State placing emphasis on development of agricultural, fishery, marine and transport sectors of seaside regions

Senior General Than Shwe inspects progress in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov —Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe arrived at Pyinsalu in Ayeyawady Division by helicopter through Yangon at 10 am today to inspect progress in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in the storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division. He was accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thih Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command, ministers, the deputy health minister and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office.

Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, departmental officials and members of social organizations. Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted local people.

Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected the Pyinsalu cyclone shelter construction project site being implemented by Max Myanmar Co. From the viewing deck, the Senior General inspected the construction of the cyclone shelter and the raised ground. Next, the Senior General viewed the blueprint of the cyclone shelter being built by Max Myanmar Co and A-1 Co and construction documentary photos. Minister Col Thein Nyunt and officials reported on the project tasks.

Next, the Head of State inspected progress in rehabilitation tasks and systematic construction of houses, office buildings, hospital, dispensary and schools and growing of shady trees and windshield trees in Pyinsalu.

The Senior General and party proceeded to the briefing hall for rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in Pyinsalu where Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on (See page 8)
Basic English Course for Women to be opened

YANGON, 3 Nov—With the supervision of Working Group on Social and Cultural Concerns of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, a basic English Course for Women will be conducted from 8 am to 10 am on every Saturday and Sunday from 14 November to 27 December at No. 2 Basic Education High School of Sangyong Township.

Those who have passed the matriculation examination and graduates may apply to attend the course. Entry forms are available at the above school. For further information, may dial Tel: 535497.

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Sein Gay Har Sales Promotion continues

Sein Gay Har Centre packed with customers.

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Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association donates cash to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital

YANGON, 3 Nov—Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association donated cash to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township this afternoon.

The cash donation ceremony was attended by the hospital administrative committee Chairman U Maung Maung and members, Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association Chairman General Lertrat Ratanavanich and Thai Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag and embassy staff.

Chairman U Maung spoke words of thanks and General Lertrat Ratanavanich explained the purpose of donations. Then General Lertrat Ratanavanich presented Baht 100,000 to U Maung Maung, who then presented him a gift. — MNA

Commander, Minister see to local development

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers an address in meeting with locals, community elders, members of social organizations from villages of Kyaukmyaung village-tract in An Township—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, on 27 October, attended the ceremony to pay respects to elderly persons in An.

The commander and the minister attended the opening ceremony of LAMINTAYA new library in Kyaukmyaung Village, An township and fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

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Boosting production, the key to better future of storm victims

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspected progress in implementing rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in storm-hit Bago and Pyapon townships in Ayeyawady Division the other day.

On the tour, the Senior General called for rapid development of agricultural and fishing farms for improving the living conditions of local people, systematic rehabilitation of storm-hit villages, establishment of plantations of wind-breaking trees, earlier completion of building raised grounds to be used as shelters in times of natural disasters, and completion of other rehabilitation tasks on schedule.

He also inspected by helicopter progress in regenerating storm-ravaged villages including Set Hsan, Kyeinchaung, Kadon Kani and Ahmar, conditions of the villages, roads, thriving plantations of paddy and crops, and mangrove forests.

The same day, the Head of State dropped in Daminseik Village with a cyclone shelter, and gave guidance, calling for completion of building substantial cyclone shelters by March next year.

The entire people have been providing relief supplies for the victims of Ayeyawady Division with a sense of national duty. The government also has rendering necessary assistance to the storm-hit areas, thus showing its benevolent attitude to the public.

The government has built necessary infrastructural buildings including transport ones in order that rescue and relief tasks can be launched in time if there is a natural disaster.

Now, the socio-economic life of the people in the natural disaster-stricken areas has bounced back to normal as a result of the rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks the government has been implementing as a national duty in the interest of the dwellers of catastrophe-affected Ayeyawady Division.
Afghan troops kill eight militants, capture four in N Afghanistan

KUNDZ, 3 Nov—Afghan forces have killed eight Taleban militants and captured four others in the northern Kunduz Province, senior army commander in the northern region General Murad Ali Murad said on Monday.

“Our forces during a cleanup operation have killed eight rebels in Chardara and Gortipa districts over the past two days,” Murad told a joint press conference attended by provincial governor Mohammad Omar. He also said that security situation has been very much improved and the environment is ready for government to hold the second round election presidential polls set for 7 Nov.

Some 18,000 police and army personnel, according to officials, have been deployed in the northern provinces to facilitate people to use their franchise in the critical runoff, scheduled for next Saturday.

The government has put all security measures in place to hold runoff next Saturday while Abdullah, the top challenger to the sitting Hamid Karzai and can-

China threatened by 400 invasive alien species

FUZHOU, 3 Nov—China is threatened by more than 400 invasive alien species, which has caused billions of yuan of economic losses, an agricultural official said on Monday.

“We have discovered more than 400 harmful species alien to the country so far,” said Wan Fanghao, vice director with the Research Centre for Invasive Alien Species Prevention and Control of China’s Ministry of Agriculture. “More than 100 of them are widely spread in the country and have caused great losses.”

Worms infesting computers worldwide

OTTAWA, 3 Nov—Canada has taken formal action against the European Union’s ban on trade in seal products by requesting WTO consultations, Minister of International Trade Stockwell Day announced on Monday.

The EU’s regulation to ban the sale of Canadian seal products is a violation of the EU’s trade obligations. The Canadian seal hunt is a legitimate economic pursuit, and the EU’s decision to ban the importation of seal products is based neither on science nor on facts, Day said in a press release.

Canada requests WTO consultations on EU seal products ban

Visitors look at wetland models at the Hall of China at China’s Wetland Museum in Hangzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 2 Nov, 2009. The museum, which opened to the public on Monday, is located in Xixi Wetland Park in Hangzhou.—Xinhua

Majority want US base off Japanese island

TOKYO, 3 Nov—A majority of residents in Okinawa say they want the United States to move its controversial air base off the southern Japanese island, or even out of the country entirely, according to a poll on Tuesday.

A dispute over a planned relocation of the US Marine Corps Futenma Air Base on Okinawa has clouded Japan’s security ties with its most important ally ahead of a visit by US President Barack Obama to Japan on 12-13 November.

Seventy percent of people polled in Okinawa said Tokyo should negotiate with Washington to have the air base moved off Okinawa or outside Japan, the Mainichi Shim bun and the Ryukyu Shimp said in the joint survey.

The two dailies carried out the poll on Saturday and Sunday and received answers from 1,015 eligi-

Tropical storm kills 11 in Vietnam

HANOI, 3 Nov—Tropical Storm Mirmae unleashed severe flooding in parts of central Vietnam, killing 11 people, leaving two missing and forcing families onto rooftops, disaster officials said on Tuesday.

Floods in Phu Yen province killed 10 people after the storm hit, drenching the region with heavy rains on Monday, said disaster official Duong Van Huong.

Several villages in neighbouring Binh Dinh Province suffered the worst flooding in four decades after the Ha Thanh River surged over its banks, said disaster official Nguyen Van Hao. One man drowned in Binh Dinh and two others were missing, Hao said.

Local authorities asked the central government to send helicopters to rescue people who were still trapped on rooftops a day after the storm, which lost force as it moved inland. “We have received many calls for help from people who are still stranded,” Hao said by telephone.

Soldiers in speedboats navigated to submerged areas and ferried out residents.

Mirinae hit the Philippines with typhoon strength over the weekend, killing 20 people before losing strength as it moved across the South China Sea toward Vietnam.
French car sales jump 20% in October
PARIS, 3 Nov—Sales of new cars in France exceeded 210,000 in October, an year-on-year increase of over 20 percent, the French Car Makers Association (CCFA) said on Monday.

Thanks to the government’s stimulus programme, the French car market grew strongly. Ford cars gained a sale lift of 25.4 percent in October compared with last October, while the foreign car makers saw a lift of 14.1 percent, among which, General Motors boosted its sales by 60 percent in French market. Over the first ten months of this year, France’s car market grew 4.2 percent compared with the same period of 2008, with over 1.82 million new plates got registered. France-made brands Citroen, Peugeot and Renault saw a whole sale of 886,000 cars, increasing 6.1 percent on year-on-year basis.

Air New Zealand to buy 14 Airbus A320 aircraft
WELLINGTON, 3 Nov—Air New Zealand said on Tuesday it will buy 14 new Airbus A320 aircraft to replace its domestic fleet of 15 Boeing 737-300 planes.

The airline said the 14 aircraft had a list price of more than one billion US dollars but added it had secured a discount to reflect market conditions. “This is a very good time to buy aircraft,” said Air New Zealand’s short haul general manager Bruce Parton. “The industry is at the bottom of a deep cycle, so demand for aircraft is limited, creating favourable conditions for buyers with strong balance sheets like Air New Zealand,” Parton said.

As part of the agreement, Air New Zealand also has purchase rights for a further 11 aircraft. Subject to details of the final contract, the first A320 aircraft is expected to be delivered in January 2011, with the fleet to be progressively introduced up to 2016.

Swiss tourism expected to continue declining in 2009-10
GENEVA, 3 Nov—Swiss tourism was expected to continue to decline amidst the gloomy world economy in 2010 but a rebound was likely in 2011, Economic Research Institute BAK Basel Economics reported on Monday.

In its statement, BAK Basel Economics expected the Swiss tourism sector to contract overall, with a 5.1 percent decrease in foreign visitors and a 1.9 percent decrease in domestic tourism.

The Basel-based company predicted a 3.7 percent drop in overnight hotel stays from November to April 2010. Swiss tourism started to decline during the 2008-2009 tourist season, with hotel stays down by 5.7 percent, the sharpest decline since the Second World War, according to BAK Basel Economics.

Revenues from ski lifts increased by 0.1 percent during the 2009 tourism season, a fact unlikely to be repeated in the coming year. A stable recovery wasn’t expected until the end of 2010, the statement said. BAK Basel Economics predicted that Swiss tourism prospects will be more favourable in the medium term, with an increase in demand of 1.9 percent in 2011. The number of overnight hotel stays was expected to increase by 3.9 percent in the 2012 tourist season due to a 5.8 percent uptick in the number of foreign visitors.

Royal Bank of Scotland says it will cut 3,700 jobs
LONDON, 3 Nov—Royal Bank of Scotland, rescued by the British government in the wake of the global financial crisis, said on Monday that it planned to axe about 3,700 jobs across its retail operations in Britain.

“RBS has begun a process of consultation with staff in the UK regarding a restructuring of its Retail Banking division that will result in losses of approximately 3,700 jobs,” the state-owned banking group said in a statement.

The announcement comes as the British government is on Tuesday set to lay out plans to break up Royal Bank of Scotland and another lender it rescued, Lloyds Banking Group.

RBS earlier Monday said it would consider selling more assets than initially planned to win EU support for the state aid received by the group, sending its shares plunging.

The embattled company, which is 70 percent owned by the taxpayer after a huge bailout last year, added it was close to an agreement over the terms of its participation in a government scheme to insure toxic or high-risk assets.

China’s economic growth to exceed 10% in Q4
BEIJING, 3 Nov—China’s economic growth would exceed 10 percent in the fourth quarter due to climbing export orders and increasing domestic consumption, according to a report issued by China Construction Bank (CCB) on Tuesday. The report said China’s full year economic growth would reach 8.3 percent, compared with Asian Bank’s forecast of 8.2 percent in September and HSBC’s 8.1 percent this week.

As the economy rebounded, both investor and consumer confidence would rise in the fourth quarter, which would further strengthen the economic recovery.

The National Bureau of Statistic said last week China’s purchase management index rose to 55.2 percent in October, an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the previous month, indicating the economy was on an upward trend.

As developed countries showed more signs of economic recovery, China’s exports would pick up with trade surplus expected to reach 250 billion US dollars this year, said the report.

Automobile sales in the world’s third-biggest economy broke 5 million mark in the first nine months due to tax cuts and stimulus measures, indicating China’s domestic demand was expanding fast.

Media reports on Sunday suggested that RBS could be forced to sell its Churchill and Direct Line insurance division and part of its investment banking arm, to allay European Commission (EC) concerns about state aid.

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A pedestrian walks next to KT’s public telephone booths in Seoul on 3 November, 2009. South Korea’s dominant fixed-line operator and No 2 mobile carrier KT Corp reported on Tuesday a 12 percent fall in quarterly operating profit due to intensified competition in broadband and Internet telephony.—INTERNET

A man walks past the entrance to the London headquarters of the Royal Bank of Scotland. Internet
Kilimanjaro may become snowless by 2022

BEIJING, 3 Nov—The snows of Kilimanjaro, famous for an Ernest Hemingway’s short story of the same name, could disappear by 2022, according to a new study published on Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

For the first time in almost 12,000 years, based on ice-core analysis, Africa’s highest peak probably will be ice-free as early as 2022 or as late as 2033, said glaciologist Lonnie Thompson of Ohio State University, who led the study. “Of the ice cover present in 1912,” Thompson and his colleagues write in the paper, “85 percent has disappeared and 26 percent of that present in 2000 is now gone.”

However, researchers studying the mountain top, including those involved in this study, differ in their conclusions on how much of the melting could result from human activity or other climatological influences.

Some studies have suggested the ice loss is due primarily to what some see as local factors: less snowfall and more sublimation—a process that turns ice directly into water vapour at below freezing temperatures.

The new study appears to strengthen the argument that global warming is to blame in addition to sublimation. —Xinhua

Torrential rain hit Britain on flood alert

LONDON, 3 Nov—Much of Britain is on flood alert as Scotland has been worst hit by torrential rain and high winds, Britain’s SkyNews reported on Monday.

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has issued 13 flood warnings, including three severe ones. Stonehaven in Grampian suffered some of the worst flooding, and about 50 people were rescued from their homes. In Tayside, people were trapped in their cars, while roads were closed and trains cancelled as water levels soared across Angus, Perthshire, Grampian and Fife. —Xinhua

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Israel releases six Hamas lawmakers from its jails

RAMALLAH, 3 Nov—Israel on Monday released six lawmakers of the Palestinian Islamic Hamas movement, who are residents of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and members of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), Hamas sources said.

The sources said that the six Hamas lawmakers, two residents of east Jerusalem, three from Hebron and one from Bethlehem, were released from Israeli prisons as they ended their 42-month sentences.

On Sunday, Israel also released a Hamas lawmaker who ended his two years’ imprisonment.

Israel had detained 46 Hamas lawmakers in the West Bank in response to the kidnapping of the Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit in Gaza in July 2006.

Gaza-based Hamas lawmaker Moushe al-Masri told reporters in comment to the release of the seven lawmakers that there is no alternative to the freedom of Hamas lawmakers. —Xinhua

Maldives to power capital by wind mill

COLOMBO, 3 Nov—The capital of the Maldives will be powered by a wind mill in a bid to shift the Indian Ocean archipelago’s power supply from oil to renewable energy, the Maldivian government said on Monday.

According to a press statement put by the presidential office on its official website, Maldivian President Mohamed Nasheed on Monday unveiled a 200-miilion-US dollar foreign direct investment project which will produce clean electricity for North Male’ atoll, including the capital Male, the international airport island of Hulhule’ and a number of luxury tourist resorts.

The project will see the construction of the latest generation wind turbines, which will be connected to the electricity grid of Male through a network of submarine electricity cables.

The Maldives’ State Electric Company Limited has signed a 20-year agreement with Falcon Energy, whereby Falcon Energy will build and operate a 75 megawatt wind farm in Gaafaru island, NorthMale’ atoll. —Xinhua

A/H1N1 flu hits 80,000 Bulgarians

SOFIA, 3 Nov—The A/H1N1 flu has infected 80,000 people in Bulgaria up to now, three people already died, the Ministry of Health officials said here on Monday. “At this moment about 100,000 Bulgarians have flu infection, over 80 percent of them are hit by the A/ H1N1 virus,” Angel Kunchev, Chief Epidemiologist, told at Press conference.

Most of these people have not serious problems, said the Minister of Health Bozhidar Nanev. However, Nanev said that the A/H1N1 flu has taken its third victim in Bulgaria. She is a 30-year-old woman from Shuvachevo, southeast Bulgaria. On Wednesday died a 32-year-old man from the town of Samokov, central Bulgaria. The first Bulgarian victim of the flu died on 30 September at the “Lozenets” hospital in Sofia.

New six districts declared A/H1N1 flu epidemic, the minister said. Those districts are Gabrovo, Samokov, Targovishte, Yambol, Varna, and Vratsa, located in central, northeast, southeast and southwest Bulgaria. Nevertheless, there is no national flu epidemic at this moment because only 132 per 10,000 people are sick, said Mira Kozhu-harova, National consult-ant on infectious diseases. It could be announced when the sick rate become 200 per 10,000. —Xinhua

Havana International Trade Fair opens

HAVANA, 3 Nov—The 27th Havana International Trade Fair (FIHAV-2009) opened its doors on Monday to 2,500 businessmen from 54 countries and 1,230 companies, 652 of which were foreign ones.

At the opening ceremony, Cuban Exterior Commerce and Foreign Investment Minister Rodrigo Malmierca said Cuba intended to boost foreign investment to promote external trade. “Cuba has every intention to open dialogue with its partners and will remain a credible market,” Malmierca said. —Xinhua

Fishing boats moor at a dock in Haikou, capital of south China’s Hainan Province, on 2 Nov, 2009. —Xinhua

Flamingoes fly in Amboseli National Park near Mount Kilimanjaro, with an elevation of 5,895 meters (19,340 ft), on 22 March, 2007. —Xinhua

Farmers mulch plastic film in the field in Yongjing County of northwest China’s Gansu Province, on 1 Nov, 2009. Gansu Province has planned to spread the agricultural technique of plastic mulching in dry lands covering an area of 0.67 million hectares in 2010. —Xinhua

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Brazil to nail down greenhouse emission commitment for Copenhagen

Brazil, 3 Nov—Brazil is considering proposals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, a position that will be nailed down by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Copenhagen. The main proposal is to reduce 40 percent of the country’s greenhouse gas emissions up to 2020, based mainly on the reduction of deforestation. Environmental organizations, civil societies and businessmen have been pressing the Brazilian government for a more ambitious proposal to Copenhagen.

One-legged suspect caught with one stolen shoe

Police said a one-legged suspect was caught after only one shoe went missing in a store in Belgium. An amputee was an immediate suspect when a store attendant noticed one shoe missing from a shop in the western Belgian town of Maldegem. Police spokesman Rik Decraemer said Monday authorities were alerted and quickly found the man who fit the description by shopkeepers.

World’s fastest man adopts world fastest feline

The world’s fastest man adopted the animal kingdom’s fastest sprinter, as Usain Bolt welcomed a new baby cheetah named Lightning Bolt into his life. The Jamaican sprinter’s sponsorship of the 3-month-old male cheetah is part of an effort to boost Kenyan conservation efforts of its famous wildlife, whose survival is threatened by trophy hunting, climate change and human encroachment. The world record-holder in the 100 and 200 meters paid $3,700 to formally adopt the cub. He will also pay $3,000 a year to care for Lighting Bolt, who will be raised at an animal orphanage in Nairobi. The money will go to the Kenya Wildlife Service, and some will be used to protect Kenya’s endangered species, KWS director Julius Kipngetich said.

World’s largest aluminum producer in pact with Chinese company

Beijing, 3 Nov—UC RUSA, the world’s largest producer of aluminum and alumina, and China North Industries Corporation (NORINCO) has signed a contract for aluminum delivery, China Daily reported on Tuesday. Under the contract, the Russian company will supply 1.68 million tons of its aluminum to the Chinese company between 2010 and 2016.

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Dubai takes first steps toward Olympic bid in 2020

Dubai, 3 Nov—This Gulf boomtown has set its sights on becoming the first Arab city to host the Olympics with a committee meeting on Monday to consider a possible bid for the 2020 games. The city-state’s media office said Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum met with the group, urging it to devote its full efforts to the campaign.

Oil gains, dollar falls after strong data

New York, 3 Nov—Crude oil rose and the dollar fell on Monday on strong worldwide factory data and a surprise jump in US pending home sales, but US stocks see-sawed before ending higher after a sell-off in banking shares.

82 healthy sea turtles hatch at San Diego SeaWorld

The population of endangered green sea turtles at SeaWorld in San Diego grew by 82 in October when the eggs hatched on Shipwreck Beach without human help.

Olympic champion Usain Bolt of Jamaica holds a three-month old male cheetah cub which he named Lightning Bolt, after adopting the cub at the headquarters of the Kenya Wildlife Service, in Nairobi, on 2 Nov, 2009.

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This on 7 Oct, 2009 photo provided by SeaWorld San Diego shows sea turtle hatchlings transferred to a holding pool at SeaWorld San Diego. The population of endangered green sea turtles at SeaWorld grew by 82 in October when the eggs hatched on Shipwreck Beach without human help.
Minister inspects Shwegyin dam project

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov—Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min went on an inspection tour of Shwegyin dam project near Kyauknaga village, 6 miles of Northeast of Shwegyin, Bago Division, being built by No 4 Construction Group yesterday morning.

On arrival at the dam project, the minister viewed progress in building the dam from the observation deck.

Next, the project director presented reports to the minister on progress in building the dam, future tasks and stockpile of materials while the deputy director-general gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs and then gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks.

Next, the minister inspected Ogee & Bidge work, Chute Protion work and Still Basin work and earth work for the dam with the use of heavy machinery, installation of gate doors of water intake structure, water diverted from the river and progress in filling the dam with earth and gravel.

Galaxy Racing Karts racing ground opened

YANGON, 2 Nov—Galaxy Racing Karts racing ground was opened at the grounds in Thuwunna here this morning, attended by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Managing Director U Tin Aung Myint of Shwe Pon Pon Co., Ltd. Galaxy Racing Karts Group explained purposes of opening the racing ground.

The minister and guests viewed the demonstration of responsible persons from Galaxy Racing Karts and Bang kok Karts. Galaxy Racing Karts racing ground, the first one of its kind in Myanmar is 8 miles long and anyone with valid driving license can drive in the racing ground.

Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Shwegyin dam project.—MNA

Sedona Hotel Yangon and Sedona Hotel Mandalay pick up Green Globe Certification

YANGON, 3 Nov—Sedona Hotels International continues to set benchmarks with its quality portfolio as Sedona Hotel Yangon and Sedona Hotel Mandalay have become the first hotels in Myanmar to achieve the prestigious Green Globe Certification.

Both hotels had to undergo a rigorous certification process involving on-site audits by an independent Green Globe accredited assessor. Key environmental indicators include energy and water consumption, total waste production and community involvement.

Mr Vincent Tan, Senior Vice-President of Sedona Hotels International said “We are pleased that Sedona is one of the first hotel brands in Myanmar to be Green Globe-certified and to be recognized by the local government through the Myanmar Green Hotel status. Sedona is committed to providing quality hospitality services with sensitivity to the environment and engaging both the local and international communities towards a sustainable future.”

Mr Saman Sarathchanda, General Manager of Sedona Hotel Yangon said, “We strive to deliver a better understanding of the nature to our staffs and build up awareness and responsibility towards the environment that they live in. To be the first to achieve this standard in Myanmar is something that makes us very proud, but we need to maintain this joy and work harder to achieve the goals.”

Mr Koichi Tanaka, Operation Manager of Sedona Hotel Mandalay said, “We are delighted to receive this prestigious certification. However there is no end to our job because we are committed to continue to develop environmentally sustainable operations.”

Sarpay Beikman distributes books

YANGON, 3 Nov—Sarpay Beikman of Printing and Publishing Enterprise has started distributing its 53rd book with the title of “Beyond the Winning of Post-Harvest” written by Sarpaybeikman manuscript first prize winner (Science and Applied Science) Aung Soe (Agriculture-107) for the members of books association. Members of the book association (Yangon) may obtain the book at Sarpay Beikman Books Association at No 529/531, Merchant Street and books are being sent to other remainders. Those wishing to be a member may contact Sarpay Beikman Books Association at No 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon (Tel-01-249031).—MNA

Myanmar Nurse and Midwifery Association to pay respects

YANGON, 3 Nov—A 38th respect paying ceremony to the midwives aged over 70 conducted by Myanmar Nurse and Midwifery Association will be held at the hall of University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San street, Yangon, on 29 November.

The elderly midwives may be present at the ceremony. The donors may contact Chairman Professor Dr Nan Twn Hla (Ph 09-5093763), Director of Health Department Daw San Yi (nursing) (Ph 067- 411386), Director of Medical Science Department Daw Nwe Nwe Khin (nursing) (Ph 067- 411417) and Supervisor Daw Khin Thaung Ye (Ph 01- 388631), No 80/84, first floor, Pabedan Township, Yangon. MNA

Brand of Green Globe International Inc.

YANGON, 2 Nov—Brand of Green Globe International Inc. Photo shows Sedona Hotel Yangon.

Sedona Hotel Mandalay.

MHA to hold talk at Asia Plaza

YANGON, 3 Nov—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Hoteliers’ Association and with the sponsorship of The Emerald Sea Resort (Ngwe Saung Beach), Writer Ju will give talk on “Eco-tourism: Perspective of a Writer” at Asia Plaza Hotel here at 4pm on 5 Nov.

Any enthusiasts may attend the talk and MHA will hold talks on the first Thursday of the month.—MNA
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reestablishment of agricultural undertakings, being able to produce more marine products and salt than the previous year, reconstruction and reopening of schools, reconstruction of the hospital and dispensary, construction of 4354 rural houses in 49 villages, building of model villages and returning to normalcy of the whole Pyinsalu region.

In response to the reports, Senior General Than Shwe said the nation has never experienced such a severe storm like Nargis. Its destructive power was great. So the State is taking preparedness measures to make sure that there is minimum loss and damage in case of another storm like Nargis.

In constructing roads in the region, arrangements are being made for the local people not only to row their boats in the ditches emerging from road construction but also to shelter for emergency on the raised ground. Moreover, plans are being made for cyclone shelters to be used not only for emergency but for schools and hospitals. Roads and cyclone shelters can be used in various styles depending on time and circumstance. In addition, raised grounds are being built.

The Senior General went on to say that damaged schools, hospitals, dispensaries and sea water prevention embankments are being reconstructed quickly and all necessary assistance is being provided to regenerate main businesses such as agriculture, marine and salt. Apart from traditional businesses, special domestic science training courses conducted by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are being opened for the local people in order that domestic science professionals and technicians can emerge. Moreover, technical schools are being opened at some high schools. The damaged villages have been systematically rebuilt. These measures are being taken for the current interests such as enabling the people of the storm-affected regions to live safe and sound and to improve their living conditions more than ever.

Besides the measures for promoting current interests, the State has other ambitions for the local people to improve their economy in the long run. Underdeveloped seaside regions will develop only if they are to be equipped with sound infrastructures in parallel with developing inland regions. Looking to the long-term interest, the State is building a network of roads for regional development. Only when there is smooth communication between one region and another, can regional economy plus trade improve. As a result, there will be more contacts between the local people widening scope of their knowledge.

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The Senior General and party visited Konthaya village, where 1587 houses have been constructed in storm-affected villages such as Watseik, growing of natural mangrove forests, thriving paddy and crops plantations, local people's doing salt and marine businesses. They then went to Kyaukkalat village at 11.35 am.

The Senior General and party were welcomed there by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, entrepreneurs, members of social organizations, students and the local people of Kyaukkalat village and nearby villages.

The Senior General and party inspected progress in construction of houses, schools, dispensaries and office buildings in Kyaukkalat, Phomesogyi and Konthaya villages, developments in the wards and construction of the entrance road to the villages.

At the briefing hall of Konthaya village, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reported on construction of 1587 houses in storm-affected villages such as Phoneawpyae, Khongyi, Thaunglay, Aungkhaing, Thaunglay, Aungkhaing, Phonedawpyae, Khongyi, Thaunglay, Aungkhaing, Phonedawpyae, and other storm-hit villages and then arrived at Pathein in the evening.

The Senior General and party left Kyoakkalet village by helicopters and viewed progress in construction of Labutta-Thonegwa-Ottwin-Htaiksun road and bridges, Cyclone Shelters and religious structures.

The Senior General also gave added that as the region is vulnerable to storms and winds, it has to grow only a paddy crop. So it is necessary to grow other crops as double cropping in order for the local people to increase the income. They also need to work by seeking innovative ways of making best use of geographical conditions of their region.

Only with the economic growth, will there be long-term interests of the people. The State on its part is placing emphasis on development of agricultural, fishery, marine and transport sectors of the seaside regions. The Senior General also gave guidance that the local people are to work hard realizing the goodwill and efforts of the government.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party inspected regeneration of salt-pan and construction of Cyclone Shelters in Chaungwa, Pyin district and other storm-hit villages and then arrived Hainggyikyun. The Head of State and members were welcomed by Commodore Myo Myint Thant, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

At Pammawady Guest House, Commodore Myo Myint Thant reported to the Head of State on progress in carrying out rehabilitation and development works of Hainggyikyun.

Next, the Head of State and members went around Hainggyikyun viewing construction of roads, departmental buildings, hospitals, schools and houses in Hainggyikyun.

The Senior General and party on their way back by helicopter, they viewed developments of Zoachang, Kyonku and other storm-hit villages and then arrived at Pathein in the evening.

 Officials of Shwe Than Lwin Company, Tetlan Company and FMI Co, Ltd reported to Senior General Than Shwe on construction of Cyclone Shelters in Chaungwa, Theckelthoung and Kwingyi villages. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe gave a supplementary report.

In connection with the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on striving for the cultivation of single and double cropping to make improvement of fishery sector with added momentum, capital and materials to be provided for the sustainable development of salt industry and development tasks to be carried out in the villages.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party left Kyaukkalet village by helicopters and viewed progress in construction of Labutta-Thonegwa-Ottwin-Htaiksun road, reconstruction of Chaungwa, Pyin district and documentary photos.
Pyay, a developed town with education and economic opportunities

We observed Yangon-Pyay Road together with Superintendent Engineer U Tun Tun Zaw of Township DAC and Deputy Director UTin Aung Nyunt of Division Information and Public Relations Department. The attractive map of Myanmar decorated with colourful flowers is welcoming the visitors at the entrance to the town.

Technological University (Pyay), University of Computer Studies (Pyay) and Pyay University opened to nurture well educated human resources by the government. Nursery School and Education Collage have also been opened in Pyay.

Pyay sees all round development plus a boom in the economy. The town shares its border with Yangon Division in the south, Rakhine State in the west, Ayeyawady Division in the north and Bago Division (East) in the east. Major transportation routes are waterway and motorway.

Buses and trucks are plying between Yangon and Pyay. All kinds of rice and beans produced in Pyay are distributed to different parts of the nation. Now, Ngwe Cha (6) cotton can be successfully cultivated in Pyay. It is also a region cultivating mixed-crops. So, it is fair to mention Pyay as a developed town with many education and economic opportunities.

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Air Bagan open Golf Championships continues for fourth day

YANGON, 3 Nov — Jointly-organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar professional Golfer Association and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, third round of Myanmar Golf Tour 2009-2010 Air Bagan Open Golf Championships (PyinOoLwin) continued yesterday. After the event, the prize presentation ceremony followed. Executive of MGF U Ko Ko Lay presented prizes to Daily Best award winners in men’s amateur level event. Chairman of PyinOoLwin Golf Association, Principal of Defence Service Technological University Brig-Gen San Oo presented Daily Best prizes in the men’s professional level event.

Chairman of PyinOoLwin Golf Association, Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Brig-Gen Zayar Aung presented the first prize to Maung Maung Oo who stood first firing 278 net total strokes, second prize to Bo Bo with 291 and third prize to Naing Ye Lin with 293 in the men’s amateur level event.

Patron of PyinOoLwin Golf Association, Chairman of PyinOoLwin Station Brig-Gen Zayar Aung in the professional event.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

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Buildings and housings prove the development of Pyay.

YANGON, 3 Nov — With the assistance of Bronze Billa Ltd Co, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will give subject-wise talks (November/2009) at the UMFCCI Office Tower (1st floor) Hall in Minyekyawswa Road on Lannadaw Township, here on 7 November 2009.

Writer Chit Swe Myint will give a talk on “My Own Vision on Dimension of Hospitality Industry in Myanmar”. The UMFCCI and its congenial associations, chairmen of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Association, executives, members and interested persons are invited to attend the talk.

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U Khin Maung Lat, Assistant Engineer (Pyay DAC)

Entrance to Pyay.
Shanghai auto group on move in developing new energy cars

BEIJING, 3 Nov—Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC) Group plans to invest 6 billion yuan (879 million US dollars) in researching and making new energy cars starting this year and during the next two years, said group chairman Hu Maoyuan Tuesday. The investment includes 2 billion yuan to support the research and development of new energy cars, 2 billion yuan for producing parts for new energy cars and 2 billion yuan for the building of car-making factories, Hu told an industry forum in Beijing. He said SAIC plans to put to market a series of new energy cars next year that could save fuel as much as 30 percent; by 2012, cars that save more than 50 percent less fuel and purely electric cars would be rolled out. China’s automobile production hit 10 million units in October this year, making its the third country in the world to surpass the annual output mark, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM). But experts worry traditional cars’ reliance on fossil fuels would cause more serious environmental pollution, which requires “sust-ainable development”, in Hu’s words, for the auto industry.—Internet

NH restaurant sets meatball record

CONCORD, NH, 3 Nov—The bouncing mega-meatball record has landed in the East Coast. Matthew Mitnitsky, owner of Nonni’s Italian Eatery in Concord, said on Sunday that a 222.5-pound meatball record has landed in the East Coast. That record — 109 pounds — was set in Mexico. That record — 109 pounds — was set in August. Jimmy Kimmel vowed to beat a record set in 1986. A Guinness Book of World Records official confirmed the big meatball as a record breaker and presented Mitnitsky with a plaque.

The old record of 198.6 pounds was set just over a month ago after Los Angeles-based talk show host Jimmy Kimmel vowed to beat a record set in Mexico. That record — 109 pounds — was set in August. Mitnitsky said he got involved “to bring the meatball back to the East Coast because that’s where it originated.”

Singapore institute creates photochromic contact lens

SINGAPORE, 3 Nov—Singapore’s Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (IBN) has created the “photochromic” contact lens that darkens under sunlight, local media reported on Tuesday. According to local TV broadcaster Channel NewsAsia, the contact lens might look like any other ordinary lens but are able to change colour to protect eyes against harmful ultraviolet radiation and glare. The eyes within the nanostructure of the lens are able to respond faster to light changes.

The report said that the IBN is now negotiating a licensing agreement with two companies to make and sell the lenses for markets overseas. Singapore’s Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry S Iswaran said the market potential is promising, with 310 million people worldwide who need their vision corrected.

Gunman attempt to hijack plane in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 3 Nov—Unidentified gunmen in northeastern Somalia unsuccessfully tried to hijack a local commercial plane with two German journalists on board, officials said on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Nokia Siemens Networks to lay off up to 5,700

HELSINKI, 3 Nov—Nokia Siemens Networks said Tuesday it will lay off up to 5,700 workers globally as part of a move to cut annual costs by euro500 million ($740 million). The mobile network equipment maker — a joint venture between Finland’s Nokia Corp. and Siemens AG of Germany — said it will reduce its five business units to three by January, and strengthen its business through partnerships and acquisitions.

The savings programme could include cutting 7 to 9 percent of its current global work force of some 64,000 employees, the mobile network equipment maker said.—Internet
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Bacteria may limit space travel

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Processed food increases depression risk

London, 3 Nov.—Eating a lot of processed food may increase a person’s risk for depression, researchers in Britain found.

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WHO, UNICEF launch action plan for tackling pneumonia

GENEVA, 3 Nov—The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) on Monday jointly launched a comprehensive action plan to tackle pneumonia, the biggest cause of child deaths in the world.

The plan is expected to save up to 5.3 million children from dying of pneumonia by 2015, the Geneva-based WHO said in a statement. Pneumonia kills some 1.8 million children under five years of age every year, more than 98 percent of which occur in 68 developing countries. In spite of its huge toll, relatively few resources are dedicated to tackling this child killer, according to the statement.

The global action plan for the prevention and control of pneumonia (GAPP) includes recommendations on what needs to be done, specific goals and targets, and estimates of what it will cost and how many lives will be saved. —Xinhua

US researchers rule out link between hepatitis B, pancreatic cancer

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov—US researchers have found that hepatitis B does not increase the risk for pancreatic cancer, a conclusion contradicting a previous study that found a link between the two. The new study by researchers at Henry Ford Hospital was presented at the on-going annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases in Boston.

Using data from Henry Ford Health System, the researchers looked at more than 74,000 patients who were tested for hepatitis B between 1995 and 2008. The overall analysis, only age was found to be a significant predictor for pancreatic cancer. —Xinhua

Two US deaths may be linked to bad beef

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov—An outbreak of foodborne illness, linked to dangerous bacteria in ground beef, sickened 28 people and may have caused two deaths in the US Northeast, health officials said on Monday.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said all but three of the illnesses were in the Northeast and 18 were in the six New England states.

A common strain of E. coli bacteria was involved so tests were under way to see if all of the reported cases have the same cause.

State officials said a death in New Hampshire was linked to the ground beef that is being recalled by Fairbank Farms of Ashville, New York.

The New York State Health Department said a death in the Albany area from E. coli O157:H7 bacteria was being investigated to see if it is linked.

New Hampshire officials did not release information about the death in their state. —Internet

Chronic kidney disease is often missed

SAN DIEGO, 3 Nov—Primary care physicians are failing to diagnose chronic kidney disease, especially in women, US researchers say.

Study leader Dr Maya Rao of Columbia University in New York says primary care doctors typically order a blood test called creatinine to measure kidney function, but this alone is not a particularly accurate measurement of kidney function.

The serum creatinine should also be plugged into a formula that gives an estimated kidney filtration rate — called glomerular filtration rate — which is a much more accurate estimate of kidney function. Women have a lower glomerular filtration rate than men for the same level of serum creatinine.

Rao and colleagues reviewed records from almost 900 patients at 18 rural, community-based primary care clinics in Oregon to investigate how primary care physicians diagnosed known kidney dysfunction in patients.

“Chronic kidney disease is very prevalent, uses a great deal of Medicare dollars and needs to be detected early in order to begin an effective treatment plan,” Rao says in a statement. “Without early diagnosis and treatment, the patient may be more likely to need dialysis and suffer related consequences, such as heart disease.” —Internet

Two more schools closed as students catch flu in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 3 Nov—Two more schools were closed on Monday when students caught viral fever Nepal west Parbat District.

The two schools, Shahid Smarak Bordering School and Rastiya Balshikhya Sadan school located in the district head quarters of Parbat district Kasma, some 170 km west of Nepali capital Kathmandu. According to the local newspaper The Himalayan Times, some 100 students of Shahid Smarak Bordering School fell ill. Students of Rastiya Balshikhya Sadan were also suffering from a similar ailment. “The school will have to be closed till Tuesday as the students showed symptoms such as high fever, headache, dizziness and vomiting,” The Himalayan Times cited Prem Sharma Poudel, principal of Shahid Smarak Boarding School as saying. —Xinhua

2nd wave of A/H1N1 flu to hit Thailand

BANGKOK, 3 Nov—Thailand’s Public Health Ministry expects a new round of A/H1N1 flu epidemic to hit the country, with more than 15 million Thais at risk of contracting the virus, Thai media reported on Tuesday. The second wave, however, is expected to be less severe than the first round that the country suffered since late April, the ministry’s permanent secretary Dr Prajit Warachit was quoted by The Nation online saying, adding that the strengths and weaknesses of the virus have been known, and the health agencies. —Xinhua

Romania places all hospitals under quarantine amid flu threat

BUCHAREST, 3 Nov—Romania’s Health Ministry on Monday decided to place under quarantine all hospitals in the country, announced State Secretary Adrian Streniu-Corcel.

According to him, separate emergency wards will be opened to exclusively treat people with flu symptoms. Starting this week, antiviral medicines will be delivered to hospitals, which will also get additional funding for purchasing surgical masks and disinfectants. Vaccination is expected to begin in November and the ministry will issue an order whereby all the family doctors are mobilized in the vaccination campaign, Cercel said, adding that the first 1.5 million doses will be used on medical staff, high school and university students in eastern city of Iasi and the capital city Bucharest. —Xinhua

Germany faces wave of A/H1N1 virus infection

BERLIN, 3 Nov—About 3,000 new cases of H1N1 flu virus infection have been confirmed in Germany last week, said by the national disease control and prevention agency on Monday.

Latest figures show last week the confirmed cases of new infections rose to about 3,000, said Joerg Hacker, head of the Robert Koch Institute for infectious diseases. So far, a total of some 30,000 swine flu infections have been reported in Germany since April, while six people have died of the virus.

The number of cases is expected to continue rising in the future, Hacker said, and it’s very hard to predict how long this infection wave will last. Most of the victims in current wave were infected in Germany instead of catching the virus on trips abroad, Hacker said. —Xinhua
Ronaldinho says smile is back on his face

MILAN, 3 Nov—Ronaldinho said on Tuesday that he is finally happy again playing for Brazilian compatriot Leonardo at AC Milan.

The Italians tackle Real Madrid in the Champions League at the San Siro on Wednesday as the two most successful clubs in European competition go head to head for the second time in two weeks. The 29-year-old has endured a difficult last two seasons, proving to be a shadow of the player he once was when he inspired Barcelona to Champions League glory and won successive world player of the year awards. But he has been improving lately, and proving decisive for Milan by creating many crucial goals and a wealth of assists.

“Leonardo (the coach) is happy, I’m happy. Football is like this, right now I feel good and I’m happy,” Ronaldinho said.

“And when I feel like this, things work better. What’s the secret? I’ve worked hard and I’ve had the time to do so. The coach and the physio are helping me, I’m going onto the pitch at 100 percent and my body is responding, things are coming easier to me.

“Last season I didn’t play much, now I’m playing more and the coach has confidence in me.”

Knee injury rules Amanatidis out for a month

BERLIN, 3 Nov—Greek striker Ioannis Amanatidis is expected to be out for the next four weeks because of a knee injury, his Bundesliga side Eintracht Frankfurt revealed on Monday.

The 27-year-old needs an operation on his right knee to remove damaged cartilage which is expected to keep him on the sidelines for the next four weeks.

“Ioannis will be out for a while, we don’t know how long exactly, but we have a rough idea,” said Frankfurts’ chairman Heribert Bruchhagen.

Amanatidis missed Sundays 2-1 Bundesliga win over Bochum which leaves his side ninth in the league.—Internet

Beckham to return to AC Milan in a bid to win England place

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov.—England midfielder David Beckham said on Monday that he will return to AC Milan late this year to better prepare himself for a World Cup role.

The 34-year-old made the remarks after his club the Los Angeles Galaxy in reached an agreement with AC Milan. However, specific terms have not been unveiled.

Beckham expressed his gratitude to Tim Leiweke and Bruce Arena, president and chief executive officer of AEG, the owner of the Galaxy, for allowing him to leave.

“I need to give myself the best chance possible to make the World Cup squad, and playing for Milan on loan will help me to do that,” he said.

According to the contact, Beckham will formally join AC Milan on 28 Dec, and stay in Italy for the rest of its season which ends on 16 May. He will then join the England team for the World Cup finals in South Africa before coming back to Los Angeles in late July.

Nigerian call up injured Mikel Obi for crucial qualifier

LAGOS, 3 Nov—Nigeria have selected Chelsea midfielder John Mikel Obi, who is sidelined with an ankle injury, for a crucial World Cup qualifier against Kenya on 14 November in Nairobi.

Mikel missed Nigeria’s World Cup qualifying match at home to Mozambique last month as a result of the injury.

Russia-based right fullback Chidi Odiah has been reconsidered by coach Shuaibu Amodu after he was frozen out of the teams last three matches. Nigeria need to win in Kenya and hope Tunisia do not do so in the Interlagos race track in Sao Paulo on 17 October, 2009.—Xinhua

Swiss Roger Federer

BASEL, 3 Nov—Roger Federer eased through to the second round of the Swiss Indoors here on Monday on his return after a six week break with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Belgian qualifier Olivier Rochus.

The world number one bidding for a fourth successive Swiss Indoors title—shook off the rust from a six-week break to roar through and a date with Italian Andreas Seppi in just 66 minutes.

Federer’s march to victory was preceded by an operatic performance with massed choir and selections from Aida as his hometown honoured three straight titles at the St Jakobsballe by the world-famed native son.

“I felt so good out there,” said the winner, who needed three match points to go through after earning the first two winning chances with his 11th ace of a quick evening.

“This was my longest pause, even longer than in the close season. But I really needed it and it was worth it,” said the winner of a first French Open title and sixth Wimbledon title this season.

“I’m so great to be playing in Switzerland. I haven’t done it for a year and I really missed it. “I felt I played a good match and just want to carry on like this,” Federer improved to an overwhelming 6-0 over Rochus, who lost to Marcos Baghdatis in the Stockholm final just over a week ago.—Internet

Barrichello signs with Williams for 2010 F1 season

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Nov—Brazilian driver Rubens Barrichello will race for Williams in the 2010 Formula One cham-

pionship after they signed a contract on Monday. Barrichello will be accompanied by German Nico Hulkenberg, the champion of the G2 title of 2009.

Los Angeles Galaxy’s David Beckham walks on the field during Game 1 of their MLS Cup western conference semifinal soccer playoff series against Chivas USA in Carson, California, on 1 November, 2009. —Xinhua

Before his departure, Beckham will remain with the Galaxy for the 2009 MLS playoffs and its postseason tour of Germany.

As his loan deal is sealed, Beckham will miss the start of the MLS season for the second consecutive year. He scored two goals and had three assists in 11 games for the Galaxy this season.—Xinhua

AC Milan Brazilian forward Ronaldinho(C)
Ferguson backs English clubs to excel in Europe

Sir Alex Ferguson

MANCHESTER, 3 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, is adamant that English clubs will continue to dominate the latter stages of the Champions League this season.

England’s Premier League has supplied a host of stars for the European club football’s showpiece match in Rome in May - and three of the top four semi-finalists for the past three seasons.

But there have been suggestions the standard of English football is on the decline while Spanish giants Real Madrid have been spending lavishly on players in a bid to make sure they reach the Champions League final due to be played at their own Bernabeu Stadium next May.

Liverpool, United’s bitter English rivals, are struggling in their first round Champions League group but Ferguson said talk of the Premier League’s top teams being on the slide was premature.

“The English teams will be involved in the semi-finals again,” he said.

“They have been very dominant in the tournament for the last six or seven years. That is shown by the evidence of the latter stages and I think it will be the same this year.”

Ferguson added: “Obviously Barcelona are one of the favourites. You cannot dismiss them.

“But there is no question in my mind that the English teams will compete for the trophy.”

United will secure their place in the last 16 with two games to spare if they beat CSKA Moscow at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

WEATHER

Tuesday, 3rd November, 2009

During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Sagaing Division, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Shan State and Yangon Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Chin, Kayah, Mon States and Tanintharyi Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 2-11-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 3-11-2009 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T. on 3-11-2009 was 67%. Total sun shine hours on 2-11-2009 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-11-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. 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 (8) mph from Southeast and (15:30) hours M.S.T. on 2-11-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4th November 2009:

Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, and Tanintharyi Divisions and weather will be fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershower in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-11-2009: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-11-2009: Fair weather.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
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

Pyay, a developed town with education and economic opportunities

It is Pyay located in the western part of Bago Division where many universities are providing opportunities to pursue tertiary education. Myanma Amin news crew visited Pyay recently. Division Peace and Development Council helped our crew on the tour and Township Development Affairs Committee guided us.

Deputy Director U Myat Soe of Township DAC explained that DAC is striving for the beautifying of Pyay through landscaping, gardening.

We proceeded to the water filtering factory No (2) from which the fresh potable water was provided to the whole town. It is located on the west bank of Ayeyawady. Assistant Engineer of Township DAC U Khin Maung Lat said that the water filtering factory Nos (1) and (2) are providing about 0.9 million gallons of water a day. It was learnt that both the river water pumping system and underground water tapping system are used for getting the potable water in Pyay. Underground water resource tapping system stands for the supplying of water by sinking tube wells.

Water Filtering Factory No (2) in Pyay.

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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