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**Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence enjoys performance of Magway Division in “Thakaung Yadana” drama contest**

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The second round of the Drama Contest entitled “Thakaung Yadana” of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday. Drama troupe from Magway Division participated in the competitions.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife, and Deputy Minister U Pe Than and wife, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads, officials of the committee and subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central), judges from States and Divisions, and enthusiasts.

Drama troupe of Magway Division is consist of Manager U Khin Maung Than, scriptwriter, director and pianist Sein Htay Win, leading actor Aung Ko Ko Min, leading actress Hnin Nu Wai and supporting artistes.

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**Three-lake waterfall commissioned at Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden**

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Oct—A ceremony to open the three-lake waterfall, newly-built by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, was held in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden, here, this morning.

At the auspicious time, Secretary of Special Development Project Supervisory Committee Col Kan Chun, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung and Chairman of IGE Construction Co U Nay Aung formally opened the waterfall.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt unveiled the signboard of the waterfall and sprinkled scented water on it.

The newly-built three-lake waterfall, located near the waterfall tunnel, is being kept open from 5.30 pm to 8 pm daily and the opening time will be extended from 10 am to noon on Saturdays and Sundays.—MNA

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**Tatmadaw U-21 football tournament continues**

NAV PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The second round of the 25th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament 2009 continued at the sports ground in Taunggyi today.

At the contest, Southern Command and South-West Command ended with a goalless draw. Defence Services (Air) won over Camp Commandant’s office of the Ministry of Defence with 2-1. —MNA

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Forestry Minister undertakes regional development tasks in Ingapu Tsp

**NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—**Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 18 October inspected construction site of Ingapu Township library in Ayeyawady Division. In the afternoon, the minister attended opening ceremony of new school building of Basic Education Primary School in Shanhaungpye village in Ingapu Township.

Officials opened the new school building. The minister and responsible persons sprinkled stone inscription with scented water.

The minister made a speech on the occasion and donated cash. After meeting with local people and townsenders from three village-tracts at Dhammayon of Kaukkosu village in Ingapu Township, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister inspected Ingapu Township people’s Hospital and donated oxygen kits. On 19 October, the minister inspected Zalokegyi village-to-village Bridge in Myanmar Township built by Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. It is broad crest type wooden bridge, which 250 feet long and 12 feet wide.

The minister inspected construction site of the new school building of BEPS in Hanhinkan village and donated construction materials.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Transport supervises regional development tasks

**NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—**Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, on 13 October, attended the opening of Bontha-Boakgon of honour to Headmistress MCF President U Nyunt Win presented certificates for flora and fauna. Flora and fauna are biodiversity of a particular place. An area covered with woodlands is blessed with a temperate climate. Forests provide a large variety of products that are used to help fulfil the basic needs of human beings, and are natural habitats for flora and fauna.

Myanmar is one of the biodiversity-richest countries in Asia. According to a research on biodiversity, Myanmar is a colourful display of over 10,000 species of flora, over 800 species of orchid, over 400 species of reptiles, over 300 species of mammals, over 1000 species of birds and over 1000 species of butterflies.

Being home to numerous rare species of animals, Myanmar conserves natural habitats of animals into national gardens. In Haguaung Sanctuary, Inndawgyi Lake Sanctuary, Shwesettaw Sanctuary, Moeyungyi Sanctuary, and Alaungdaw Kassapa National Park, for instance, multitudinous rare species of birds and animals are found.

Myanmar’s golden deer, which is in the list of rare species of animals, is peculiar to Shwesettaw and Chatthin sanctuaries. Tigers are conserved in Kassapa National Park, for instance, multifarious rare species of animals, is peculiar to Shwesettaw and Chatthin sanctuaries. Tigers are conserved in Kassapa National Park, for instance, multifarious

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**Winners awarded in Inter-School New Recruit Cricket Tournament**

**YANGON, 21 Oct—**The final matches of Inter-School Novice Class Cricket Tournament 2009, organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation, took place at the sports ground of No. 4 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township here this morning.

In the girls’ event, Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3 beat Dagon EBHS No. 2 by 7 wickets. Mingaladon BEMS No. 6 and Kyimyinda BEHS No. 3 tied at the third position.

In the boys’ event, Mingaladon BEMS No. 6 beat Tamway BEHS No. 2 by 57 runs. Kyimyinda BEHS No. 3 and Lannadaw BEHS No. 1 tied at the third position. After the competitions, MCF President U Nyunt Win presented certificates of honour to Headmistress Dr Thet Thet San of Ahlon BEHS No. 4 and Headmaster U Aung Ko of Lannadaw BEHS No. 1, who contributed to organizing the tournament.

In the girls’ contest, Best Batsman Award went to Thuzha of Mingaladon BEHS No. 3, Best Bowler Award to Tin Zar Win of Kyimyinda BEHS No. 3 and Best All-Rounder Award to Hsu Mon Aung of Mingaladon Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3. Likewise, Best Batsman Award went to Aung Bo Min of Lannadaw BEHS No. 6, Best Bowler Award to Tint Htoo Zaw of Tamway BEHS No. 2 and Best All-Rounder Award to Pyae Phyo Thet Paing of Ahlon BEHS No. 4.

President of MCF U Nyunt Win presented championship shield to Mingaladon Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3, girl’s team while Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 BED gave championship shield to Mingaladon BEHS No. 6 boys’ team.

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**National duty of conserving biodiversity, the environment**

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Civilian killed, 10 injured in bomb attack in Baghdad snack restaurant

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct—A civilian was killed and ten others injured in a bomb explosion inside a snack restaurant in southern Baghdad on Monday, a well-informed police source said.

The blast took place in the Shatt al- Arab restaurant in the Ehreen thoroughfare in Bayaa neighborhood around midday when a home-made bomb detonated, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The police believe that the bomb was left by a customer who sneaked out of the restaurant before the explosion.

The explosion almost totally destroyed the restaurant and caused damages to nearby civilian cars and shops, the source added.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the area to secure the scene while ambulances and civilian cars transported the victims to nearby hospital, the source added.

"Thank God, I had breakfast in the same restaurant. When the explosion occurred, I was at home," Samir Karam, 23, a college student told Xinhua.

Five killed in Iraq violence

FALLUJAH, 21 Oct—Two bombings in Iraq on Tuesday killed five people, including four policemen, and wounded 16 others, police said.

In the worst attack, four people, including three policemen, were killed and 12 injured by a car bomb near the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, just west of Baghdad.

Two policemen were among the wounded.

"The explosion occurred in the morning close to a petrol station in Saklawiyah while police examined a suspect parked car," a police officer said of the town north of Fallujah.

Dr Ayman Qais at Fallujah hospital confirmed the toll.

Afghan police bust kidnappers’ gang, kill ring leader

KABUL, 21 Oct—Police in Afghanistan’s northern Baghlan Province busted a gang of kidnappers after killing the leader, a statement of Interior Ministry said here on Sunday.

"The gang’s leader Sibghatullah was killed in firefight with police and three of his armed men were arrested on Friday in Baghlan’s provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri," the statement added.

It added that the gang had been involved in abducting for ransom, terrorist activities and harassing citizens in Afghan capital city Kabul and other provinces of Baghlan, Kapisa and Parwan.

One police constable was also killed during operation against the gang.

Three members of band were arrested recently in Kabul, the statement further said.—Xinhua

A destroyed vehicle is towed from the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 18 Oct, 2009. A bomb attached to a car killed one person and wounded three others in central Baghdad’s Karrada district, police said.—INTERNET

Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 21 October reached 699,065 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1,260,939, according to the news on the internet.

A victim of a car bomb attack lies in a hospital near Falluja, 50 km (32 miles) west of Baghdad, after receiving medical treatment on 20 Oct, 2009. A car bomb killed four people including two policemen and wounded nine civilians in a town outside of Falluja, police said.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills US soldier in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct—The US military says an American soldier has been killed and two others were wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near their vehicle in northern Iraq. The military says the Multi-National Division-North soldier was killed on Monday. Two others were wounded in the attack that occurred in Iraq’s northern Nineveh Province. The military said in a statement on Tuesday the name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin and that the incident is under investigation.—INTERNET
Atom bomb testing blamed for more cancers

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct —Radioactive fallout from US atom bomb testing decades ago is responsible for more fatal cancer in Americans than previously estimated, a research group says.

The Radiation and Public Health Project said its research indicates many more Americans have died or will die of cancer due to exposure to fallout from atomic bomb testing between the 1940s and 1960s than the 15,000 figure the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released in 2002. However, the group said it could not determine an exact number of testing-related cancer deaths.

China makes efforts to rescue hijacked cargo ship

BEIJING, 21 Oct—China is making an “all-out” effort to rescue a cargo ship hijacked by Somali pirates, a government spokesman said on Tuesday.

The De Xin Hai ship and its 25 crew members were seized by pirates early on Monday in the Indian Ocean about 700 miles (1,100 kilometres) east of the lawless Somali coastline.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said China has launched a “contingency mechanism” in the wake of the hijacking and ordered missions abroad to verify developments and notify relevant countries.

It has also issued warnings to Chinese ships to stay away from the area “in case of accident or danger.”

“We will continue to follow closely the developments and make all-out efforts to rescue the hijacked ship and personnel,” he said, without elaborating on details.—Internet

BAA agrees sale of Britain’s Gatwick airport

LONDON, 21 Oct—Airport operator BAA has agreed to sell Gatwick, Britain’s second busiest airport, for 1.5 billion pounds (2.5 billion dollars, 1.6 billion euros), the Financial Times reported.

Citing people familiar with the matter, the FT reported on its website that the deal with Global Infrastructure Partners, which already own London City airport, was worth 1.5 billion pounds (2.5 billion dollars, 1.6 billion euros), the Financial Times reported.—FT

Private collections are seen at the exhibition of “Louis XIV, the Man and the King” at the Versailles Palace, west of Paris, on 19 Oct, 2009. The exhibition opened here on Monday revealing the little-known private and creative side of Louis XIV, the “Sun King” who remains one of France’s most flamboyant monarchs. —Xinhua

Eight South Asian nations resist binding emission cuts

NEW DELHI, 21 Oct—Eight South Asian countries have agreed they can’t be part of any climate change deal that sets legally binding limits on their emissions, an Indian official said on Tuesday.

India, Pakistan and six other nations will present a coordinated stance at a key global meeting in Copenhagen in December to stick with the Kyoto Protocol, agreed in 1997, Indian Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said after a two-day meeting of regional environment ministers.

The Kyoto Protocol was the first global agreement requiring modest reductions in emissions by industrialized countries.

The United States rejected it because it exempted such countries as India and China, both major polluters, from obligations. The Copenhagen meeting aims at approving a new climate treaty.

Developed countries, including the United States, want newly emerging economies to do their part in cutting emissions of such heat-trapping gases as carbon dioxide.

India, however, has previously said in blunt terms it won’t accept legally binding limits on its emissions — a stance that could jeopardize efforts to reach a meaningful climate change accord.—Xinhua

LG Elec Q3 beats estimates on strong handsets, TV sales

SEOUL, 21 Oct —LG Electronics Inc (066570.KS) posted better-than-expected results thanks to strong sales of key handsets and TVs, but faces weakening earnings momentum.

The world’s No 3 mobile phone maker is headed for a weaker fourth quarter on higher marketing costs and price competition for its bread-and-butter handsets and flat-screen TV sets.

LG, which trails Samsung Electronics Co (005930.KS) in mobile handset sales and chip business, said it expected its operating profit for the October-December quarter to fall more than 20 percent from the previous quarter, a combination of higher marketing costs and a recovery in the won after the local currency’s weakness helped LG weather the global crisis.

“A stronger won will definitely hit its overseas sales,” said Chang Inwhan, CEO and fund manager at KT Bank Asset Management.—Internet

Serbia, Russia sign five cooperation agreements

BELGRADE, 21 Oct—Serbia and Russia signed on Tuesday five agreements at the Serbian Government Palace, the key part of the historic visit of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to Serbia.

An agreement on cooperation in the fields of humanitarian response to emergency situations, natural disasters and technological accidents, and removal of their consequences was signed by Serbian First Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Ivica Dacic and Russian Minister for Emergency Situations Sergei Shoigu.

Dacic and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov signed an agreement on cooperation between interior ministries of the two countries.

Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic and his Russian counterpart signed an agreement on cooperation in the areas of culture, science, sports and youth policy for the 2009-2011 period.—Xinhua

File photo shows a British Airways passenger plane comes in to land at Gatwick Airport. Airport operator BAA has agreed to sell Gatwick, Britain’s second busiest airport, for 1.5 billion pounds (2.5 billion dollars, 1.6 billion euros), the Financial Times reported.—Internet
World’s leading energy scientists call for reduced use of fossil fuels

Stockholm, 21 Oct—World’s leading energy scientists on Tuesday called for reduced use of fossil fuels, in the run-up to the UN Copenhagen Climate Change Conference to be held in December. They made the call in a statement issued at the end of the two-day Energy 2050, International Symposium on fossil-free energy options organized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm.

“Time is of the essence for radical changes to the global energy system while life cycle analyses and ecological economics are essential prerequisites for future policy thinking,” said the statement.

“All future energy options should rely on sustainable fuel and construction materials which are in principle recyclable or durable,” added the statement.

It also stressed that agriculture production should be used primarily for food while avoiding global deforestation and maintaining biodiversity.

The statement points out that electricity will have to become the major energy carrier in the future since most of the non-fossil energy sources provide electrical energy.

Indonesia’s Bali conducts coral restoration

Jakarta, 21 Oct—Indonesia’s Bali launched its first coral transplantation project in Nusa Dua on Tuesday in a bid to restore the coral reefs and boost marine tourism, a media report here on Wednesday. The project invited tourists, fishermen’s groups and several organizations to join the Adopt a Coral programme, by donating 25 US dollars for a fragment of transplanted coral, the Jakarta Post said.

The artificial submarine reef is a man-made construction, which is supposed to serve as a platform for transplanted reefs. The transplanted coral, made by growing small pieces of living coral on a biological substrate, was attached in an artificial submarine reef.

First Xinhua Bookstore opens in London

London, 21 Oct—The Xinhua Bookstore, a decades-old, famous Chinese book selling chain store, formally opened its first outlet in north London on Tuesday, which is also the first of its kind all over Europe.

Xinhua Bookstore is an outstanding brand Chinese are proud of. At the opening ceremony of the London outlet, Wu Jiaogiang, president of the China National Publications Import & Export Corporation (CNPIEC), said: “Xinhua Bookstore (LONDON) aims to bring more Chinese books to the UK readers, help them know more about Chinese culture and society, and then develop the copyright right trade, culture exchange and friendship between the two countries.” “We have a Memorandum of Understanding ... to help ... (Chinese) publishing companies to access the UK market.”

We have lots of interests of the publishing community in China,” Wouter Schuitemaker, head of Asia-Pacific of Think London Group, told the reporters.

EU agricultural ministers reject GM corn importation

Luxembourg, 21 Oct—European Union agricultural ministers failed here on Tuesday to approve the importation and use of genetically modified (GM) corn from the United States.

They did not reach an agreement at a meeting on a few proposals meant to seek approval of such foods.

Two varieties of corn engineered by US companies Monsanto and Pioneer were among the list rejected.

Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel, who supported the approval of both strains, urged EU countries to abandon their traditional caution on GM food in the face of shortages of live stock feed products and an increasingly heavy dependence on food exports from the United States.

Longest bridge in Sri Lanka opened

Colombo, 21 Oct—Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapakse ceremonially opened the island’s longest bridge on Tuesday in Kinniya, about 350 km northeastern from the capital Colombo, according to government officials.

This 398-meter-long bridge, constructed across the Kinniya lagoon, connects China Bay in Trincomalee, the capital of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka and Kinniya, a rural village in the province. The bridge was constructed under the negerahama Navodaya (Reawakening the East) development programme of the government launched after the Eastern Province was recaptured by the troops from the hands of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam (LTTE) in 2007.

With a cost of 790 million rupees (6.9 million US dollars), the bridge was built with the financial assistance of Saudi Arabia, officials from the Presidential Secretariat said.
**S Korea, Vietnam vow to further strengthen ties**

SEOUL, 21 Oct—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Minh Triet on Wednesday pledged to further strengthen the ties between the two nations, according to South Korea’s presidential office Cheong Wa Dae.

Lee, currently on a three-nation Southeast Asian tour including Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, held a summit with Triet earlier in the day in Hanoi, during which the two leaders agreed to upgrade the relationship between the two nations to “a strategic cooperative partnership.”

They also agreed to establish a dialogue mechanism between the two countries’ defence and foreign ministries to enhance cooperative security and political relations.

The two presidents called for closer economic cooperation to boost the bilateral trade, and agreed to launch a joint study before the end of the year on issues concerning a possible bilateral free trade agreement.

The two leaders also promised to work together closely in international forums, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), to promote their mutual interests, the Cheong Wa Dae said. Vietnam will take the chair of ASEAN in 2010—**Xinhua**

**Scientists build a better fuel cell**

CALGARY, 21 Oct—Canadian scientists say they have discovered a new material that can help increase the efficiency and decrease the cost of fuel cells.

University of Calgary chemists Jeff Hurd and Professor George Shimizu said they discovered a material that allows a fuel cell — known as a polymer electrolyte membrane fuel cell — to work at a higher temperature. That, they said, is extremely important in terms of increasing the efficiency and decreasing the cost of PEM fuel cells.

“This research will alter the way researchers have to this point perceived candidate materials for fuel cell applications,” Shimizu said.

**China luxury sales to rise 12 pct in 2009**

BEIJING, 21 Oct—Sales of luxury goods in China are forecast to rise 12 percent this year, a global consulting firm said on Wednesday, bucking the downward trend seen in other major markets hit hard by the financial crisis.

Global sales of high-end products are expected to drop eight percent overall in 2009 to 153 billion euros (229 billion dollars), according to a study by Bain & Company emailed to AFP.

The United States and Japan, two of the world’s largest markets for luxury goods, are due to see sales fall by 16 percent and 10 percent respectively, the report said.

But China will experience the opposite trend, the firm said, with research showing that 15 percent of an estimated 300 luxury store openings worldwide this year took place in the Asian giant.

“Aspirational luxury shoppers in Asia and other emerging markets are fuelling sales growth in 2009,” Claudia D’Arpizio, a Milan-based partner at Bain, was quoted as saying in the study. —**Internet**

**Exercising helps brain after radiation**

CHICAGO, 21 Oct—Exercise may protect against both memory-loss and depressive mood after whole-brain radiation treatments, US researchers say.

The study, presented at the Society for Neurological Science annual meeting in Chicago, found mice with access to an exercise wheel less likely to suffer a decline in erasable memory after radiation and less likely to show depressive-like behavior.

“One was remarkable that the irradiated, running mice were just like the normal, non-irradiated mice that didn’t exercise,” study leader Sarah Wong-Goodrich of Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, said in a statement. The findings show how powerful exercise is and how many benefits it can provide, and even more, after radiation, study researcher Lee Jones of the Duke Center for Cancer Survivorship said.

“Once a patient gets a doctor’s clearance, I think exercise is a good thing during whole-brain radiation,” Jones said. “I think telling patients to take it easy is the worst advice we can give, because we know they will become deconditioned physically, and this study shows exercise potentially could provide cognitive and psychological benefits.”

**Clothing colour key to UV protection**

Some colours offer better protection against sun’s ultraviolet rays, researchers in Spain say.

The study, scheduled to be published in November’s Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research, finds cotton fabrics dyed deep blue or red provided more sun protection than the same fabric dyed yellow.

Study leader Ascension Riva and colleagues at Universidad Politecnica de Cataluna in Terrassa, Spain, say fabric colour is one of the most important factors in determining how well clothing protects against UV radiation.

The researchers dyed cotton fabrics in a wide range of red, blue, and yellow shades and measured the ability of each colored sample to absorb UV light. Fabrics with darker or more intense colors tended to have better UV absorption. Deep blue shades offered the highest absorption, while yellow shades offered the least.

“Nimai-do” armor is seen on display at the exhibition “Art of the Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armor, 1156-1868” during a preview at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The exhibition brings together hundreds of objects that have never traveled outside Japan.

“Art of the Samurai: Japanese Arms and Armor, 1156-1868” will open on November 6, covering 700 years of Japan’s fabled military hardware, especially swords and armor, were highly prized and used by the Samurai’s “omote dogu,” or exterior elite, for seven centuries dominated Japan, the museum boasted.

The exhibition displays the evolution of the Samurai’s “omote dogu,” or exterior equipment. Military hardware, especially swords and armor, were highly prized and used for display as well as the dress worn in battle.

In pursuit of their excellence, the Samurai would spend untold amounts of time on show in New York and mountings, archery and equestrian equipment, banners, surcoats... as well as painted screens and scrolls,” some of which have never left Japan.

“...This is the most comprehensive exhibition of Japanese arms and armor ever to take place in the world,” including Japan, the museum boasted.

The Bushi or Samurai, Japan’s military elite, for seven centuries dominated the politics, economy and society of their country.

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**Mass town using goats as lawn mowers**

Officials in Andover, Mass, say they are using goats to keep one of the town’s public meadows trimmed, even as they trim a bit of government spending.

Bob Decelle, special projects manager for the Andover Conservation Commission, said by allowing six goats to eat their fill of the grass at a public meadow, the town is saving money and helping the environment, The Boston Globe reported.


Instead of using town funds to hire people to mow the 3-acre meadow with heavy equipment, the town has dairy goat club leader Lucy McKain bring the goats to the site each day for an all-natural buffet.

The 91-year-old Xiao Qinglian performs his stunt show of handstand with both legs over shoulder while picking up a coin with mouth by lowering his head to the ground, in a park of Wuhan, central China’s Hubei Province. The nongenarian man has kept on the extraordinary physical exercises over the past 27 years to keep body fit.
UMFCCI meets European Commission

YANGON, 21 Oct—Vice-President U Win Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, joint-secretary Dr Pwint San, Central Executive U Tun Aung, executives U Aung Zaw Oo, U Soe Than Min Din met with Attaché Cooperation Mr Carlo Marsico of Thai-based European Commission.—UMFCCI

Canvas of Toungoo artists on display

YANGON, 21 Oct—Eight local artists of Toungoo organized an art exhibition titled For You Art Group which commenced at the gallery in For You Digital Photo and Cyber Coffee building, at the junction of No.1 road and Phoeukun road in Toungoo on 1 October. Altogether 54 works of the artists, U Mynn Aye, Thak Oo, Soe Naing Lwin, Aung Myo, Hla Min, Kyaw Kyaw Khet, Than Tun, and Sai Than Tun will be on display till the end of this month.

Made In Thailand Festival at Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall

YANGON, 21 Oct—Made In Thailand Festival has been ongoing at Gamone Pwint Shopping Mall on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here since 13 October. There, a wide range of garments, cosmetics, personal goods, household utensils and food stuff are on sale at special discount. It is the third Made In Thailand Festival that continues till 25 October. Any customer who buys goods worth at least 20,000 kyats is given a quick lucky draw ticket, and all the tickets are prize-winning ones including TV and household electrical appliances.

Workshop on Organic Aquaculture Production and Products Marketing held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—Jointly organized by Fishery Department and CFC, FAO and INFOFISH, Workshop on Organic Aquaculture Production and Products Marketing was held at Thirianna Hall of MFF and put them into the lucky draw box. MNA

Notice to mariners issued

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—CNOOC Myanmar Limited will conduct drilling of three oil test wells at M-10 block of Mottama offshore from 1 November to 31 December. The locations of the test wells are at north latitude 14 degrees, 2 minutes and 56.3495 seconds and east longitude 96 degrees, 28 minutes and 2.2933 seconds for Shwe Pyi Thit-4; north latitude 14 degrees, 0 minute and 22.8155 seconds and east longitude 96 degrees, 32 minutes and 24.9746 seconds for Shwe Pyi Thit-5; and north latitude 14 degrees, 0 minute and 29.2961 seconds and east longitude 96 degrees, 37 minutes and 1.8052 seconds for Shwe Pyi Thit-6.

The FD issued an announcement that all vessels are to stay away from the area in which the drilling will be conducted. MNA
Kachin State takes part in “Thakaung Yadana” drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The first session of the fourth day of “Thakaung Yadana” drama contest of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin this evening. Drama troupe from Kachin State took part in the competitions.

Among the audience were Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, Minister for Co-operatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and wife, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads, officials of the committee and subcommittees, judges from States and Divisions, and enthusiasts. Drama troupe of Kachin State staged the plots of an industrious and honest youth who exposed attempts to smuggle cultural heritage. He did so in cooperation with Tatmadaw, Police Forces, and members of social organizations.—MNA

17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—The fourth day of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the designated venues here today.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Science, and Technology U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, members of the leading committee, Secretary of Work Committee for Organizing the competitions Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department and work committee members, chairmen and members of subcommittees, members of the panel of judges (central), members of the panel of judges from states and divisions, managers and contestants.

A total of 12 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys’ classical/modern song contest held at the auditorium of the University of Veterinary Science at 9 am. Higher education level men’s classical/modern song contest took place at the same venue with the participation of 14 contestants.

In the afternoon, 13 contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) women’s classical/modern song contest. Basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ dancing contest was held at the convocation hall of the

Contestants from states and divisions, managers and enthusiasts enjoy fourth day of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

U Maung Oo (a) Zwegabin Maung of Kayin State and party take part in amateur level (second class) men’s Dohbat contest. MNA

Ma Khin Khin Cho of Kayin State takes part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ dancing contest.—MNA

Ma Thiri Thant Zin of Ayeyawady Division takes part in higher education level women’s xylophone contest.—MNA

Minister U Thaung and Attorney-General U Aye Maung enjoy contestants taking part in 17th MTCPAC.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe enjoy performance of Kachin State.—MNA

Contestants from states and divisions, managers and enthusiasts enjoy fourth day of 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

Ma Khin Khin Cho of Kayin State takes part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ dancing contest.—MNA

Ma Thiri Thant Zin of Ayeyawady Division takes part in higher education level women’s xylophone contest.—MNA
17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural …

University of Veterinary Science at 9 a.m. with the participation of 18 contestants. In the afternoon, 13 contestants competed in the higher education level men’s dancing contest.

At No 7 Transit Centre, leader of panel of judges U Ye Dway and party supervised the participation of 7 contestants in the amateur level (second class) men’s marionette contest and 8 contestants in the amateur level (second class) women’s marionette contest.

At the hall of Agriculture Research Department, leader of panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party supervised the participation of 8 troupes in the amateur level (second class) men’s Dohbat contest and 5 troupes in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys’ Dohbat contest.

In the evening, 7 contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys’ orchestra troupe (single) contest and 7 contestants in the amateur level men’s orchestra troupe (single) contest.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Oct—IT Professional & Education Discussion Forum will be held at Parkroyal Hotel here on 24 October.

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The two-hour forum will start at 10 am, and those wishing to attend the free forum may contact the Crown Education, Ph 211888, extension 228/229.

Those present at the forum may discuss with three IT experts ways to getting international IT certificates and job opportunities.—MNA

YANGON, 21 Oct—A bilingual book entitled “Proverbs based on experience of 500 outstanding leaders”, translation of the proverbs of successful men like leading pioneer Henry Ford by Maung Myint Kywe and Maung Maung Aye (MMA), is now in circulation.

The book highlights necessities for success such as industry, perseverance, optimism, and positive attitude under 63 topics. The book published by U Than Swe, Unity Publishing House No. 36, Hinthada Street, Sangyoung, Ph: 095130977 is sold retail for K 1000 per copy.

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Proverbs of 500 outstanding leaders published

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They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer and responsible persons of MFF.—MNA

Five trainees from MFF seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Israel.

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Ayeyawady Hline Min of Ayeyawady Division takes part in amateur level men’s orchestra troupe (single) contest.—MNA

Maung Zaw Nyi Nt Oo of Sagaing Division takes part in amateur level (second class) men’s marionette contest.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin enjoys contestants taking part in 17th MTCPAC.—MNA

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Commander views thriving cotton plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct - Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin on 14 October looked into progress in construction of Nayaban Dam in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University of Agriculture and thriving Ngwegyi-6 long staple cotton plantations in Inbin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township.

The commander met with cotton growers in Inbin Village and viewed pearl fertilizers, pesticides and cotton plantations.—MNA

Teaching Hospital (Magway)

(Byline: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon))

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Natmauk, Myothit, Pwinbyu, Taungdwingyi, Sinhaungwe, Mialiha, Minbu (Saku), Salin and outer townships of Mandalay Division come here for treatment.

In the outpatient ward, general treatment and dental treatment are given daily, and obstetric and gynecological treatment, eye treatment, and nose and throat treatment, once a week.

In response to my question, Daw Tin Hla, 81, said that she was from Pwinbyu Township; and that she was there for some treatment because she felt congested in the chest and tired easily.

I said, “Pwinbyu is very far from Magway, so I wonder why you choose this hospital for treatment.” With a smile and a look at the medical superintendent, she replied, “I came here because I have learnt that the medical superintendent, and doctors and nurses and staff are all kind to the patients, and if necessary, they fulfill the requirements of needy patients.”

U Myint Ko receiving treatment for hernia expressed his opinion, “Here, all the staff members, regardless of position, help each other in giving treatment. They are kind to the patients. Specialists take round checking every morning, so I am very satisfied with their kindness.”

A woman patient who had just given birth to a baby said, “I am Omega. I am 32. I am from Taungdwingyi. It is my firstborn baby, and I would have to receive an operation to give birth to it. So, I came here out of my way. And I had learnt that this hospital is well furnished, and there is no need to spend much to receive treatment. Now, I have given birth to a boy without any difficulties. Specialists gave me an operation for my birth. My baby and I are both in good health, so I will be discharged from hospital tomorrow.”

When we left the wards, Medical Superintendent Dr Than Oo said, “Our hospital is over seven miles from the urban areas. But people not only from Magway but also from surrounding towns and villages have become to rely on us due to the hard work of all staff members. So, local authorities are gearing up to build a railroad and some bus lines near here.”

Now, the whole nation is seeing a growing number of hospitals like Teaching Hospital (Magway), thus giving better health care to the public.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 20-10-2009
**Sperm donor passes heart defect to offspring**

BEIJING, 21 Oct—An American sperm donor, who has an undetected genetic mutation linked to a heart disease, passed on a potentially deadly condition to nine of his 24 offspring, one of whom died from heart failure at age 2, said a case report in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

According to Barry J. Maron, MD, of Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, the mutation, associated with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, was discovered only after one of the donor's biological children tested positive for it. Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy thickens the heart and makes it harder to pump blood. It affects about one in 500 people; many more likely have the genetic defect without symptoms, said study co-author Heidi Rehm of Harvard Medical School. The symptoms can include an irregular heartbeat and shortness of breath, but many cases go undetected until sudden death. The children are now aged 7 to 16. Nine, including one born to the donor's own wife, have been tested positive for the heart mutation.

**Singapore, India to enhance economic ties**

SINGAPORE, 21 Oct—Bilateral trade between Singapore and India grew at a rate of 20 percent year-on-year to reach 28.8 billion Singapore dollars (20.13 billion U.S. dollars) in 2008, a Singapore official said on Wednesday. This has made India one of Singapore's fastest growing trade partners, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education S Iswaran said at the inaugural India Invest 2009, organized by the Singapore's Indian Chamber of Commerce. He also said that investment flows have seen exceptional growth, with Singapore's investments into India more than quadrupled since 2005.

**Hijacked China ship shows pirates extending reach**

BEIJING, 21 Oct—The hijacking of a Chinese coal ship in the Indian Ocean shows Somali pirates are extending their reach beyond the Gulf of Aden and the Somali coast, shippers said as traders worried that more coal ships could become targets.

The De Xin Hai, carrying about 76,000 tons of coal from South Africa to the port of Mundra, in Gujarat, India, was hijacked about 700 nautical miles off the east coast of Somalia on Monday, the European Union’s counter-piracy force said. The ship could be brought to Haradheere, a pirate stronghold, or Hobyo, both on the central part of Somalia’s Indian Ocean coastline, pirates told Reuters.

“This shows that the pirates are expanding their operations,” said an official at the China Shipowners’ Association in Beijing. “The Indian Ocean is very big, and too hard to defend. The Gulf of Aden is a more limited area”. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu told reporters in Beijing that his government had “actively started rescue operations” for the ship, which has a crew of 25. He declined to give details but observers said they expected the issue to be resolved diplomatically.

**Zambia committed to fighting cervical cancer**

LUSAKA, 21 Oct—A senior Zambian government official has said the government has embarked on cervical cancer prevention programs to help in the early treatment of the disease to reduce on deleterious outcomes, the Zambian News and Information Service (ZANIS) reported on Tuesday. Zambia Health Minister Kapembwa Simbao said early screening and detecting of cervical cancer in women would help in the early treatment of the disease, adding that the government has since setup a radiotherapy center where it will be conducting the screening services.

The Zambian Minister said in a speech on his behalf by his deputy Mwendoi Akakandelwa at the opening of a World Health Organization (WHO) regional meeting on cancer prevention and control in Lusaka that the radiotherapy center will be an important back up for the screening program, adding that it will in the long run be cost effective and help to reduce on the number of cancer patients.

**A/H1N1 flu confirmed in turkey flock in Canada**

OTTAWA, 21 Oct—A turkey farm in Ontario Province has been confirmed infected with A/H1N1 flu, making Canada the second country to report such infection after Chile, health officials said on Tuesday.

Provincial Health Minister Deb Matthews said the outbreak affected a breeder’s flock of turkeys. But the birds do not go into the food chain and therefore are not a concern for human health, according to a Canadian Press report.

She said the main concern is that the infection would spread through the flock. In April, Canada was the first country to report pigs’ infection with the A/H1N1 flu virus, which has since been found in pig farms in other countries.

**Honda Motor Co Chief Executive Officer Takanobu Ito shakes hands with an Asimo humanoid robot during a Honda presentation at the 41st Tokyo Motor Show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, 21 October, 2009.—INTERNET**

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The Chulia Muslim Jammat meeting will be held on 25-10-2009 (Sunday) at 10 a.m. to select the trustee and appointment committee members.
-Request: due to short period advertisement took place once (Invites Only)
Chulia Muslim Daragah Mosque Trust No.385, Boyyoke,Aung San Street, Yangon.

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Sun Microsystems to cut 3,000 jobs
SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct—Sun Microsystems Inc is planning to cut 3,000 jobs or about 10 percent of its workforce in the next 12 months, the company said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday.
In the filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Sun Microsystems said its board has approved the layoff plan “in light of the delay in the closing of the acquisition of the company.”
According to the filing, the job cuts will occur across the company’s operations worldwide.
“The company expects to incur total charges ranging from 75 million US dollars to 125 million dollars over the next several quarters in connection with the Restructuring Plan, the majority of which relates to cash severance costs and is expected to be incurred in the second and third quarters of the fiscal year ending on 30 June, 2010,” Sun Microsystems said.
The Silicon Valley server and software maker is now waiting for European regulators to approve its acquisition by Oracle Corp, the world’s largest enterprise software company, in a deal worth 7.4 billion US dollars.

Vietnam to host intl’l exhibition on plastic, rubber industries
HANOI, 21 Oct—Vietnam will host an international exhibition on plastic and rubber industries from 22 to 25 Oct in Ho Chi Minh City, local newspaper the Vietnam Investment Review reported Wednesday.
The exhibition is expected to draw participation of over 200 local and foreign companies from more than 20 countries and regions, said the newspaper. The exhibition will display products in the plastic and rubber industries and introduce the latest and most advanced machines and equipment of the industries.

Kenyan rescuers retrieve 11 bodies from collapsed building
Nairobi, 21 Oct—Kenyan rescuers have retrieved 11 bodies as they are stepping up the search for about 20 builders trapped after a building collapsed on the outskirts of Nairobi over the weekend.
Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) Public Relations Manager Titus Munguon confirmed on Wednesday that three more bodies were retrieved on Tuesday night, bringing the number pulled from the wreckage in Kiambu town to 11.
“The rescuers retrieved three more bodies last night from the multi-storey building which was under construction in Kiambu town. They have retrieved 11 bodies so far,” Mongou told Xinhua by telephone.
The Red Cross official said more people are still trapped under the building and the rescue efforts are expected to go on throughout the day.
The rescue team continue digging into the rubble in search of people who were communicating to others outside. We expect to zero in where communications was coming from and expect to call the rescue efforts by the end of the day,” said Mongou.
It is not clear what caused the building collapse in Kiambu, about 25 km northwest of the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

FAO to reform Committee on World Food Security
ROME, 21 Oct—Members of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on World Food Security (CFS) agreed on Tuesday on a wide-ranging reform, aiming to make the CFS the foremost comprehensive international and intergovernmental platform dealing with food security and nutrition.
The reform envisages broader participation of UN organizations tackling food security issue such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Program (WFP) and the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis.
The CFS will also include other international organizations, civil society, non-governmental organizations, and private sector associations, FAO said.

Brazil defends new taxation on foreign investment
RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Oct—A senior Brazilian presidential aide said Tuesday that the taxation on foreign investment would not cause investors to flee the country.
On Monday, Brazil announced a presidential decree to levy a 2-percent tax on foreign investment in the financial, public securities and fixed assets sectors. The decree would go into effect immediately.
“We are not taxing foreign direct investments. We are only taxing financial operations,” said Dilma Vana Rousseff, who is Brazil’s Chief of Staff.
In Brazil, the chief of staff is the highest-ranking member of the executive office and a senior aide to the president. Therefore, this position is generally regarded as the second most powerful in the country.
According to Rousseff, the new taxation was only one of the measures aimed at stemming the devaluation of the US dollar against the Brazilian real.
The dollar has seen a sharp decline in value in the past few months, which could end up damaging Brazilian exports.

Afro-Caribbean Culture
The 7th Caribbean Cultural Festival kicked off in Havana on Saturday. Among the 500 bands and 10,000 performers from 27 countries, the U.S., Mexico, Peru, Honduras and Salvador performed.

Mexico International Clown Festival in Mexico City, Mexico, on 20 Oct, 2009. The 14th Mexico International Clown Festival kicked off on 19 Oct with the participation of some 500 clowns from Mexico, Peru, the United States, Honduras and Salvador.—Xinhua

A clown performs during the 14th Mexico International Clown Festival in Mexico City, Mexico, on 20 Oct, 2009. The 14th Mexico International Clown Festival kicked off on 19 Oct with the participation of some 500 clowns from Mexico, Peru, the United States, Honduras and Salvador.—Xinhua

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Three S American nations promise to halt deforestation

BUENOS AIRES, 21 Oct—Three South American nations announced a joint plan Tuesday to establish protected zones in the vast Atlantic Forest as part of an effort to halt deforestation by 2020.

Speaking at the World Forestry Congress, representatives of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay said their governments are committed to achieving “net zero deforestation” — meaning their total amount of forest land would remain stable by that date. “We plan to maintain over 1 million hectares (3,860 square miles) of forest intact, which will protect the areas from being cleared for farming or any other industrial purposes,” said Gov. Maurice Closs of the Argentine province of Misiones.

The Atlantic Forest, home to the famous Iguazu falls and numerous plant and animal species, is one of the most endangered rainforests in the world. Only about 7 percent of the once 500,000 square kilometers (193,000 square miles) of forest land remains and is fast disappearing largely because of land clearing for agriculture.

Apple updates Mac computer lines

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Oct — Apple Inc on Tuesday unveiled a new lineup of desktop and notebook computers to make preparations for the upcoming holiday shopping season. The updates include two new iMac all-in-one desktop computers featuring bigger 21.5-inch and 27-inch wide screen displays in a new edge-to-edge glass design and seamless all aluminum enclosure.

The new iMacs, starting at $1,199 U.S. dollars, will be shipped with a new wireless Magic Mouse, billed by Apple as the world’s first mouse featuring the company’s multi-touch technology which has been used in iPhone and other products.

The Magic Mouse, which comes standard with the new iMac models, will also be available as a Mac accessory at $69 dollars, Apple said. “The iMac is widely praised as the best desktop computer in the world and today we are making it even better,” Philip Schiller, Apple’s senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, said in a statement.

Apple also introduced a new Mac mini, a desktop computer sold without a display and keyboard, which the company said is Mightier.

Starting at 599 dollars, the new Mac mini is faster, offers more storage and comes standard with double the memory, the company noted. Apple's notebook computer line was also revamped with the launch of a new Mac mini.

During the forestry meeting’s session Monday, the World Wildlife Fund urged nations to commit to “net zero” programs as a way to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.

Deforestation is responsible for almost 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the WWF and the Conservation Society.

Walking with cell phone can be erratic

BELLINGHAM, 21 Oct—Cell phone users walk more slowly, change direction more frequently and are less likely to acknowledge other people, US researchers found. Ira E. Hyman Jr., S. Matthew Boss, Breanne M. Wise, Kara E. McKenize and Jenna M. Caggiano of Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., investigated the effects of divided attention while walking.

People were classified based on whether they were walking while talking on a cell phone, listening to an MP3 player, walking without any electronics or walking as a pair.

In the first study, the researchers found that cell phone users walked more slowly, changed direction and were less likely to acknowledge others.

Gene is linked with kidney aging

SANFORD, 21 Oct — US researchers say they have identified a gene that is associated with human kidney aging.

Scientists from Stanford University, the National Institute on Aging, the MedStar Research Institute and the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology said they used an approach that can be applied to any phenotype to help find other genetic associations.

In the new study led by Stanford researcher Stuart Kim, the scientists said they used genome-wide transcriptional profiling to determine 630 genes change expression with age in kidney tissue. Next, they determined that 101 of the age-regulated genes contain DNA variations among individuals that associate with gene expression level.

The 101 genes were tested for association with kidney aging in a combined analysis of two populations selected to study normal aging: the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging and the InCHIANTI Study.

One gene that encodes an extracellular matrix protein (MMP20) was revealed to be significantly associated with kidney aging, providing the first genetic link with kidney aging.

Because data from both populations were combined in the analysis, the researchers stress their finding needs to be replicated in additional populations.

Iceland reports first fatal A/H1N1 flu case

STOCKHOLM, 21 Oct—The first fatal A/H1N1 flu case was reported in Iceland, according to reports reaching here from Reykjavik on Tuesday.

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The report said the girl fell ill 11 days earlier and was admitted to hospital on Thursday. The treatment for the girl, both at home and at the hospital, had been very good and in keeping with the circumstances. The main reason of death is believed to be a long-term lung disease that the girl had suffered from.

Dominican Republic bird refuge opens

SANTO DOMINGO, 21 Oct — Dominican Republic officials say they have created a new refuge for birds, located on the northwest border of the Sierra de Bahoruco National Park.

The creation of the reserve extends protection in the region by 111 square miles, providing essential habitat protection for the globally threatened Bay-breasted Cuckoo and threatened resident and migratory birds that depend on the Island of Hispaniola, the American Bird Conservancy said.

The conservancy and its Dominican Republic partner, the Jaragua Group, prepared the proposal and conducted the biodiversity inventory work needed to justify the new area.

“With 30 endemic bird species, Hispaniola ranks high in global importance for bird conservation,” said George Wallace, American Bird Conservancy’s Vice President of Oceans and Islands.

“With forests in Haiti virtually gone and an accelerated rate of forest loss in the Dominican Republic, many of these species face a bleak future — of the 30 species, 14 are ranked by (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) as globally threatened.”

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Defending champion Jankovic survives, Hanescu out

Moscow, 21 Oct—Defending champion Jelena Jankovic is into the second round of the WTA Kremlin Cup after a battling three-set defeat of Jaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan here on Tuesday.

In the ATP section Wayne Odesnik of the United States battled back from a set down to produce the biggest upset at the event so far outing second seed Victor Hanescu of Romania 7-5, 7-5, 6-4.

The second seeded Jankovic, who is seeking a place in the season-ending WTA championships at Dona, won 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 to record her second win over Shvedova, ranked 50th in the world, in three meetings.

“It was difficult for me to play here today as I was struggling not only my opponent but also an un-common court,” the Serb said.

“But it’s normal as the first match at every event is always tough. Hope it will be more easy in the next rounds.”

The rivals traded breaks throughout the opening set but Jankovic, who is currently ninth in the WTA rankings, was marginally more accurate and took a one-set lead in 37 minutes.—Internet

Defending champion Jelena Jankovic of Serbia

MOSCOW, 21 Oct—Real Madrid striker Cristiano Ronaldo has admitted that he thinks rivals FC Barcelona is a better team than his own.

Speaking in the magazine France Football, Ronaldo confessed that the reigning Primera Liga and European Champion plays better football that his big spend- ing outfit.

Real Madrid spent around 258 million Euros on new signings over the summer with players such as Ronaldo and Brazilian ace Kaka arriving at the San-tiago Bernabeu.

However, Madrid has still not reached the level of fast flowing football Barcelona usually produces and currently trails the Catalan side in the BBVA Primera Liga. “It’s true. Barcelona plays better football, but that is because it is more consolidated as a team,” said the Portuguese striker, who was optimistic that would change in the future.

“Barcelona is a better team than we are today, but the real question is, ‘who will be the best in the end?’ We’ll have to wait and see,” he commented.

“We are still not playing as a team, we still have work to do on that front, but we are on the right track. There is a good team spirit and we will be in better form in a few months,” he promised.—Xinhua

Belgian tennis star Henin set for Brisbane comeback

Sydney, 21 Oct—Bel- gium’s seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin confirmed she would make her comeback from a 15-month retirement at Australia’s Brisbane Inter- national in January.

The former world number one’s return to tournament tennis will pit her against compatriot and fellow ex-retiree Kim Clijsters, who won Sep- tember’s US Open just five weeks after ending a two-year hiatus.

“After a 15-month ab- sence I am pleased to be- gin my second tennis ca- reer at the Brisbane Inter- national,” the 27-year-old Henin said in a statement.

“It will be great to get back to playing competi- tive tennis again and with the strong field, the same court surface and a simi- lar climate to Melbourne, it will be the perfect prepa- ration leading into the Aus- tralian Open.”—Internet

Belgium’s world number one and seven-time Grand Slam winner Justine Henin (pictured on 7 October) has said she would make her come- back from retirement at Australia’s January 2010 Brisbane International where she would square up against compatriot and fellow ex-retiree Kim Clijsters.—INTERNET

Defending champion Jankovic

Barcelona, Liverpool lose in Champions League

London, 21 Oct—Barce- lona suffered a shock 2- 1 defeat at home to Rus- sian newcomers Rubin Kazan and Liverpool lost by the same score to vis- iting Lyon in the Euro- pean Champions League on Tuesday.

Rubin Kazan, which are making debut at the Champions League, twice led at Camp Nou to beat a star-studded team con- taining Lionel Messi, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Andres Iniesta.

Adding to the high- drama on the Matchday 3 in the group stage of the Champions League, Cesar Fabian Delgado scored in injury time at Anfield to hand Liverpool a fourth straight loss for the first time in 22 years.

Inter Milan trailed twice at home but the Ital- ian champions salvaged a 2-2 draw with Dynamo Kiev through equalizers by Dejan Stankovic and Walter Samuel.

But Inter is now last in Group F after stretching its winless streak in Eu- rope to six matches.

Elsewhere, Fiorentina won 4-3 at Debreceni and Arsenal drew 1-1at AZ Alkmaar.

Alekandr Ryazantsev put Russian champions Rubin Kazan ahead after just 75 seconds by run- ning onto a loose ball and smashing a shot beyond goalkeeper Victor Valdes.

Sevilla went five points clear at the top of Group G with a straight- forward 3-1 win at Stutt- part, which only scored in the 74th at 3-0 down.

The Spanish team has a maximum nine points. Next is Unirea Urziceni, which benefited from two own goals to win 4-1 at Rangers. Rangers had led through a second-minute own goal by Ricardo Vilana, but the Romanian team fought back with Marius Bilasco and Pablo Brandan scoring either side of own goals by Kyle Lafferty and Lee McCulloch.

The win moved Unirea three points ahead of the Scottish champions in its First Champions League season.

Arsenal’s lead in Group H was cut to a single point after Mendes da Silva scored in the third minute of injury time to earn AZ a draw.

Cesc Fabregas had put the Gunners ahead in the 36th from a pass by Robin van Persie but Mendes da Silva volleyed from close range to earn his team a second point of the season. Olympiakos beat Standard Liege 2-1 in the other game to move up to six points.—Xinhua

Unirea Urziceni’s Marius Ion Bilasco (left) and George Galamaz celebrate the scoring of their 3rd goal against Rangers during their UEFA Champions League Group G match at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow. Unirea won 4-1.—INTERNET

Barcelona’s Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (right) fights for the ball with Rubin Kazan’s Russian de- fender Roman Sharonov (L) during the UEFA Champions League football match between Barcelona and Rubin Kazan at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barcelona suffered their first European defeat in 10 months falling to a shock 2-1 home loss.—INTERNET

Inter Milan’s Dejan Stankovic (centre) scores past Dynamo Kiev’s Yergen Khacheridi (right) and goalkeeper Stanislav Bogush during their UEFA Champions League group stage match at San Siro stadium in Milan. Inter Milan’s hopes of qualifying for the Champions League knock- out rounds suffered a blow as they were held to a 2-2 home draw.—INTERNET

Barcelona, Liverpool lose in Champions League

AZ’s David Mendes da Silva (left) fights for the ball with Arsenal’s Thomas Vermaelen during the Champions League match at DSB Stadium, Alkmaar, The Netherlands. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Lyon’s Argentinian midfielder Cesar Delgado celebrates after scoring the winning goal during their UEFA Champions League group E football match against Liverpool at Anfield, Liverpool. An injury- time goal from substi- tute Delgado clinched a dramatic 2-1 victory for Lyon.—INTERNET

Ruins塌 of the Colosseum in Rome after the Cancer flood.
Greater China region CIOs have less budget restrictions than peers

BEIJING, 21 Oct—A report released by IBM Corporation here Wednesday showed that Chief Information Officers (CIOs) in greater China region have less budget restrictions compared with global peers and are more aggressive in spending budget to create innovative plans. CIOs in greater China region are more active in innovation and turning visions into reality, said Bernard Elharrar, General Manager of Global Technology Services, IBM.

"However, CIOs in greater China region need to address deep gaps in outsourcing and standardizing business process," he added.

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

The Ministry of Health is establishing teaching hospitals in many regions as part of the plan for upgrading hospitals around the nation. Apart from Division General Hospital (200-bed) in Magway, Magway Division has recently got a teaching hospital in the compound of the University of Medicine between Kanha Village and Kanyia Village near Magway-Yenangyoung Road. In less than two years, the teaching hospital earned a good reputation for its effective treatment with kindness to patients. In an interview with Medical Superintendent Dr Than Oo of the teaching Hospital (Magway), about seven miles from the township, he said to the Kyemon, “Our hospital is not far from Magway University of Medicine. So, we somehow help medical students with their studies. And our hospital is a reliable hospital for people in the township as well as from nearby regions.”

Regarding academic matters, the hospital has the medical science department, surgical department, pathological department, anesthetic department, ophthalmologic department, dental department, orthopedic department, cerebral and neurosurgical department, ear, nose and throat department, and forensic medicine department.

In relation to treatment, the hospital has dental unit and rehabilitation unit in addition to medical ward, surgical ward, obstetric and gynecological ward, eye, nose and throat ward, psychiatric ward, pediatric ward, orthopedic ward, and cerebral and neurosurgical ward.

When we got to the ward outside which some patients were awaiting for their turns, the medical superintendent said, “They are outpatients. We give treatment to them with the interest of the hospital trust funds. So, not only people from Magway but also people from Chauk, Yenanyoung.”

Teaching Hospital (Magway)