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

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

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

**True patriotism**
- It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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**6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds 9th Plenary Meeting**

YANGON, 7 Nov—The 9th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee took place at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye in Mayangon Township this morning. Chairman of the Committee Magway Maha Withutayama Taikhtit Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting. Joint Secretary Mandalay Chanthagyi Monastery Yadana (See page 10)

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**All Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to improve traditional medicine through scientific research without sacrificing its original essence and effectiveness**

Senior General Than Shwe sends message to 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—The following is the full text of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe to the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference.

Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have held the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference in harmony yearly since 2000 with noble objectives of boosting the efficacy of Myanmar traditional medicines, improving Myanmar traditional medicine, and raising the role of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners. I am deeply encouraged by the fact that the conference is in its 10th straight anniversary this year. On this auspicious occasion on which Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners meet (See page 7)

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**Myanmar traditional medicine improves remarkably and attracts greater trust and reliance from people due to such prudent policies and tactics, all-round assistance and encouragement of government Secretary-1 addresses opening of 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address at the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference at the hall of the Ministry of Health, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the conference were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command (See page 8)

Chairman of NHC Secretary-1 of SPDC General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference.—MNA
Arid zone water supply bearing fruits

For the development of the entire nation, the government is undertaking the three major projects – the project for development of border areas and national races, the 24 special region development project and the rural area development project.

The rural area development project is being implemented in all places of States and Divisions. The 10-year pure drinking water supply project for rural people included in the five rural development tasks started in 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The final meeting on arid zone water supply technical project and the ceremony to mark the completion of the project jointly implemented by the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and JICA took place at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 October.

With the help of 10 technicians from JICA, 20 tube wells were sunk and 40 old ones were repaired in the three project townships. For the durability of the tube wells, a servicing and maintenance course was conducted for the rural people and development affairs staff.

The course was conducted both practically and theoretically from November 2006 to October 2009. Twenty tube wells were sunk in 20 villages benefiting 13,900 people and 40 old ones repaired in 40 villages benefiting 40,571 people.

The government is working hard for the people in arid regions with a scarcity of water to get clean drinking water. In doing so, it is making best use of the assistance rendered by the State and international bodies.

As the government is fulfilling the basic needs of the national people, they are to work together for regional development by seeking innovative ways to exploit natural resources and make better use of agriculture.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects progress of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project, development of Kengtung

Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence on 5 November morning inspected progress of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad construction project (Kengtung-Monghsut section).

He looked into the preparation works along the axis of the road and construction of the reinforced concrete tunnel bridge.

At Women’s Vocational Training School in Kengtung of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing viewed practical works of the female trainees from the Advanced and Basic Tailoring Courses.

As the government is undertaking the three major projects – the project for development of border areas and national races, the 24 special region development project and the rural area development project – the purpose of emergence of libraries, and a local spoke words of thanks.

Chairman of Market Development Committee U Sein Myint gives K 600,000 for Myetwunthit Library through the Secretary of Yangon North District PDC. — MNA

Commander presents prizes to winning shooters

The final matches and prize presentation ceremony of the Triangle Command Commander’s Shield Shooting Contest was held at the shooting range of the local training depot in Kengtung Station on 31 October morning.

Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and officials watched the participation of shooters in the contest.

Later, the commander and officials gave away prizes to the winners.

Myetwunthit Library opened in Hlinethaya Tsp

The opening ceremony of Myetwunthit Library was held at Yeokkan village-tract in Hlinethaya Township, here, yesterday.

Secretary of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung, Staff Officer of the District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Phyu Phyu and Chairman of Village PDC U Kyaw Myo Thu opened the library building.

The secretary delivered an address. Chairman of Market Development Committee U Sein Myint and wellwishers donated cash to the funds of the library through the secretary and officials.

The staff officer of District PIRD explained the purpose of emergence of libraries, and a local spoke words of thanks.

MNA
Erroneous air raids leave over two dozen troops dead, injured in NW Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Nov — Over two dozen Afghan and NATO troops were killed and injured as NATO-led aircraft mistakenly pounded the position of forces in Badghis Province north-west of Afghanistan, Deputy to provincial Police chief Abdul Jabbar said on Saturday.

“a contingent of Afghan and international troops came under Taliban attack in Balamirghab district on Thursday and the troops called in air support. But the aircraft mistakenly pounded the troops’ position leaving over a dozen soldiers dead and injured,” Jabbar told Xinhua.

Those killed in the so-called friendly fire, he added, include three militants, three police and two Afghan soldiers.

Twelve more Afghan soldiers and one Afghan police constable sustained injuries in the air strike, he said.

Civilian killed in Iraq’s Diyala violence

BAQUBA, 7 Nov — An Iraqi civilian was killed and two others were wounded in gunfire attack and roadside bomb explosion in Iraq’s volatile province of Diyala northeast of Baghdad on Friday, a provincial police source said.

The civilian, a barber, was killed and another was injured when unknown gunmen showered them with bullets in the shop at the main marketplace in the town of al-Sa’aidiya, 60 km north of the provincial capital of Baquba, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces immediately cordoned off the scene and detained two suspects for interrogation, the source said.

In separate incident, one more civilian was wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in the Jurf al-Milih area, just north of Baquba, some 65 km north-east of Baghdad, the source added, saying five suspects were arrested by Iraqi security forces.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of the capital to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Qaeda militants and other militant groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 despite repeated US and Iraqi military operations against them.

Motive probed in US Fort Hood shooting rampage

KILLEEN (Texas), 7 Nov — Investigators searched on Friday for the motive behind a mass shooting at a sprawling US Army base in Texas, in which an Army psychiatrist trained to treat war wounded is suspected of killing 13 people.

The suspected gunman, Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a Muslim born in the United States of immigrant parents, was shot four times by police, a base spokesman said. He was unconscious but in stable condition.

A woman died overnight from her wounds, raising the toll from Thursday’s shootings to 13 dead and 30 wounded, said Colonel John Rossi, a spokesman at Fort Hood, the biggest military facility in the world.

Hasan was transferred on Friday afternoon by helicopter to the Brooke Army Medical Centre in San Antonio, Texas, Rossi said. He had been on a ventilator in a civilian hospital.

The Army declined to discuss possible motives while the investigation was under way.

The gunman, with two guns including severely wounded soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, many of whom had lost limbs fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Spain refuses demand to free Somali pirates

MADRID, 7 Nov — Spain said on Friday it would not free two captured pirates as demanded by fellow brigands who are holding a Spanish trawler and 33 crew members off the coast of Somalia.

Three crewmen that had been removed from the vessel and taken to the Somali mainland by hijackers to add pressure on Spain to repatriate the arrested pirates were returned to the ship late Friday, Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said.

Moratinos said First Officer Patxi Valdes, ship’s electrician Antonio Manuel Perez and crewman Joaquin Fernandez had been returned to their fishing boat safely.

“Somali authorities have offered all their support to the Spanish government,” Moratinos said.

The trawler’s captain told Spanish media on Thursday that the pirates on board had threatened to start killing the hostages.

Two coalition service members missing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Nov — Two American soldiers disappeared in western Afghanistan after a routine resupply mission, and more than 25 NATO and Afghan security forces members were wounded during the search mission for them, the alliance said on Friday.

Officials indicated it was unlikely the two missing had been taken captive.

NATO forces headquarters in Afghanistan said the two para troopers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, went missing on Wednesday.

Spain refuses demand to free two captured Somali pirates as demanded by fellow brigands who are holding a Spanish trawler and 33 crew members off the coast of Somalia.
WTO marks 400th trade dispute case

GENEVA, 7 Nov—The World Trade Organization said on Friday that 400 trade dispute cases had been filed since the agency was formed in 1995, with the United States and the European Union lodging the most complaints.

“The on the eve of its 15th ‘birthday’, the World Trade Organization (WTO) earlier this month reached the milestone of having the 400 trade dispute brought to the body’s dispute settlement mechanism,” said the trade body.

“This is surely a vote of confidence in a system which many consider to be a role model for peaceful resolution of disputes in other areas of international political or economic relations,” added WTO Director General Pascal Lamy. The 400th dispute was brought by Canada on Monday against the European Union, challenging a ban imposed by Brussels on imported seal products.

The EU is the second most frequently targeted members of the WTO, with 66 cases brought against it. In turn, it launched 81 cases.

Meanwhile, the United States is both the biggest plaintiff and defendant in WTO disputes, bringing 93 of the complaints and being targeted in 107 cases.

China’s passenger vehicle sales continue to grow in October

BEIJING, 7 Nov—China’s auto market continued its robust growth in October, with monthly passenger vehicle sales jumped nearly 80 percent year on year to 923,154 units, China Daily reported on Saturday.

But on a month-to-month comparison, passenger vehicle sales in October dropped 8.1 percent from the previous month, according to figures released by China Passenger Car Association.

In the first 10 months, sales of cars, sports-utility vehicles, minivans and multi-purpose vehicles surged nearly 52.4 percent over the same period last year to nearly 8.08 million units. “We expect full-year auto sales to touch 13.5 million with a year-on-year growth rate of 44 percent. That in turn, would make China the world’s largest auto market for the whole year,” said Rao Da, head of China Passenger Car Association.—Xinhua

British Airways to cut more jobs after a heavy loss

LONDON, 7 Nov—British Airways (BA) said on Friday that it plans to cut a further 1,200 jobs after reporting a heavy loss in the first-half of its financial year.

The further job cut means that the airline will have shed a total of 4,900 positions by March 2010.

The company suffered a loss before tax of 292 million pounds (about 485 million dollars) for the six months to the end of September, compared with profits of 52 million pounds a year earlier. It is also the first loss in first half of its financial year.

The first half of BA’s financial year is usually stronger because it covers the summer holiday season. BA said revenue over the six-month period was down by 13.7 percent to 4.1 billion pounds, compared with 4.75 billion pounds in the same period of 2008.—Xinhua

Indonesia’s economic growth to reach 8% by 2014

JAKARTA, 7 Nov—State Minister for National Development Planning (Bappenas) affairs Armida Alisjahbana estimated that Indonesia’s economic growth to reach 8 percent by 2014 when the present government ends its service, local media reported here on Saturday.

Armida said that Indonesia’s economic condition would continue to improve in the following years with 2010 growth estimation set at a range of 5.5-5.6 percent.

“With extra efforts, by 2011 Indonesia’s economic growth could be boosted up to 8 percent to 2014. With moderate efforts, the growth could reach 7 percent,” Armida was quoted by the Detik.com as saying.

She said that the growth estimation is based on normal external factors condition assumption and great support from inside the country.

US unemployment rate hits 10.2%

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—US unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point to 10.2 percent in October, the highest in more than 26 years, the Labour Department reported on Friday.

In the past month, the employers cut 190,000 jobs, more than the 175,000 economists had expected but fewer than the 219,000 lost in September.

The October reading of unemployment rate was also worse than the 9.9 percent expected by economists. Since the recession began in December 2007, the US economy has lost a net total of 7.3 million jobs.

US President Barack Obama said the surge in the unemployment rate climbed to over 10 percent, a sobering number that underscores the economic challenges ahead.

“Although we lost fewer jobs than we did last month, our unemployment rate climbed to over 10 percent, a sobering number that underscores the economic challenges that lie ahead,” he said.—Xinhua

Canadian employment unexpectedly falls

TORONTO, 7 Nov—Employment in Canada unexpectedly fell by 43,000 in October, pushing the unemployment rate to 8.6 percent, up 0.2 percentage points on September, according to data released by Statistics Canada on Friday.

In August and September, employment in Canada had enjoyed mild increases.

According to Statistics Canada, part-time jobs in October dropped by 60,000, the second consecutive month of large declines. At the same time, full-time employment increased slightly, adding to the large full-time gain from the previous month.

Most of October’s employment decline came from retail and wholesale trade, “other services” and natural resources.—Xinhua
Guy Nzouba Ndama (R Front), president of Gabon’s National Assembly, visits the photo exhibition to demonstrate achievements of the 2006 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Chinese Embassy in Gabon, in Libreville, on 5 Nov, 2009. —XINHUA

China, Russia agree to enhance cooperation in public security

BEIJING, 7 Nov—Senior public security officials from China and Russia met here on Friday, vowing to enhance cooperation and jointly safeguard regional peace and stability.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China as well as the 60th anniversary of the establishment of China-Russia diplomatic ties, said China’s Public Security Minister Meng Jianzhu in a meeting with the Director of the Federal Security Guard Service of Russia Yevgeni Murov. He praised the successful cooperation between the two countries’ public security departments in the past years and called on the two sides to further enhance law enforcement cooperation within the framework of bilateral relations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Murov said China had accumulated valuable experience in safeguarding public security during the Beijing Olympics and the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the founding of New China.—Xinhua

Inter-American Development Bank supports biomass power project in Chile

SANTIAGO, 7 Nov—The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved a loan of 6.5 million US dollars on Friday to build a 15.6-megawatt biomass power plant in Chile.

The plant, which will use agricultural, forestry and industrial waste as fuel, would have almost zero carbon dioxide emissions and thus meet the strict international environmental standards, the IDB said.

The plant will be located near a paper manufacterer, Compania Papelera del Pacificos (CPP), some 60 km south of the capital Santiago. The CPP will purchase almost half of the electricity and all of the steam produced by the plant. It is expected to start going into operation by the end of 2010.

Two other companies, Corpsa and Tirsa, will supply the biomass for the new plant, buying waste from vineyards, sawmills and packing plants in the surrounding region. —Xinhua

Seoul to host next year’s G-20 meeting

SEOUL, 7 Nov—The South Korean government has selected Seoul as the venue for the Group of 20 summit meeting in 2010, government officials said on Friday. “The government has tentatively decided to hold the G20 summit in Seoul,” said an official at the presidential office, adding that the details will be announced on Monday.

Seoul has been competing with other municipalities, such as Busan, Incheon and Jeju, to host the international meeting to be held in November 2010. Seoul has earned the highest marks in terms of transportation and accommodation, which were found to be the most critical factors in reaching the decision, according to the official. —Xinhua

Brazil biofuel producers hail government’s proposal of 20% biodiesel blend by 2015

BRASILIA, 7 Nov—Biofuel producers in Brazil cheered the government’s proposal to gradually increase the amount of biodiesel in diesel fuel to 20 percent in big cities by 2015.

Sergio Beltrao, head of the Brazilian Biodiesel Association of producers and researchers of biofuels. The increase in the 20-percent mixture in cities that suffer from pollution would help the government to reduce diesel sulfur levels, Beltrao said.

He remarked that the biofuel sector was able to produce 5,000 million liters per year, but half of the installed capacity was idle for lack of demand.

The union expected that, besides big cities, 10 percent of biodiesel would be added to diesel across Brazil from 2015.

To implement these proposals would require changes in the sector’s regulatory framework, he added. —Xinhua

Foreign air force chiefs call for cooperation, dialogue in airspace

BEIJING, 7 Nov—Foreign air force chiefs attending a Beijing forum on Friday called for more cooperation and dialogue in maintaining airspace security. They responded positively to Chinese President Hu Jintao’s pledge of peaceful exploitation of airspace and his call for cooperation while meeting with them before an international military forum on peace and development held to mark the 60th founding anniversary of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) air force. In the spirit of peace, development and cooperation, China will continue the commitment to peaceful exploitation and use of airspace, be vigorously involved in international cooperation on airspace security and facilitate the creation of secure and harmonious airspace, Hu said.

Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, Chief of Staff of Pakistani Air Force, said cooperation is very essential for his country’s air force and other branches of the armed forces to cope with terrorism and separatism. —Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Xie Yuexing (R), a 10-year-old deaf and dumb girl from the mountainous region in northern Fujian Province, reads the extracurricular books, in Nanping, southeast China’s Fujian Province, recently. —Xinhua

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Storm-triggered landslide kills 13 in Vietnam

HANOI, 7 Nov — At least 13 people have been killed in a landslide in central Vietnam following storms and flooding that have now left almost 130 people dead, according to officials.

The 13 were killed and another person was seriously injured in the early hours of Friday in the coastal province of Quang Nam, local emergency officials Vo Xuan Quang told AFP.

The landslide, triggered by rains that have lashed the coast since Tropical Storm Mirinae hit on Monday, dumped thousands of tonnes of earth and mud on a group of gold miners, who were sleeping at the time, Quang said. The storm and flooding that followed have left another 116 people dead, most of them in the country’s easternmost province of Phu Yen. — Xinhua

Tens of thousands of homes flooded in Mexico

VILLAHERMOSA (MEXICO), 7 Nov — A week of torrential rain has flooded the homes of more than 200,000 people along Mexico’s Gulf coast, officials said on Friday. Residents in some towns complained that no help had arrived.

The flooding in eastern Tabasco state has worsened as rains persist and more rivers overflow their banks. Three people drowned earlier in the week while trying to flee a torrent of water in a drainage canal.

“People are in a desperate situation,” Tabasco Gov. Andres Granier said, but he added that many were ignoring pleas to move to shelters for fear their homes would be looted. The floods affect more than a dozen towns.

Santos Perez Jimenez said no help had arrived in his rural community of Luis Cabrera.

“We’re trying to get our things out as best we can,” Perez Jimenez said.

“We’ve radioed for help several times but they have not paid attention to us.”

An estimated 20,000 people were in 100 shelters set up by the state. Others, however, set up makeshift tents on dry land near their soaked homes, fearing looting. — Xinhua

37 new A/H1N1 flu fatal cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 7 Nov — A European health agency said on Friday that 37 new A/H1N1 flu fatal cases were confirmed in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 11 were reported from Britain and 10 from Spain while the other 16 were from Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy and Sweden, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed fatal cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 389, with 154 in Britain, 73 cases in Spain, 49 in France and 25 in Italy, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about the H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries. — Xinhua

Coffee output expected to exceed 280 tons in Nepal

Development Board (NTCDB) said, coffee producers of Nawakot, Rasuwa, Lalitpur, Kaski, Kavre, Parbat and Syangja have been expanding their production to cater to growing demand for the Nepali Arabica variety of filter coffee abroad.

Well here’s your problem right here, sir.

A man was caught by Norwegian customs carrying a tarantula in his bag, and a further 14 royal pythons and 10 albino leopard geckos taped to his body, media reported.

The 22-year-old Norwegian was stopped in a routine check by Kristiansand Faedrelandsvennen reported.

Customs found the tarantula, before deciding to give him a full body search that revealed 14 stockings — one for each snake — taped around his torso, top selling tabloid VG said.

Animal slaughter for the World Cup?

South African traditional leaders plan to perform ritual animal slaughters to bless stadiums for the 2010 World Cup tournament ahead of the start of the showcase event next June, they said.

Zolani Mkiva, chairman of the Makhonya Royal Trust, a grouping responsible for coordinating cultural activities, said the tournament, the first to be held in Africa, needed to be blessed in true “African style.”

“We must have a cultural ceremony of some sort, where we are going to slaughter a beast (cow),” said Mkiva.

“We sacrifice the cow for this great achievement and we call on our ancestors to bless, to grace, to ensure that all goes well. It’s all about calling for the divinity to prevail for a fantastic atmosphere.”

News Album

Dinosaur prints found on New Zealand’s South Island

Scientists have discovered the first evidence that dinosaurs roamed the South Island of New Zealand with 70-million-year-old footprints found in six locations.

They are the first dinosaur footprints found in the country although bones, mostly vertebrae, have been discovered in two North Island locations.

The footprints were found by scientist Greg Browne in the remote Whanganui Inlet in the northwest of Nelson at the top of the South Island.

They are spread over 10 kilometres and in one area there are up to 20 footprints, Browne said.

Browne, a paleontologist, believes the footprints belonged to sauropods—plant-eating dinosaurs which were among the largest animals to have lived, growing up to six metres (yards) in length and weighing several tonnes.

A worker poses with four gold Iron Age torcs during a photocall at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, Scotland. The torcs, which date between 300 and 100 BC, were found by an amateur treasure hunter David Booth, and are one of the most important discoveries of Iron Age gold found in Scotland.

This undated photo provided by Colorado State University shows Meadow, a Black Angus yearling calf from Ocate, NM, with her new prosthetic hind legs at Colorado State University’s James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. Meadow is believed to be the first bovine calf fitted with double prosthetics. The calf lost part of her legs to frostbite.

A 15-member team of faculty and students at the school’s veterinary hospital performed the surgery and rehabilitation.

Scientist Greg Browne sits next to one of six 70 million-year-old footprints found in various locations in the Nelson region. They are the first dinosaur footprints found in New Zealand although bones, mostly vertebrae, have been found in two North Island locations.

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All Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to improve traditional medicine...

In a decade from the birth of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference to date, Myanmar traditional medicine has improved remarkably, as a result of earnest efforts Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have been making in collaboration.

The experiences of the therapies on Myanmar traditional medicine and the results gained yearly at the conference are applied in the fields of disease control, educative talks and courses, research and development, and distribution of quality medicines. So, that makes significant contribution towards the health sector of the nation.

In the times of Myanmar monarchs, Myanmar traditional medicine was royal medicine practised in line with the Myanmar’s climate patterns, geographical features, cultural heritage, customs and traditions. In successive periods before the practice of western medicine, Myanmar people had a long lifespan due to traditional health care and were globally recognized as a people with strong nationalistic spirit, national prestige and integrity and high physical and mental prowess.

Myanmar Traditional medicine practitioners use national resources that are naturally abundant in the nation such as herbal plants, aquatic and land resources and animal products as ingredients in compounding traditional medicines. So, Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are all under a duty to conserve such natural resources for their sustainable development.

Myanmar traditional medicine is originally potent with a fine tradition, and it can improve the national integrity. At the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference, I would like to urge all Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to improve the traditional medicine through scientific research without sacrificing its original essence and effectiveness in order that Myanmar traditional medicine will gain a good reputation in the international market.

In conclusion, I wish Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners a success in implementing in unity the noble objectives of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference, and in working hard in harmony for perpetual existence and global reputation of Myanmar traditional medicine.

MNA

Women’s and Children’s Specialist Hospital: reliable health facility in Taunggyi

With the aim of providing health care services to the national people throughout the nation, the government has built new hospitals, constructed the extended buildings at the hospitals, upgraded the health facilities and fulfilled the medical requirements.

The Women’s and Children’s Specialist Hospital is providing full health care services to the women of the region and helping them to give birth to good sons and daughters of the State.

The hospital was decorated with new and grand design. It was painted in pink colour. The hospital can be seen as a pleasant and impressive structure. The maternity and delivery room, the infant care ward, the child ward, the operation theatre, the X-ray room, the pathology department and anesthetics department are opened on the respective floors of the new building, and specialists, doctors and nurses are giving treatment to the patients. Indeed, the hospital is a reliable one for the local people.

The Women’s and Children’s Specialist Hospital is not only for the treatment but also for the practical training school for female trainees of Nurses and Midwifery Training School where the trainees from States and Divisions in addition to Shan State are pursuing the nursing and midwifery courses.

At present, the Women’s and Children’s Specialist Hospital is providing full health care services to the women of the region and helping them to give birth to good sons and daughters of the State.

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Photo shows Women’s and Children’s Specialist Hospital in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) providing health care services to women and children.
Myanmar traditional medicine ...
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Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, officials of foreign embassies and UN agencies, directors, general of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of the Traditional Medicine Council, members of the Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, responsible persons of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Association, Myanmar traditional medicine physicians, responsible persons of social organizations and guests.

In his address,
Chairman of National Health Committee-Gen Tha Aye and the commander of Sagaing West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Chairman of Sagaing the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence looks into traditional medicine, and raising the role of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners. The conference is in its 10th straight anniversary in 2009.

Myanmar traditional medicine has improved remarkably, and attracted greater trust and reliance from the people due to such prudent policies and tactics, all-round assistance and encouragement of the government.

Regarding the efforts to achieve systematic improvement, and promotion and sustainable development of Myanmar traditional medicine in a decade, the conference has been held for the 10th straight time this year. International level University of Traditional Medicine was established in 2001, and consolidated Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Association was established in 2002.

Myanmar traditional medicine has been held yearly since 2001, and consolidated Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Association was established in 2002. One-year courses for Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners were conducted for five years consecutively from 2000 to 2004. Courses on methods of compounding quality traditional medicines will come to attract greater attention from the international community. So, it is required to work hard for Myanmar traditional medicines and therapies to be well-known at the international level.

In compliance with the guidance, with the aim of giving effective health care to the people, it is fundamental requirement of traditional medicine that the national health policy has been laid down: To encourage improving Myanmar traditional medicine and therapeutic practices at the international level and to participate in community health care. Today, Myanmar traditional medicine has attracted greater trust and improved remarkably, and attracted greater trust and reliance from the people due to such prudent policies and tactics, all-round assistance and encouragement of the government.

Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo visits booths of traditional medicine producers.—MNA

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After inspecting Gangaw-Haka road section and tea plantation of Bonzon protected public forest of Chin State Forest Department, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with local people in Bonzon Village. In Lanlok Village, he met with local people and presented sports gear and books to them. At mile post No. 25, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected road works, breeding of mythuns in Naypyi Village and progress of Haka. At the town hall in Haka, he met with departmental officials, townselders, members of social organizations and local people. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander presented gifts to the local people.

They inspected quality strips of tea and sample of dried tea at the Chin State Tea Showroom in Zaythit Ward of Haka. In Kyawbok Village, they viewed thriving tea plants and production process of dried tea at the tea factory. While in Kyawbok Ward, they looked into Moehin tea plantation and sample of dried tea. They also visited breeding of mythuns at the farm.—MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects Gangaw-Haka road section at mile post No. 25.—MNA

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practitioners who have completed one-year course, and other licensed traditional medicine practitioners is 6,442.

Now, conducting courses and giving educative talks and making field trips to provide health care with traditional medicine are being stepped up with the aim of improving the health standard of the people through traditional medicine across the nation including border and far-flung areas. Now, national health plans are being implemented to improve Myanmar traditional medicine to the international level. Cooperation of experts from the Ministry of Health and traditional medicine practitioners plays a key role in this context.

As to production and distribution of common traditional medicines, raw materials for ingredients of traditional medicines are produced with a mechanized system, and traditional medicines are standardized in a systematic way with the use of advanced methods. Only then, can Myanmar traditional medicine guarantee quality, efficacy and safety, and will Myanmar traditional medicine be recorded as experience-based and evidence-based medicine.

Today, the world is seeing new diseases one after another, in consequence of different lifestyles, diets and behaviors. Some diseases have been resistant enough to modern drugs. Here, the therapy of combining western medicine and traditional medicine may be effective in curing such diseases.

Due to the combined therapy, Myanmar’s major health problems such as TB, HIV, malaria, diabetes, hypertension, diarrhoea and dysentery can be addressed. Traditional medicines are originally potent with fewer side effects. So, many countries have turned to traditional medicine and done medical research on traditional medicine on a wider scale. In this opportune time, carrying out medical research on Myanmar traditional medicines should be scaled up in order that Myanmar traditional medicines should be scaled up in order that Myanmar traditional medicines will gain a foothold in the international market.

Now, the Department of Traditional Medicine and the three departments of medical research are working together under the close supervision of the Ministry of Health to expedite doing research on traditional medicine. So, they have got satisfactory findings to produce new traditional medicines. I suggest that Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners participate in the research work on traditional medicine the Ministry of Health is carrying out to fine out new therapies so as to help address health problems.

Production of effective traditional medicines also calls for constant supply of major raw materials such as marine and land and animal products, and herbal plants. I would like to urge all Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to conserve the State’s resources for traditional medicines with a sense of national concern for sustainable production of traditional medicines without any outside pharmaceutical reliance.

10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—the 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here at 10 am today with an opening address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

At the conference, delegates from the states and divisions read out the proposals following by a general round of discussions.

In the afternoon session, U Thit Lwin of Shan State read out the proposals and those present passed resolutions and put matters on record, after which the afternoon session came to an end. The conference continues tomorrow.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe delivers an address at 10th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioner’s Conference.—MNA

F&R Minister attends ceremony to hand over new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the ceremony to hand over new post-primary school building in West Intaing Village in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division, on 5 November. Director-General U San Thaung of Customs Department, Town- ship Education Officer Daw Akyu and Council of Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Myint Thein formally opened the new school building. The minister and officials sprinkled the stone inscription and viewed inside the new school building.

The minister extended greetings at the ceremony. Director-General U San Thaung on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue handed over the documents related to the new school building to the township education officer. Villages-elder U Kya Hla expressed gratitude.

The minister met with township level departmental officials, heard the reports and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected the renovation of concrete floor in Basic Education High School (Branch) in Letpanhya village-tract by the assistance of the ministry. MNA
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Beikman Sachakyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Joṭikadhaja Bhaddanta Joṭikabhivamsa acted as MC.

Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a Saraniya Ovadakatha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs.

Joint Secretary Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Joṭikadhaja Bhaddanta Joṭikabhivamsa submitted the brief report on the assignments of the 6th State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Third Branch). Member Sayadaws of the Third Branch also submitted the reports on respective sectors.

In the afternoon, members of the SSSMNC discussed Vinicchaya, religious and academic affairs.

Disciples led by Kyuukkasa Weliwu Shwegyin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita of Thingangyun Township offered meals to members of the Sangha at the State Sangha Maha Nayaka refectory.

Chief of MPF meets with Yangon Division Police Force members and their families

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi met with members of Yangon Division Police Force and their families at the meeting hall of Office of the Chief of Yangon Division Police Force here on 3 November. Also present on the occasion were the Chief and Deputy Chief of Division Police Force, senior police officers, MPF members and their families.

The 9th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye in progress.—MNA

Energy Minister inspects laying of gas pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lan Tho on 3 November inspected maintenance of heavy machinery to be used by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in laying natural gas pipeline across Panhlaing River.

Officials reported on preparations for laying gas pipeline under Panhlaing River with the use of HDD (Horizontal Directional Drilling machine). The minister gave instructions on technically close supervisions and timely completion of the task.

Later, the minister inspected laying of 24-inch diameter offshore gas pipeline between Panhlaing River and Twantay Canal and left necessary instructions.

Malaysian Defence Minister and party conclude visit

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YANGON, 7 Nov—The AFC U-19 Championship 2010 qualifier, organized by Asian Football Confederation, continued at Zibo Sports Centre in the People’s Republic of China.

Likewise, the AFC U-16 Women’s Championship was held in Bangkok of Thailand.

Myanmar men’s and women’s football teams are taking part in the respective competitions.

On 6 November, Myanmar youth team lost to host Chinese youth team with 0-2 at Zibo Sports Centre of the People’s Republic of China.

The Myanmar women’s team was defeated 0-7 by North Korean team in the women’s championship in Bangkok of Thailand.

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Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi meeting with members of Yangon Division Police Force and their families.—MNA

Tobacco Kills
Prized mushroom collection returns to China

BEIJING, 7 NOV—A Chinese scholar persecuted during the Cultural Revolution for smuggling a rare collection of mushrooms out of China before World War II was honored Saturday when the collection was returned more than 70 years later.

At a ceremony at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Cornell University President David Skorton handed over the collection that had been meticulously gathered by scholar Shu Chun Teng.

Teng studied mycology at Cornell University in the 1920s, then spent the next decade traveling on horseback gathering molds, lichens, yeasts, rusts and morels in the forests, fields and marshes of his homeland.

“I think the most important part about what we’re doing here today is really returning a hand to the Chinese people that was outstretched three-quarters of a century ago,” Skorton said.

During the Japanese invasion in 1937, Teng arranged for his best specimens to be removed from a national botany institute he directed to save them from destruction. During World War II, they were smuggled by ox cart to Indochina and then by sea to the United States, and 2,278 of the specimen packets ended up at Teng’s alma mater.

Seattle team wins $900,000 in Space Elevator Games

LOS ANGELES, 7 NOV — A Seattle team has collected a $900,000 prize in a NASA-backed competition to develop the concept of an elevator to space — an idea spurred by science fiction novels.

The team’s robotic machine raced up more than 2,950 feet of cable dangling from a helicopter.

Powered by a ground-based laser pointed up at the robot’s photo voltaic cells that converted the light into electricity, the LaserMotive machine completed one of its climbs in about three minutes and 48 seconds, good for second-place money.

The contest is intended to encourage development of a theory that originated in the 1960s and was popularized by Arthur C. Clarke’s 1979 novel “The Fountains of Paradise.”

Space elevators are envisioned as a way to reach space without the risk and expense of rockets.

Internet censorship seen liable to WTO challenge

GENEVA, 7 NOV — Censorship of the Internet is open to challenge at the World Trade Organization as it can restrict trade in services delivered online, a forthcoming study says.

A censorship case at the WTO could raise sovereignty issues, given the clear right of member states to restrict trade on moral grounds — for example, by blocking access to child pornography websites.

But a WTO ruling could set limits on blanket censorship and compel states instead to use more selective filtering, according to the study, to be published on Thursday by think-tank ECIPE.

China opposes US anti-dumping duties on oil well pipe

BEIJING, 7 NOV—China’s Ministry of Commerce (MOC) Friday branded the United States imposition of anti-dumping duties on Chinese oil well pipes as protectionist and vowed to take measures to protect its own domestic interests.

The United States denied China’s market economy status and took discriminatory measures to impose anti-dumping duties, bringing serious impacts to China’s steel sector exports, said MOC spokesman Yao Jian in a statement on the ministry’s website.

“We hope the United States can get rid of the bias and admit China’s market economy status soon to tackle the double standards thoroughly and give Chinese enterprises equal and fair treatment,” Yao said.

The US Commerce Department on Thursday set preliminary anti-dumping duties on imports of Chinese-made oil well pipes.

Google’s Chrome grows faster in browser market

MELBOURNE, 7 NOV—Google announced that Chrome now has 30 million active users. Though trailing market leaders IE and Firefox by a wide margin, it’s growing fast.

Four intl colleges shut in Oz, Indians among those affected

Four international colleges in Australia have suddenly wound up, putting in jeopardy the future of 2,700 shell-shocked students including those from India, some of whom were about to graduate in two weeks.

The students, who arrived at the college campuses yesterday, were shocked to hear that the institutions had been closed permanently.

Teachers at the colleges run by the Meridian Group, were, however, told on Thursday night itself that they were out of jobs, the media here reported without giving reasons for the collapse of the institutions.

The colleges, located at 13 campuses in Melbourne and Sydney, offered courses in hospitality, design, English language, fashion and secondary education.

In just two weeks, we were going to get our degrees,” one student said.

“They are not professional, they are the people who are dodgy here,” another student said.

A 19th century building is reflected on mirrors of a shop in downtown Bucharest on 6 November, 2009.
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**
**MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (517)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (517) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 8.11.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. where it will lie at the consignees’ risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Domestic homicides up in New York state**

**ALBANY, 7 Nov**—In New York state, 50 percent of females age 16 and older who were murdered in 2008 were killed by intimate partners, state officials said.

A report, by researchers at the New York state Division of Criminal Justice Services, tracked homicides in which the victim was either an intimate partner or child of the perpetrator, or involved some other type of family relationship. The report said 4 percent of adult male murder victims were killed by an intimate partner.

Domestic homicides in New York state increased 7.3 percent in 2008, while other homicides increased 2.6 percent, the report said.

Child domestic homicides decreased by 31 percent in 2008, primarily because there were fewer infant and newborn homicides reported outside of New York City, the report said.—**Internet**

**Boat tails on trucks save fuel**

**DELFt, 7 Nov**—Tapered devices — boat tails — fitted on the rear of trucks can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 7.5 percent, scientists in the Netherlands said.

Researchers at Delft University of Technology experimented with varying lengths of boat tails for a year to determine which was most fuel efficient.

Working first with small models in wind tunnel experiments and computer simulations, the researchers then spent a year testing varying lengths of boat tails on trucks on public highways, the university said in a release on Friday.

A boat tail about 6-feet long improved aerodynamics enough to reduce fuel consumption by as much as 7.5 percent, while also reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air.

The studies were supported by road transport manufacturers, transport companies and shippers looking to reduce fuel consumption by as much as 20 percent by 2020, the researchers said.—**Internet**

**Vietnam, Indonesia bilateral trade down 16 pct in first nine months**

**HANOI, 7 Nov**—Bilateral trade between Vietnam and Indonesia went down 16.5 percent year-on-year to 1.54 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, according to the information centre of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on Friday.

Of the total, Vietnam raked in 494.1 million US dollars from export to the Indonesian market in this period, down 12 percent year-on-year, said the centre.

The country spent 1.05 billion US dollars on imports from Indonesia in the first nine months, down 23.4 percent from the corresponding period of last year.

Vietnamese export of rice, fruits and vegetables, rubber, and footwear to Indonesia registered a year-on-year decline in the first nine months, according to the centre.

The country saw a year-on-year increase in export of crude oil, seafood, coffee, tea, and garment and textile to Indonesia during the same period.

Vietnam’s export of crude oil went up 138.5 percent year-on-year to 172.67 million US dollars from January to September, said the centre.

—**Xinhua**

**Preparation for Canada troops withdrawal from Afghanistan underway**

**OTTAWA, 7 Nov**—Canada’s Defence Department has already instructed its commanders to start preparing for the withdrawal of combat troops from Afghanistan, although disputes remain as to whether the troops will stay for civilian jobs.

Canada’s Parliament has mandated the military troops to leave by the end of 2011 and the Conservative government has promised in many occasions to honor that deadline.

Chief of Defence Staff General Walter Natynczyl has ordered preparations to get under way involving the return of thousands of troops and their equipment from Afghanistan, according to Defence Department sources on Friday.

There are about 2,800 Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, based primarily in the southern province of Kandahar. They are part of the international alliance troops fighting Taleban militants.

However, many observers predict US President Barack Obama will ask Canada to keep troops in Afghanistan to protect civilian reconstruction efforts as the American military ramps up its effort to contain the Taleban in Afghanistan.

—**Xinhua**

**New duck-billed dinosaur discovered**

**BILBAO, 7 Nov**—A new hadrosaur, or duck-billed dinosaur, has been discovered in Huesca, Spain, scientists at the University of Basque Country said.

Several species of hadrosaurs inhabited the Iberian Peninsula until about 65.5 million years ago when some sort of catastrophic event caused their extinction, university paleontologist Xavier Pereda-Suberbiola said in a release on Friday.

The new hadrosaur, Aremysaurus arevaloi, has a skull with a hollow cranial crest, a prominent frontal dome and post-cranial elements such as vertebrae, girdle and limb bones, Pereda-Suberbiola wrote in the French journal Comptes Rendus Palevol.—**Internet**

**Big California bank fails, has China branches**

**WASHINGTON, 7 Nov**—United Commercial Bank, a big San Francisco bank with branches in China, was closed by state regulators on Friday and its banking operations were acquired by East West Bancorp Inc. also active in both nations.

East West said the transaction made it the second-largest independent bank in California. Based in Pasadena, East West has 137 US branches, including ones in New York, Atlanta, Boston and Seattle, and four in China.

United Commercial Bank, with assets of $11.2 billion, was the 120th US bank to fail this year. Regulators closed four other banks on Friday, in Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Minnesota. Failures already were the highest since 1992.

Banks are struggling to clean up their balance sheets as loans made during the credit boom continue to deteriorate. The FDIC has said the pace of failures will remain elevated through next year.—**Internet**
Researchers track leprosy bacterium

LAUSANNE, 7 Nov—The bacterium that causes leprosy is genetically stable, which makes curing the disease easier, a Swiss-led research team says.

The project, headed by Stewart Cole of the Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, found samples of mycobacterium leprae from around the world, Swissinfo reported. The oldest was found in an Egyptian mummy buried about 2,400 years ago.

There are four strains of the bacterium—European, Indian and East and West African—with only small genetic differences among them.

"Irrespective of the origin of the sample of mycobacterium leprae, there was a remarkably high level of similarity and the genome was extremely well conserved," Cole said. "This is very good news in terms of treatment." While an antibiotic cure for leprosy has been available for 30 years and is free, about 700,000 people worldwide are infected with the disease.

The World Health Organization said 250,000 new cases were diagnosed in 2008.

Dentists urged to look for cardiac risk

STOCKHOLM, 7 Nov—Dentists can play key roles in identifying people at risk of fatal heart attacks and referring them for further evaluation, doctors in Sweden suggest.

Dentists are encouraged to use HeartScore, a computerized system that calculates the risk of a person dying of a heart attack within a 10-year period, the European Society of Cardiology said in a release Thursday.

HeartScore measures cardiovascular disease risk in people ages 40-65 by factoring the person's age, sex, blood pressure and smoking status.

People with HeartScores of 10 percent or higher, meaning they had at least a 10-percent risk of having a fatal heart attack or stroke within a 10-year period, were told by dentists to see a doctor about their condition.

Using HeartScore, which was tested in Sweden, dentists can identify patients who are unaware they need medical intervention, the American Dental Association said in a release on Thursday.

"Dentists may find themselves in an opportune position to enhance the overall health and well-being of their patients," the association said.

A US health and wellness expert says an easy way to boost immunity is to eat more fruits and vegetables in different colours.

Amy Hendel says a study published in the Pynonutrient Report found eight in 10 American patients who are unaware about their condition. Hendel recommends eating two foods from each of the five colour categoriesfound in each colour category.

For optimal health, aim to eat two foods from each of the five colour categories for a total of 10 servings each day. Foods in the red category—tomatoes, pomegranate, red cabbage, cranberries, even pink grapefruit—boost immune systems and support heart health, Hendel says.

Weight lifting aids breast cancer patients

PHILADELPHIA, 7 Nov—Weight lifting has multiple benefits for breast cancer survivors, US researchers said.

The study, published in Breast Cancer Research and Treatment, found women who lift weights regularly feel better about their bodies and appearance and are more satisfied with their intimate relationships compared with survivors who did not lift weights.

The findings were from a randomized controlled trial testing the impact of twice-weekly weight lifting for 12 months.

In a preliminary report, published in the New England Journal of Medicine in August, Schmitz and colleagues found lifting weights improves body symmetry in women with lymphedema—a arm-swelling some breast cancer patients suffer from worsening.

"It looks like weight training is not only safe and may lymphedema flare ups less frequently, but it also seems help women feel better about their bodies," study senior author Kathryn Schmitz of Philadelphia's University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center said in a statement. "The results suggest that the act of spending time with your body was the thing that was important—not the physical results of strength."
Woods, Watney lead at HSBC Champions golf championship

SHANGHAI, 7 Nov—Tiger Woods shot 67 Friday in the second round to be 10-under-par and join fellow American Nick Watney in the top position at the WGC-HSBC Champions golf championship.

Phil Mickelson, who won here in 2007, stroke a majestic bogey-free 66 for a share of second place with Spain’s Alvaro Quiros (66) and another American Ryan Moore (69). Anthony Kim is a shot further back, ahead of US PGA Tour player Pat Perez on six under.

Ferguson makes case for United defence

MANCHESTER, 7 Nov—Sir Alex Ferguson has voiced his support for Manchester United’s defenders in the light of a relatively disappointing start to the season by the reigning Premier League champions.

United, who set a world record of 1,311 consecutive minutes without conceding a goal last season, have been far more susceptible this term, allowing 11 goals in as many Premier League games.

More worryingly, United have leaked seven goals at home, more than clubs in or around the relegation zone such as Birmingham, Hull and Wolves.

Ferguson’s team has not been aided by the absence of Dutch international goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar, who was in goal during last season’s record-breaking run and injuries to Nemanja Vidic and Rio Ferdinand.

Those circumstances have forced the United manager to name 16 different defensive line-ups so far this season.

Drogba has United in his sights

LONDON, 7 Nov—An in-form Didier Drogba is capable of ruffling the feathers of even the most confident defenders.

So it will be with some trepidation that Manchester United, whose back four has been looking decidedly shaky of late, pitch up for Sunday’s Premier League summit meeting with a Chelsea side whose confident start to the season has been underpinned by Drogba’s return to his battering-ram best.

The Ivorian’s late double in the Champions League win over Atletico Madrid in Spain took his tally of goals in the competition to 12 in all competitions and team-mate Florent Malouda has never seen the striker looking more driven.—INTERNET

Murray eases into semi-finals, Simon slumps

VALENCIA, 7 Nov—British top seed Andy Murray stayed on course for his sixth title of the season on Friday when he defeated Spain’s Albert Montanes 6-4, 6-2 to reach the Valencia ATP semi-finals.

Murray, the world number four, had struggled for two hours and 22 minutes against Argentina’s Leonardo Mayer on Thursday, but he was in complete control in his quarter-final, sealing victory in just 73 minutes.—INTERNET

Korean, Saudi sides meet in AFC Champions League final

TOKYO, 7 Nov—Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia take on Pohang Steelers of South Korea in the AFC Champions League final this weekend with both sides aiming for a record third continental championship.

In Saturday’s match, the Saudi giants, who defeated Japan’s Nagoya Grampus 8-3 on aggregate in the semi-finals, will have a chance to regain the AFC Champions League title they won in 2004 and 2005.

The Korean powerhouse side, which beat Umm-Salal of Qatar 4-1 on aggregate in their semi-final clash, won the former Asian Club Championship in 1997 and 1998.

Federer faces school friend Chiudinelli in Basel tennis

BASEL, 7 Nov—Roger Federer puts an 18-match win streak at his home Swiss Indoors tournament on the line Saturday against old school friend Marco Chiudinelli in the semi-finals.

The dream scenario in the hometown of both men will be the first for the pair in their tennis careers.

Federer, winner of the last three editions here, dispatched Russian Evgeny Korolev 6-3, 6-2 in his quarter-final while world number 73 Chiudinelli hammered Richard Gasquet 6-1, 6-3 to reach his first semi-final.—INTERNET
Canada to investigate disappearing Pacific salmon

VANCOUVER, 7 Nov — Canada will launch an investigation into why far fewer sockeye salmon than scientists had predicted returned to the Fraser River on the Pacific Coast this summer.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the judicial inquiry on Thursday, saying the federal government was concerned about the declining sockeye population.

Federal government scientists had predicted that as many as 13 million sockeye salmon would return to the river this year to breed, but it is now estimated that only about 1.4 million fish actually returned.

The collapse gutted the commercial Fraser sockeye fishing season, and prompted the government of the West Coast province of British Columbia and federal opposition parties to ask Ottawa to investigate whether federal officials have mismanaged salmon stocks.

A gull stands on the carcass of a sockeye salmon after it died following its spawning in Adams River outside of Chase, British Columbia, on 11 October, 2006. — Internet

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- Ngwe Hsaung Welcomes Everyone
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WEATHER

Saturday, 7th November, 2009

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Forecast valid until evening of 8th November 2009: Except for rain or thunderstorms are likely to be isolated in Chin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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★ 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 |

Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) contributes to regional development

Roads and bridges have emerged across the nation as a network due to the government’s constant drive to open these facilities. Smooth transport is narrowing the development gap among the regions, and socio-economic life of the people has improved. Although the east bank is located just to the opposite of the west bank of the River Chindwin, local residents had to live separately due to the river passing through Sagaing Division. Local people have overcome the barrier since opening of the Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) on 7 April 2003.

Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) is the main one on Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa road. The main bridge is 2745.6 feet long and the two approach bridges are 1984.6 feet long. The total length of the bridge is 4730.2 feet and it can withstand 60-ton loads.

After opening Chindwin Bridge (Monywa), people have now easy access from Monywa to Kalewa-Kalay-Tamu, Kalay-Haka and Kalay-Tiddim in a short time. In addition, it contributes to development of border trade with the neighbouring country.

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Photo shows Chindwin Bridge (Monywa), vital for regional development and border trade.