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**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- 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

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**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Defence Attaché of Bangladesh**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Defence Attaché Brigadier General ANM Shawkat Jamal, ndc, psc, of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to the Union of Myanmar at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.— MNA

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Indonesian Defence and Military Attachés**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Defence and Military Attaché Colonel Dedi Priatna Ariestiadi of the Republic of Indonesia to the Union of Myanmar who had completed his tour of duty and his successor Colonel Aang Suharlan at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence. — MNA

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Extensively grow perennial trees for development of eco-system

The government is making all-out efforts for improvement of socio-economic status of the national people, environmental conservation and development of eco-system.

A ceremony to open workshop on private teak plantations and training course on establishment of teak plantations, sponsored by the Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry was held at the Central Training and Education Department for Forest Development in Hmawby on 26 October.

At the workshop, papers on establishment of teak plantations, conservation of teak species, growing of quality strain teaks, potential for teak plantation market, establishment of forest plantations according to refined development method, deforestation and reducing of carbon emission due to forest degradation.

Up to date, the nation has seen 2,071,446 acres of teak plantations and 1,248,205 acres of teak plantations. Starting from 2004 steps were taken in eight districts and 31 townships in Yangon Division, Bago Division, Mandalay Division and Magway Division for greening Bago Yoma, and a pilot teak plantation of 1,000 acres were introduced in Ottwin Township in 2007-2008.

Since 2007-2008, arrangements have been made to establish 9,700 acres of teak plantations in Taungnawin Reserve Forest in Paukkang Township in Bago Division (West), Kyangin Reserve Forest in Kyangin Township, Ayeawaddy Division and Yenwe Research Forest in Kyauktka Township, Bago Division (East). Under the plan, 4,100 acres were already put under teak saplings.

As the nation is blessed with vast tracks of virgin and fallow lands plus favorable weather condition, quality strains and agricultural techniques, efforts are to be made to extensively grow perennial trees in order to contribute to development of eco-system, generation of weather and environmental conservation.

Command Headquarters this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint. Next, those present reported to the commander on matters relating to vehicles, traffic rules and safe travel for the people. In connection with the reports, the commander gave necessary instructions and made concluding remarks.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint gives a speech at the work coordination meeting of SCESST.—MNA

Third Inter-ministry men’s Volleyball Tournament kicks off

—The opening of the Third Inter-ministry Men’s Volleyball Tournament 2009 took place at Nay Pyi Taw Volleyball Ground this morning.

Among the audience were Minister for Civil Services Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo and departmental officials from the ministries.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an opening address. The match between the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs team and the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) team ended 3-0.

Altogether 30 volleyball teams are taking part in the tournament.—MNA

Bangladeshi delegation concludes visit

—A Bangladeshi delegation led by Acting Principal Brigadier-General Habibur Rahman Kamal, psc of Military Institute of Science and Technology, MIST arrived in here by air on 25 October evening.

The delegation went to Mandalay by air and visited Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace and went round Mandalay. On 28 October, they went on a study tour of Yatanarpon Teleport, Defence Services Technological Academy, National Kandawgyi Gardens and National Landmark Gardens.

On 29 October, the delegation arrived back in Yangon by air and visited Union National Races Village. The delegation paid tribute to Commonwealth War Cemetery in Haukkyant this morning. Senior military officers and officials saw off the Bangladeshi delegation at Yangon International Airport.

MINA
UN to boost Afghanistan security

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct—The UN Security Council has backed a call by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for more protection for UN staff and facilities in Afghanistan. The move followed Wednesday’s attack by militants on a guesthouse in Kabul, in which five UN employees were killed.

Mr Ban said the mission in Afghanistan would continue, but that UN staff were widely regarded as being a soft target. The Taliban has vowed to disrupt next week’s presidential election run-off, which is being overseen by the UN. But the Security Council said the violence should not be allowed to derail the vote.

Mr Ban said he would make an appeal for security officers on Friday to the 192-member General Assembly, which controls the budget. Speaking to reporters after briefing the Security Council in New York, Mr Ban said he had appealed for more security personnel in Afghanistan to meet the “dramatically escalated threat to UN staff now widely considered to be a soft target”.

“Increasingly, the UN is being targeted, in this case precisely because of our support for the Afghan elections,” he added. Mr Ban said Afghanistan had become the most dangerous places on the planet for UN staff.

Iraqi security officials held in blast aftermath

BAGHDAD, 30 Oct—Iraq detained dozens of security officials responsible for protecting the Baghdad district where twin suicide bombings this week killed 155 people, and authorities said on Thursday they are trying to determine whether they were negligent or even had a role in the attack.

The blasts in the heart of the capital infuriated Iraqis, who question how the bombers could have driven their deadly cargo undetected through the multiple checkpoints that dot Baghdad. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s government, facing a January election, has been under intense pressure to restore a sense of security and show that the military and police are able to take over when Americans go home.

A military spokesman for the Iraqi capital, Maj Gen Qassim al-Moussaawi, told The Associated Press that 11 army officers and 50 security officials have been taken into custody over Sunday’s bombings, which targeted the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad Provincial Administration.

The suspects were detained because they were responsible for protecting the area where the bombings occurred, al-Moussaawi said. He said the investigation will determine whether they were simply negligent or actually helped the militants.

Space chief calls for Mars mission with atomic ship

EDINBURGH, 30 Oct—Russia should build a new nuclear-powered spacecraft for prospective manned missions to Mars and other planets, the nation’s space chief said. Anatoly Perminov said the project is challenging technologically, but could capitalise on the Soviet and Russian experience in the field.

He also said the preliminary design could be ready by 2012, and that it would take nine more years and cost 17 billion rubles (about £360 million) to build the ship. “The project is aimed at implementing large-scale space exploration programs, including a manned mission to Mars, interplanetary travel, the creation and operation of planetary outposts,” Mr Perminov said.

The proposal has the backing of president Dmitry Medvedev who has urged the government to find the money. The ambitious plans contrast with Russia’s slow progress on building a replacement to its mainstay spacecraft — the Soyuz. Russia is using Soyuz booster rockets and capsules, developed 40 years ago, to send crews to the International Space Station.

Pakistan’s growing anti-US anger

ISLAMABAD, 30 Oct — Recently, while Pakistan’s government may have been saying the things that the White House wants to hear, the country’s media and public have often been openly hostile towards the United States. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s charm offensive this week suggests that she recognises that.

Town hall-style meetings with students in Lahore and round-table debates with senior news broadcasters in Islamabad may be seen as steps in the right direction. But it is likely to take much more to turn around Pakistani mistrust of American intentions. “Americans want this country to face anarchy,” says Munawar Hassan, the head of Pakistan’s largest religious party, Jamaat-e-Islami. He has just finished giving another press conference in his “Go America Go” tour.

‘Mystery ship’ returns to Malta

VALLETTA, 30 Oct—A Maltese-flagged freighter that mysteriously disappeared in the Atlantic over the summer has returned to Malta, officials say. The Arctic Sea was towed into harbour in the Maltese capital, Valletta, after maritime officials inspected the vessel and declared it radiation-free.

The ship disappeared on its way from Finland to Algeria, and was eventually found off the Cape Verde islands. It was at the centre of bizarre claims about hijacking and weapons smuggling. The Maltese-flagged, Russian-crewed ship was purportedly attacked by pirates in Swedish waters in July.

A Russian warship located it off West Africa in August and arrested eight alleged hijackers. The boldness of the hijacking and the elaborate effort to recapture it prompted speculation that the ship was carrying missiles for Iran or Syria, but Russian officials dismissed the claims.

Among the grief, there is anger and blame directed at the US.
Venezuela step closer to Mercosur

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 Oct — Brazil’s Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved Venezuela’s request to join the South American trade bloc Mercosur. The committee voted by 12 to five in favour of Venezuela’s application, and the proposal will now go before the Senate to gain full approval.

Paraguay’s parliament must also approve Venezuela’s membership before it will be allowed to join Mercosur.

The Brazilian president is visiting Venezuela this week.—INTERNET

Japan Airlines seeking state aid

Tokyo, 30 Oct — Loss-making carrier Japan Airlines (JAL) has confirmed it is to apply for financial assistance from a newly-formed state-backed turnaround agency. JAL said it had started negotiations with the Enterprise Turnaround Initiative Corporation (ETIC).

ETIC has access to up to 1.6 trillion yen ($17.7bn; £10.8bn) of government guaranteed funds, but it remains to be seen how much JAL may be given.

JAL reported a loss of 99bn yen between April and June. Thursday’s announcement comes a month after the airline first said it would need state aid.

Hit by falling passenger numbers and high oil prices, the firm has been in severe financial trouble for some time, and its debts are said to total $15bn. The airline recently announced plans to cut 6,800 jobs to save money. The ETIC has been given the power to buy the debt of companies in trouble, and send in turnaround specialists to help them restructure their operations.

It will now study JAL’s finances and restructuring plan to decide what funds it requires - a process analysts say could take a few months.

Japan’s Transport Minister Seiji Maehara said helping the airline recovery was vital for the Japanese economy.—INTERNET

A fuel leak is suspected to be the cause of the fire.—INTERNET

Five die in huge India oil blaze

NEW DELHI, 30 Oct — A massive fire at an oil depot in the western Indian state of Rajasthan has killed at least five people and injured 150 others, officials say.

Army soldiers have joined fire-fighters to put out the fire and rescue the trapped people at the depot in Jaipur.

People near the depot have been evacuated, officials said.

The depot, located 16km (10 miles) south of the tourist city of Jaipur, stocks gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuel for state-owned oil companies.

It is unclear what caused the fire, which broke out on Thursday evening, and it was still raging early on Friday, officials said.

Black smoke billowed out of the oil depot owned by the state-owned Indian Oil Corporation as the fire spread and engulfed adjoining factories, reports say.

Huge explosions were heard before the fire broke out, and the blaze was visible from over 25km (16 miles) away, a senior official said.

“There is no fire. We are finding it difficult to douse it,” Petroleum Minister Murli Deora said.

Internet

Huge fine for radio contest death

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct — The family of a US woman who drank so much water in a contest run by a radio station that she died has received $16m (£9.7m) in compensation.

A California court awarded the woman's family $15m in damages, plus $1m in attorney's fees.

The family of Jennifer Strange, 28, said they were never told the competition was dangerous.

Strange, a mother-of-three, died after drinking nearly two gallons (7.5 litres) of water in a contest to see who could drink the most without going to the toilet, to win a Nintendo Wii.

She lost, and a few hours later died of acute water intoxication. Water intoxication can occur when the normal balance of electrolytes in the body is altered by a rapid intake of water.

This can eventually cause the brain to swell, stopping it regulating vital functions such as breathing, and causing death.

In the competition – “Hold Your Wee for a Wii” – contestants were given 225-ml bottles to drink every 15 minutes without going to the toilet.

After eight rounds, contestants drank half-litre bottles. Ms Strange is believed to have drunk nearly two gallons (7.5 litres) in the hope of winning the games console for her children.

Internet
Traffic jam seen in France. Half of urban Europe endures noise pollution from road that are loud enough to disrupt sleep and trigger hypertension, according to a report released on Monday. — Internet

Hundreds arrested in Ky drug crackdown
LEXINGTON, 30 Oct — Several hundred people were arrested this week in Kentucky raids aimed at traffickers who bring prescription drugs into the state.

Investigators say the violators go out of state to avoid Kentucky's strict prescription tracking system, the Lexington (Ky) Herald-Leader reported.

Heavy duty video gamers have less focus

High-volume action video game players — those who play about 40 hours a week — had more difficulty keeping focused on longer tasks, US researchers say.

The study, published online in the journal Psychophysiology, also supports research published within the last year linking video game-playing addiction to attention deficit disorder.

Rob West, an associate professor of psychology Iowa State University, and Kira Bailey, psychology graduate student, recorded the electrical activity in the brains of 51 Iowa State undergraduates aged 18-33 while they took completed an attention-measuring task.

The groups were nearly evenly divided between those who reported playing less than a couple of hours of video games per week and those who played video games an average of 43 hours per week.

Tigers fast dying out despite campaigns

The world’s tiger population is declining fast despite efforts to save them, and new strategies are urgently needed to keep the species from dying out, international wildlife experts said.

“We are assembled here to save tigers that are at the verge of extinction,” Nepal’s secretary of forest and soil conservation, Yuvaraj Bhusal, told a conference of tiger experts from 20 countries, including the 13 where wild tigers are still found.

An estimated 3,500 to 4,000 tigers now roam the world’s forests, down from the more than 100,000 estimated at the beginning of the 20th century. All the remaining tigers are in Asia.

Participants at the conference, which also includes the World Bank, the World Wildlife Fund and other groups, plan to discuss strategies for tiger conservation, as well as challenges such as poaching, the trade of tiger parts and conflicts between tigers and local populations.

Somali pirates move UK couple to container ship
MOGADISHU, 30 Oct — Somali pirates moved two British hostages from their hijacked yacht on Thursday to a captured container ship now moored near a pirate haven.

Paul and Rachel Chandler, both in their 50s, had left the Seychelles on their 38-foot yacht Lynn Rival and were believed to be sailing to Tanzania when they were hijacked on 23 October.

“After we understood the British navy might attack us, we took the hostages off the yacht into the Singaporean ship to bring them safely here,” a pirate called Hassen told Reuters by telephone from the coastal town of Haradheere.

“They are close to Haradheere. We will be holding them in the Singaporean ship along with that ship’s crew. We decided not to take them to shore. They are exhausted and they need rest,” Hassen was referring to a Singaporean container ship, the Kota Wajar, which was seized by Somali gunmen earlier this month along with its 21 crew. Earlier on Thursday, the European naval force said a Spanish helicopter had spotted the yacht. — Internet

Afghanistan: blast kills nine civilians
KABUL, 30 Oct — A taxi carrying nine civilians hit a bomb buried in the road in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, killing everyone inside, police said.

Nangahar provincial police spokesman Ghafour Khan said the dead included a mother and her child.

The taxi was headed to a market in the district of Khogyani when the explosion ripped through the vehicle, Khan said. No other details were immediately available.

Tow trucks assist the Colorado State Patrol to clear stalled vehicles from westbound Interstate 70 on Ford Hill just west of the Denver metropolitan area on 28 Oct, 2009. — Internet

Invasion giant snakes threaten US wilderness areas
Pythons and other giant snakes imported as pets could endanger some of America’s most important parks and wilderness areas if they are allowed to multiply, according to a report released.

Wildlife experts say the python is distributed across thousands of square miles in south Florida. There could be tens of thousands in the Everglades, a wildlife refuge that is home to the Florida panther and other endangered species.

The python and four other non-native snakes — boa constrictors, yellow anacondas, northern and southern African pythons — are considered “high-risk” threats to the health of US ecosystems because they eat native birds and animals, the US Geological Survey report said.

A radio-controlled patrol robot was displayed at the Seoul International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition (ADEX) 2009 at a military airport in Seongnam, south of Seoul on 20 October, 2009. About 270 defence firms from 27 countries attend the biennial international aerospace and defence exhibition from 20-25 October, according to local media.
Heavy Truck Factory being built in Magway

Byline: Htein Lin; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Remarkable development the whole nation has begun to enjoy in a short period is a tangible result of multifarious projects the Tatmadaw government has on the go, in pursuit of the lofty goal of shaping the nation into a modern, developed one.

As to the economic arena, the government has introduced the market-oriented economic system to the nation, and is encouraging private investments. A great number of national entrepreneurs once running cottage industries have now become rich with hotels, companies, industries, and supermarkets, as a result.

In addition, the government has established industrial zones across the country and given green light to run industries. Now, the industries have launched their production lines of goods such as automobiles, three-wheelers, bicycles, farm machinery and machine tools, foodstuff, kitchen utensils, and garments.

Some of the industries are run individually, and some are run jointly by entrepreneurs, or with ministries and foreign companies for mutual interests.

On our recent tour of Magway, our media team from the Myanma Alin dropped in Heavy Truck Factory Project for an interview with responsible persons from the factory.

When asked about the factory, Acting General Manager U Myo Chosa said, “Our factory is a heavy truck factory. The factory is about four miles west of Mile No (324) on Magway-Taungdwingyi Road. The factory compound has an area of about 1300 acres. The factory is being built jointly by Tar Tar Automobile Ltd that produces world’s least expensive automobiles and the Ministry of Industry-2 from Myanmar.”

He said, “The project was launched in late June 2008. In rough estimate, we have rooted it and laid all the foundations. We are now trying to start the manufacturing line by 2010.”

In respect to the production line, he said, “We give customer satisfaction, so when the project is completed, we will produce comfortable and least expensive heavy trucks with fashionable designs. For the time being, the factory is run with 25 officials and 121 workers totaling 146. We have a plan to extend the organizational set-up of workers to nearly 600 when the factory is completed. Then, we will build multi-purpose diesel factory, turbine and generator factory, and technical training school.

So, our industrial zone will be the largest industrial area after Thagaya Industrial Region in Myanmar.”

A delegation led by Mr. Biswadev Sengupta from India Tar Tar Automobile Ltd held a meeting with responsible persons including the Minister for Industry-2 in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 August 2009 to expedite the tasks to build the factory.

Upon completion, Magway Heavy Truck Factory will produce high-quality heavy trucks which are attractive to the State and to national entrepreneurs, and generate a large number of job opportunities for local people.

Global warming cycles threaten endangered primate species

LONDON, 30 Oct— Two Penn State University researchers have carried out one of the first-ever analyses of the effects of global warming on endangered primates. This innovative work by Graduate Student Ruscena Wiederholt and Associate Professor of Biology Eric Post examined how El Niño warming affected the abundance of four New World monkeys over decades.

Wiederholt and Post decided to concentrate on the way the oscillating weather patterns directly and indirectly influence plants and animals in the tropics. Until the research by Wiederholt and Post, this intricate network of interacting factors had rarely been analyzed as a single system. “We know very little about how climate change and global warming are affecting primate species,” explains Wiederholt. “Up to one third of primates species are threatened with extinction, so it is really crucial to understand how these changes in climate may be affecting their populations.”

The scientists focused on the large-bodied monkeys of South America, which are highly threatened. Choosing one species from each of the four genera of Atelines, Wiederholt and Post examined abundance trends and dynamics in populations of the muriqui (Brachyteles hypoxanthus, formerly B. arachnoides) of Brazil, the woolly monkey (Lagothrix lagothricha) in Colombia, Geoffroy’s spider monkey (Ateles geoffroyi), which was studied on Barro Colorado Island in Panama, and the red howler monkey (Alouatta seniculus) in Venezuela.—Internet
CPT Minister looks into regional development task in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 23 October attended the ceremony to award medals and certificates of honour to 14 outstanding Red Cross members, organized by Myanmar Red Cross Society, at the town hall in Myitkyina. The minister and officials presented medals and certificates of honour to 14 outstanding Red Cross members and two other members who won the Excellent Performance in Social Field awards and first aid kids to officials. They viewed the documentary photos on activities of the Red Cross society displayed at the hall. The minister met with local people and town elders at Janmaikaung Ward of Myitkyina. On 24 October, the minister met district and township level authorities, town elders and entrepreneurs.

On 25 October, the minister attended the ceremony to launch the acceleration of transmission capacity for MRTV and Myawady TV. After opening it, the minister inspected the control room. In Mogaung, he visited Cetana Phyo free clinic. The minister met local people at Kamaing Basic Education High School. —MNA

Kayin State Chairman attends coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min on 14 and 16 October attended the coordination meeting at the hall of Kayin State PDC. He delivered an address at the meeting and fulfilled the requirements. Next he inspected cultivation of paddy and broadcasting of fertilizer on both sides of Hpa-an-Zarthapyin Road on 17 October. —MNA

Commander attends opening of factory, furniture showroom

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Opening ceremony of the Finished-wood product factory was held at Ayethaya Industrial zone in Taunggyi Township on 23 October. Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae attended the opening ceremony. Next, the commander opened the signboard of the factory and inspected it. After that, the commander attended the opening ceremony of furniture show room and unveiled the signboard. Furthermore, the commander viewed finished-wood products. —MNA

H&T Minister inspects regional development of Pyapon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 26 October presented nutritious powder for patients to Medical Superintendent Dr Nyi Nyi Min at People’s Hospital in Pyapon Township. Afterwards, the minister inspected extended construction of the 200-bed hospital and the new building at No 3 Basic Education High School and fulfilled the needs. —MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye inspected construction site of the three-storey building of Sittway University on 20 October and he gave necessary instructions. Next, the commander inspected progress of Pomenakyun-Kyauktaw road section and met with teachers and students at the Aungphyupin Basic Education Post Primary School.

The commander also looked into renovation tasks of Sittway-Kyaukpyu gravel road, harvest the monsoon paddy near the Yoetayoke village and 50 ton of rice mill in Kyauktaw Township.

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addressed the concluding ceremony of on-job training course No. (37) for Heads of Township Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the auditorium of the Ministry here this morning.

The minister presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and completion certificates to each trainee. The four-week course was attended by 48 trainees.—MNA

CPT Deputy Minister performs regional development task in Myaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun met with the chairman of Myaing Township Peace and Development Council and departmental officials at auto-exchange in Myaing, Pakokku District of Magway Division on 28 October.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister presented a computer set, 200 bags of cement, cash for education funds and sports gear to Twinma Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in the township in meeting with townelders, teachers and students at the school.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the on-job training course No. (37) for Heads of Township Internal Revenue Department.—F & R

On-job Training Course for Heads of Township IRD concludes

YANGON, 30 Oct—Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee organized the talks on traffic rules at Basic Education High School in Kawkhame Village of Mawlamyine Township on 22 October. Officials gave talks on traffic rules for pedestrians and vehicles. In charge (traffic) Police Captain Myint Aye presented CD and pamphlets on traffic rules to Headmistress Daw Than Than Aye.

The traffic police force of Mon State will organize the talks on traffic rules at BEHSs in Mawlamyine and Thaton districts.—NLM

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Thein Tun presents a computer set to Twinma village BEHS (Branch).—MNA

Talks on traffic rules held in Mawlamyine Tsp

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Hlawga Park to be kept open on 1, 11 November

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Nowadays, development undertakings can be seen in various townships. Of them, Wakema is one of the developing townships. Wakema river, Shwelaung river, Razudaing river, Ayeyawady river and Pyanmalaw river are flowing through the township from the north to the south.

Wakema Township, formed with 585 villages in 126 village-tracts and 14 wards, is home to 383,940 people. Most of them are engaging in agriculture business. Everybody can travel to Wakema by land or by waterway.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government, the local people and departmental personnel, Wakema is gaining development momentum at present.

Up to now, the township has put 184,876 acres of land under monsoon paddy against the target of 184,787 acres, accounting for 100 per cent.

Wakema is located as a port of double-deckers of Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport on the waterway from Yangon to Pathein, from Yangon to Myaungmya and from Yangon to Labutta. As a result, the local people are enjoying the fruits of development in social, health, education and economic sectors. The region has the ability to maintain the narrowing of development gap between urban and rural areas.

Along the way from Yangon to Wakema by car, Myuyone Road in Sayaygon and Minbaing wards is evident for smooth transportation facility.

The 3020 feet long Wakema suspension bridge lies on Pantanaw-Shwelaung-Wakema Road. Moreover, the 220 feet long concrete type Lanthamaing bridge is located on Kyonmange Road. The 1900 feet long Shwelaung steel cable suspension bridge is also situated on Wakema-Pantanaw Road. As such, the local people have easy access to other regions of the nation.

Local farmers grow maize, sunflower, monsoon groundnut, cold season groundnut, monsoon sesame, cold season sesame, green bean, green gram, pigeon pea, coffee and pepper in addition to monsoon and summer paddy.

The Irrigation Department built 15 sluice gates in the township to contribute to development of the agriculture sector. The department concerned opened eight jute purchase centres and bought 50,040 viss of jute from the local growers.

Due to improvement of transport facility, the local farmers can sell their agricultural produce to other regions. Therefore, livelihood of the local people improves.

Efforts of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs plays a key role in development of the township.

All in all, progress can be seen in Wakema Township thanks to concerted efforts of the district and township level authorities and local people under the supervision of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council.

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WHO experts: single dose swine flu vaccine enough

GENEVA, 30 Oct—A WHO expert group says a single dose of swine flu vaccine is enough to immunize adults and children over 10 against the pandemic strain.

But the experts say medical regulators should have the final say on which vaccines can be administered as a single shot.

Europe’s drug regulator recommends that the swine flu vaccines it has licensed be given in two doses, at least three weeks apart.

U.S. regulators recommend two doses for children under 10.

The WHO experts say more data on children aged between 6 months and 10 years are needed to determine whether one or two doses are enough.

WHO released the recommendations Friday after a three-day meeting of vaccine experts in Geneva.

Internet

China launches funds to back high-tech sectors

BEIJING, 30 Oct—China’s central government launched 20 venture capital funds with seven local governments on Friday to provide investment in the country’s high-tech sectors, the top economic planner said in a statement on its web site.

The investment would go to high-tech sectors including the electronic and information sector, biological and pharmaceutical industry, new energy sector and projects related to energy conservation and environmental protection, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) said.

The 20 funds would collect about nine billion yuan (1.31 billion U.S. dollars), of which, one billion yuan was invested by the central government, 1.2 billion yuan by local governments and the rest from private investment, the NDRC said.

The funds were aimed to direct capital into new industries and competitive high-tech enterprises to push forward self-innovation, it said.

The NDRC and the Ministry of Finance signed the agreement with 7 local governments of Beijing, Jilin, Shanghai, Anhui, Hunan, Chongqing and Shenzhen.

Internet

Super-Sonic gamer smashes world record

LONDON, 30 Oct—A gamer from Kent has played himself into the record books Friday after speeding through the classic Sonic the Hedgehog game in the fastest recorded time ever. James Richards, 21, completed the ‘speed run’ through the first level of the platform game in 22 seconds, a time confirmed as a record by Guinness World Records officials present at London’s Golden Joystick Awards.

“It got really tense and was very exciting when he actually broke the record,” event spokesman Justin Crosby told AFP. “He took about an hour-and-a-half to finally do it, and was looking very tired at the end.

“He’s been in training for four or five weeks in anticipation and has been helped by his girlfriend working nights, giving him more time to practice,” he added.

World’s largest cruise ship sets sail from Finland

HELSINKI, 30 Oct—The world’s largest cruise liner — the Oasis of the Seas — has set sail for Miami from the Finnish shipyard where it was built.

The 1,200-foot (360-meter) ship has a price tag of almost euro1 billion ($1.5 billion) and was commissioned by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. It is due to begin cruises out of Miami in December.

The ship has 16 passenger decks with 2,700 cabins and can accommodate 6,300 passengers and 2,100 crew. It has an open-air arena the size of a football field and features a 750-seat theater modeled on an ancient Greek amphitheater, a skating rink and a youth area.

Internet

10 dead, 12 injured in NW Gansu highway collision

LANZHOU, 30 Oct—Ten people were killed and 12 others were injured in a highway auto crash in northwest China’s Gansu Province, a local official said on Friday.

The accident occurred at 11:15 am when a coach carrying 22 passengers collided with a semi-trailer at the No. 316 national highway trunk in Huixian County, Longnan City, said Luo Jianhong, an official with the provincial public security department.

Five people died at the scene, and 17 others were rushed to local hospitals, among which five died later, Luo said.

The 12 injured, including three seriously wounded and nine with slight injuries, are being treated in hospital, and their conditions are not yet known, he said.

Internet

A hot air balloon is seen in Trafalgar Square in London, during a launch to mark 1000 days to go until the start of the London 2012 Olympics, on Friday, 30 Oct, 2009.

Internet
**Arianespace shoots two commercial satellites**

PARIS, 30 Oct—European Space Agency successfully shot two telecommunication satellites: NSS-12 and THOR 6 aboard Ariane 5 ECA launcher at 2000 GMT on Thursday from Arianespace in Kourou, French Guiana. Ariane 5 was ignited at the South American jungle of Kourou, with two direct broadcast satellites on mission: NSS-12, for the operator of SES World Skies, a cross-continent satellite operator and THOR 6 for Norwegian mobile operator Telenor.

After climbing vertically for 6 seconds, Ariane 5 then rotated towards the East, heading to the proper orbit, the live webcast of Arianespace headquarter near Paris showed. About 27 minutes after the lift-off, NSS-12, on the upper stage of the launcher, was firstly ejected, two more minutes later, the other passenger THOR 6 was separated from the white launcher. —MNA/Xinhua

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**MV XIANG DA VOYN (9042)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOYN (9042) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 31.10.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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**MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO TENDER To Buy Spare Parts for Locomotives**

1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro-

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 28.10.2009 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Thibinheu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 95-1-291994.

**Jackson film “This Is It” brings $20m on 1st day of screening**

LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct—“This Is It”, a documentary depicting the late pop king Michael Jackson’s rehearsal in preparation for a planned London concert grossed 20.1 million dollars in theatres across the world, figures released Thursday show. This was generated on the first day of its release, or Wednesday in some 100 countries and regions around the world.

Among the huge sum, a total of 12.7 millions dollars came from abroad while 7.4 million dollars were generated in theatres in the United States, according to A.O.L.P. of o.m. reported. It is expected to bring more considering Jackson’s popularity and lingering love from the fans at home and abroad. The feature-length documentary is expected to be the number one money earner in this year.

**Russia, Ecuador ink declaration of strategic partnership**

MOSCOW, 30 Oct—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his visiting Ecuadoran counterpart Rafael Correa signed a declaration of strategic partnership between the two countries at the Kremlin on Thursday. In a nine-page document, the two countries said they were determined to strengthen dialogue and consultations in the fields of security and defence, and invigorate cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations. Russia and Ecuador also unanimously expressed willingness to cooperate on fighting terrorism, fighting transborder organized crime, drug trafficking and other threats to international security. —MNA/Xinhua

**Firms sign agreement of largest Chinese investment in US**

WASHINGTON, 30 Oct—Chinese and US firms Thursday signed an agreement to develop a 600MW wind farm in Texas, the largest Chinese investment in US renewable energy. The US Renewable Energy Group (US-REG) and Cielo Wind Power LP said that they will work with China’s Shenyang Power Group (SPG) on the project, which was expected to cost 1.5 billion US dollars.

“US-REG, SPG, and Cielo Wind Power LP are combining investment, expertise, and resources to bring clean, reliable, and affordable renewable technologies to the marketplace,” said Cappy McGarr, US-REG Managing Partner in a statement. “This planned 1.5-billion-dollar investment in wind energy will spur tremendous growth in the renewable energy sector and directly create hundreds of high-paying American jobs,” he noted.

**Members of GPIN conduct an excersise on the Rhone near Lyon on 10 October. A young Albanian has been jailed for stealing a boat in the inland French city of Lyon and embarking on a bid to sail it down the Rhone and through the Mediterranean and Atlantic to England.—INTERNET**
German man dumped by Brazilian woman lives in airport for 13 days

CAMPINAS, 30 Oct — A German man reportedly dumped by a Brazilian woman he met on the Internet camped out in an airport for 13 days before being taken on Thursday to a hospital for a psychological evaluation. The man, identified by authorities as Heinz Muller, was out of money and wouldn’t say when he planned to leave, according to airport workers, some of whom brought him meals from the food court.

The 46-year-old former pilot spent his time wandering the airport in Campinas, an industrial city about an hour’s drive from Sao Paulo, and using his laptop perched on a luggage cart. Occasionally he spoke to workers and passengers in basic Portuguese mixed with some Spanish. While airport workers said they were getting used to Muller’s presence and authorities said he could stay at the airport because he was in Brazil legally, doctors determined Muller needed to be checked out. —Internet

Samsung 3Q profit triples to record as sales jump

SEOUL, 30 Oct — Samsung Electronics Co said third-quarter net profit tripled to a record amid increased sales of flat screen TVs and mobile phones and higher prices for computer memory chips. The world’s top producer of computer memory chips, in a move that is set to transform the internet world. The DNS acts like a phonebook, turning easily understandable domain names into strings of computer-readable numbers, known as Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. —Internet

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ISLAMABAD, 30 Oct — A meteorology official says a strong earthquake has shaken large areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. There are no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the earthquake, which struck late Thursday.

The quake was centered in Afghanistan’s Hindu Kush mountains about 160 miles (250 kilometers) north of Kabul. The US Geological Survey says its preliminary magnitude was 6.0, but Pakistani officials said it was 6.1. It was felt in Pakistan’s northwest and in the capital, Islamabad, causing some buildings to shake. —Internet

A traditionally dressed Indian folk dancer waits to perform on the second day of a crafts fair in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 25 Oct, 2009. Hundreds of artists and craftsmen throned the ten-day long crafts fair to perform and sell their handicrafts. —Internet

A couple, with their motorbike decorated as an airplane, ride their motorcycle during a “Halloween Convoy of Terror” in Cali on 29 Oct, 2009. Every year motorcycle enthusiasts dress up in outfits and ride around Cali to celebrate Halloween. —Internet

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It is being described as the biggest change to the way the internet works since it was created 40 years ago. The first Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) could be in use next year. Plans for IDNs were first approved at a meeting in June 2008, but testing of the system has been going on for two years. The move paves the way for the internet’s Domain Name System (DNS) to be changed so it can recognize and translate non-Latin characters.

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President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee Spiros Kapralos dressed as High Priestess accompanied by the New Acropolis Museum, under cheers from which on Thursday included a stop at the Acropolis Stadium as the last torchbearer on Greek soil. Jean, Greek minister of Culture Pavlos Geroulanos and Greece and began its trip to Canada. In the presence 1896, the Sacred flame finished its journey around dim, where the first modern Olympics was hosted in 1896.

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ners Thursday. The new date “suits both clubs as well

killed last week at Olympia, the birthplace of the Ol-

Mother of the Hellenic Olympic CommitteeSpiros

when asked about the string of losses which the club have suffered in his absence.

Real have suffered three losses without the 94-million-euro signing, including a 4-0 Spanish Cup route away to third-

division club Alcorcon on Tuesday which have led to calls for the resignation of coach Manuel Pellegrini.”We lost, no-

body’s happy, nobody expected it, the team did not play well, but we have to raise our heads. The world is not going to end be-

cause of that,” Ronaldo added.

Ronaldo has been in-

jured ever since Real’s 3-0 Champions League win over Marseille at the end of September when he was tackled by the French side’s Senegalese de-

fender Souleymane Diawara.— Internet

Real Madrid’s Portuga-

guese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (L) attends a training session in Madrid.— Internet

Serena Williams of US hits a return to Elena Dementieva of Russia during their WTA Tour Championships tennis match in Doha on 29 Oct, 2009.— Xinhua

Serena Williams of US

remained undefeated at the 4.5 million dollars championships after beating Russian Vera Zvonareva in a White Group match. The 19-

year-old won 6-0, 6-7 and 6-4 despite suffering ag-

oising cramps in her left thigh.

Xinhua

Olympic Flame on its way to

Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics

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couver’s 21st Winter Olympic Games, which was kin-
dled last week at Olympia, the birthplace of the Ol-

FIFA considers biological

passports to fight doping

ZURICH, 30 Oct —Soc-

cer’s governing body FIFA

will work with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to step up the pressure on drug cheats in the sport, possibly with cycling-style biological passports. “This is a strat-
egogy which could be ex-
tremely beneficial in the next few years,” WADA president John Fahey told reporters after meeting his opposite number Sepp Blatter at FIFA headquar-
ters Thursday.

“We welcome this partnership and we are happy that such an impor-
tant sport is prepared to work with us,” he added, although he warned it could take time to implement. “It will not necessarily bring results straight away,” Since January 2008, the Interna-
tional Cycling Union (UCI) has collected blood samples from all profes-
sional riders to create a medical profile that would be compared with data registered in anti-
doping tests.

“This is a long-term project and it’s worth-

while exploring,” said FIFA chief medical officer Jiri Dvorak, adding that FIFA carried out 33,000
doping tests each year. “Of these, 0.3 percent test positive and these are mostly with social drugs such as marijuana and co-
caine,” said Dvorak. He said 0.03 percent of the 33,000 tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

FIFA and WADA were until recently involved in a series of disputes, mainly over the controversial whereabouts rule which requires athletes to give three months’ notice of where they will be for an hour each day.— Internet

Inter Milan’s Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto’o (C) challenges Palermo’s Argentinean defender Javier Pastore (L) and Palermo’s midfielder Giulio Migliaccio (R) during their Serie A football match Inter Milan vs Palermo at San Siro Stadium in Milan.— Internet

New date for Marseille-PSG game

PARIS , 30 Oct—The French league
match between Marseille and Paris Saint-Germain that was postponed due to an outbreak of swine flu at PSG at the weekend has been rescheduled for 20 November, the French Professional League (LFP) confirmed on Tuesday.

The new date “suits both clubs as well as television rights holder Canal+,” the LFP said in a statement, adding that Marseille and PSG’s scheduled league matches for 21 November against Sochaux and Boulogne respectively

would now take place on 2 December.

Marseille coach Didier Deschamps said that 20 November had been the best solution offered. “Different dates were proposed which we refused, notably at the begin-
ing of January when four players will be at the African Nations Cup and 22 November, three days before or trip to Milan for the Champions League, which for me was unthinkable,” said Deschamps.

Internet

Andre Agassi, LOS ANGELES, 30 Oct —Andre Agassi’s admis-
sion he used a banned drug in 1997 should serve as a wake-up call to the ATP that they need to act now before they are shamed into it as a result of a scandal, says Dick Pound.

“It has got to the point where either these sports organizations enforce the rules or someone like congress is going to say ‘we gave you a chance to manage your affairs properly now we are going to take it over,’” said Pound, the former president of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Eight-time grand slam champion Agassi admit-
ted in his autobiography, called Open, that he’d taken the highly-addic-
tive drug crystal metham-
phetamine and then lied to the Association of Ten-
sis Professionals (ATP) to escape a ban.

Inter edge Palermo in eight

goal thriller

ROME, 30 Oct — Inter Milan ruined Walter Zenga’s

homecoming by beating Palermo 5-3 in an eight-goal thriller at the San Siro on Thursday.

Zenga had threatened to upset his former employ-
ers as his battling team fought back from a 4-0 half-
time deficit to within a goal with a quarter of the game remaining before Diego Milito settled things late on.

Former Italy goalkeeper Zenga, who spent 12 years as an Inter player, was given a standing ovation when he arrived but his team was then ripped apart in a pain-
ful first 45 minutes, seemingly making a mockery of his pre-match claims that his side would challenge for the title.

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Serena into semis of WTA Championship

DOHA, 30 Oct — World number one Serena

Williams of the United States entered the semi-

finals of the WTA Championships here on Thurs-

day with a win over Rus-

sian Elena Dementieva. Her 6-2, 6-4 victory con-

firmed her as the first

player through to the last four at the season-ending tournament.

Her sister Venus, who lost to both Dementieva and Serena in her first two matches, beat Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-2, 6-7 and 6-4 but must wait for Friday’s results before knowing whether she will continue her action.

Teenager Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark

Ana Ivanovic of Serbia entered the semis with a 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 win over Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland.

Tennis returns to Paris on Thursday included a stop at the Acropolis and the New Acropolis Museum, under cheers from the crowd Georgianidou lit the altar. Then actress Maria Narfiloutou dressed as High Priestess accompanied by other 14 priestesses kindled the torch and gave it to Greek Olympic Committee president Spyros Kapralos.— Xinhua

Internet
Rafa admits Gerrard struggles
Fears grow over surgery needed for Reds skipper

Staff members show two silver commemorative coins for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China, at the International Coin Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Oct, 2009.—XINHUA

Steven Gerrard

London, 30 Oct—Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez has admitted Steven Gerrard is struggling to recover from his groin injury.

Gerrard has missed Liverpool’s last two games with the problem initially picked up on international duty with England earlier this month.

The Reds skipper is likely to be again missing for Saturday’s trip to Fulham amid fears he could need surgery to solve the problem.

Better news on the injury front for Benitez is that Fernando Torres is likely to face Fulham despite struggling with a similar problem to Gerrard. “Both have to keep going,‘ said Benitez. “Gerrard is still working with the physio so we will see.

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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 31 October, 2009

WEATHER

Friday, 30th October, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr M.S.T. between 24-10-2009 and 30-10-2009:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pathein and Gwa (0.27) inch each and Hinthada (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-10-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 30-10-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-10-2009 was 75%. Total sun shine hours on 29-10-2009 was (9.3) hours approx. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.06) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 29-10-2009.

Bay inference: Weather will be partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31st October 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Fair weather in the whole Country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-10-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-10-2009: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for first weekend of November 2009: During the coming weekend, likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.
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★ 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

Eastern Command team emerges champion in Tatmadaw U-21 Football Tourney

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The final match of the 25th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament 2009 was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 1, here, at 3 pm today, attended by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

Among the spectators were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, guests and referees.

In the final match, Eastern Command team beat Defence Services (Air).

Senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence presented cash awards to third prize winning North-West Command team, second prize winning Defence Services (Air) team and first prize winning Eastern Command team.

The commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command gave away best player awards for respective places to the winners and Fairplay Award to Defence Services (Air) team.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented championship trophy and duplicate trophy to Eastern Command team.—MNA

Earthquake News

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (2100) miles north-west of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory outside of Myanmar (Afghanistan) was recorded at (00) hrs (14) min (31) sec MST on 30 October 2009.

MNA

Preventive measures against New Influenza A/H1N1 taken with added momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Oct—The Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures against New Influenza A/H1N1 with added momentum since 28 April. Up to now, a total of 63 cases infected with New Influenza A/H1N1 had been confirmed, but no casualties. Of them, a total of 61 patients had been discharged from the hospitals as they had fully recovered and there are still two patients at hospital with improved health conditions.

The ministry urged the public to follow the warnings on New Influenza A/H1N1 and to cooperate in preventive measures against the virus.

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