Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attends Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 15 Oct—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning attended the opening of Myanmar Information and Communications Technology Exhibition 2009 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, here.

At the opening ceremony held in front of the hall, the President of Myanmar Computer Federation explained the purpose of holding the exhibition.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, the President of MCF and the Chairman of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association formally opened the exhibition.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force and party, ambassadors, diplomats and officials visited the exhibition.—MNA

Kyaukse, famous town for elephant festival

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Kyaukse is located on Yangon-Mandalay Highway about 32 miles south of Mandalay. Singaing lies in the north of the town, Myitha in the south, TadaU in the west, PayinOoLwin, Ywangan and Yaksawk Townships of Shan State in the east. It has an area of 725.28 square miles. At the entrance to Kyaukse, we can see splendid white elephant statues welcoming the guests. The terms Kyaukse and white elephant cannot be separated. White elephant is designated as the symbol of the town as the fact that the white elephant took a rest on ShweThalyaung Mountain where Kyaukse is located while conveying tooth relic of Buddha by white elephant in the time of King Anawratha of Bagan. Up to now, elephant dancing contest are held on a grand scale.

Senior Engineer U Kyon Lyan Boi of Township Development Affairs Committee explained to our news crew, “We are striving for keeping Kyaukse clean and beautiful. In addition, continued efforts are being made for better transport and supply of clean water in rural areas.”

With respect to supply of clean water, the whole township could use clean water since 2003 and it has completed on 26 April 2009 for the district as a whole. Since 2003, four wards in the west of the township are being supplied 360,000 gallons of clean water daily from Zeedaw and Zawgyi water pumping stations.

In the eastern part of the town, 500,000 gallons of clean water is distributed with gravity flow system through 60,000- and 20,000-gallon-capacity water tanks on Waibu Hill by pumping water from Zawgyi River. In order to supply more clean water, efforts are being made for 2009-2010 financial year. (See page 8)
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Develop agriculture and livestock breeding industries to ensure food security

Food and Agriculture Organization designated 16 October as World Food Day, aiming at food security, the most essential requirement for people to live.

Myanmar, as a member nation of the organization, has observed the day every year. Food security is a major challenge the whole world faces today and so the 1996 World Food Summit passed a resolution to try to halve the impoverished and undernourished population by the year 2015.

Health problems, shorter lifespan, decline in working capacity and limited access to education resulting from poverty and hunger can harm not only the present generation but also future generation.

Myanmar has been striving for development of agriculture and rural economy as agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry are the main industries of the seventy per cent of the nation's population.

Out of basic necessities, food is the most essential requirement for life. This being so, it is necessary to constantly increase agricultural production for the growing population. Myanmar, with excellent potential for extending the cultivation of crops, has been trying to boost production in the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors with the application of modern techniques.

According to the motto of this year's World Food Day: Achieving food security in times of crisis, the entire people of Myanmar, we believe, will work in concert to ensure abundant supply of food by making the best use of the nation's favourable aquatic, terrestrial and climatic conditions.

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**Respect-paying ceremony of EMBA on 23 October**

YANGON, 15 Oct—The respect-paying ceremony of EMBA Programme 2009 of Yangon Institute of Economics will be held at Sedona Hotel here on 23 October.

The students from the 1st to 8th batch may attend the ceremony. For detailed information, dial 09 5144623, 09 5108287, 09 5000699, 09 5173368, 09 5110892, 09 5118861 and 09 5114536 of the students from the 7th Batch and contact the ECs of respective classes, not later than 19 October.—MNA

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**Peoples’ Desire**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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**Basic vocational training courses opened in Ayeyawady Division**

NAV PYI TAW, 15 Oct —The Education and Training Department of Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs opened the vocational training basic course No.2 and the carpentry, mason and iron works basic course No.2 on 12 October in Pyapon.

The ceremony to open the courses was held at Thirianawa Hall in Pyapon and Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address at the ceremony.

Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe delivered an opening address of the courses. Afterwards, the deputy minister went to Bogale and also delivered key note address at the opening of the vocational training basic course No.2 and the carpentry, mason and iron works basic course No.2 in Bogale.

The deputy minister also attended the opening ceremony of the two courses in Mawlamyineyung. A total of 60 trainees each are participating in each vocational training basic course No.2 and 50 participating in each carpentry, mason and iron works basic course No.2. Each course will last 5 weeks.—MNA

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**Energy Dy Minister inspects Shwepyitha oil-field**

NAV PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 11 October inspected production of petroleum and natural gas at Shwepyitha oil-field in Myanmar under Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

At the briefing hall, the deputy minister fulfilled the requirements after hearing the reports presented by the general manager on production, arrangements for new oil wells.

On 12 October, the deputy minister went to 500-ton No. 5 Fertilizer Factory construction project site (Pathein) undertaken by MOGE in Kaygidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Division. The officials reported to the deputy minister on completed and ongoing tasks before he left necessary instructions. The deputy minister later presented fruit basket to foreign experts working at the site.

Next, the deputy minister looked around the site.—MNA

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Obama and aides debate options for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct—President Barack Obama held three hours of talks with top advisers on a new strategy for Afghanistan on Wednesday, with some aides emphasizing the main threat to US interests is al Qaeda, not the Taleban.

The administration’s analysis of the threat posed by the Taleban could play a role in whether Obama accepts part or all of US Army General Stanley McChrystal’s request for 40,000 or more extra US troops for Afghanistan. Some of Obama’s fellow Democrats in the US Congress oppose sending more troops, while Republicans favour deploying more and believe Obama should go ahead and make up his mind.

As US and NATO casualties have soared, public support for the eight-year-old war has eroded. Obama gathered in the White House Situation Room with Vice President Joe Biden and other senior aides for a fifth session about Afghanistan with another scheduled for next week, as the president takes his time in deciding the future US course there. A decision could be weeks away, officials say.

Central Europe hit by heavy snow, high winds

WARSAW, 15 Oct—Poland deployed troops and snow ploughs on Wednesday after snow and powerful winds cut off power supplies to as many as 700,000 people in storms which swept Central Europe. Tens of thousands of Ukrainians were also without electricity as wind and snow damaged power lines and generators, the emergencies ministry in Kiev said.

High winds whipped up huge waves along Poland’s Baltic coast, damaging the pier at the seaside resort of Sopot and forcing the evacuation of families from a river island threatened by rising water levels. “The snow is continuing to fall all the time. The situation is fast-moving. All our brigades are out in the field, trying to deal with the situation,” Katarzyna Burda-Mazurek, a spokeswoman for Poland’s PGE power company, told the PAP state news agency.

Taleban commander killed, three arrested in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Oct—A Taleban militant commander was killed and three others detained in Takhar province, north of Afghanistan as they came in contact with police Wednesday night, the provincial police chief said on Thursday. “A group of armed militants attacked police forces in Dash-e-Qala and police returned fire, as a result militants’ group commander Jamal was killed and three others detained,” Ziauddin Mahmoodi told Xinhua. Jamal was believed to be responsible for providing and transferring weapons to militants.

“Some 35 RPG rocket propel, a machine gun, over 200 AK-47 bullets were also seized by police,” the official added. No causalities were reported on police, Mahmoodi further said—Xinhua

VA to ease way for vets to get stress disability

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct—Female soldiers and others serving in dangerous roles behind the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan have long complained it was hard to prove their combat experience when applying for disability for post-traumatic stress disorder. That could soon change.

The Veterans Affairs Department has proposed reducing the paperwork required for veterans to show their experience caused combat-related stress. Even just the fear of hostile action would be sufficient, as long as a VA psychologist or psychiatrist agreed.

The VA says the change would streamline claims and recognize the “inherently stressful nature” of war service. The agency is accepting comment until 23 Oct.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki told lawmakers on Wednesday he’s committed to improving trust in the claims process between veterans and the VA, and to helping veterans receive benefits they are entitled to. “We will change the culture,” Shinseki said. “I will assure you of that.”

Sen Patty Murray, D-Wash, called it a significant shift in policy.

Baghdad gold market hit in attack

BAGHDAD, 15 Oct—At least eight people have been killed and a number of others wounded in attacks on a market in a mainly Shia neighbourhood of north-west Baghdad. A number of explosions shook the Shula district, after which gunmen raided shops in the gold market.

Witnesses said the gunmen stole amounts of gold before they escaped, shooting wildly and throwing hand grenades. In Karbala, south of the capital, three bombings near shrines in the city killed one person and injured 30. Security officials say there is a link between criminal gangs and the still-active anti-US and anti-government insurgency.

A hospital official in Baghdad is quoted by Reuters news agency confirming that eight people died and another nine were injured at the market. Political and sectarian violence has diminished in Iraq since 2005-07 levels, but lawlessness remains a problem, and there has been a recent spike in violent incidents.
Bailout to keep Air India flying

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—The Indian government has agreed to help keep the ailing national carrier, Air India, flying with an injection of more than £609m ($1.1bn). The large financial aid package would be paid out in phases, Aviation Minister Praful Patel said. In return the airline must agree to restructure the company.

US retail sales dragged down by auto sales

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — US retail sales saw their biggest decline of the year in September as auto sales were dented by the end of government trade-in incentives, official data showed on Wednesday.

Balloon dragon : Thai balloons on display at the 2009 Balloon Art World challenge event in Bangkok.

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UN Secretary-General’s message on World Food Day

“Achieving food security in times of crisis”

16 October 2009

Following is the text of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message for World Food Day, to be observed on 16 October:

Food and nutritional security are the foundations of a decent life, a sound education and, indeed, the achievement of all the Millennium Development Goals. Over the past two years, volatile food prices, the economic crisis, climate change and conflict have led to a dramatic and unacceptable rise in the number of people who cannot rely on getting the food they need to live, work and thrive. For the first time in history, more than 1 billion people are hungry.

Throughout the developing world, food prices remain stubbornly high. We must respond to the needs of the hungry, first by ensuring adequate political and financial support for emergency food assistance.

“Achieving food security in times of crisis” is the theme for this year’s World Food Day and for the TeleFood campaign of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. It emphasizes the need for even greater efforts to respect the dignity of those affected by poverty and hunger, and to support the committed women and men who often risk their lives to deliver help.

Second, we must invest in food production and distribution. Last year, I set up a High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis. Its Comprehensive Framework for Action outlines a strategy to provide safety nets and assistance for smallholder farmers and to support longer-term agricultural productivity and resilience, social protection schemes, market access and fair trade.

Nations are mobilizing for action. In July, 26 countries and 14 multilateral organizations agreed to work together under the umbrella of the L’Aquila initiative on food security. Next month’s World Summit on Food Security in Rome is a further opportunity to focus on country-led and regional strategies, country-level partnerships and increased levels of assistance.

The challenges of food security demand multilateral commitment, creativity and leadership. At this time of crisis, I encourage all nations to pursue coordinated and comprehensive strategies for agricultural development and effective social protection so that vulnerable people—women and children—in particular can get the food they need for nutritional security and well-being.
Luxury flat in Hong Kong sets new world price record

HONG KONG, 15 Oct—A luxury flat in Hong Kong has set the new world record by fetching a price of about 767,000 HK dollars (113,900 US dollars) per square meter, local media reported on Thursday.

The luxury duplex located on the 68th floor, which has five bedrooms and a total floor area of 572 square meters (6,158 square feet), was sold for 439 million HK dollars (56.3 million US dollars), developer Henderson Land said on Wednesday.

In terms of salable area, the price was about 121,000 US dollars per square meter, the South China Morning Post reported. A luxury flat in London had set the previous world record at 6,000 pounds for each square foot of salable area (105,090 US dollars per square meter). Luxury flats in the same project in West Mid-Level, Hong Kong, have been fetching stunning prices in recent days. Another flat on the same floor with a floor area of 571 square meters went for 397 million HK dollars (50.9 million US dollars).

The real estate prices in Hong Kong was now back at their mid-2008 level after a brief period correction amid the global economic downturn, but they were still below the peak prices recorded in 1997. Luxury flats, however, were more expensive.—Xinhua

China, Afghanistan vow to promote practical cooperation

BEIJING, 15 Oct—China will continue to support Afghanistan’s reconstruction, and make efforts to expand bilateral cooperation, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Thursday.

Meeting with Afghan Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili, who attended Wednesday’s eighth prime ministers’ meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states as guest of host country China, Wen said China would continue to encourage qualified and reputable companies to invest in Afghanistan, and to strengthen bilateral practical cooperation in fields such as trade, economy and agriculture.

Wen said the mutually beneficial cooperation would not only serve the fundamental interests of the two peoples, but also be conducive to the regional peace and stability. Wen said China hoped Afghanistan could realize peace, stability and development soon. China always respected Afghanistan’s sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, he said.—Xinhua

Nationwide A/H1N1 outbreak could devastate US businesses

HOUSTON, 15 Oct—A nationwide outbreak of A/H1N1 flu could devastate an already weakened US economy and leave understaffed companies in even more difficulties, according to news releases on Wednesday by Challenger, Gray & Christmas, the oldest US outplacement firm.

“For an employer that has recently gone through a downsizing and already stretched thin in terms of staffing, 40 percent absenteeism in a given month could be devastating,” said John A Challenger, CEO of the Chicago-based outplacement firm. Challenger pointed out that a recent survey by the Harvard School of Public Health found that only a third of US companies indicated that they could sustain their business with severe operational problems if half of their workforce was suddenly absent for two weeks due to the A/H1N1 flu.

Only 20 percent of companies felt they could keep operations running if they were staffed at 50 percent for a month, according to the survey. Earlier this year, the US Department of Homeland Security indicated that worker absenteeism rates could reach 30 to 50 percent if a pandemic influenza broke out across the country.—Xinhua

Malaysia launches new Diplomatic Identity Card

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Oct—Malaysian Foreign Ministry launched new Diplomatic Identity Card here on Thursday for members of foreign Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations based in Malaysia.

According to a Press release released by the Foreign Ministry on Thursday, the new card is an extension of the I-Kad system currently used by the Department of Immigration of Malaysia which has adequate security features and is embedded with micro-chips which contain the personal data of the card holder.—Xinhua

Apple’s iPhone 3G to debut on Chinese mainland market on 30 Oct

BEIJING, 15 Oct—Apple’s iPhone 3G will make its debut on the Chinese mainland market on 30 October as scheduled and aspiring users will have to sign a two-year contract with China Unicom, the country’s No 2 telco said on yesterday.

Getting users to sign a contract is one way for China Unicom to lure subscribers to its network and is a competitive edge in the battle with its bigger rival, China Mobile, in the keenly-fought mobile phone market, analysts said.

“The iPhone is expected to help China Unicom grab market share in the high-end segment from rivals, especially China Mobile,” said Wu Wenzhao, a telecommunications analyst at Analysys International, a Beijing-based IT consulting firm.—Xinhua

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Four health aid workers freed by Afghan security forces in North

KABUL, 15 Oct—Afghan National Security Forces on Wednesday rescued four health workers who were held hostage by a group of armed militants in Afghanistan’s northern Sar-e-Pul Province, provincial police chief said on Thursday.

“After searching an area in Kohistanat district, known to be used by a group of militants who believed to be responsible for kidnapping of health workers, hostages were released safely on Wednesday noon,” Gen Balal Nimr told Xinhua.

He also said that a militant was killed in the operation while militants’ group commander Allah Brut was detained with his AK-47 assault rifles.—Xinhua

Black Eagle unmanned helicopter robotic observation system for military and civilian missions is displayed at the Israel Defence Exhibition in Tel Aviv on 14 Oct, 2009. —Xinhua

A visitor takes photo of Haibao, the mascot of Shanghai World Expo, at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo and the World Expos history exhibition in Shanghai, east China, on 13 Oct, 2009.—Xinhua

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Burning bunnies helps keep people warm and cozy

STOCKHOLM, 15 Oct — Forget bunny boiling jealous rages and rapacious butchers. The biggest threats to Peter Rabbit’s Swedish cousins are the cold, the cure and their flammable cadavers.

The city of Stockholm shoots thousands of wild rabbits spread across the green spaces of the Swedish capital and sends their bodies to be burned as heating fuel, a practice which has enraged animal rights groups.

City official Mats Freij said Stockholm killed 6,000 wild rabbits last year and has culled 3,000 so far this year, but said a subcontractor decided to use the cadavers as fuel.” One should put this in the perspective that we (humans) are actually cremated ourselves and that generates a completely different reaction,” Freij said in response to criticism.

Animal Rights Sweden spokeswoman Lise-Lott Alsenius questioned whether the practice was humane or ethical and suggested neutering the male rabbits as an alternative method of holding down the population.”

One at least has to evaluate what the alternatives are to just simply shooting them,” she said. Internet

Mumbai lands 2011 World Cup final

MUMBAI, 15 Oct — Mumbai’s Wankhede Stadium will stage the final of the 2011 Cricket World Cup, which is being co-hosted by India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The Indian board has announced dates for the 29 matches it is hosting — including the opening ceremony in Mumbai on 19 November, while the two groups of seven teams were recently announced in a revised format following criticism of the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies. Internet

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JERUSALEM, 15 Oct — Israel’s president says Hezbollah has turned Lebanon into a ‘powder keg’, after an explosion at a member of the group’s house near Tyre on Monday. Shimon Peres said the Shia Islamist group was preventing the country making peace with Israel and possibly becoming “the Switzer-land of the Middle East”.

Earlier, Israel’s army released a video purportedly showing munitions being removed from the house after the blast. Both Hezbollah and the Lebanese army have said one person was wounded.

The army and UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon are investigating whether the building might have been used to store weapons in violation of UN Resolution 1701, which ended the war between Israel and Hezbollah in the summer of 2006. More than 1,200 Lebanese, mostly civilians, were killed during the 34-day conflict, as well as 160 Israelis, most of whom were soldiers. Internet

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SAN JOAQUIN, 15 Oct — Francisco Lupercio has insurance for his house, his truck and the store he runs with his wife. But he can’t afford health insurance, so he’ll own a health plan to buy for exams at a community clinic.

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French Minister of Culture and Communication Frédéric Mitterrand announced earlier this year because of security problems in the country. The full schedule for the tournament is due to be announced in Mumbai on 9 November, while the two groups of seven teams were recently announced in a revised format following criticism of the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies. Internet

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News Album

Lung stolen from Peru cadaver exhibition returned

The manager of a traveling exhibition of human cadavers says a lung stolen from the show has been retrieved.

Susan Hoefken said late on Thursday that her Lima-based production company found the lung in a plastic bag outside the exhibition after being tipped off by an anonymous phone call.

The caller did not attempt to claim the $2,000 reward the company offered for the lung’s return.

The lung was taken in Peru from "Bodies: The Exhibition." The US-owned show has traveled the globe displaying cadavers preserved through a process that replaces water in biological tissues with polymers.

The exhibition travels next to Colombia.
Cambodia approves Law of NPN, Chemical Weapon

PHNOM PENH, 15 Oct—Cambodian National Assembly on Wednesday approved the law of non-proliferation of nuclear weapon, bio-chemical weapon, radioactive weapons and chemical weapon. “This law bans on producing, recycling, transferring, transporting the kinds of these weapons in the country, and we will create authority for controlling and investigating the chemical substances as well as a laboratory for observing these substances in the country,” said Tea Banh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence. “We do not want to see these substances destroying our people’s health and lives,” he added.

“We have purpose to set up a region of ASEAN without the nuclear weapon,” said Cheap Yeam, chairman of the audition, banking and finance. “When we have this kind of law, we will show other countries, United Nations, and IEAE (International Energy Agency) that we do not produce these weapons.”

“We also show them that we are not the threat of regional security and the war monger,” he said, adding that “our country is poor; we need the help from donor and other friend countries to develop the country and we do not have abilities to produce this kind of weapons.”—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia signs N-Pact with Argentina, 7th since NSG Waiver

NEW DELHI, 15 Oct—In July, 2009, Argentina and Indonesia signed the NSG Waiver. On Wednesday, both countries signed an agreement in civil nuclear cooperation and nine other pacts with a view to establish a strategic partnership. The agreements were signed after wide-ranging talks between President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and her counterpart, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy was signed by Vivek Katju, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs and Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Talana. In Indonesia, the agreement was signed by Minister of the Environment and the Minister for Climate Change and Forests Mohammad Nur. The agreements were signed in the presence of delegations from both countries.

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Food, Eco. crises leave 1.02 bln people in hunger in 2009 US

ROMI, 15 Oct—The food crisis in poor countries coupled with the global economic crisis had caused a spike in world hunger, with more than one billion people enduring hunger in 2009, the UN’s food agencies said in this year’s report on global food security issued on Wednesday.

The annual report was jointly produced by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP). “No nation is immune and, as usual, it is the poorest countries and the poorest people that are suffering the most,” said FAO chief Jacques Diouf and WFP head Josette Sheeran.

However, the global financial turmoil has worsened an already grave situation. “Even before the food crisis and the economic crisis outbreak the number of hungry people had been increasing slowly but steadily, but with the onset of these crises world famine has increased sharply,” the Rome-based agencies reported. The FAO estimates that 1.02 billion people are currently undernourished, the highest since 1970. The lowest population of the undernourished is in the Asia-Pacific Region (642 million people), followed by Sub-Saharan Africa (265 million), Latin America (53 million) and the Middle East and North Africa (42 million). Some 15 million people suffer from hunger in the developed world.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt, Saudi Arabia sign 2 security pacts

SHARM EL-SHEIKH (EGYPT), 15 Oct—Egypt and Saudi Arabia signed on Wednesday two security pacts about prisoners swap and fighting drug trafficking.

Egypt’s Interior Minister Habib Ibrahim el-Adli and his Saudi counterpart Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz signed the pacts in the frame of cooperation between two countries.

After the signing ceremony, el-Adli told reporters that the two pacts keep pace with international and regional efforts to fight different kinds of crimes.

The first pact is concerned with cooperation between the two governments in fighting drug trafficking on their territories in accordance with laws and rules applied in both countries while the second pact is to arrange prisoners exchange between the two countries.

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As regards better transport of rural areas, 29 roads in the township—tarred road (24/6.5) miles, gravel road (23/0.98) miles and earth road (14/1) miles—have been constructed with DAC’s funds during 2008-2009 financial year. In addition, four roads were opened on self-reliant basis. As for rural roads, village-to-village road (4/4) miles that links to Ashaenge-toe, Shwedar, Yebawgyi and Thbyaywon villages have been constructed. With the emergence of district-to-district roads in the east and village-to-village roads in the west, the living standards of local people have improved, he added.

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Kyaukse, famous town for elephant festival

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Shwe Lamin Nagar opens booth at Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 15 Oct—
Shwe Lamin Nagar Co, the sole agent of Acer in Myanmar, sells Acer e-machines pc, netbook, Timeline series, Gateway Notebook, Projector and LCD Monitor.

For its customers, Shwe Lamin Nagar Co will organize the lucky draw programme on one 23-inch Acer LCD monitor on 18 October. Moreover, the company presents gifts to its customers at the exhibition daily.

The showroom of the company is opened at the corner of Strand Road and Lanthit street in Lanmadaw Township and the service centre at 376 on Mahabandoola Street between 37th and 38th streets in Kyauktada Township.—MNA

Byline: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)
Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)
Indian goodwill delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 15 Oct—The Indian goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army General Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC and wife, who were in Mandalay, Mandalay Division, accompanied by Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Manoj Mukand Naravane left Mandalay by car and arrived in Pyin Oo Lwin at 10.30 a.m. on 14 October. They visited Defence Services Academy, Defence Services Technological Academy and National Kandawgyi Gardens. In the afternoon, the Rector of DSA hosted a luncheon in honour of the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army and wife and delegation members.

Next, the Indian delegation members left Mandalay International Airport by Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived in Yangon in the evening.

The Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of Army Staff of Indian Army and wife and party visited Commonwealth War Cemetery at Htaukkyan here this morning. Then they left here by air. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by senior military officers.—MNA

Electric Power No. 2 Minister meets Thai guest

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Managing Director Mr Jean Francois Belin of A.F.Celenco (Thailand) Ltd at the ministry here yesterday. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental officials.—MNA

Ministry of Forestry to conduct educative course and workshop

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—With the permission of the government of the Union of Myanmar, the Ministry of Forestry allowed 95 entrepreneurs to establish 245,429 acres of teak plantations starting from 2005.

The ministry will conduct a workshop and educative course at its training school in Hmawby Township in Yangon Division from 26 to 29 October 2009 so as to keep teak plantations thriving.—MNA

Cash donated to eye patients in Yesagyo

YANGON, 15 Oct—Myitica Centre Association donated K3.5 million to eye patients in Yesagyo Township through Ministry of Religious Affairs on 12 October. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the donation presented by Donor U Win Pe at the office of the ministry here and presented the certificate of honour to the donor.—MNA

Air Bagan Open Golf Championships kicks off

YANGON, 15 Oct—Organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, the opening ceremony of Air Bagan Open Golf Champions which is the second round of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010, took place at Bagan Resort Golf Club in NyaungU Township this morning.

Vice-President U Aung Kyi of MGF, Director U Min Thein of Air Bagan Ltd and Vice-Chairman U Ko Ko Lay of Myanmar PGA opened the golf tournament.

In professional golfers’ event, Khin Zaw Win (CEPSA) and Thein Zaw Myint (KM Golf Centre) lead the event with 69 stokes each, followed by Min Naing Srixon with 71 stokes. In men’s amateur event, Bo Bo stood first with 67 stokes, Linthe second with 72 stokes and Aung Kyaw Thiru third with 72 stokes.

Air Bagan is main sponsor and International Beverages Trading Co (IBTC), KBZ bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, HAN Golf Master Pte Ltd, Myanmar Thila Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), (INAX, T-Home), CEPSA Lubricant, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd and GP watch are co-sponsors.—MNA

TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 15 Oct—TV Guide, Volume 1, No. 15 comes out on 16 October. It carries the news on broadcasting of ESPNEWS TV channel to be presented at MRTV-4 International TV channel, matters related to Scream Queens of MTV, songs and life of Beyonce who stood fifth in V Countdown, F1 Championship, ASEAN Basketball League, forecasts on matches of EPL, programmes on 1000 Places to see before you die: In India, interview with singer-cum-actress Tun Eindra Bo and the various programmes for a week.

The guide is available for K500 per copy at City Marts, Sem Gay Har Centres, Shopping Centres and bookstores. TV Guide is being published by Novel Light Express (Tel:391186 and 2393893) on every Friday.—MNA

Tun Foundation Bank to hold talks on 24 Oct

YANGON, 15 Oct—An educative talks on Global Warming & World Climate Change sponsored by Tun Foundation Bank will be held at No. 2, Myanmar Banks Association building on Sibin Road, Yankin Township, here, at 2 p.m. on 24 October. Retired Ambassador U Hla Maung (Eco) will give lecture. Those interested may attend the talks.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Oct—Min Thein of Air Bagan Ltd tees off golf tourney.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects ...  
(from page 16)  
Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected undertakings of road work of Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section and approach road work of Laneli Bridge (on Pyinmana side). 
Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae inspected Lanili bridge construction project site in Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section from observation tower. 
After that, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected construction of suspension structure in Laneli Bridge (on Pinlaung side) and approach road. 

Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC accelerating sanitation of Yangon  

(from page 16) plays an important role in keeping Yangon neat and tidy to preserve the characteristics of a city. 
An official of the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC explained, “The term participation and cooperation does not mean to work together with the sanitation workers but to follow the prescribed disciplines.” 
To build Yangon as the clean, beautiful and hygienic environment in accord with the town characteristics, the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of YCDC is undertaking 10 tasks including the preventive measures against environmental pollution around Yangon, the systematic disposal of garbage, the carrying out of the tasks of cemeteries and cremation, and the control of the tasks of toilets and laundry. 
To be able to do so, the department undertakes its tasks with 3000 sanitation workers and with the use of 234 garbage trucks, eight heavy machinery and 26 tractors daily. 
The residences of Yangonites daily produce various kinds of garbage namely kitchen garbage, commercial garbage, residence garbage, factory garbage and construction garbage. 
The residents may dispose of garbage in Yangon through various garbage collection systems. 
In Lanmadaw, Latha, Pabedan, Kyauktada, Botataung and Pazundaung townships, the garbage truck collected over 3800 tons of garbage from 240 back lanes. 
While giving these sanitation services with night and main, the department levies the fair tax for sanitation from the dwellers less than the tax norms of international metropolis. 
The department quarterly collects the sanitation tax from the residences. In six downtown townships, the department levies K 10 for each day from every residence or apartment, K 7.5 for nine related downtown townships and K 5 for the remaining townships. 
For the collection of commercial garbage, K 300 in minimum and hundreds of thousands kyats are collected from shops, licensed shops, hospitals and clinics based on the licence rate. Tax thus collected is being spent on sanitation service in Yangon. 
As part of efforts to recycle the discarded plastic items, the YCDC manages to produce plastic pellets to be produced as rubish bags and buckets in Ahlon Township. Under the arrangement of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, a total of 30.89 tons of polythene bags handed over by various townships were incinerated in previous years. As a private factory from Hlinethaya Industrial Zone plans to produce PO through the polythene bags, the department has sent 17.55 tons of polythene bags. 
At present, the YCDC is holding discussions with foreign companies to generate electricity through methane gas from the garbage. 
The committee bought 12-ton 10-wheel Nissan garbage truck worth US$ 75,000 with a view to keeping Yangon clean and pleasant and creating the hygienic environment. Moreover, the committee has placed an order of three similar vehicles from abroad to accelerate its tasks. 
That is why the dwellers of the economic hub should uplift their prestige as good citizens by following the disciplines related to environmental conservation and sanitation without throwing garbage into the back lanes, drains, pavements and public areas of the city. 

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Kyemon: 8-10-2009
An Engineering Feat of the 19th Century

Small bridges hanging from ropes were used in different cultures for centuries, and the first suspension bridge was built in England with a wooden pathway hanging from iron chains in 1741. Through the first half of 1800s, many suspended bridges were constructed, but several of them collapsed because the principles of this new type of construction were not well-understood. In 1845, John Roebling first applied his knowledge of structure theories to a series of four large suspension bridges in the eastern United States.

The whole new level of understanding suspension bridges was shown in his report on the proposed Brooklyn Bridge, formerly known as East River Bridge, in 1867. He knew that it would be very difficult to design a bridge strong enough to span the East River. But the requirements for such a bridge were daunting. The bridge had to stretch more than 3,000 feet from shore to shore. It had to be high enough to allow tall sailing ships to pass under, and strong enough to withstand the winds that whipping along the river during storms.

Roebling’s practical development of the construction of wire cables for suspension bridge helped him design the Brooklyn Bridge successfully. Three methods were used in the design—the normal cables with vertical wareropes, the inclined ropes radiating from the towers and the deep heavy stiffening girder. Roebling’s design called for two massive stone support towers, over 268 feet tall and weighing 67,850 tons, set deep into the river bottom. He also explained that the system of diagonals stays strong enough to allow tall sailing ships to pass under, and several others were also killed in other accidents such as crushed by falling stones. Despite these tragic accidents, the towers continued to rise according to the plans Roebling had left behind. Granite blocks were carried to the construction site, hoisted one by one, and guided into position. At 119 feet, the height of the bridge deck, the solid stone opened into soaring arches for the roadway. Then the towers continued to rise up for another 157 feet. The Brooklyn tower was finished in June 1875, and the Manhattan tower in July 1876.

First, the rope ends were hauled to the top of the Brooklyn tower, passed through a set of pulleys, and let down the other side. Then they were attached to the Manhattan anchorage. (To be continued)
## Claims Day Notice

### MV Kota Rukun VOY NO (513)
- **Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (513) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
- Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
- No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department**
**Myanmar Port Authority Agent for: MS Advance Container Lines**
Phone No: 256908/378316/3776797

### MV Asia Ace VOY NO (7)
- **Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIA ACE VOY NO (7) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 6 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
- Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
- No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department**
**Myanmar Port Authority Agent for: Eastern-Car Liner Singapore PTE LTD**
Phone No: 256924/256914

### MV Bangkaja VOY NO (53)
- **Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKAJA VOY NO (53) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 16.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
- Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
- No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**Shipping Agency Department**
**Myanmar Port Authority Agent for: Ms Wongsamut Ocean Shipping Co., Ltd**
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now.
Two swine flu vaccine doses for kids under 10 likely

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — Test results of its swine flu vaccine suggest that children under 10 are likely to need two shots to be fully protected, vaccine maker Sanofi Pasteur said on Wednesday. Federal officials said the news is not surprising, since this age group needs two doses of regular seasonal flu vaccine the very first time they ever are given a flu vaccine for full immunity to develop.

The new Sanofi results back up what government tests are showing, said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. For younger children, the protection from one shot is "modest but not sufficient to allow for one dose to do the trick," he said. Sanofi is the only company licensed in the United States to make vaccine for children as young as 6 months old. The company tested two strengths of the vaccine, given as two shots 21 days apart. The vaccine was tested in 474 children ages 6 months through 9 years old.

Only half of children 6 months to 3 years old had enough protection after one shot of the higher strength vaccine, as did three-fourths of children 3 to 9 years old, Sanofi reported. For adults, one shot of the higher strength vaccine appears to be enough, Sanofi reported earlier. —INTERNET

Move to cut child diarrhoea death

LONDON, 15 Oct — An international initiative has been launched to cut the number of children who die from diarrhoea around the world. The World Health Organization and UNICEF said urgent action was needed to combat a disease which kills an estimated 1.5m children each year. They have drawn up a seven-point plan to tackle the problem, which is published in The Lancet.

It includes zinc treatment, promotion of breastfeeding and vaccinations. Diarrhoea is not a significant cause of death in developed countries, but is a major problem in the developing world. It is estimated that one in every five childhood deaths worldwide is due to diarrhoea — more than the child death toll from Aids, malaria and measles combined.

Ann Veneman, UNICEF executive di-

Diarrhoea is a major killer in the developing world. —INTERNET

Arctic will be ice-free in 20 years, new survey predicts

EDINBURGH, 15 Oct — The Arctic Ocean will be an "open sea" almost entirely free from ice within a decade, the latest data released today indicates. Ice cover during the summer months will have entirely disappeared within 20 years, but most of the decrease will happen before 2020, leaving the Arctic Ocean clear for marine transport.

The Callin Arctic Survey, completed earlier this year by a team led by explorer Pen Hadow, is the latest research into the condition of Arctic ice. Drilling and observation figures obtained during a 450km traverse of the northern part of the Beaufort Sea suggest the area is almost entirely made up of young, "first-year" ice. The region traditionally consists of older, thicker, "multi-year" ice.

Peter Wadhams, professor of ocean physics and head of the Polar Physics Group, has spearheaded the team analysing the results. He said: "The summer ice cover in the Arctic will completely vanish in 20 to 30 years time. There won’t be any sea ice there at all." —INTERNET

Chinese herbs show promise for diabetes prevention

NEW YORK, 15 Oct — A number of traditional Chinese herbs may help control blood sugar levels in people at high risk of diabetes, a new research review suggests. The review, which examined 16 clinical trials of 15 different herbal formulations, found that the herbs generally helped lower blood sugar levels in people with "pre-diabetes" — those with impaired blood-sugar control that can progress to full-blown type 2 diabetes.

When the researchers pooled data from eight of the studies, they found that adding an herbal remedy to lifestyle changes doubled the likelihood of participants' blood sugar levels returning to normal. What's more, people using the remedies were two-thirds less likely to progress to diabetes during the studies, which ran for an average of nine months.

The findings appear in the Cochrane Library, which is published by the Cochrane Collaboration, an international organization that evaluates medical research. The results, say the researchers, are "quite promising." —INTERNET

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 17th October 2009 (Depavali) Day being the public Holiday.

The Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 16 / 2009
4th Waning of Thadingyut 1371 ME
( 7 October 2009 )

1. The Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No.(1) has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following positions:

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2. The applicants —
(a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
(b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 5 November 2009.
(c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 5 November 2009.

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

5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 5 November 2009. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

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

7. Examinations will be held on 12 and 13 December 2009. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 10 December 2009.

8. The Ministry of Electric Power No.(1) has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No (38) of the Department of Hydropower Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No(1) in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067-41474).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No.(17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone: (067 - 409052, 067 - 409420).

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

A shop assistant arranges jars containing roots
and herbs at a Chinese medicine shop
in Singapore. —INTERNET
Andre Agassi says Federer-Nadal era is ending

**HN KO**, 15 Oct — Andre Agassi says Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal’s domination of the men’s game is coming to an end. Tipping Swiss Andy Murray as the most likely successor, he said: “Now we have possibly the changing of the guard. You have those top two who are now losing ground to the likes of (Novak) Djokovic and Murray and (Juan Martin) del Potro.” Agassi told reporters in Hong Kong by phone from Las Vegas.—**INTERNET**

Honduras reaches World Cup as Costa Rica stunned

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct — Honduras qualified for the World Cup for the first time since 1982 and only the second time in history after a 1-0 victory at El Salvador and a heartbreaking draw for Costa Rica.

Carlos Pavon scored in the 63rd minute to give the Hondurans the triumph over their “Soccer War” rivals and join the United States and Mexico from North America for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

After civil unrest over a power struggle in Honduras, national team coach Reinaldo Rueda sees the World Cup qualification as a way of unifying the country. “It’s a contribution toward peace,” he said. Victory alone was not enough and it appeared Costa Rica would cling to the last spot but Jonathan Bornstein’s header in the fifth minute of stoppage time gave 10-man United States a 2-2 draw with the Ticos at Washington to deny them.

**INTERNET**

Argentine scrape into World Cup finals

MONTEVIEDO, 15 Oct — Argentina scraped into the World Cup with a 1-0 win over Uruguay as Diego Maradona finally celebrated mission accomplished after a stumbling, lacklustre qualifying campaign. The two-time champions needed a goal by substitute Mario Bolatti on Wednesday six minutes from time to earn the three points and secure the fourth and final qualifying spot from South America.—**INTERNET**

Serena, Monfils, Hewitt confirmed for Sydney ATP/WTA

SYDNEY, 15 Oct — World number one Serena Williams, Frenchman Gael Monfils and four-time champion Lleyton Hewitt have been confirmed to play in the WTA/ATP Sydney International in January, organisers said on Thursday.

Williams, the current Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, reclaimed the top world ranking last week. She will be joined in the women’s draw by defending champion and world number five Victoria Azarenka of Belarus. “Sydney is a good place to kick off the year,” Williams said in a statement. “It’s a great warm-up for the Australian Open.”

Tourism officials have also secured French showman Gael Monfils and leading Australian player Lleyton Hewitt in the men’s draw. Ranked 14, Monfils reached a career-high ranking of nine last March and claimed his second career ATP World Tour title in Metz last month. Two-time major winner Hewitt, ranked 23, is chasing fifth Sydney title in the 10-16 January tournament.—**INTERNET**

Capello tells Becks to start packing for S Africa

LONDON, 15 Oct — Fabio Capello has dropped the strongest hint yet that David Beckham will be on the plane to South Africa for next year’s World Cup finals.

Beckham was only on the pitch for the last half hour of England’s final qualifier, a 3-0 win over Belarus at Wembley which made it nine wins out of ten for Capello’s squad in Group Six. But he made enough of an impression to collect the man-of-the-match award, prompting Capello to compare him to Barack Obama, who picked up the Nobel Peace Prize earlier this month after just nine months in of- fice.

Capello was being light-hearted with that remark but he was serious in his endorsement of Beckham’s ability to come off the bench and influence matches.

**INTERNET**

Switzerland make coach’s World Cup dream come true

BASEL, Switzerland, 15 Oct — Switzerland stepped into the World Cup finals in South Africa and made German coach Ottmar Hitzfeld’s dream come true on Wednesday with a tense 0-0 draw against Israel in Basel.—**INTERNET**

Sweden’s Zlatan Ibrahimovic (L) fights for the ball with Albania’s Armendi Dallku during the World Cup Group I qualifying football match at Rasunda Stadium in Stockholm. —**INTERNET**

Ibrahmovic to miss World Cup as Swedes fail to qualify

STOCKHOLM, 15 Oct — One of Europe’s top stars, Barcelona striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, will not be taking part in the 2010 World Cup in South Africa after Sweden failed to qualify for Wednesday.”

When it’s over it’s over. It’s been a great journey even though the end is bitter,” Sweden coach Lars Lagerbcaed said after his team failed to qualify.

Ibrahimovic, who scored in each of Barcelona’s first five matches this year after leading his previous team Inter Milan to three Serie A crowns, failed to work his magic for the national squad throughout the qualifiers.—**INTERNET**

Lippi says work begins now for World Cup

PARMA, 15 Oct — Italy coach Marcello Lippi said the work begins now for the team’s defence of their title after finishing their World Cup qualification campaign with an unimpressive 3-2 win over Cyprus. Italy finished Group Eight undefeated after Alberto Gilardino scored a hat-trick in the last 12 minutes to turn around a 2-0 deficit into an unlikely victory.

It means the world champions will set off on the long preparation jour-ney ahead of June’s trip to South Africa in buoyant mood. But after changing all 11 players from those who clinched qualification — thanks to a last minute equaliser from substitute Giardino — with a 2-2 draw in Dublin on Saturday, Lippi said there was nothing to be learned from this game.

Tiger Woods hangs out with Cowboys

IRVING, 15 Oct — Tiger Woods watched the band and hung out with Cowboys. Woods worked out in the Dallas Cowboys’ weight room at their Valley Ranch facility on Tuesday, a day after watching the U2 concert at Cowboys Stadium in a suite shared by Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo and right end Jason Witten.

During the concert Monday night, U2 singer Bono mentioned Woods, Romo and Witten being there. Woods’ coach Wade Phillips says he enjoyed the opportunity to speak with Woods, who “talked about being a leader.” On Sunday in San Francisco, Woods helped the United States win the Presidents Cup, becoming the third player to go 3-0 in the team event.

**INTERNET**

Argentina’s Sebastian Dominguez (left), Lionel Messi (centre) and Javier Mascherano celebrate at the end of their FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier match against Uruguay at the Centenario stadium in Montevideo.—**INTERNET**

Switzerland’s forward Eren Derdiyok(L) vies for the ball with Switzerland’s midfielder Reto Ziegler during their World Cup 2010 qualifying football match in Basel.—**INTERNET**
Aquino leading Philippine presidential race

MANILA, 14 Oct—The son of revered former Philippine president Cory Aquino has taken a commanding lead among potential candidates for the 2010 presidential elections, an opinion poll said on Wednesday. The poll by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) showed Senator Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino favoured by 60 per cent of respondents.

Senator Manuel Villar, in the lead in opinion polls before Aquino announced his candidacy last month, was second with 37 per cent. The election is due in May and the deadline for filing nominations is November 30. The polling agency said the survey was conducted between September 18-21 among 1,800 adults. The margin of error was plus/minus 2.3 per cent.

Former president Joseph Estrada’s support was minus 2.3 per cent. The election polls before Aquino announced his candidacy last month, was second with 37 per cent. The election is due in May and the deadline for filing nominations is November 30. The polling agency said the survey was conducted between September 18-21 among 1,800 adults. The margin of error was plus/minus 2.3 per cent.

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects upgrading of Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence arrived at the briefing hall of Koegwe waterfall camp in Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung road section yesterday morning. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports presented by officials concerned on upgrading of roads. (See page 10)

Environmental Conservation and Sanitation

Department of YCDC accelerating sanitation of Yangon

Article & Photos: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

In my locality, I have noticed the good characters of a youth who throws garbage at the designated place and dutifully removes rubbish on the road.

Yangon is home to over 6 million people. A total of 33 townships at an area of 292.426 square miles of Yangon City Development Committee daily threw 1450 tons of garbage in March 2005, according to the statistics in March 2005.

Therefore, it is evident that the active participation and cooperation of the city dwellers (See page 10)

The 12-ton 10-wheel Nissan garbage truck collects garbage in six downtown townships daily.

A set of Elvis Pres dispensers, one of over 200 items in The Gary Pepper Collection of Elvis Presley Memorabilia, is seen at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, Monday, 12 Oct. 2009 in Chicago. The items will be up for auction on Sunday, 18 Oct.