya Township.

In the project area, the committee has built one 100,000-gallon collector tank and one power station, installed one cable line, and sunk six 10-inch diameter tube-wells. In the very near future, the committee will complete building one collector tank, one tank to remove iron sediment, and waterworks.

The laying of concrete pipes in the 4.9-mile distance between the project and Hlinethaya Township has completed by 80 per cent, so far.

So, the Water Supply Project (Thebyu) will soon be able to supply potable water to Hlinethaya Township in next November.

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Abhidhamma Day observed at famous pagodas, stupas, religious edifices across the country

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Offices of departments and ministries, Nay Pyi Taw City Hall, junctions and roundabouts, Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market and staff quarters were illuminated in the evening.

In Yangon, Abhidhamma Day was observed at Shwedagon Pagoda this morning. At the similar ceremony of Sule Pagoda, religious associations recited Pathana verses and offered 5,000 lights.

Similarly, ceremonies to mark the Abhidhamma Day and Pavarana ceremonies were organized at Botataung Kyaikdaw Pagoda, Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Shweponepwin Pagoda, Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhama Hill in Insein Township, Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon), Kyaikwang Pagoda.

Today, Melamu, Ngahtetyi, Chaukhtetgyi, Mogaung, Kyaikkhaik, Kyaikkalo and Kyaikkale pagodas were packed with devotees and pilgrims.

MNA

9000 lights offering ceremony of Tooth Relic Pagoda held

YANGON, 3 Oct—The third 9000 lights offering ceremony of Varadattha Datucaitya Tooth Relic Pagoda was held at Dhammapala Hillock in Mayangon Township here this evening.

The Sayadaw (Head of Department) of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, trainees and the people lighted the 9000 oil lamps to offer the Pagoda.—MNA

MMA to organize seminar 8-10 October

YANGON, 3 Oct—Myanmar Medical Association will organize the 14th Seminar on the subjects of medicine at Traders Hotel, here, from 8 to 10 October. Specialists from subjects concerned may attend the seminar.

The seminar covers research paper reading session, Symposiums, Clinical Sessions, Clinico Pathological Conference (CPC). Those wishing to attend the seminar may register through their respective groups.—MNA
Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden packed with holiday-makers on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut

As today is the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day), a public holiday, Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden was packed with holiday-makers from every part of the region.

Similarly, Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden was crowded with individuals and in groups and families.

In the evening, the Lighting Festival was held at Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market and shops were illuminated.—MNA

Holiday-makers seen at Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden on Abhidhamma Day.

Photo shows visitors at Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw City Hall, roundabouts, and staff quarters being illuminated on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA
Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers an address at ceremony to mark 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—The ceremony to mark 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was held at Aurendana Hall of MPF Headquarters, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, directors-general of departments concerned, Vice-Chief of MPF Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si, Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Win Myint, Police Quartermaster-General Police Brig-Gen Win Soe and members of MPF.

First, they saluted the State Flag and fallen MPF members.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that the Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force was formed with 16 persons on 28 January 1994. The committee undertook the form and content improvement of the MPF. At the first biannual meeting for 1995, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that as the MPF is taking responsibility for ensuring peace and stability of the community and prevalence of law and order, it is necessary to discharge the respective tasks dutifully. As the people are citizens of the independent nation, the policemen are to protect them in line with the laws and it should not practise the relationship of master and servant. He quoted the guidance given by the Head of State, saying that it is necessary to equip the MPF with the correct thought, concept, form and content in line with the independent country; the policemen are to forge the spirit of adoring the State and the people; and they have to discharge duties with correct concept and belief.

The minister continued to say that being a member of ASEAN Police Forces, the MPF could save many victims in transnational crimes such as terrorism, illegal trafficking of narcotic drugs, money laundering, trafficking in persons, arms smuggling and other economic and computer crimes.

He noted that all the police members must be dutiful and loyal to ensuring prevalence of law and order. Their correct efforts will uplift the prestige of the MPF, the minister said. He stressed the need to avoid their acts as burdens for the people.

He urged them to try hard to become the skilful police members on whom the people can rely and they have to loyal to the State and the people.

In conclusion, the minister urged the police members to serve the public interest, organize the people, to ward off internal and external destructionists with military awareness, to observe the development of the international community and participate in crime prevention and to try hard to become well-versed police members.

The minister presented the sash and promotion badge to Police Sgt Aung Thida Kyaw of Development Affairs Police Force (Nay Pyi Taw) and promotion badges to other outstanding police members.

Vice-Chief of MPF Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win read the message of the Chief of MPF. He accepted cash donations from 47 companies and presented certificates of honour to them. Next, he gave certificates to outstanding police members in the police code of conduct.

The Police Chief of Staff, the Police Adjutant-General, the Police Quartermaster-General, Commander of Special Branch Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Principal of MPF Central Training Department Police Brig-Gen Theint Tint awarded other outstanding police members.

Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw International Airport construction project

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Sae together with Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and officials inspected Nay Pyi Taw International Airport construction project being implemented by Asia World Co Ltd yesterday.

After hearing reports on progress in construction of the airport at the briefing hall presented by officials, the minister left necessary instructions.

Next, the minister looked into land preparation for construction of main building of the airport, progress of reinforced concrete floor and bore pile, progress in laying of concrete and beams.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Sae inspects construction of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

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E-readers seen as holiday hit, presage tablet PCs

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 Oct—Electronic readers could be the hottest gift this holiday season as a new crop of portable media devices begins to join iPods and other music players as must-have tech accessories.

The number of readers bought will be closely watched by industry analysts in advance of the expected emergence of multimedia tablet PCs, which Apple and others are thought to be working on and which could alter the competitive landscape.

Falling prices and an ever-growing library of digital books are driving demand for e-readers like Amazon.com’s Kindle and Sony Corp’s Reader.

The light, thin devices now mainly appeal to book lovers, but many see them as the first iteration of a go-everywhere gadget that consumers will use to watch movies and surf the Web, as much as scan books and newspapers.—Internet

World Bank to fund USD 1b for clean Ganga project

WASHINGTON, 3 Oct—As Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is all set to make another serious bid to clean up the river Ganga, the World Bank has agreed in principal to make available USD 1 billion for the purpose.

“We are talking of a long term billion dollar commitment for the newly created National Ganga River Basin Authority, a body headed by the Prime Minister, which will take up the task of cleaning up river Ganga in a much more systematic and serious manner than has been the case so far,” Ramesh said.

Prime Minister Singh is scheduled to hold a meeting in New Delhi Monday. The final decision in this regard is expected to be taken when the World Bank President Robert Zoellick visits India in December.

Ramesh said in principle there has been approval that the World Bank will support the project.—Internet

New film seeks answer to mystery of vanishing bees

LONDON, 3 Oct—A new documentary seeks to unravel the mystery of why billions of honey bees have been disappearing from hives across the United States, and concludes that the chief suspect is pesticides.

“Vanishing of the Bees,” which has a limited theatrical release in Britain from next week, follows the fate of a group of U.S. beekeepers hit by Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), which first struck in 2004 and made U.S. headlines three years later.

Countless bees would suddenly vanish, leaving an empty hive but few bodies, and the phenomenon has variously been linked to mites, disease, genetically modified crops, mobile phones and, in the words of one beekeeper, “p’poor-poo beekeeping.”

While the cause has yet to be established, the film suggests there is a link to pesticides, and particularly those applied to seeds as opposed to sprayed on existing plants.—Internet

Afghan policeman fires on US troops, killing two

KABUL, 3 Oct—An Afghan policeman conducting a joint operation with U.S. soldiers opened fire on the Americans, killing two of them before fleeing, an Afghan official said Saturday, raising fears that militants have infiltrated the ranks of Afghan forces.

The U.S. military earlier said two American soldiers died in a firefight in Wardak on Friday, but declined to confirm any new details.

Although Afghan forces have periodically turned their guns on international troops, training and working jointly with Afghan police and soldiers on patrols and operations are key to the U.S. strategy of curbing the spreading Taliban-led insurgency.

Shahidullah Shahid, a spokesman for the Wardak provincial governor, said the policeman fired on the Americans while they were patrolling together Friday night, killing two and injuring two. Shahid said two of the officer’s relatives were in custody for questioning.

English archaeologists find new prehistoric site

LONDON, 3 Oct—Archaeologists have discovered a smaller prehistoric site near Britain’s famous circle of standing stones at Stonehenge.

Researchers have dubbed the site “Bluehenge,” after the color of the 27 Welsh stones that were laid to make up a path. The stones have disappeared but the path of holes remains.

The new circle, unearthed over the summer by researchers from Sheffield University, represents an important find, researchers said Saturday. The site is about a mile (2 kilometers) away from Stonehenge.

In this photo courtesy of the Nicholas Metivier Gallery and provided by the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the photo ‘SOCAR Oil Fields #3, Baku, Azerbaijan, 2006’, by Edward Burtynsky is seen. The exhibit, “Edward Burtynsky: Oil,” opens October 3, 2009, at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

—INTERNET

11 dead in Vietnam bus-truck collision

HANOI, 3 Oct—Eleven people died and five were hurt in Vietnam when a container truck and a speeding minibus collided head-on, police said today.

The crash happened about midday yesterday in mountainous Lang Son province which borders China, said Tran Quoc Toan, a provincial traffic policeman.

The minibus driver, Vu The Vinh, 29, died along with 10 of his passengers, Toan said.

Vietnamese drivers make a habit of running red lights and ignoring other traffic rules.

In 2007 the World Health Organisation classified the country’s road toll as an “epidemic”. Vietnam last year recorded nearly 13,000 deaths in traffic accidents.

Bluehenge, about 80 miles (130 kilometers) southwest of London, is believed to date back 5,000 years.

Mike Parker Pearson of Sheffield University said he believed the path and Stonehenge itself were linked to rituals of life and death.

In this photo courtesy of the World Bank, a woman shows a touch reader at the International Funkaustellung (IFA) consumer electronics fair in Berlin, recently.
Brazil lifts tariffs on 3,200 Ecuadorian products

QUITO, 3 Oct—Brazil has eliminated tariffs on 3,200 products imported from Ecuador, a measure which does not force Ecuador to take any reciprocal action, an Ecuadorian official said on Friday.

“The measure benefits Ecuador because it promotes a fairer and more dynamic trade relationship,” said Julio Oleas, Ecuador’s Deputy Trade Minister. “This unilateral lifting of tariffs does not oblige the nation to take similar measures,” he added.

Brazil lifted tariffs on fish, crustaceans, mollusks and all aquatic invertebrates, fruits including all melons, animal and vegetable fat or oil, animal or vegetable waxes, meat, and all land vehicles including tractors and their parts and accessories.

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Ministry of Information
Myanmar Radio and Television
Invitation To Tender

1. Sealed tenders are invited for Myanmar Radio and Television for supply of the following—

(A) Office Equipment
No. Descriptions Quantity
(1) 400V (400 A) Main Circuit - 6 Nos
(2) Control Breaker - 30 Nos
(3) 6” TV Colour Monitor - 5 Nos
(4) 3 Meter TVRO Solid Type - 10 Nos
(5) DVD Player (Blu-ray) - 6 Nos
(6) Camera Access. (Battery Pack) - 12 Nos
(7) Camera Access (4) - 10 Nos
(8) Vacuum Tube Cleaner - 10 Nos
(9) Fax Machine - 10 Nos
(10) Duplo Printer - 2 Nos

(B) Machine Equipment
No. Descriptions Quantity
(1) ENG Camera XD Cam with Accessories (9 Items ) - 10 Sets
(2) VCR Equipment XD Cam HD Recorder with HD drive & Blue Ray Disk - 3 Sets
(3) Non-Linear Editing Equipment Non-Linear Editing workstation with 17” LCD & 20” Monitor - 2 Sets
(4) Test Equipment SD-SDI portable video test generator monitoring & analyzer - 1 No
2. Tender closing date/time will be on 16-10-2009 at 16.30 hrs.
3. Tender documents are available at the below-mentioned address.

Ministry of Information
Procurement Committee
Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise
No. 28, Kokkie Yeiktha Street,
Bahan Township, Yangon.
Ph: 534574, 536029

Lots of exercise lowers breast cancer risk

BETHESDA, 3 Oct—Vigorous exercise lowers breast cancer risk in older women, US researchers found. The study, published in the journal BMC Cancer, found women who reported exercising more-than-moderately for seven or more hours a week were 16 percent less likely to develop breast cancer than those who did not exercise. However, the study which also surveyed activity at various age levels in the more than 110,000 post-menopausal women, found no link between breast cancer risk and being active at a younger age. The study, published in the journal BMC Cancer, found women who reported exercising more-than-moderately for seven or more hours a week were 16 percent less likely to develop breast cancer than those who did not exercise. However, the study which also surveyed activity at various age levels in the more than 110,000 post-menopausal women, found no link between breast cancer risk and being active at a younger age.

With breast cancer still claiming so many lives, “This is a significant step in intensifying bilateral relations, putting them on a sustainable footing for the long term and boosting the regional integration process,” Oleas said. Ecuador has a large dynamic trade relationship with Brazil, and the new routes will benefit from less fuel consumption.

Don’t Smoke.
Cholesterol necessary for brain development

STOCKHOLM, 3 Oct—Cholesterol is necessary for the formation of brain cells, according to a recent study by the Swedish medical university Karolinska Institute. Professor Ernest Arenas who led the study said experiment in mice shows that the formation of dopamine-producing neurons during brain development is dependent on the activation of a specific receptor in the brain by an oxidised form of cholesterol called oxysterol, said a press release from Karolinska institute.

“Oxysterol contributes to a safer and better cultivation of dopamine-producing cells, which is a great advancement since it increases the possibility of developing new treatments for Parkinson’s disease,” said Arenas. Dopamine-producing nerve cells play an important part in many brain functions and processes, from motor skills to reward systems and dependency. They are also the type of cell that dies in Parkinson’s disease, added Professor Arenas.

It is hoped that one day it will be possible to replace dead cells in the brains of Parkinson’s patients with transplanted cultivated dopamine-producing cells.

Joint pain side-effect link to menopause

PHILADELPHIA, 3 Oct—US researchers suggest a breast cancer drug side-effect— joint pain — is linked to menopause.

The side-effect of sometimes very severe joint pain, arthralgia, was reported by 139 women of the 300 taking part in the study who were taking one of the drugs in a group of aromatase inhibitors.

Seventy-five percent of those reporting symptoms said the pain began within the first three months of the therapy. “We are fortunate today to have many effective treatments for breast cancer. Unfortunately, many of these treatments have troublesome and debilitating side effects that can last for months or years after treatment, and really harm the quality of life and productivity of women who receive them,” study lead author Dr Jun J Mao of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia said in a statement.

The study, published in the journal Cancer, found the joint pain was less likely in women who had experienced menopause more than a decade before taking the medication.

Women who began the drug treatment less than five years after their last menstrual period were three times more likely to suffer arthralgia.

Mist may work for measles vaccine

SAN JOSE, 3 Oct—A vaccine delivery system—inhaling a mist to transmit dried vaccine—may improve safety and decrease costs of measles vaccinations, US researchers say.

“There is a need for technologies that could stabilize the measles vaccine, as this would facilitate mass vaccination in developing world countries where transport, storage, administration costs and other complexities have limited vaccine coverage by 70 percent,” study principal investigator Satoshi Ohtake of Aridis Pharmaceuticals in San Jose, Calif., says in a statement.

Ohtake’s study uses a combination of mild spray drying process conditions and unique stabilizers to produce stable dry powders with excellent preservation of vaccine activity. When the potency of the dried vaccine was tested while being stored at different temperatures over several weeklong periods, the dry-powdered aerosol was stable for at least eight weeks at 37 degrees C, surpassing the World Health Organization requirement for heat stability of one week at similar storage conditions.
Samba! Rio wins right to host the 2016 Olympics

Copenhagen, 3 Oct—The country's president was blunt. "It is," Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said, "Brazil's yearning, hoping, that the Olympics finally might come to them.—Internet

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LONDON, 3 Oct—Arsene Wenger admits he is never satisfied with his own performance as he tries to restore Arsenal to the summit of English and European football. Wenger became the longest-serving manager in Arsenal's history on Thursday when his tenure in north London stretched to 13 years. After winning three league titles and four FA Cups, the Frenchman's reign has already ensured he will be remembered as one of the greatest managers to grace the English game.

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Sharapova beats Jankovic to win Pan Pacific Open

TOYO, 3 Oct—Crowd favourite Maria Sharapova captured her first title since her injury lay-off by beating Jelena Jankovic to win the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament on Saturday.

The 22-year-old Russian, who returned to action in May after a right shoulder injury, won the battle between the former world number ones to regain the title she won in 2005, when the Serbian seventh seed retired with an arm injury at 5-2.

“It was very tough because Jelena started off so strong. It was my second final of the year, so I was a bit nervous,” said Sharapova, “I wanted to perform really well. I feel like I played good enough tennis to give her a go today and I just wanted to keep fighting out there.”—Internet

Real provide title test for dark horses Sevilla

MADRID, 3 Oct—League leaders Real Madrid roll into Sevilla on Sunday, giving the hosts the perfect chance to prove that this year’s Spanish title race won’t just be all about Real and Barcelona.

Real have won all seven of their matches this season and sit top of both the domestic league and their Champions League group, but face a Sevilla side that have won their last four league matches and demolished Rangers 4-1 on Tuesday in the Champions League.

“We are playing the all-powerful Real Madrid but they should bear in mind that Sevilla are going well at the moment,” warned Sevilla coach Manolo Jimenez. Jimenez and several of his players have talked up Sevilla’s title chances in recent weeks and the fine starts sees them lying in third, three points behind Real and Barca.—Internet

Barclays Premier League

(3-10- 2009)
Bolton 2 - 2 2 - 2 Totten[tonham
Burley 2 - 1 2 - 1 Birmingham
Hull City 2 - 1 2 - 1 Wigan Athletic
Man Utd 2 - 2 2 - 2 Sunderland
Wolves 0 - 1 0 - 1 Portsmouth

Manchester United’s Dimitar Berbatov shoots to score against Sunderland in Manchester, northern England on 3 Oct, 2009. —Internet

Berbatov uses criticism to fuel United’s title charge

MANCHESTER, 3 Oct—Dimitar Berbatov insists he has learned plenty from even his fiercest critics since arriving at Manchester United. And the Bulgarian maintains he is satisfied as long as Sir Alex Ferguson is happy and his team are winning trophies.

Berbatov, 28, has divided fans since making a 30.75 million pounds move to Old Trafford from Tottenham in January 2007. The former Bayer Leverkusen striker, who has scored 16 goals in 53 United appearances, has regularly been labelled lazy by both pundits and critics during his first year at United.—Internet

Leonardo on brink for AC Milan’s Atalanta trip

ROME, 3 Oct—After a humiliating defeat to FC Zurich in the Champions League, Italian giants AC Milan head into their trip to Atalanta on Sunday with serious questions hanging over coach Leonardo’s head.

The seven-time European champions sit 11th in the 20-team Serie A table following two wins, two draws and two defeats in their first six matches.

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Bereaved Family

Transmissions
Local
- (09:00am - 10:00am) MST
- (15:30pm - 23:30pm) MST
North America
- (23:30pm - 07:00am) MST

Local Transmission
- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Eco-Friendly Ratan and Hycinth
- Delicious "Monlatsaung"
- Alms Food Offering Ceremony of Southern Kyaye Chaung Village
- Try to Find out Ancient Historical Evidence
- Survey of Hu Koun Valley Tiger (Part-I)
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission
- Signature Tune
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Eco-Friendly Ratan and Hycinth
- Delicious "Monlatsaung"
- Alms Food Offering Ceremony of Southern Kyaye Chaung Village
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Try to Find out Ancient Historical Evidence
- Myanmar Modern Song
- Parahita Tiger School
- Mind...the essence of Love;
- Fresh Water Fish World... A Haven of Rest and Knowledge
- Pleasant Taunggyi (Part-I)
- Traditional Chin Cuisine
- Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan, Kayah States and Upper Sagaing, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (Tatkone) (0.16) inch, NayPyiTaw (Pyinmana) (0.07) inch, Kawthoung (4.69) inches, Kyekhlong (3.38) inches, Phyu (3.36) inches, Kyere (2.94) inches, Sittway (2.48) inches, Mawlamyine (2.45) inches, Pathein (2.32) inches, Thaton (12.13) inches, Sinphtyukun (2.01) inches, Ngbaingchaung and Pyay (1.97) inches each and Minbu (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-10-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 3-10-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-10-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 2-10-2009 was (2.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 3-10-2009 was (0.40) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kabu-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (107.05) inches at Mingaladon,(118.15) inches at Kabu-Aye and (123.58) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabu-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 2-10-2009.

Balein: According to the observations at 12:30 hours MST, the low pressure area over the West Central Bay has become unimportant. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 4th October 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeeyawady and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin, and Rakhine States, Bago Division, scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thunder conditions in Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-10-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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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

Relations Minister U Aung Kyi meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 3 Oct—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, who is assigned duties as Relations Minister to communicate with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha Guesthouse here from 1 pm to 1.40 pm today. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi wrote a letter dated 25 September 2009 and addressed it to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council. The letter arrived at the State Peace and Development Council on 1 October. Therefore, Relations Minister U Aung Kyi went to Yangon on 2 October and met and discussed with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi today. It is found that the Central Executive Committee of National League for Democracy distributed copies of the letter as a special announcement (6/09/09) dated 28 September 2009 through internal and external media.

Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi meets with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at Seinle Kantha Guesthouse in Yangon.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

- Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) 0.16 inch
- Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) 0.07 inch
- Kawthoung 4.69 inches
- Kyaikkhami 3.38 inches
- Pyu 3.36 inches
- Kyaikmaraw 2.94 inches
- Sittway 2.48 inches
- Mawlamyine 2.45 inches
- Pathin 2.32 inches
- Thaton 2.13 inches
- Hsinbyukyun 2.01 inches
- Ngathainggyaung 1.97 inches
- Paung 1.97 inches
- Minbu 0.75 inch

Herschel views deep-space pearls on a cosmic string

SCIENCE DAILY, 3 Oct—Herschel has delivered spectacular vistas of cold gas clouds lying near the plane of the Milky Way, revealing intense, unexpected activity. The dark, cool region is dotted with stellar factories, like pearls on a cosmic string. On 3 September, Herschel aimed its telescope at a reservoir of cold gas in the constellation of the Southern Cross near the Galactic Plane. As her telescope scanned the sky, the spacecraft’s SPIRE and PACS instruments snapped the pictures. The region is located about 60 from the Galactic Centre, thousands of light-years from Earth.

The five original infrared wavelengths have been colour-coded to allow scientists to differentiate extremely cold material (red) from the surrounding, slightly warmer stuff (blue).

The images reveal structure in cold material in our Galaxy, as we have never seen it before, and even before a detailed analysis, scientists have gleaned information on the quantity of the material, its mass, temperature, composition and whether it is collapsing to form new stars.—Internet