Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence
inspects developments of Hsipaw, Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence heard the reports presented by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials on progress of work at the briefing hall of extended building of Hsipaw People's Hospital of Shan State (North) and staff quarter construction site on 27 October. (See page 7)

Myogyi Diversion Weir in Kyaukse Township

The government is exerting all possible ways and means to utilize all water sources necessary for greening the whole country and growing paddy and other crops.

In the process, the government has been constructing dams, diversion weirs, regulating dams, sluice gates, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations. Myogyi Diversion Weir inaugurated on 29 August 2009, for example, benefits local farmers significantly.

Upon arrival at the diversion weir, nine miles east of Hammyinno Village feeder road junction at Mile Post No 395 of Meiktila-Mandalay Road, our media team was given a warm welcome by Staff Officer U Tun Tun Win and Staff Officer U Win Ko Ko, and briefed on the irrigation facility. Myogyi Diversion Weir lies at (See page 7)
Further strengthen friendly ties among East Asian countries

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 4th East Asia Summit and closing ceremony of the 15th ASEAN Summit held at Dusit Thani Hotel in Hua Hin, Thailand on 25 October.

At the summit, leaders of East Asian countries discussed and exchanged views on matters for cooperation for Korea peninsula to be free from nuclear weapons, overcoming global financial crisis, ensuring success of Copenhagen Environmental Summit, preventive measures against climate change and natural disaster, natural disaster management, food and energy security, collectively addressing financial crisis and establishment of East Asian Community.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with the heads of State/Government from East Asian countries attended a working luncheon held at Napalai Ballroom (A). The Australian Prime Minister over working luncheon presented a proposal to establish Asia-Pacific Community in 2020. Having discussed frankly the proposal, the East Asian leaders recognized it as the long-term vision.

We firmly believe that the discussion, exchange of views and cooperation among the leaders of East Asian countries will further strengthen friendly relations between those countries and bring about success in multilateral cooperation.

Outstanding students honoured

YANGON, 29 Oct—The prize presentation for outstanding students in the Dhamma examination organized by Hindu Dhamma Examination Conducting Committee of Thanantana Dhamma, Palaka Organization, was held in conjunction with the ceremony to honour the students who passed the matriculation examination 2009 at No. 22/A on Aung Dhamma Yeiktha Street near Thamaing Junction on Yangon-Insein Road on 25 October afternoon.

Chairman of the organizing committee U Soe Hlaing made a speech. Chairman of the Committee for Conducting the Hindu Dhamma Aung Maung Maung Thein explained the purpose of the ceremony. Secretary of the organizing committee U Soe Hlaiang spoke words of thanks.

Officials presented prizes to 82 students in the Hindu examination and 46 distinction winners in the matriculation examination. Later, those present were entertained with Hindu traditional dances.

CPT Minister supervises development tasks in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended a ceremony to introduce CDMA 450 in Phakant-Seikku-Lonkin region held at Seikku village in Phakant township, Kachin State on 26 October.

Next, Col Thaung Aung of the Local Battalion and Chief Engineer U Thein Oo of Mobile Communications formally opened the ceremony.

After inspecting a newly-installed CDMA 450 room, the minister tried on trunk calls. After meeting with departmental officials, townsenders and members of social organizations at Uruyadana Hall in Phakant township, he looked into a communication station in Lonkin village.

Next, he attended a ceremony to open new digital auto-exchange held at Hsartnaw and Pinball villages, formally opened the ceremony and oversaw an auto-exchange building and roads in Yadanarpon Myothit (North) housing project area, and factories and workshops built by companies in the place of Soft Base Factories of Yadanarpon Myothit and gave instructions on timely completion of construction tasks to be able to produce mechanical gadgets.

At the meeting hall of Yadanarpon teleport, the minister met with officials of Yadanarpon teleport company, departmental officials and entrepreneurs, and gave necessary instructions and viewed a test on Wi Fi network.

Defence Services C-in-C’s Shield Volleyball C’ship concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The final matches of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Shield Volleyball Championship took place at Flying Training Base in Meiktila on 23 October.

It was attended by the commander of Flying Training Base, senior military officers, servicemen and guests.

The airbase commander and officials presented prizes to the respective winners. — MNA

Delta United FC honoured

YANGON, 29 Oct—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe presented K 2 million to Delta United on 27 October to honour the unbeaten football team.

U Tun Yin of the Delta FC accepted the cash and pledged to achieve success for the Ayeyawady Division. — MNA
Lebanon stops fresh rocket attack

KABUL, 29 Oct—Taliban suicide gunmen stormed a UN guesthouse in Kabul, killing 12 people in an attack. Internet

Venezuela arrests ‘Colombia spies’

CARACAS, 29 Oct—Venezuela says it has captured two Colombian security agents suspected of planning to destabilise the government, further heightening tensions in a diplomatic spat between the two sides.

The men, allegedly agents of Colombia’s security agency DAS, were caught trying to bribe Venezuelan officials for information on the country’s military and insurgents. Venezuela’s president said during a televised cabinet meeting on Tuesday. Describing Colombia as a “hostile government” Hugo Chavez said he believed that “the hand of the CIA and the government of the United States” were behind the alleged plot.

“The will be judged according to Venezuelan law and will be granted their rights... they were captured red-handed, practicing espionage and it’s not the first time... we will not release them,” he added.

The arrest follows reignited tensions after the weekend murder of 10 members of an amateur Colombian football team in Venezuela, an incident the government promised to investigate. Chavez said officials were using the fake names and were purportedly helping investigate the killings, adding that a lone survivor was assisting in the investigation.

Death toll rises to 155 in twin Baghdad Bombings

BAGHDAD, 29 Oct—The death toll from two suicide bombs in Baghdad, one of Iraq’s bloodiest attacks in years, has risen to 155 with more than 500 wounded, police said. The October 25 bombings, near the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad provincial government building, ripping through cars and people, was the bloodiest in Iraqi capital since mid-2007.

An al-Qaeda linked group claimed responsibility for the twin suicide bombings in the heart of Baghdad that killed at least 155 people as Iraq’s political leadership on Tuesday stepped up efforts to agree on new voting guidelines ahead of January elections. Massive vehicle bombs and suicide attacks have been the hallmark of al-Qaeda, and Iraqi-based Sunni insurgents have used similar means and style of attacks with an aiming to overthrow the country’s Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad.

UN workers scramble over roofs during Kabul attack

KABUL, 29 Oct—Taliban suicide gunmen started a UN guesthouse in Kabul, killing 12 people in an attack.

Car bomb blast kills up to 106 in N-W Pakistan’s Peshawar

PESHAWAR, 29 Oct—A huge car bomb explosion killed at least 106 people in a crowded market in northwest Pakistan’s city of Peshawar on Wednesday, a senior official said.

The bomb exploded at a crowded market at Chowk Yadgar locality in Peshawar, senior minister Bashir Bilor said. District Coordination Office Sahibzada Aness said that 106 people have been confirmed dead and 150 others were injured.

People rush an injured person to a hospital after an explosion in Peshawar, Pakistan on 28 Oct, 2009.—INTERNET

Hula, 29 Oct—Lebanese troops have deactivated four rockets ready to be fired at Israel, a day after a rocket attack caused Israel to respond with artillery fire.

The Lebanese military said three of the rockets were set with timers and left in a half-built house in Hula village, where Tuesday’s attack was launched.

There were no casualties in the earlier exchange but it sharply raised tension on the volatile Israeli-Lebanon border. It was the fourth time rockets have been fired over the border this year. The commander of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) Maj Gen Claudio Graziano has inspected the area where the rockets were found and where the nine Israeli artillery shells landed.

“The military has discovered this morning four rockets... in a house under construction belonging to the mayor of Hula,” said a Lebanese military spokesman quoted by AFP. The military said three Katyusha-type warheads were left on improvised wooden launchers in the garden of the house. One was left on a balcony.

The commander of UN peacekeepers inspected the scene after the discovery.—INTERNET

Hugo Chavez said the men were caught trying to bribe Venezuelan officials.—INTERNET

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Tears as Ares I-X Mars mission hopes lift off  
CAPE CANAVERAL, 29 Oct — NASA launched the world’s tallest rocket, the Ares I-X, on a two-minute test flight yesterday.  
NASA successfully launched the prototype for a new generation of space rocket, advancing its plans to return man to the Moon by 2020.  
The Ares I-X, the tallest rocket ever built, blasted off at 11:30am (02:30 AEDT) from Cape Canaveral in Florida, carrying with it the US space agency’s lofty ambitions for human space flight.  
The rocket is the prototype of the Ares I, designed to carry a new capsule-shaped crew module called the Orion into low Earth orbit for missions to the International Space Station, the Moon, and beyond.  
“I can’t say enough about this team,” NASA spokesman Doug Cooke said. — Internet

A cone of moisture surrounds part of the Ares I-X rocket during lift off on 28 Oct, 2009, on a sub-orbital test flight from the Kennedy Space Centre’s Launch Pad 39-B in Cape Canaveral, Fla. — Internet

Swiss to tackle ‘suicide tourism’  
GENEVA, 29 Oct — The Swiss government has laid out the details of proposals to ban or severely restrict assisted suicide as part of plans to tackle “suicide tourism”.  
More than 100 Britons with terminal or incurable illnesses have used the Swiss centre Dignitas to kill themselves.  
Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf has called for organisations like it to face stricter controls.  
The proposals will now be subject to consultation, with a draft law due to be sent to parliament in March. Ms Widmer-Schlumpf said groups like Dignitas would face prosecution if the proposals are passed into law and they do not comply.  
As part of the proposals, patients would have to provide two separate medical opinions proving that they have a terminal illness and are expected only to have months to live. Those who are chronically or mentally ill would find it more difficult to get help in ending their lives. Ms Widmer-Schlumpf said: “We have no interest, as a country, in being attractive for suicide tourism.” — Internet

Thai cargo ship seized off Somalia coast
NAIROBI, 29 Oct — Suspected pirates have hijacked a Thai cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden off the Somali coast, a regional maritime official confirmed on Thursday. Andrew Mwangura, the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), said the MV Thor Star, was hijacked on Thursday with unknown number of crew members on board.  
“The Thai ship was hijacked some 200 nautical miles north of Seychelles. There are still conflicting reports as to where the vessel was heading to and the nationalities of the crew members onboard.” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.  
The Thai-flagged ship is owned by Bangkok-based Thoresen Thai Agencies. Earlier reports said the Somali pirates had seized a Thai fishing boat.  
Somali pirates have seized dozens of ships over the last two years, taking in tens of millions of dollars in ransom money. The pirates are believed to be holding seven ships in all.  
The Somali pirates, who come from specific regions and clans far away from the war-ravaged capital, have been challenging the coalition of warships patrolling the world’s most dangerous waters to end the menace. — Xinhua

Cuba’s ex-leader Castro ‘strong’
Havana, 29 Oct — Cuba’s ex-leader Fidel Castro is looking strong and remains on top of developments at home and abroad, says a world health chief Dr Margaret Chan, head of the World Health Organization, was granted an audience with Mr Castro this week.  
Mr Castro has not been seen in public for more than three years, since a series of major intestinal operations.  
The only updates on his health come from visiting dignitaries who have been able to meet him.  
Exactly what he suffers from, and where he is recuperating, remain state secrets.  
Dr Chan spent more than two-and-a-half hours with Mr Castro on Tuesday evening, when she had a “long talk” with him. “He walked me out of the house, that’s quite a distance, so strong. And don’t forget, I’m younger than him,” she said, without discussing specific health issues. — Internet

LA homelessness declines despite economic crisis
LOS ANGELES, 29 Oct — The homeless population of Los Angeles fell sharply during the past two years, a study released on Wednesday found confounding expectations that the recession would drive more people into the city’s streets and shelters.  
Some credit went to better programmes to keep people off the streets, but experts say the worst economic slump since the Great Depression may also have played a role as rents declined and created more affordable housing.  
Others disputed that notion asserting that recent waves of foreclosures invariably drive more people into homelessness. — MNA/Reuters

Fidel Castro has not been seen in public for three years. — Internet

Cooling towers are demolished in an attempt to save energy and reduce emissions, at a power plant in Xinzhang, Henan province, on 28 October, 2009. — Internet

The bluefin is highly prized for many dishes, notably sushi. — Internet

Tuna ban ‘justified’ by science
LONDON, 29 Oct — Banning trade in Atlantic bluefin tuna is justified by the extent of their decline, an analysis by scientists advising fisheries regulators suggests.  
The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna’s (ICCAT) advisers said stocks are probably less than 15% of their original size.  
The analysis has delighted conservation groups, which have warned that over-fishing risks the species’ survival.  
ICCAT meets to consider the report in 10 days’ time.  
The analysis was triggered by Monaco’s recent proposal to ban international trade in the Atlantic bluefin under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) — a proposal that has gathered support from several other European countries.  
“What’s needed to save the stocks is a suspension of fishing activity and a suspension of international commercial trade,” said Sergi Tudela, head of fisheries with the environmental group WWF for the Mediterranean region.  
“We must stop mercilessly exploiting this fragile natural resource until stocks show clear signs of rebound and until sustainable management and control measures are firmly put in place.” — Internet
Chinese President meets DPRK delegation
BELGRADE, 29 Oct—President Hu Jintao met here on Wednesday with a delegation of the Workers’ Party of Korea of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), headed by Choe Thae Bok, secretary of the Party’s Central Committee. Hu, also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), welcomed the delegation’s visit to China on behalf of the CPC Central Committee. He said, since the two countries established diplomatic ties 60 years ago, China-DPRK relations have weathered the tests of international vicissitudes and been further consolidated and developed.

In the new century, top leaders of both countries have attached great importance to bilateral ties, which have thus gained new vigor and vitality, he said. In particular, the celebrations and exchange activities marking the 60th anniversary of bilateral relations and the China-DPRK friendship year, have helped deepen traditional friendship, expand mutual-beneficial cooperation, and the cooperative friendly relations have been pushed to a new level, Hu said. He said the friendship between China and the DPRK, which was established and carefully fostered by leaders of older generations, has been precious wealth for the two peoples and “it is our shared responsibility and mission to continuously consolidate and develop the friendship.” —Xinhua

UN Mine clearer dies in accident in Cyprus
NICOSIA, 29 Oct—A UN mine clearer from Mozambique died in an explosion on Wednesday morning in a minefield some 10 kilometres south-east of Nicosia, said the UN Press office in Cyprus.

The dead mine expert was Femisberto Novele, a member of the Mine Action Centre Cyprus (MACC). It was the group’s first fatality in five years of work on the island. The incident took place at about 8.00 am local time (0600 GMT) in a minefield inside the 180 kilometres long buffer zone under UN control.

Taye-Brook Zerihoun, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and head of UN Peacekeeping Forces In Cyprus (UNFICYP), said he was saddened and shocked to learn of the accident, which he called “a tragic reminder of the dangers landmines still pose in Cyprus.” —Xinhua

Mexico City, Japan’s Nissan set for electric cars in 2011
MEXICO CITY, 29 Oct—Mexico City Wednesday signed an agreement with Japanese auto giant Nissan to deliver recharging infrastructure for electric vehicles in 2011, a measure officials said will help fight climate change.

The government will set up a series of buildings similar to gas stations for electric car owners and Nissan will respond by importing 500 units of its Leaf electric vehicle in 2011. Mexico City has at least two electric car showrooms, but the vehicles sold there have to be recharged from the domestic supply.

The city was once one of the world’s worst polluted, but has been implementing a series of measures to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other emissions including only allowing electrical public transport on key city center routes.

Earlier this week, the city government announced plans to fight climate change from a different source starting next year, by using Germany-made equipment to capture greenhouse gas methane that is produced by rotting liquids at a huge city dump. —Xinhua

Indonesia holds UNESCO’s anti-discrimination conference
JAKARTA, 29 Oct—Indonesia on Thursday held the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)’s International Anti-discrimination Conference in West Java provincial capital of Bandung, attended by 107 delegations from 15 countries, Elshinta online news reported here.

The event opened by the UNESCO’s assistant director general Pierre Jaujif is the first anti-discrimination conference in the world. In his opening speech, the vice governor said that in 1955, Indonesia held the first Asian-African Conference in the same building, the biggest conference in the two continents’ countries against eastern bloc.

In a sign of the lack of investment in businesses under current economic conditions, production in September of trucks fell by 30.7 percent, while bus production dropped by 26.3 percent. Cars fared slightly better, posting a fall of 20.1 per cent.

It was the ninth consecutive month that production has fell year on year in Japan’s auto industry. Demand within Japan, however, posted a slight rise of 0.2 per cent when compared with September last year. Demand for cars rose by 4.2 per cent, while demand for trucks dropped by 38.8 per cent, and buses 28.8 per cent. —Xinhua

World’s largest cruise ship delivered in Finland
HELSINKI, 29 Oct—Finland’s Turku shipyard delivered the world’s largest cruise ship Oasis of the Seas to the US cruise line Royal Caribbean International on Wednesday after the completion of construction.

The Oasis of the Seas is 360 metres long, 66 metres wide and 72 metres high above the water level. The gross register tonnage (GRT) of the ship is 225,000. It has 16 passenger decks and over 2,700 staterooms, displacing the Independence of the Seas, which is also owned by Royal Caribbean as the world’s largest passenger vessel carrying 5,400 passengers and over 2,100 crew.

The cruise ship offers passengers with seven so-called “neighbourhoods” areas classified by functions, including Central Park, an open-air atrium with live trees; Boardwalk, a family-friendly amusement area; the Royal Promenade, an indoor mall-like zone with bars and shops; Sea Spa and Fitness Centre, gathering different workout studios and a beauty salon; Pool and Sports Zone, featuring pool areas and places for baseball and mini-golf; Entertainment Place and Youth Zone, a space dedicated to youth activities.

Xinhua
**Curry spice ‘kills cancer cells’**

LONDON, 29 Oct — An extract found in the bright yellow curry spice turmeric can kill off cancer cells, scientists have shown.

The chemical — curcumin — has long been thought to have healing powers and is already being tested as a treatment for arthritis and even dementia.

Now tests by a team at the Cork Cancer Research Centre show it can destroy gullet cancer cells in the lab.

Scientists have said the findings in the British Journal of Cancer could help doctors find new treatments.

Dr Sharon McKenna and her team found that curcumin started to kill cancer cells within 24 hours.

The cells also began to digest themselves, after the curcumin triggered lethal cell death signals.

Dr McKenna said: “Scientists have known for a long time that natural compounds have the potential to treat faulty cells that have become cancerous and we suspected that curcumin might have therapeutic value.”

**Russia warned about HIV epidemic**

MOSCOW, 29 Oct — A top international HIV/Aids expert has told the BBC that the epidemic in Russia is now out of control.

Robin Gorna, head of the International Aids Society, urged Russia to do much more to prevent the spread of HIV among an estimated two million drug users.

Ms Gorna was speaking ahead of a major international conference on Aids which is taking place in Moscow.

It is believed there are now at least a million people infected with HIV in Russia.

This represents a dramatic increase over the past decade.

The vast majority are people under the age of 30. Most were infected because they share needles for injecting heroin.

According to some estimates, there are almost two million intravenous drug users in the country — the result of the large quantities of heroin flowing from Afghanistan into Russia.

**Bad driver? Blame your genes**

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct — No need to curse that bad driver weaving in and out of the lane in front of you — he cannot help it, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

They found that people with a particular gene variant performed more than 20 percent worse on a driving test than people with a different DNA sequence.

The study may explain why there are so many bad drivers out there — about 30 percent of Americans have the variant, the team at the University of California Irvine found. “These people make more errors from the get-go, and they forget more of what they learned after time away,” Dr Steven Cramer, who led the study published in the journal Cerebral Cortex, said in a statement.

Cramer and his team tested 29 people — 22 without the gene variant and seven who had it — asking them to drive 15 laps on a simulator and then repeat the task a week later.

**Indiana man dies of rabies after bat bite**

LOUISVILLE, 29 Oct — A 43-year-old Indiana man has died of rabies after being bitten by a rabid bat, authorities say.

His death marked the state’s first from rabies since 2006. The victim — authorities did not identify him — died on 20 Oct at Norton Health Care Hospital in Louisville, WLKY-TV, Louisville, reported.

Tests confirmed the infection came from a bat bite, though the man had not reported any concerns about possible exposure and had no apparent wounds or bite marks, family members said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says less than 1 percent of bats in the wild are rabid.

Mac Spinhour, a spokesman for Indiana Conservation, said people can be exposed to bats in places like attics, on porches or in parks.

Along with bats, raccoons, foxes and skunks can transmit rabies.

**980-pound man once lost 140 in prison**

A 980-pound British man believed to be the world’s heaviest once lost 140 pounds during a yearlong prison sentence, his family says.

Paul Mason, 48, of Ipswich, England, who recently said he requires emergency surgery to reduce his weight, was sent to jail in 1990, when he weighed 420 pounds, and lost 140 pounds during his year of incarceration, The Daily Telegraph reported on Friday.

People look into a crater in field near Mazsalaca, about 170 km (106 miles) from Riga, on 26 October, 2009. The object, a possible meteorite, fell from the sky on Sunday and a geological survey has started at the site and would probably last the next three days, according to press release from the Latvia’s Ministry of Environment. Local media reported the crater to 5-metres-deep and about 10-metres-wide, and said last registered meteorite landed in Latvia year 1890, but did not leave a crater.

**How Mussolini once worked for British intelligence**

He formed part of the Nazi axis that nearly brought Britain to its knees in World War Two, but historical papers have revealed that Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was once on the payroll of British intelligence.

During World War One, the then socialist journalist was running a pro-war propaganda to keep Italy on board, said Cambridge historian Peter Martland, who uncovered details of weekly payments of 100 pounds by MI5 to Mussolini in 1917.

An Australian man described spending 12 hours clinging to a tree branch “like a koala bear” as crocodiles circled beneath him after his boat ran aground in the country’s north.

Stan Martell said he climbed the tree after he fell asleep while out on a boat on the crocodile-infested Lynne River in the north of Western Australia state, and awoke to find the boat jammed under a tree and filled with water.

Martell said he spent on Friday night in fear that the tree branch would break. “I crawled up as high as I could, and just sat there like a koala bear all night,” he told a reporter. He said he was “a bit wary about the crocs.”

I saw two crocs right where I was, one was a big one, and one was about 10 foot (three metres).

**Chinese sailor Liu Juncheng, 54-year-old, waves to friends and relatives as he starts his global voyage alone with his “Ho Yo” unpowed sailing ship from a pier of the Yalujiang River in Dandong, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 25 Oct, 2009.**
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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected progress in construction of University of Computer Studies (Lashio).—MNA

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into progress of University of Computer Studies (Lashio).—MNA

Myogyi Diversion Weir in Kyaukse Township

(byline & photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

Myogyi Diversion Weir was designed to supply 700,000 acre feet of water to Zawgyi Irrigation Pattern in Kyaukse District and 445,605 acre feet of water for greening Meiktila Plain.

Myogyi Diversion Weir is constructed in the narrowest part of the Zawgyi River to divert the current of the river to the 12-mile main canal designed to supply water to Kindah Dam. Myogyi canal will be able to irrigate 4150 acres of farmlands, Pyaungpya canal, 18,550 acres of farmlands, and Ngalai-ngzin canal, 12,800 acres of farmlands with the use of water from Myogyi Diversion Weir.

Myogyi Diversion Weir Project was launched before the completion of Myogyi Dam Project with the aim of ensuring all-year round cultivation of paddy and other crops through multiple cropping system. Kyaukse District gets average annual rainfall of about 40 inches. Since the times of Myanmar monarchs, Kyaukse District has been green with a large number of dams, canals and creeks and fertile soil. Thanks to new dams and diversion weirs, Kyaukse District has been able to grow paddy and other crops on a broader scale.

Without doubt, Myogyi Dam, upon completion, will be able to make significant contribution towards regional greening, local food security, and increasing per capita income of local farmers.

Myaungmadaw Canal of Myogyi Diversion Weir.

Water is released from Myogyi Diversion Weir into the right main canal of Kindah Dam.

Myaungmadaw Canal of Myogyi Diversion Weir.
Commander inspects regional development tasks in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win inspected sea prawn farm in Thanbyuzayat, construction of Pangakayope bridge and rubber plantations of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Mudon. On 28 September, he then met the rubber growers. —NLM

Energy Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Alok Sen at the meeting hall of the Ministry here yesterday. They cordially discussed matters on energy sector. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Huy, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry. —MNA

AGM, respect paying ceremony of MHAA (Mon State branch) held

YANGON, 28 Oct—The annual general meeting of Myanmar Health Assistant Association (Mon State branch) was held in conjunction with the respect paying ceremony at General Hospital in Mawlamyine on 18 October. It was attended by medical officer Dr Zaw Win and staff, Chairman U Kayin of MHAA (Mon State branch), CEC members, outstanding health assistants and retired health officers from ten townships of Mon State.

First, Dr Zaw Win made an opening speech and later presented recognition certificates to 12 outstanding staff. Soidd Secretary U Min Naing to retired health assistants. It was followed by respect paying ceremony. The officials read out the reports on 2008-2009 fiscal year and elected new CEC members for 2009-2010 fiscal year. —NLM

Winners awarded in 2nd Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The final matches of the 2nd Inter-Ministry Bowling Contest 2009 took place at the bowling pitch of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee here yesterday morning. After the final matches, officials presented first, second and third prizes to the respective winners in the singles and doubles events.

President of Myanmar Bowling Federation U Thein Zaw gave prizes and cash awards to the top scorers—Zaw Lin Tun (Nay Pyi Taw DC) and Aye Mya Thu (Nay Pyi Taw DC), Than Zaw Oo (CSSTB) and May Minzio Lwin (CSSTB).

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented first prize trophies to Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee men’s and women’s teams in the men’s and women’s events and championship shield and duplicate shield to Nay Pyi Taw DC team.

Among the spectators were CSSTB members U Soe Oo and U Hla Myint Oo, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw DC U Tun Kyi and officials. —MNA

TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 29 Oct—TV Guide Vol 1 No 17 has been in circulation on 30 October. The guide features Europe Music Awards to be on air over MTV channel, Ever jolly song album of Sai Kham Hlaing to be included in 5 Music of 5 Movies, match previews of Grand Prix de Tennis Lyon, Asian Amateur Championship, meat eater Jellyfish over Animal Planet channel, detestable behaviors of Peter Schmeichel, Man-U hero, over Discovery channel, EPL football matches to be broadcast over Mandalay FM, Yuzana Birdal Show-2 to be on air over MRTV-4, weekly detailed programs of 17 TV channels and a FM and highlights not to be missed.

TV Guides are available at the price of K 500 at City Marts, Sein Gay Har Centres, Shopping Centers, bookstalls, journal shops. door-to-door system is being introduced in Yangon and Mandalay.

Novel Light Express (Tel-391186, 243893) distributes TV Guides every Friday. —MNA

Sarpay Beikman manuscript winning books in circulation

YANGON, 29 Oct—The Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information has started distributing Sarpay Beikman manuscript winning books.

The winning books are written by Maung Ni Hmine (Kyauktan), Myat Wai Toe (University of Education). The books are available at Sarpay Beikman Bookstall No (Ta-55), Thabyaykon market, Nay Pyi Taw (Tel-067-414681), Sarpay Beikman Bookstall No 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon (Tel-01-249031), Sarpay Beikman Bookstall, Mandalay (Tel-02-62931). —MNA

Tobacco Kills.
Contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national races study group on Nay Pyi Taw sightseeing

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—The contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national races study group from states and divisions who had participated in the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions together with the officials made a study tour of Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) in which they observed Myanmar beauty and scenic sights, King Fergo and planets, and the universe shows this morning and afternoon. Next, they paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda and donated cash. They also visited Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market, Junction Center, Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), Nay Pyi Taw Fountain Garden.—MNA

Contestants, supervisors, judges and members of national races study group at Nay Pyi Taw Fountain Garden.—MNA

MGEA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 29 Oct—Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association held its 1st Annual Meeting at Sedona Hotel here on 27 October. Patron of Myanmar Gem Entrepreneurs Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered an opening address at the meeting. The president of the association extended greetings and the director-general of Myanma Gems Enterprise reported on mining and gem sales in Myanmar. The association donated K 90 million to rehabilitation and reconstruction in the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division through Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses 1st AGM of MGEA.—MNA

Air Bagan Open Golf Championships continues

YANGON, 29 Oct—Air Bagan Open Golf Championships (PyinOoLwin, win), the third leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010 organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, took place at PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PhinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, this morning. Patrons of PyinOoLwin Golf Association: Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Brig-Gen Zeya Aung, Principal of Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Chairman of PyinOoLwin Golf Association and Principal of Defence Services Administration School Brig-Gen Zarni Win, Vice-President of MGF U Aung Kyi, and Vice-Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Min Thein teed off to open the tournament. In the first-day 18-hole event, Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) fired 68 strokes to take the lead. Yan Aung Lat and Zaw Zaw Lat (Srixon) shared the second position with 70 strokes. In the men’s amateur level, Maung Maung Oo stood first on 67 strokes, followed by Maung Maung Min on 71 strokes and Naing Ye Lin on 73 strokes. The main sponsor of the tourney is Air Bagan Ltd, and co-sponsors are International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC), KBZ Bank Ltd, Hotel Yangon, KM Golf Centre, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, Myanma Thiha Trading Co Ltd, Bay of Bengal Resort (BOB), (INAX’T-Home), CEPSA Lubricants, ACCEL International Co Ltd (Canon), Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Lifeline Co Ltd, GP Watch, and PyinOoLwin Golf Association.—MGEF

Responsible persons from Golden Power Technology present K 300,000 to Chan Nyein Aung who stood first, K 200,000 to Kyaw Kyaw Moe who stood second and K 100,000 to Ye Hein who stood third in ROG Pro Street game at ICT Exhibition 2009 held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall.—MCIA

Vice-Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Min Thein tees off to open the golf tournament.—MCIA
Myanmar Railways serving as bridge between...

(from page 16)

Kyaung-Yenyetn railroad section of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad and Ponyahtaung Tunnel, built by Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, were commissioned on 27 January 2007. As a result, the people in the area are enjoying the fruits of secure and smooth transportation and speedy flow of commodities.

Ponyahtaung Tunnel is 5610 feet long, 15 feet and four inches wide and 19 feet and four inches high. A total of 12 places for pedestrians were constructed in the reinforced concrete type facility.

Thanks to construction of the tunnel, the national people have easy access to the plains from the hilly regions and vice versa.

Translation: TTA
Myanmar Alin: 29-10-2009

Talks on business ethics and affluence on 31 Oct

YANGON, 29 Oct—With the sponsorship of the WISE International, Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) will give talks on business ethics and affluence at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 31 October. The talks will be followed by the introduction of abe courses. Those wishing to attend the talks may dial 556183 or 09-5157032.—MNA

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Now, the Moat Circular Road Project is being implemented in order that visitors can observe the archaeological heritages of Toungoo also known as Kayumati including the walls and moats of the old palace.

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Under Toungoo Township Development Affairs Committee are six markets including Myanmar Market and Kyaylet Market. Of them, Toungoo Myanmar Market is the largest and the busiest one offering jewellery, a wide range of garments and textiles, personal goods, cosmetics, local products, meat and fish. It’s bounteous with trade activities every day.

Bayinnaung Market has many wholesales centres of agricultural produce from Kayin State such as areca nut, cardamom, durian, mango, mangosteen, banana, and distributes the local products to other regions around the nation.

Toungoo is bordered by the Sittoung River, the Khabaung Creek and a large number of small creeks and fishery lakes, from which multiform species of freshwater fish and prawns are caught, especially in the rainy season. So, fishing is a source of income for local people.

In the greens, meat and fish market, beef, pork, mutton, chicken, duck, meat and fish of diverse species of farm animals, and fruit are abundant. It also has wholesale centers of areca nut, banana, djenok bean and cardamom.

Commander’s Shield Volleyball Tournament concludes in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin enjoyed the final match of the Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander’s Shield Volleyball Tournament at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports ground here on 23 October. The commander watched the final match of the tournament and awarded the winners at the presentation ceremony.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents championship shield to the winning team.

Finals of Tennis tournament 2009 and prize presentation ceremony held

YANGON, 29 Oct—The final matches of Tennis tournament 2009 and prize presentation ceremony took place at Thendiuyu Tennis Court, here, yesterday evening.

At the prize presentation ceremony, the officials presented prizes to winners. General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented prizes to winners in men’s event (singles and doubles) and first prize to Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Myo Thein Htwe, second prize to U Tin Nuwe and Yazar, and third prize to Aung Thein and Tin Htoo in open men’s event (doubles) for October.—MNA

Toungoo distributing great variety of local goods

Byline: Maung Swe (Toungoo)

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During the 10-year rural water supply project, the committee has sunk 41 two-inch diameter deep tube-wells and 192 two-inch diameter swallow tube-wells which benefit 210 surrounding villages. So, Toungoo Township Development Affairs Committee well deserves recognition and honour for brilliant performances it has showed for regional development in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Translation: MS
Kyemon: 21-10-2009
More Asia-Pacific shoppers turn to online shopping: Visa survey

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct—More Asia-Pacific shoppers have taken to shopping online, according to results released on Thursday by the Visa e-Commerce Consumer Monitor.

When asked how much they had spent shopping online in the past 12 months, respondents in the March 2009 Monitor reported an average spend of 3,743 US dollars, an increase over the past three Monitor periods.

The Visa e-Commerce Consumer Monitor tracks quarterly online spending trends of internet consumers in six key countries and regions in Asia-Pacific.

In addition, more internet users (87 percent) made online purchases in the March 2009 quarter than in the preceding quarter (72 percent).

South Korea, Japan, Australia and China are the top online spenders with respondents from South Korea (96 percent) being the most likely to have bought products and services from the internet in the past 12 months, followed by Japan (94 percent), Australia and China (89 percent respectively). From January to March 2009, 2,380 online interviews were conducted on behalf of Visa with internet users, namely those who access the internet at least once a week.

These respondents were aged 18 to 49 years from six countries and territories including China, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia and India.

Vietnam to promote ASEAN Community building process as next ASEAN chair

HANOI, 29 Oct—Vietnam will actively promote the building of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Community as it serves the ASEAN Chair next year, said Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem in a recent interview with Xinhua.

Vietnam officially assumed the ASEAN rotating presidency for next year at the 15th ASEAN Summit which has successfully ended in Thailand recently, said Khiem. “ASEAN countries must cooperate actively in order to enhance regional capacity to address global challenges to ensure the sustainable development of member countries,” said Khiem.

Vietnam would focus on pushing the ASEAN cooperation and integration, deepening the comprehensive cooperation between ASEAN and dialogue partners, strengthening ASEAN’s role as the driving force for cooperation and dialogue processes of the region, improving the efficiency of cooperation schemes, and taking steps to mobilize suitable resources for realizing ASEAN’s development goals, said Khiem.

Vietnam hopes that as the ASEAN Chair in 2010, it will help add to the momentum of ASEAN toward the goal of the ASEAN Community by 2015, according to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Bangladesh can achieve over 6% GDP growth in 2009-10 fiscal: IMF

DHAKA, 29 Oct—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) sees bright economy of Bangladesh and believes that the South Asian country can achieve more than 6 percent growth in domestic product in the current 2009-10 fiscal year (July 2009-June 2010) with strong efforts in reforming infrastructure, tax system, banking and service sectors.

“Bangladesh has the potentials to achieve more than 6 percent GDP growth and it needs to accelerate various reforms for it,” Masaito Miyazaki, the IMF mission chief, was quoted as saying by national news agency BSS Thursday.

Like previous years, the IMF mission came to Bangladesh on their routine annual visit to assess the country’s economic situation and recommend the government some measures for further improvement.

He said improving communications, gas and power supply and making tax and financial sectors more efficient are vital to boost the economy.

Iran ’reply’ on nuclear fuel deal

TEHRA, 29 Oct—Iran has delivered a response on a UN-backed proposal seen as crucial to easing diplomatic tensions over its nuclear programme, Iranian media say.

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Singapore expects gradual economic pickup

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct—The Singapore economy is expected to grow gradually, with gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2010 expected to be lower than previous post-recession periods, local media reported on Thursday.

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) said in the Macroeconomics Review that compared to six months ago, the outlook for the second half of 2009 and for 2010 is “markedly more optimistic,” adding that the GDP growth in 2010 will likely shift to a more sustainable trajectory, underpinned by a modest turnaround in final demand in Singapore’s key external economies.

There remain concerns about the resilience of global demand, given the lingering weakness in the financial sectors and labor markets of developed economies.

The MAS added that Singapore’s job creation could be modest in 2010 as the relatively small job losses resulting from this downturn means that firms may be carrying surplus labour. It also expects inflation here to come in at around 0 percent in 2009, before rising to 1 to 2 percent in 2010. The Singapore government earlier this month upgraded the country’s economic growth forecast for 2009 to minus 2.5 to minus 2.0 percent, up from its previous forecast of minus 6.0 to minus 4.0 percent.

The Centre for Biological Diversity has published an inventory of 350 species threatened by climate sea-ice melts.—INTERNET

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2. Tender Closing Date : 10-11-2009 at (12:00) noon.
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5. Tenders Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 30-10-2009 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
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EU force arrests seven suspected pirates

LONDON, 29 Oct — A European Union counter-piracy force arrested seven suspected pirates after a French fishing boat was attacked in the Indian Ocean, it said on Wednesday.

S Korean Govt says A/H1N1 related death toll hit 33

SEOUL, 29 Oct—South Korea’s death toll from the A/H1N1 flu has increased to 33, as four additional death cases were confirmed linked to the new flu on Wednesday, the government said.

Meanwhile, the health authorities also confirmed that the new flu has been the direct cause of death of a 59-year-old man who died on Friday.

Earlier in the day, the ministry said the death of a 42-year-old woman who died on Sunday was also directly caused by the A/H1N1 flu.

British Govt cuts blamed for military plane crash

LONDON , 29 Oct—British Government cut costs played a major role in a fatal 2006 military plane crash, an inquiry found on Wednesday—a further blow to Prime Minister Gordon Brown who is already accused of failing the armed forces. The independ- ent inquiry into the crash also said a safety review led by the aircraft’s manufacturer, BAE Systems, failed to properly assess fatal hazards, accusing it of “incompetence, complacency and cynicism”.

Ministry of Information
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Invitation to Tender to buy spare parts for rotary offset

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HOLIDAY NOTICE
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UN official heads to Iraq after Baghdad bombings

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Oct — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said on Wednesday he was sending a senior official from the world body to Iraq soon to discuss a series of recent deadly bombings in Baghdad.

Earlier this week Iraq renewed a previous request for a UN inquiry into the support given by foreign countries to insurgents after twin suicide blasts against government buildings in Baghdad on Sunday killed more than 150 people. "In response to a request from the government of Iraq, I will send (UN) assistant secretary-general Oscar Fernandez-Taranco to Iraq for preliminary consultations related to Iraq's security and sovereignty," Ban told reporters. He made clear that Fernandez-Taranco would not be launching an investigation. For a formal probe Ban said he would need "a clear mandate by the Security Council."

Iraq has blamed on Sunday's attack against the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad provincial governorate, and bombings on 19 August that devastated the Foreign and Finance Ministries, on al Qaeda and supporters of Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath party. The government has accused neighbouring Syria of providing a safe haven for Baathists plotting attacks. — Internet

Diabetes drug metformin or a placebo.

Sunday was assigned either to a diet and exercise programme, the people who had taken part in a three year diabetes pre-ade, a study suggests.

And regular exercise can stave off diabetes for a dec-

risk decline by nearly a third.

That trial, carried out by the US-based Diabetes

and prevention programme.

The group had initially been divided into three — assigned either to a diet and exercise programme, the diabetes drug metformin or a placebo.

The Lancet report notes it was the dieters who reaped the most benefit.

All three groups were given access to ongoing life-

style coaching once the initial three year trial had ended.

That trial, carried out by the US-based Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group, had shown a diet aimed at achieving 7% weight loss, combined with half an hour of exercise five days a week, reduced the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by 58% compared with the placebo group.

The group on metformin, a drug which has been used to treat the condition since the 1950s, saw their risk decline by nearly a third. — Internet

Study says combined therapy helps head, neck cancer

LONDON, 29 Oct — Patients with non-operable head and neck cancers should be given chemo- and radiotherapy at the same time, as it more than doubles the time they live without the disease getting worse, British scientists said on Wednesday.

Researchers from the UK Head and Neck (UKHAN) cancer group said their study offered doctors a cheap and simple way of treating a high risk category of patients, many of whom continue to drink and smoke even during treatment.

About 400,000 cases of head and neck cancer are diagnosed globally each year, including some 45,000 in the United States and 7,500 in Britain. Heavy smokers and drinkers are at highest risk of developing head and neck cancers, which can be difficult to operate on. More than half of patients die from the disease. — MNA/Reuters

Man jailed for illegal gold futures operation in east China

HANGZHOU, 29 Oct — A man in east China’s Zhejiang Province was sentenced to 9 years in jail for the crime of illegal gold futures operation involving more than 58 billion yuan (8.49 billion U.S. dollars), a local court ruling said Thursday. It was believed to be the biggest ever case of illegal gold futures dealing.

Zhang Yong, legal representative of the Zhejiang Century Gold Product Company, was accused of illegal operation and flight of capital contribution and was fined 1.2 million yuan, a Shangcheng District People’s Court ruling said. Wang Jianping, a staff of the company, was sentenced to three years in jail with a four-year reprieve for the crime of illegal operation and was fined 100,000 yuan.

The company was also accused of illegal operation and was fined 71 million yuan, it said. Zhang began to advertise on the Internet and in the media to attract clients since July 2005. The company developed an online trading platform and the registered clients reached 1,217 as of June 2008. — Xinhua

internet

Guests attend the “Discover Music!” event at Capitol Studios in Hollywood, California on 28 Oct, 2009. Google Inc partnered with Web services Lala and MySpace’s iLike to give music fans an easier way to find, sample and buy songs on the Internet. — Internet

Harare detains UN torture expert

HARARE, 29 Oct — A United Nations expert on torture was detained at Harare airport last night by Zimbabwean security agents and may be deported to South Africa today.

Zimbabwe earlier barred a week-long visit by Manfred Nowak, who had been invited to the country by the government.

The Austrian academic was only told his visit had been postponed as he arrived in Johannesburg on his way to Zimbabwe. The foreign ministry cited as a reason for the cancellation the visit of three ministers from the regional Southern African Development Community grouping to hold talks on Zimbabwe’s stalled power-sharing deal.

But the special rapporteur said he was not convinced that the SADC talks were a “valid reason” to cancel his trip.

His mission coincides with a surge in violence in the crisis-ridden country following prime minister Morgan Tsvangirai’s decision to disengage from the government two weeks ago.

— MNA/Reuters

internet

Snow piles up on the frame of a bicycle parked in downtown Denver as an autumn snowstorm sweeps over the intermountain West on 28 Oct, 2009. Forecasters predict that up to 10 inches of snow will fall on the Denver metropolitan area while some places in the mountains could see up to two feet of snow before the storm finally moves out on Thursday. — Internet

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Ancelotti won’t get carried away by free-scoring Chelsea

Ancelotti played down Chelsea’s recent scoring run that has brought 13 goals in three games and warned his side will face a much sternier test at Bolton this weekend.

Chelsea’s Didier Drogba celebrates after scoring a goal against Bolton Wanderers during a Carling Cup Fourth Round match at Stamford Bridge in London. Internet

Safina battles for Australian Open fitness

DUBAI, 29 Oct — Dinara Safina faces a desperate Australian Open fitness battle after suffering a crippling back injury at the WTA Championships which also forced her to tearfully surrender her world number one ranking.

The 23-year-old Russian, who said she had been plagued by inflammation in her lower back for over three months, lasted just two games and 13 minutes in her tournament opener against Jelena Jankovic on Wednesday.

Her failure to win a match here means that bitter rival Serena Williams will now claim the widely-coveted year-end top spot which she had also clinched in 2002.

As well as her battered body and bruised pride, Safina admits that the rehabilitation programme she now faces could rule her out of the Australian Open in January, the first Grand Slam event of 2010.

“It’s a question if I will be able to play in Australia, because when we speak with the doctors, it doesn’t sound so good.

So it’s possible that I might even not be 100 percent fit for the Australian. Maybe I’ll have to skip it,” said Safina. Internet

Klose leads Bayern’s charge into third round

BERLIN, 29 Oct — Bayern Munich’s Miroslav Klose scored two early goals on Wednesday to help the German giants on their way to a 4-0 demolition of Eintracht Frankfurt and book their place in the German Cup quarter-finals.

“This is the sort of strong performance from Bayern Munich which I had imagined,” said Bayern team manager Uli Hoeness. “This is the Bayern Munich who show how strong they are.”

Frankfurt coach Michael Skibbe admitted his side were outclassed from first to last whistle. — Internet

Late Napoli show stuns Milan as Juve hit five past Samp

ROME, 29 Oct — Napoli scored two goals in injury time to hold 10-man AC Milan to a draw in Serie A on Wednesday and end the seven-time European champions recent winning run. Juventus went second in the table as they thrashed high-flying Sampdoria, who drop to third, 5-1 in Turin.

But the real drama came in Naples where late goals from Luca Cigarini and German Denis earned Napoli a richly deserved point after Ignazio Abate was sent off four minutes from time. Having developed a habit of starting slowly this season, Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani had promised president, and Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi that they would stop torturing him.

The team seemed to heed the advice and came flying out of the blocks, only to then collapse late on.

“We started the way we should have, we had spoken a lot about what we should do but we scored two goals too quickly because then it’s not easy to manage the next 85 minutes,” said Milan coach Leonardo. Internet

Mourinho backs Zenga as his successor

ROME, 29 Oct — Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho on Wednesday gave his backing to former Italy goal-keeper Walter Zenga as his eventual successor at the San Siro.

Mourinho’s league leaders Inter hosted fourth-placed Palermo, coached by Zenga, on Thursday in a match the former Italian goalkeeper would like to believe is a title clash.

Zenga caused a stir last week by claiming he wants to win the title this season with Palermo while it is also no secret that we would like to one day coach Inter.

So far his team have delivered with a 1-0 victory over Juventus the highlight of a positive start to the season. And Mourinho believes there is more to come from Zenga.

“Walter is a great friend of mine. I like him because he doesn’t worry about his image, he’s original and he defends his team,” said the Portuguese. Internet

Hull football club chairman Duffen quits

LONDON, 29 Oct — Paul Duffen has resigned as chairman of Premier League stragglers Hull, the club confirmed on Thursday.

A club statement said: “The club has received a letter of resignation from Paul Duffen, executive chairman of Hull City FC and Superstadium Management Company Ltd, which has been accepted and is effective immedi-

ately.”

There had been speculation over the future of both Duffen and manager Phil Brown in recent days, with the club taking the unusual step on Wednesday of denying reports that Brown had been sacked. Hull issued a statement after several leading bookmakers stopped taking bets on Brown being the next Premier League manager to lose his job.

Hull are currently in the Premier League relegation zone, a point shy of safety, with only West Ham and bottom club Portsmouth between them in the table. The Tigers’ next match sees them away to Burnley on Saturday.

Ian Poulter takes early lead at Singapore Open

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct — Ian Poulter took a one-shot lead over Ernie Els at the Singapore Open on Thursday after play was halted by darkness following a three-hour suspension due to lightning.

Poulter, who had six birdies, shot a 5-under 66 at the par-71 Sentosa Golf Club, one stroke ahead of Els and Chan Yih-shin.

“It was nice,” Poulter said after his round. “There were no mistakes on the back nine and on my front nine, after I bogeyed the first, I started to hit some good shots.”

Phil Mickelson, who had an eagle and three birdies to go with three bogeys for a 69, was in a group of seven players at 2 under.

“I putted well today, and as the week goes on I think I will get better and better as I get accustomed to the speed of the greens,” Mickelson said. Poulter is looking to move up the rankings of the European Tour’s Race to Dubai, where he’s currently in 29th place. The Singapore Open is co-sanctioned by the European and Asian tours. — Internet

Wenger confident about Arsenal starlets game

SINGAPORE, 29 Oct — Arsene Wenger predicted his crop of Arsenal youngsters would reach ‘the top level in the game’ after they scalped Liverpool in the League Cup fourth round.

The Frenchman did not pick any of his regular Premier League starters for Wednesday’s 2-1 victory against the Reds at the Emirates Stadium, but it made little difference against opposition who also boasted an unfamiliar look.

Goals from Fran Merida and Nicklas Bendtner were enough to see off Liverpool, who had levelled through Emiliano Insua’s excellent long-range volley, but it was the composed and polished quality of his tyros’ football which impressed Wenger. — Internet
Globalization: Diseases spreading from humans to animals, study finds

SCIENCE DAILY, 28 Oct—Globalization and industrialization are causing diseases to spread from humans to animals, a study has shown.

Researchers from The Roslin Institute of the University of Edinburgh have shown that a strain of bacteria has jumped from humans to chickens. It is believed to be the first clear evidence of bacterial pathogens crossing over from humans to animals and then spreading since animals were first domesticated some 10,000 years ago. The study identified a form of the bacteria Staphylococcus aureus — of which MRSA is a subtype — in chickens, and found that the bacteria originally came from humans. Genetic testing showed that the bacteria crossed over from one species to another around 40 years ago, coinciding with a move towards intensive poultry farming practices.

In comparison to the corresponding form of Staphylococcus aureus in humans, which was isolated to one geographical area, the strain in chickens was spread across different continents. Infectious diseases in chicken flocks are a major economic burden on the industry and the spread of bacteria from humans to chickens could have a huge impact on poultry farming. If bacteria are also shown to be crossing over from humans to other livestock then there could be an impact on food security.—Internet
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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

Myanma Railways serving as bridge between national races from plains and hilly regions

With a view to ensuring socio-economic development of the people, narrowing the development gap among the regions of the nation and forging the amity of the national brethren, the government is striving for better transportation of the country.

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Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) to present special entertainment programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct—In addition to animal shows and elephant show, the skill demonstration of women in playing traditional cane-ball will be presented to the holiday-makers at the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) on public holidays 31 October and 1 November during the Tazaungdine lighting festival.

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Science Daily, 26 Oct—Fire is often thought of something that trees should be protected from, but a new study suggests that some trees may themselves contribute to the likelihood of wildfires in order to promote their own abundance at the expense of their competitors.—INTERNET

A train running past Ponnyataung Tunnel on Kyaw-Yemyetni railroad section.