Inter-district roads intended to further improve socio-economic life of rural folks

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Across the nation are a large number of inter-district road projects, some completed and some ongoing, designed for scaling up urban and rural development and expediting one of the five rural development programmes: to ensure smooth transport in rural areas.

The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs is undertaking the district-road projects. No (1) Inter-District Road is 400 miles and one furlong long, passing through Mandalay, Magway, Bago (West) and Yangon divisions.

The road is composed of the 83 miles and two furlongs long section from Zaga-inn Roundabout in Yesagyo享受发展成果，从道路和桥梁建设成为全国网络。

Now, Chindwin Ayeya Bus Line runs 15 six-wheeled drive vehicles and Nyein Ayeya Bus Line runs eight six-wheeled drive vehicles from Yesagyo to Pakokku at half-hourly intervals. Soe Mitza Bus Line runs three vehicles plying between Yesagyo and Monywa daily and Shwe Myanmar Tours runs six-wheelers shuttle plying between Yesagyo and the other bank of Monywa (Nyaungbingyi). Thaungmyanthu Bus Line also runs on Yesagyo-Pakokku-Yangon route every two days.

Shwegyo-Man Bus Line runs on Yesagyo-Mandalay route with six buses. It also runs six-wheeled shuttle plying between Yesagyo and the other bank of Monywa (Nyaungbingyi). Thaungmyanthu Bus Line also runs on Yesagyo-Pakokku-Yangon route daily with a light passenger car. In addition, transportation and commodity flow has much become better and swifter along with the

Hsinbyushin Bridge across Chindwin River seen standing magnificently.
Exert profound good-will, loving-kindness, compassion in nurturing youths

Human resources are a must in the process of building a modern, developed nation. In this context, the government is in pursuit of the 30-year National Education Promotion Plan to bring about highly educated people through the education sector.

As to the basic education sector, the government is generating opportunities for every citizen to be able to complete education at the basic level. In addition, it is working hard in harness with local administrative organs, social organizations and students’ parents to make sure that every school-age child has access to basic education and every student continues education at school, thus boosting opportunities for the youth to have easy access to basic and higher education.

Now, over eight million students are learning in over 40,000 basic education schools throughout the nation.

The government is seeking advanced methods to improve the higher education sector. In this process, it is implementing a number of education promotion programmes in combination with research on education. Now, the figure of universities and colleges has increased to 159 in which more than 10,000 faculty members teach and nurture more than 400,000 students.

Three universities each: one arts and science university, one technological university and one university for computer studies have been established in 24 special development regions. As a result, the youth can pursue tertiary education with convenience in their home regions.

The role teachers, who sharpen the abilities of young generations, play is of vital importance in seeing to the national education promotion plans. Teachers are, therefore, under a responsibility to inculcate their students with a sense of social etiquette, morale and self-discipline apart from teaching them.

In the Myanmar society, teachers are held in highest esteem for ever by their students owing to their virtues, uprightness and attributes. Teachers should exert good-will, interest in teaching, and sacrifices more than ever in guiding and nurturing the youth to help constantly create a growing number of reliable and responsible youngsters.

Minister U Nyan Win arrives back from Kingdom of Cambodia

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Oct—A Myanmar Delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back from the Kingdom of Cambodia via Bangkok by air yesterday after attending the Second Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held in Siem Reap from 3 to 4 October 2009.

The Second Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers’ Meeting was held at 9:00am on 3 October at the Royal Ball Room of the Angkor Palace Resort & Spa Hotel in Siem Reap. The Meeting was attended by the Foreign Ministers and Senior Officials from Mekong Region countries of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam and Japan.

Minister U Nyan Win holds talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Mr Katzuya Okada. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

At the meeting, the Ministers discussed wide-ranging issues including infrastructure and human resource development in the Mekong Region, environmental protection and climate change, tourism promotion, promotion of trade and investment and cultural exchange among countries of the region and Japan. The Meeting also agreed to hold the First Mekong-Japan Summit on 6-7 November 2009 in Tokyo, Japan.

Minister U Nyan Win paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia, on 2 October, and held friendly discussion about matters relating to friendship and cooperation between the two countries. The minister also met with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Katzuya Okada on 3 October and discussed issues of mutual interests.—MNA

Marketable rice milling course (1/2009) opens

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 Oct—Profficiency Course for heads of Township IRDs No (37) was opened at Internal Revenue Department here yesterday morning with an address by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U San Tun of the Internal Revenue Department, Managing-Directors, Directors-General, Deputy Directors-General, departmental heads of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and trainee. The four-week course is being attended by 48 heads of Township IRDs and subjects related to revenue, laws, principles, rules and regulations will be taught.—MNA

Yangon, 6 Oct—Sponsored by Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading under Ministry of Commerce and conducted by Myanmar Rice Millers’ Association, marketable rice milling course (1/2009) was opened at training hall of Myanmar Rice Mill Co., Ltd on Seikkantha road in Shwelinban industrial zone in Hlínethaya Township here yesterday.

Chairman U Tin Win of MRMA and deputy general manager U Hla Hsin of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading made speeches on the occasion. Afterwards, general secretary U Thaung Win of the association explained the purposes of the course. A total of 68 trainees are attending the eight-day course.

MNA
Teheran refutes US report over Iran's nuclear weapon know-how

Teheran, 6 Oct—Iran’s Foreign Ministry spokesman Hassan Qashqavi on Monday dismissed a US media claim that Iran has the nuclear weapon production know-how, the official IRNA news agency reported.

A recent New York Times report said the UN nuclear watchdog has concluded that Iran has the know-how and “sufficient information to be able to design and produce a workable” nuclear weapon.

Qashqavi refuted the claim, saying visiting International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Mohamed El Baradei has reiterated the peaceful nature of Iran’s nuclear activities.

The media gossipwork over Iran’s nuclear ability is not valid and not acceptable to the UN nuclear watchdog, Qashqavi said.

The West’s media campaign against Iran does not influence the position of the IAEA concerning Iran’s nuclear programme, Qashqavi was quoted as saying.

The spokesman reiterated the peaceful nature of Iran’s nuclear activities which are completely and clearly done within its nuclear non-proliferation safeguards agreement with the IAEA.

US won’t pull out of Afghanistan

Washington, 6 Oct—Defence Secretary Robert Gates appealed on Monday for calm amid intense administration debate over the flagging war in Afghanistan, asking for time and privacy for the president to come to a decision — an apparent message to the commanding US general there who has pressed publicly for a pullout.

Gates’ careful remarks appeared to stand as an implicit rebuke of the man he helped install as the top commander in Afghanistan, Gen Stanley McChrystal, for his lobbying as President Barack Obama faced a critical week of decision over whether to escalate the Afghan war.

In two separate appearances on Monday, Gates made the point that Obama needs elbow room to make strategy decisions about the war — at the internal White House debate went increasingly public.

“It is important that we take our time to do all we can to get this right,” Gates said at an Army conference. “In this process, it is imperative that all of us take part in these deliberations — civilians and military alike — provide our best advice to the president candidly but privately.”

Drought threatens 6.2 million

Ethiopians facing starvation and need emergency assistance," Abera Tola, head of Oxfam America in east Africa, told Reuters. Oxfam warned last week that severe drought is driving more than 23 million east Africans in seven countries toward severe hunger and destitution.

It said the worst affected nations were Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Uganda, and that the situation was being exacerbated by high food prices and conflict in some areas.

Defence ministry says ten Afghan soldiers killed

Kabul, 6 Oct—Ten Afghan army soldiers were killed and more than 100 Taleban militants died or were wounded in clashes in southern and eastern Afghanistan, the defence ministry said on Tuesday.

“Ten members of the Afghan army were martyred and more than 100 enemies were killed and wounded in the south and east of the country in the past 24 hours," a statement said.

Defence ministry spokesman Mohammad Zahir Azimi said the casualties were from two operations, in southern Helmand province and eastern Nuristan.
Indonesia outlines steps to survive from crisis, spur economic growth

JAKARTA, 6 Oct—The Indonesian government has outlined plans to survive from the crisis and to comply with its economic growth target initially set at 5.5 percent in 2010, among others, by initiating a re-industrialization, an Indonesian senior official said here on Tuesday.

Speaking at a seminar entitled “Indonesia’s Future Economic: Response to the 2008 Global Economic Crisis” held here, Indonesian Foreign Investment Coordinating Minister Muhammad Lutfi said that the current government led by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has set three steps to improve national economic growth that would be implemented in the president’s second term.

“Starting from 2009, the new government would make efforts to create more people in the middle class community, create a larger production system and implement a re-industrialization in Indonesia,” the minister said in his address at the seminar.

Lutfi said that the creation of more middle class in the country and a larger production system are aimed at improving the savings and increasing demands at home as the middle class community is identified as working people with significant savings with several basic needs for their families.—Xinhua

Turkey to invest $450 ml in oil exploration in Black Sea

ANKARA, 6 Oct—Turkey’s Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said on Monday that Turkey would make an investment of around 450 million US dollars in oil exploration in the Black Sea, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Yildiz said a giant offshore oil platform will set off from Norway this month and is expected to arrive in Turkey’s northern coast in mid-December.

He said the oil exploration work will be launched in the Black Sea as part of the cooperation with Brazil’s Petrobras. In April, 2009, Turkey’s TPAO and Brazil’s Petrobras, two state-owned petroleum companies, inked an agreement for the exploration of oil in the Black Sea. Yildiz said oil drilling work with Petrobras will last for about two or three years and end up with considerable amounts of oil reserves.—Xinhua

Green cars continue rise in Japanese auto market

TOKYO, 6 Oct—Hybrid cars, which use both gasoline and electricity, continued to dominate Japan’s auto making sector, according to statistics released by the Japan Automobile Dealers Association (JADA) on Tuesday.

For a third consecutive month, the Toyota Prius was the most popular car in the country, selling 31,758 units in September and 116,298 units in the first half of the year. Sales of the Prius for the last quarter were more than three times higher than in the same period last year.

Meanwhile, Honda’s Fit, a people carrier, remained in second place for the third consecutive month, selling 17,241 units in August and 76,489 units in the first half of the year.—Xinhua

Europeans weighing on pros and cons of natural gas pipelines

BUCHAREST, 6 Oct—Italians are known far and wide for weaving spaghetti on dining plates. But when Italy’s Eni CEO came, what he was doing in Romania was to knit his set of the cylindrical pasta, only to be longer and thicker.

Paolo Scaroni was here to help materialize European Union’s Southern Gas Corridor programme which aims at delivering via pipelines Caspian Sea and Central Asian natural gas to Central and Western Europe. Consisted of three major pipeline systems, the corridor is designed by the union to diversify its natural gas supply sources, or rather, to reduce reliance on just one provider.—Russia.—Xinhua

China’s major grain producer expects 50 mln-tonne output

ZHENGZHOU, 6 Oct—China’s largest grain producer, central China’s Henan Province, is expected to harvest 50 million tonnes this year despite natural disasters, local authorities said on Monday.

Wei Zhongsheng, chief economist of the Agricultural Department of the provincial government, said corn and rice suffered storms in southern and central Henan, but more autumn grain were planted this year and the unaffected areas have seen increase in production against last year. “We expect the autumn grain to hit 23.5 million tonnes, so that the whole-year production could exceed 50 million tonnes,” he said. Henan has been China’s largest grain producer since 2000. It produced 53.7 million tonnes of grain last year, accounting more than 10 percent of the country.—Xinhua

Localised products to claim 60% share on China’s market for 5th generation LCD plates

NANJING, 6 Oct—Work has started on three production facilities for the fifth generation liquid crystal display (LCD) glass plates in Zhangjia gang, a coastal city in eastern China’s Jiangsu Province, a company source confirmed on Tuesday.

The project will contribute to localization of the state-of-the-art LCD glass plate, according to Xing Daoqin, general manager of Irico Group, which is China’s leading color tube manufacturer based in Xianyang in the northwestern province of Shaanxi. The project will cost approximately 1.8 billion yuan (263.5 million US dollars) and cover 1.31 hectares. Upon completion, the three facilities will be able to produce 1.54 million 5th-generation LCD glass plates a year, with an estimated annual output value at 800 million yuan.

The Irico Group independently developed production technology for the 5th-generation LCD glass plate and build China’s first production facility of the important material for LCDs in September 2008.—Xinhua
Chinese company to build biggest hydropower project in Ecuador

QUITO, 6 Oct—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa on Monday signed a contract with representatives of China’s Sinohydro corporation to build a 2-billion-US-dollar hydroelectric project in the country.

The Coca-Codo-Sinclair hydroelectric project, to be built along the Ecuadorian Amazon river and some 75 km from the capital Quito, has a total capacity of 1,500 megawatts and annual output of 8.8 billion kilowatts. It will be the biggest hydropower project in Ecuador, capable of meeting 75 percent of the country’s power supply.

The project also includes the construction of a dam to use the waters from Coca River, a machine house and an 24 km-long underground tunnel. The Export-Import Bank of China, which will cover 85 percent of the project’s total cost, with the remaining 15 percent covered by the Ecuadorian government.

Correa said that the launching of this project would be a historical event as it represents one of the biggest foreign investments in Ecuador.

This project will create about 4,000 direct jobs and 15,000 indirect jobs in Ecuador, he added.

More US children suffer from autism than thought

In the study, researchers from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and Harvard Medical School examined data from the 2007 National Survey of Children’s Health, which included more than 78,000 children from across the country, all between three and 17 years old.

The findings show that parents of 1,412 children reported that a doctor had given their child a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. Of that group, 494 parents, however, said their child currently had an autism spectrum disorder.

All items from Xinhua News Agency

California braces for spread of H1N1 virus

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—California, the most populous state in the nation, is bracing for the possible spread of H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, Governor Schwarzenegger said on Monday.

Schwarzenegger said he has issued an executive order to support and facilitate California’s aggressive approach to addressing the spread of the virus.

“Today’s action will make sure California has the ability to continue to aggressively fight the spread of the H1N1 virus by cutting red tape and giving the state greater flexibility to respond to an outbreak,” the governor said.

Under the order, the state will be able to acquire services faster such as medical staff for state facilities and transportation of H1N1 vaccine and goods such as hand sanitizer and paper masks.

“California stands ready to combat what could be a very severe flu season with the threat of H1N1,” Schwarzenegger said.

The state of California is taking the H1N1 virus very seriously, and I urge every Californian to take it seriously too,” he added.

As the outbreak of H1N1 is spreading across the US, California is expected to be among the hardest hit, health experts said.

Damage by “Ketsana” to Philippine agriculture hits $140 mln

MANILA, 6 Oct—The Philippine agriculture sector incurred 6.5 billion pesos (about 140 million US dollars) worth of losses as the heavy rains brought by “Ketsana” damaged crops, farm areas and irrigation facilities in Luzon, northern Philippines.

This is almost double than the initial estimated losses of 3.6 billion pesos (about 76 million US dollars) which Philippine agriculture officials reported last week.

In its latest report issued on Tuesday, the Philippine department of agriculture said that the rice sector posted the biggest amount of damage at 5.2 billion pesos (about 111 million US dollars). An estimated 301,580 tons of palay (paddy rice) were damaged, while floods submerged 183,106 hectares.

A tiger and a horse perform for visitors at the Fuzhou Zoo in Fuzhou, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on Oct. 4, 2009. The wonderful performance of the animals attracted a number of citizens and tourists to spend their National Day Holiday at the Fuzhou Zoo.

Xinhua

12 killed in landslide in far-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 Oct—At least 12 persons have been killed when a landslide swept two houses in Mastamandau village in Dadeldhura district in far-western Nepal on Tuesday morning.

According to eKanti-pur.com, the District Police Office, some 500 km west of Kathmandu, said that all members of two families, were buried to death when their houses buried them.

Police Inspector Tulsiram Aryal, a team of Nepal Police and Armed Police have been pressed into service to carry out rescue works.

Xinhua
Five men killed in shooting in Mexico border bar

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 6 Oct — Gunmen burst into a bar in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez and shot five men to death on Monday, state prosecutors said.

The victims ranged in age from 25 to 30 in the attack at Gabino’s, located on a main boulevard of the city across from El Paso, Texas, said Arturo Sandoval, a spokesman for the Chihuahua state prosecutors’ office.

Prosecutors have not established a motive in the killings.

Six months ago, four men were killed in a shooting at the same bar. Also Monday, soldiers arrested a suspect linked to at least 27 killings in Ciudad Juarez, the Defense Department said in a statement.

Internet

FIREFIGHTERS MAKE HEADWAY IN CONTAINING FOREST FIRE NEAR LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Aided by cooler weather and rising humidity, firefighters managed to keep a forest fire from reaching Wrightwood, a mountain top city 60 miles (about 96 kilometres) east of Los Angeles, authorities said on Monday.

Bulldozer crews cut out several miles of fire lines on 50-degree slopes southeast of the town, and fire crews dug hoses more than 1 mile (1.6 kilometres) uphill to protect Wrightwood, the US Forest Service said.

“The fire laid down tonight (Saturday night), very much so,” said US Forest Service fire spokesman Bill Sapp. “There was very little wind, a higher moisture level, and it’s cold tonight.”—Xinhua

Official confirms Turkish ship released by Somali pirates

NAIROBI, 6 Oct—Somali pirates have released a Turkish vessel which was captured in July with 23 crew members aboard, a regional maritime official confirmed on Monday.

Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programmes, said the Istanbul-based cargo ship the MV Horizon-I was set free by the pirates on Monday.

The vessel was hijacked in July in the Gulf of Aden.

The development came after pirates in the Horn of Africa country have hijacked a Spanish fishing boat in the dangerous waters of the Indian Ocean after a month of a still of activity along the coast of the Horn of Africa nation, Mwangura confirmed on Friday.

The official said the 100-meter MS Alakrana was set free on Friday by 36 armed gunmen with 36 crew members on board.

Piracy has become rampant off the coast of Africa, especially in the waters near Somalia, which has been without an effective government since 1991.

Ransoms started out in the tens of thousands of dollars and have since climbed into the millions.

An estimated 25,000 ships annually cruise the Gulf of Aden, off Somalia’s northern coast. Over 10 ships and 200 crew members are still held by Somali pirates.

Xinhua

NO SANCTION AGAINST GOALKEEPER WHO MOVE THE POSTS

A goalkeeper for top Swedish team Gothenburg has escaped any sanction despite being caught on film attempting to shorten his goal before a first division match, the Swedish Football Federation (SVFF) announced on Friday.

“The referee did not note any fault and the incident would have merited a yellow card but not a red one. For that reason the disciplinary commission did not impose any subsequent sanction,” SVFF disciplinary commission president Staffan Anderberg said in a statement.

In a match against Orebro last month, Kim Christensen, a Dane, was spotted kicking the moveable goalposts, an action that resulted in them moving several centimetres inwards.

The referee was alerted after 30 minutes of the match by Orebro players and Christensen, 30, admitted that it had not been the first time he had moved the goalposts in such a way.

“I saw a friendly goalkeeper doing it some years back and since then I’ve done it from time to time,” he said.

Gothenburg are currently second in the Swedish championship, three points behind AIK Stockholm, with five games left this season.

A museum worker displays a gilt copper vase with a six-neck body and win ding lotus motifs painted in enamel from China’s Palace Museum during a news conference at the National Palace Museum.

A ball sails into the goal during a football match. A goalkeeper for top Swedish team Gothenburg has escaped any sanction despite being caught on film attempting to shorten his goal before a first division match, the Swedish Football Federation (SVFF) announced.

NEWS ALBUM

GIANT CANDY STORE TO OPEN IN GIGANTIC MALL

A Dubai-based company is opening what it says will be the world’s largest confectionery store in Dubai as it looks to tap demand from the Gulf Arab region’s hunger for candy.

Candycious, which initially opens in one of the world’s largest shopping centers, The Dubai Mall, is also planning a second store in Singapore early next year, Sunaina Gill, director of Retail Is Detail, a Singaporean family business in Dubai told Reuters on Wednesday.

“We are planning 10-15 stores in the Gulf Arab region over the next 3-5 years, with additional stores to open in Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the next 12 months,” said Gill.

Dubai, one of seven emirates comprising the United Arab Emirates and the tourism and trade hub of the Middle East, already has the world’s tallest skyscraper and one of the longest

North Dakota golfer sinks two aces in same round

A golfer in North Dakota achieved the nearly unthinkable — sinking two holes-in-one in the same round. Troy Radermacher of Ellendale, ND, used a pitching wedge Sunday to ace the 116-yard 15th hole at Oxbow Country Club.

The ball found the cup again on the 135-yard fifth hole. The Forum newspaper said Radermacher was golfing with family and friends. He said he has had a hard
time believing what he did. Golf Digest calculates the odds of two holes-in-one in the same round at 67 million to one.

But he’s got company. Ruth Day, a 64-year-old retiree from northern England, shot two holes-in-one in the same round. The next day, former Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Steve Blais did the same in a span of 11 holes in Pennsylvania.

People buy sweets at Souk al-Hamidiyeh in Damascus’ old downtown in preparations for Eid al-Fitr.

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The preservation of cultural identity: Shanghai architecture and foreign influences

(Continued from yesterday)

In addition to those buildings, many foreign-themed projects are in the works not only to create Shanghai as an international gateway but also to house its huge population. Seven satellite cities will be built up, featuring architectural styles from Britain, Italy, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Holland and Canada. For example, to the West of Shanghai, an entire German-style town has been set up, and an Italian dreamscape complete with languid canals is going to be occupied in Pujiang. Dr Wolfgang Rohr, the German Consul in Shanghai, says, "You see the German style, the influence around town. You might think you are in Germany." I believe that those foreign housing conditions are going to psychologically affect the way the Shanghaiese used to live. They will wrongly realize that their homeland cultures and aesthetics care inferior to the western traditions.

Because of the huge influence of foreign cultures on Shanghai, a sense of local identity becomes an issue as well. Chinese and local Shanghai cultural attributes are being lost. For this reason, the Architectural Society of Shanghai is trying to convince foreign architects to respect their Chinese values and to make good use of them in the design process.

In response to the call to retain a sense of Chinese identity, some architects have already developed innovations in their designs. For example, the Italian architectural firm, Gregotti Associati International, has modified everything from ancient Chinese system of aesthetics, such as window placement, to adding an extra bedroom for the parents who often live with newlywed couples. Some architects try to produce designs and forms, which are related to Chinese traditions. For instance, the America-based Kaplan McLain Diaz (KMD) architectural firm proposed a project shape, which looks like a bird with its wings circling over its head. Its main purpose is to represent the Phoeniz bird in Chinese mythology, symbolizing the immortality and rebirth of Shanghai.

One remarkable place, which portrays both Western and Chinese architecture, is called Longtang Housing, reflecting the spirit of Shanghai and its history. Longtang Housing consists of a series of forms resembling English row or terrace houses. These houses are set in parallel lines so that the front of one terrace faces the back of the next, with the principal room and the yards facing south, in accordance with Chinese tradition. One main wall encloses each block, creating a kind of city within the city in order to suit the Chinese way of living. Similar to the arrangement of the Longtang houses, the layout of the buildings on the Square is the most characteristic space of Shanghai. Because it was originally built during colonial times, its different functions and styles are typical of the Western tradition. The main difference is that the buildings do not face each other across the Square and do not look onto the central space; they all keep a south-facing alignment.

One of the most important features of urban planning is the orientation of the buildings. The lack of traditional facades and the background setting of Shanghai parallels the lack of any comprehensive urban plan. Unfortunately, there are only a few places where we can find the true urban quality, compromising the Western and Chinese themes.

The Huangpu area presents the wonderful urban features of a Western kind of relationship between voids and solids. Dating back to the colonial period, the buildings along Bund also follow the natural bend in the river, creating an urban space and an architectural screen of huge proportions.

The sudden emergence of skyscrapers has led to the destruction of many historical and monumental buildings. Unfortunately, most people in Shanghai are happy to tear down their dwellings in order to move into high-rise apartment buildings. Half of Shanghai’s old neighborhoods have been destroyed and another 20 to 25 percent are to be leveled this year. Right now, there are a lot of debates regarding the preservation of architectural heritage. In addition, the tall buildings are causing the city to sink at a rate of 1.5 cm per year. That can lead to a detrimental landslide, which can destroy the whole city. The massive development of skyscrapers is destroying Shanghai’s goal of becoming a nice place to live and work. There should be more responsible forms of architecture that can maintain the local characters without resulting in disasters.

The globalization of Shanghai both renders sophisticated buildings and skyscrapers and, at the same time, destroys its historical identity. In some ways, it is good for Shanghai itself because much more business can move in and more job opportunities will become available for the people. But the experts, who design the Shanghai buildings, should bear in mind that some Chinese cultural values should be attached to their master plans in order to preserve the local culture.

However, architectural styles, building methods, and town planning in Shanghai are still unique in a sense that they have blended Western and Chinese values, which cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

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Forestry Minister performs regional development task

YANGON, 6 Oct—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint on 27 September attended the ceremony to give free treatment to patients by mobile specialist team at Basic Education Middle School in Nanataw ward in Loikaw.

The minister and the chairman comforted patients who are undergoing treatment given by specialists.

Next, the minister and the chairman met with teachers and presented a TV set and construction materials to the school. The principal of Civil Aviation Training School under the Ministry of Transport also presented exercise books to the school.

The minister and the chairman also met with local people at Thatapali village and presented construction materials and cash assistance for the village library.

Afterwards, they looked into construction of new school building for Yaynikan village BEPS, and the minister presented cash assistance and construction materials.

On 28 September, the minister and the chairman attended the opening of new school building for BEHS in Pruhso, and the minister delivered an address at the ceremony.

Officials formally opened the new school building, and the minister and the chairman inspected the new school building.

Education Ministry conducts refresher course for school management

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—A short-term refresher course-2009 for management of basic education schools of Ministry of Education was opened at Basic Education School No. 1 here today.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min delivered address at the opening ceremony of the course.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Director-General of Basic Education Department No. 1 U Kyaw Thu, Director-General of the Basic Education Department No. 2 U Aye Lwin, deputy-directors general, directors, course instructors, officials and trainees.

Seventeen heads of township education departments and 171 heads of basic education high schools are attending the course which will last till 16 October.

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MPF Chief visits Yangon Division Cordless & Traffic Police Division

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi meeting with members of Yangon Division Cordless and Traffic Police Division and their families.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects new school building in Pruhso.
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45th Anniversary of MPF observed in Mon State

MAWLAMYINE, 5 Oct—Mon State Police Force observed 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day along with prize awarding ceremony for work proficiency at Mon State Police Commander Office, attended by Mon State Police Commander Police Col Win Kyi, Police Lt-Col Shwe Aye, Police Major Myint Aung and officials. Police Col Win Kyi read the message on 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day sent by the Chief of MPF. Police Col Win Kyi and officials presented prizes and certificates of honour to 28 police force members, local people who actively participated in helping the Mon State Police Force and winners.

The State flag hoisting ceremony to mark 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was held at parade ground on 5 October morning. 

Police Col Win Kyi reads message on 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day sent by the Chief of Myanmar Police Force.—NLM

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Yesagyo enjoying fruits of development...

Yesagyo-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay train route and Yesagyo-Monywa-ChaungU-Mandalay train route following the erection of Hsinbyushin Bridge across Chindwin river and railroad on it, by the government. So also with the emergence of Yesagyo-Pakokku-Kamma-Minhla-Oatshinbin-Kyaing-Myaunga-Hinthada-Pathein train route in near future, trade between upper and lower Myanmar, is bound to be bustling, advancing with swifter commodity flow.

Thus, the whole region is experiencing the prosperity and development resulted from improved socio-economic status of individual. 

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Inter-district roads intended to further improve socio-economic life of rural folks

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

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YANGON, 6 Oct—The National League for Democracy (Headquarters) has kept in touch with the US and British embassies and is following their instructions. The people are criticizing such act of NLD and keeping a watchful eye on it.

Those from US and British embassies visited the NLD (Headquarters) on West Shwegondine street here 30times in September 2009. During their visits, they met with CEC members of the party and gave small and large envelops and parcels to the latter.

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Acidic clouds nourish world’s oceans

SCIENCE DAILY, 6 Oct—Scientists at the University of Leeds have proved that acid in the atmosphere breaks down large particles of iron found in dust into small and extremely soluble iron nanoparticles, which are more readily used by plankton.

This is an important finding because lack of iron can be a limiting factor for plankton growth in the ocean – especially in the southern oceans and parts of the eastern Pacific. Addition of such iron nanoparticles would trigger increased absorption of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

“This could be a very important discovery because there’s only a very small amount of soluble iron in the ocean and if plankton use the iron nanoparticles formed in clouds then the whole flux of bioavailable iron to the oceans needs to be revised,” says Dr Zongbo Shi, lead author of the research from the School of Earth and Environment at the University of Leeds.

Water droplets in clouds generally form around dust and other particles. When clouds evaporate, as they often do naturally, the surface of the particle can become very acidic. This is especially true where the air is polluted.—Internet

Panama butterfly migrations linked to El Niño, climate change

SCIENCE DAILY, 6 Oct—A high-speed chase across the Panama Canal in a Boston Whaler may sound like the beginning of another James Bond film—but the protagonist of this story branches a butterfly net and studies the effects of climate change on insect migrations at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

“Our long-term study shows that El Niño, a global climate pattern, drives Sulfur butterfly migrations,” said Robert Srygley, former Smithsonian doctoral fellow who is now a research ecologist at the US Agricultural Research Service, the chief scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Climate change has been linked to changes in the migration of butterflies in North America and Europe but this is one of the first long-term studies of environmental factors driving long-distance migration of tropical butterflies.

For 16 years, Srygley and colleagues tracked the progress of lemony yellow Sulfur butterflies, Aphrissa statira, a species found from Mexico to Brazil, as they migrate across central Panama from Atlantic coastal rainforests to the drier forests of the Pacific coast.—Internet

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Over 1,170 students are learning at the University.
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(from page 16)

While in Pakokku, Myanmar Alin news crew had an opportunity to visit Technological University (Pakokku), a place creating much opportunity for the youth to learn advanced technologies in the region.

The news crew interviewed Principal Dr Min Zaw Aung of Technological University (Pakokku). He said that the Technological University (Pakokku) is situated on the Pakokku-Yesogyo motor road eight miles and four furlongs north of Pakokku and has an area of 100.32 acres.

“The university is now conducting Civil Engineering Course, Electronic and Communication Engineering Course, Electrical Power Engineering Course, Mechanical Power Engineering Course and Mechanotronic Engineering Course. It has 89 teachers and over 1,170 students.

The university, the news crew interviewed a student. He said, “I am My Van Bwary Hsarn from Linelings village of Matupi township in Chin State. I am now at the final year of B.Tech (EC). I am very happy to pursue advanced technology in our own region.”

Outside the University, the news team interviewed a student. He said that he was Ma Sai Two One from Myaing Township. He was a second-year student of Mechanical Power Engineering Course. He expressed his thanks to the government as the university would turn out engineers in the region.

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Second year (Mechanical)
Myaing.

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Second year
(Chemical)
Matupi

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B.Tech (EC)
Yesagyo

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The students are mostly from Pakokku, Yesagyo, Myaing, Seikphyu, Paik and Pwintphyu.

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Iran to launch research rocket into space

Tehran, 6 Oct—Iran’s Aerospace Research Center official announced on Tuesday that the country will launch its research rocket called Kavoshgar (Explorer) into space by the end of March 2010, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

“Iranian Kavoshgar rocket will be sent into the space by the end of the current (Iranian) year (ending on March 20) to do research studies,” Head of Iran’s Aerospace Research Center Mohammad Ebrahimi was quoted as saying. Talking at a ceremony marking the World Space Week, Ebrahimi said that “The rocket can be sent to altitudes at the height of 50km to 150km which is not a fly zone for aircraft and satellites ... it can be employed in different researches and studies.”

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British soldier killed on Afghanistan patrol

London, 6 Oct—A British soldier was killed in an explosion while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence here said Tuesday.

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The death brings to 229 the number of British troops who have died since operations against the Taliban extremists began in October 2001. Officially at least 188 were killed as a result of hostile action.

Bomber kills 5 at Pakistani UN food agency office

Islamabad, 6 Oct—A suicide bomber dressed as a paramilitary soldier attacked an office of the UN World Food Programme (WFP) in the Pakistani capital on Monday, killing five staff members, government and UN officials said.

Pakistan is battling al-Qaeda-linked Islamist militants who have set off numerous bombs in towns and cities aimed at security forces and government and foreign targets. “I went to my office on the first floor and as I sat on my chair there was a huge blast,” WFP official Arshad Jadoon told Reuters outside the tightly guarded office in a residential area of Islamabad.

“All of a sudden, a smoke cloud enveloped the building and we came out where wounded people were lying,” he said. A WFP spokesman, Amjad Jamal, said five members of staff had been killed, four Pakistanis and an Iraqi. At least two of the Pakistanis were women.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the attack was a heinous crime. “This is a terrible tragedy for the UN and for the whole humanitarian community in Pakistan,” he said in a statement condemning the bombing “in the strongest terms” and issued in Geneva where he is on a two-day visit. The United Nations temporarily closed its office in Pakistan after the blast for security reasons, a UN spokesperson said.

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GUANG, 6 Oct—More than 5,000 dove trees have been discovered in Zhumai county of southwest China’s Guizhou Province, local government sources said on Tuesday. The local government sources said the trees, with the oldest ones dating back more than 800 years, have not only ornamental value but value in scientific research. Dove trees have been included in the list of plants under state primary protection in China.

More than 5,000 endangered, rare trees found in SW China county

German Bosch could see first loss since WWII
FRANKFURT, 6 Oct—The world’s leading auto parts maker, Bosch, could lose up to three billion euros (4.4 billion dollars) this year, its first loss since World War II, a press report said on Tuesday. In 2008, Bosch had posted a net profit of 372 million euros, which was already a drop of 87 percent from the previous year. A spokesman for the German group declined to comment on the report in the business daily Handelsblatt, terming it “market speculation.”
Auto parts companies have suffered heavily from the global economic slowdown, and Bosch’s results were also hit by investments in solar energy and lithium ion battery development.

Ivory traffickers ‘held in C African Republic’
LIBREVILLE, 6 Oct—Police detained two major ivory traffickers in the Central African Republic as part of a joint operation with animal rights activists, two groups announced on Monday.
The arrests were the first of their kind in the African nation since it passed a wildlife protection law in the 1980s, said Ofir Drori, director of the Cameroon-based group The Last Great Ape which announced the arrests with the World Wildlife Fund.
One woman had 157 ivory objects weighing more than 200 kilogrammes (440 pounds) in her home in Bangui, the groups said in a statement.
The other trafficker was detained in a Bangui hotel Friday as he was “trying to sell 14 ivory objects, hippopotamus teeth and a panther skin,” said the statement.
The two could face up to a year in jail if found guilty. “They had several decades of experience between them and were said to be at the centre of an international ivory trafficking network,” the statement said.
Illegal poaching threatens the elephant with extinction, animal protection groups say, despite the ivory trade being banned by a 1989 international agreement. Experts say some 38,000 African elephants are killed each year for their tusks.

Sales of imported automobiles in Japan fall
TOKYO, 6 Oct—Sales of imported foreign automobiles in Japan fell by 16.6 percent in the first half of fiscal 2009, reflecting an overall decline in car sales in the nation and the challenging conditions of the global economy, according to data released on Tuesday by the Japanese Automobile Importers Association.
Sales for passenger cars fell from 95,340 units in the first half of 2008 to 79,266 in the first half of 2009. Those of trucks and buses, however, rose from 780 for the first half of last year to 881 for the same period this year.
Also, notably, the number of automobiles produced by Japanese manufacturers overseas and then imported home fell 27.2 percent from 11,321 units in the first half of 2008 to 8,242 for the same period this year, reflecting trouble in the domestic sector that has led to cut both at home and abroad for the nation’s automakers.

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**Cocaine vaccine may help some reduce drug use**

**WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—**
A vaccine to treat cocaine dependence appears to reduce use of the drug in a subgroup of individuals who attain high anti-cocaine antibody levels in response, according to a report in the October issue of Archives of General Psychiatry.

However, only 38 percent of vaccinated individuals produced high enough antibody levels and those who did maintained them for only two months.

About 2.5 million Americans are dependent on cocaine, but only 809,000 receive treatment, according to back-ground information in the article.

One of every three drug-related emergency department visits can be attributed to cocaine dependence, which also has substantial social and economic effects.

The US Food and Drug Administration has not approved any pharmacological therapies for cocaine abuse, and behavioral therapies have a wide range of effectiveness.

Animal and human studies have suggested that high levels of anti-cocaine antibodies in the blood can sequester and inactivate cocaine before it enters the brain, reducing feelings of euphoria from the drug without causing any psychoactive effects or harmful interactions.—Xinhua

**Juice: More vitamin C than labels say**

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, 6 Oct—**
Spanish pharmacists found levels of vitamin C in fruit juice were far higher than the labels indicated, researchers said.

Ana Rodriguez Bermaldo de Quiros and colleagues at the University of Santiago de Compostela established the levels of vitamin C in 15 of 17 fruit juices and other soft drinks.

The finding was made possible through the use of a new chromatographic technique used to separate and identify chemical elements, developed by the researchers and recently described in Food Chemistry magazine, the researchers said.

“The other drinks contain much higher levels than those specified by the manufacturer because, as has already been indicated in a previous study, the label probably only shows the amount of added ascorbic acid, without taking into account the fruit’s natural vitamin C content,” the researchers said in a statement.

The researchers said ascorbic acid or vitamin C is a natural anti-oxidant found in fruits and vegetables, involved in immune responses and other biochemical processes such as collagen formation and iron-absorption.—Xinhua

**Scientists discover what makes muscles age**

**BERKELEY, 6 Oct—US and Danish scientists say they’ve identified critical biochemical pathways that are linked to the aging of human muscle.**

The researchers said by manipulating those pathways, they were able to restore old human muscle’s ability to repair and rebuild itself.

“Our study shows that the ability of old human muscle to be maintained and repaired by muscle stem cells can be restored to youthful vigor given the right mix of biochemical signals,” said University of California-Berkeley Professor Irina Conboy, who led the study. “This provides promising new targets for forecasting the debilitating muscle atrophy that accompanies aging, and perhaps other tissue degenerative disorders as well.”

The research that included Michael Kjaer, Charlotte Sueta and Abigail Mackey at the University of Copenhagen; Per Aagaard at the University of Southern Denmark; and Morgan Carlson and Michael Conboy at UC-Berkeley is reported in the journal EMBO Molecular Medicine.—Internet

**Vietnam confirms two more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza**

**HANOI, 6 Oct—**
Vietnam confirmed two more deaths of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of deaths in the country to 20, said a report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Tuesday.

The 29-year-old male patient, living in Ho Chi Minh City, was taken to the Ho Chi Minh City Heart Hospital on Sept. 29 with fever, coughing, and breathing difficulty. The patient has history of heart surgery.

The patient died on Oct. 2 due to heart failure and deterioration of inner organs. His sample was tested positive with A/H1N1 virus.

The other patient is a 45-year-old man from northern Thanh Hoa province of Vietnam. He was taken to the provincial general hospital on Sept. 20 with coughing and difficulties in breathing.

The man died on 21 Sept due to pneumonia. His sample was tested positive with A/H1N1 virus.

The Ministry on Tuesday confirmed 46 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising total number of flu patients in the country to 9,608.—Xinhua

**GSK gets orders for 440 mln swine flu vaccine doses**

**LONDON, 6 Oct—**
British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline said Tuesday it had orders for 440 million doses of its swine flu vaccine ahead of the northern hemisphere’s winter that could bring a second wave of the virus.

Twenty-two governments have ordered 149 million doses since the last figures issued by the company on August 4. GlaxoSmithKline announced on September 30 that it would begin shipping its swine flu vaccine Pandemrix across Europe this week. The European Commission last week cleared Pandemrix and another vaccine, Focetria, for distribution in Europe. Focetria is produced by Swiss pharmaceuticals group Novartis.—Internet
**SPORTS**

Owen set to resume training on Tuesday

**LONDON,** 6 Oct—Manchester United striker Michael Owen will return to full training on Tuesday after missing his side’s draw with Sunderland on Saturday. Owen was forced off during last week’s Champions League victory over Wolfsburg after suffering a groin injury and didn’t recover in time for the Sunderland clash.

But, although it was initially feared the former Liverpool star would be out for three weeks, he is now ready to return to action. “I’m back in full training from tomorrow (Tuesday),” Owen told At The Races on Monday. “The older you get the more you get to learn your body.

“Probably a few years ago I would have carried on playing and pulled something and been out for a couple of months or a few weeks at least.”

Hughes hails red hot Bellamy

**BIRMINGHAM,** 6 Oct—Mark Hughes believes Craig Bellamy can provide the firepower to shoot Manchester City into the Champions League after the striker’s goal earned a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa.

Bellamy hit his fourth goal of the season after half-time at Villa Park on Monday to cancel out former City defender Richard Dunne’s opener for the hosts.

Hughes’s side are now fourth in the table heading into the international break and the City boss is convinced they can stay there if Bellamy maintains his scintillating start to the campaign.

“He is playing with great confidence. He always thinks he is the best player and most of the time he has been.”

Hughes had every reason to sing Bellamy’s praises after he ensured Dunne wouldn’t return to haunt his former club.—Internet

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**Al Faraj company lands majority Portsmouth stake**

**PORTSMOUTH,** 6 Oct—Saudi Arabian businessman Ali Al-Faraj has completed his takeover of English Premier League club Portsmouth, the club said. The club confirmed on their website former owner Sulaiman Al-Fahim had sold 90 percent of the shares to Falcondrone Limited, a company owned by Al-Faraj, in a move freeing up funds to pay players and executives.

A statement on the Portsmouth website said: “The takeover will ensure Portsmouth Football Club’s future is safe and will bring financial stability.

“Once the takeover is complete the club will undergo refinancing in order to grow and develop every part of the business.”

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**Ronaldo says will be ready for Portuguese call**

**LISBON,** 6 Oct—Cristiano Ronaldo said Monday he was ready to answer the call for Portugal in Saturday’s crucial World Cup qualifier at home to Hungary after missing Real Madrid’s first Liga loss of the season at Seville with an ankle injury.

“I have recovered well. We’ll see how things go but I think I’ll be fine come Saturday,” Ronaldo said on arriving at Obidos, where the squad are preparing for which a match will go to decide if they can snatch a playoff place after a poor showing in Group One.

The Portuguese currently stand third - five points behind leaders Denmark and two adrift of Sweden, while Hun-

gary are level on points with Carlos Queiroz’s side, rendering a win imperative ahead of an ex-
pected three easy points in their final game against Malta.—Internet

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**Safina, Venus out in Beijing tennis; Djokovic advances**

**BEIJING,** 6 Oct—Top seed Dinara Safina imploded at the China Open on Monday, losing to an unheralded Chinese player and opening the door for Serena Williams to reclaim the world number one ranking.

Third seed Venus Williams also crashed out of the tournament, losing for the second week in a row to talented Russian teen Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

On the men’s side, Serbia’s Novak Djokovic, the number two seed, dropped his serve once early against Romania’s Victor Hanescu but worked out his jitters to take the match in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

China’s Zhang Shuai, 20 years old and ranked 226th in the world, thrilled the partisan crowd on centre court at the Olympic tennis venue by pulling off the second-round win over Safina, 7-5, 7-6 (7/5).

The raven-haired Russian — who also lost early in Tokyo last week to a Taiwanese teenaged qualifier — struggled with her serve throughout, but came through with a total of 13 double faults.

After dropping the first set, the 23-year-old Safina — slamming balls and screaming in frustration — could not settle down in the second, repeatedly failing to consolidate her breaks of Zhang’s serve by surrenderring her own.—Internet

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**Italy in quarterfinals of U-20 World Cup**

**CAIRO,** 6 Oct—Italy crushed Spain 3-1 on Monday to reach the quarterfinals of FIFA U20 World Cup.

At the 55th minute, Italian midfielder Mattia Mustacchio opened scoring and six minutes later Andrea Mazzarani made it 2-0. However, five minutes later, Aaron Niguez, Span-ish midfielder converted a penalty to bring his team back to the match.

After that, Italy was about to score several more but Spain’s goalkeeper and the post did not give them the opportunity.—Xinhua

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**Injured Villa to miss World Cup qualifiers**

**MADRID,** 6 Oct—Valencia striker David Villa will miss Spain’s final World Cup qualifying matches against Armenia and Bosnia later this month after tearing his right thigh muscle in a weekend league match, the club said Monday.

The 27-year-old, the top scorer at Euro 2008 and marksman in La Liga with six goals, will be out of action for about three weeks it said in a statement. He picked up the injury during Sunday’s 1-0 win away to Racing Santander and had to be replaced by Nikola Ziga.—Internet

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**France lose Ribery to knee trouble**

**PARIS,** 6 Oct—Franck Ribery has been ruled out of France’s World Cup qualifying matches against Austria and the Faroe Islands due to tendin- itsis in his left knee, the country’s coaching set-up announced on Monday.

The Bayern Munich winger was ruled out of both matches after being seen by a specialist. No replacement has yet been named. Ribery played from the start for Bayern against Cologne in the Bundesliga on Saturday but failed to shine in a 1-0 win.

It was his second consecutive league start for the Bavarian giants after an injury-disrupted start to the season but he felt pain in his knee followed by swelling in his club’s goal less during a training game at Clairefontaine near Paris, September 2009.—Internet

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**Zhang Shuai of China returns a shot to World number one Dinara Safina of Russia during the second round match of women’s singles at China Open 2009 in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 Oct, 2009. Zhang Shuai won 2-0.—XINHUA**

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**Manchester City’s Craig Bellamy (L) vies with Aston Villa’s Gabriel Agbonlahor during a Premier League match on 5 October.—INTERNET**

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**Man United striker Michael Owen during a training session in Clairefontaine near Paris, September 2009.—INTERNET**

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**Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates his goal against Getafe during their Spanish League football match in Getafe on 23 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET**

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**Manchester United’s English forward Michael Owen**

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**Ronaldo**
United warned ‘bully’ Ferguson will pay for ref rant

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, after his latest verbal onslaught on a referee and warned that Manchester United could face a backlash from outraged match officials.

Ferguson has been asked by the Football Association to explain why he labelled referee Alan Wiley as “unfit” after United’s 2-2 draw with Sunderland at Old Trafford on Saturday.

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“It was a cowardly attack,” Sir Alex wouldn’t have said it to Alan Wiley’s face,” Winter told the Guardian.

“Every game Alan Wiley takes charge of now where he makes a decision which upsets some fans is going to result in chants of ‘You’re not fit to referee’, he’s going to be known as the ‘unfit ref’, “—Internet

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U-21 Tatmadaw Football Tournament continues

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Coastal Region Command beat No.55 LID 3-1 in Group (E) of Southern Command Zone (Toungoo).—MNA