Work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee held

YANGON, 11 Nov—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the work coordination meeting of the Yangon Division Industrial Zones Management Committee held at the meeting hall of the Yangon Command headquarters in Konyinttha on Thursday morning, and gave instructions on active participation for the development of industrial zones. Afterwards, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon gave instructions on active participation for the development of industrial zones. (See page 7)

89th Anniversary National Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—In line with the objectives of strengthening nationalistic spirit and uplift of national prestige and integrity, promoting of national education, perpetuity of independence and sovereignty of the State and achieving success in implementing seven-step Road Map, the 89th Anniversary National Day was observed at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe this morning.

Chairman of Central Committee for Observing 89th Anniversary National Day Minister Dr Chan Nyein presents prize to a winner in basic education high and middle school level essay contest to mark 89th Anniversary National Day. —MNA

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

Today’s vehicles and motorways in Myanmar

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Road Administration Department

The Road Administration Department under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, in the drive for achieving the ultimate goal of traffic security, registers vehicles that use public roads and keeps registered vehicles in check. (See page 7)
Further cement friendly ties between Mekong Region countries and Japan

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit held at the Japanese Prime Minister’s Office in Tokyo of Japan on 6 November. The summit was also attended by the Prime Minister of Cambodia, the Prime Minister of Japan, the Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic, the Prime Minister of Thailand and the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

At the summit, prime ministers of the respective countries held discussions on development of regional infrastructures and human resources between Mekong Region countries and Japan, environmental conservation and climate change.

Moreover, they exchanged views on promotion of trade and investment, disaster management, promotions of tourism industry, further cementing of Mekong-Japan friendship and mutual cooperation between Mekong Region countries and Japan.

Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam Mekong Region are rich in natural resources. As efforts are being made for forging consolidation among countries in the region, remarkable progress has been made in agricultural, energy, environmental conservation, transport, investment and tourism sectors of the respective countries.

Prime ministers of Mekong Region countries met with the Japanese HIH Crown Prince, the Speaker of Japanese House of Representatives and the President of the House of Councillors on 6 November.

We firmly believe that Mekong Region countries and Japan will be able to further cement friendly ties and promote economic cooperation between them, for they can manage to exchange views on development of infrastructures and human resources, promotion of trade and investment at the 1st Mekong-Japan Summit.

Min Aung Hlaing inspected development tasks in Tachilek

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected the development tasks in Tachilek, the 2nd U-18 Asian Youth Hockey Tournament commences

The 2nd U-18 Asian Youth Hockey Tournament kicked off at Theinbyu Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch, here, today. Among the spectators were President of Myanmar Hockey Federation Col Hnin Zaw Win, executives and officials of embassies. In the match, Malaysia trounced Sri Lanka 9-0 in the first match and Japan beat Myanmar 5-0.

Tomorrow afternoon, Singapore will play against China (Taipei) and Pakistan will meet with Sri Lanka. Admission is free.

The opening ceremony will be held at 3 pm on 13 November. World Hockey powerful Korea, Pakistan and Asian Hockey powerful India and Malaysia in addition to Myanmar, Sri Lanka, China (Taipei), Japan and Singapore are taking part in the tournament. The competing teams were divided into two groups.
Three people killed in gunfire, bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov—Three Iraqi people were killed, two others wounded, and 16 more detained, including a dean of a college, in separate bomb attacks and gunfire in the provinces of Salahadin and Diyala on Tuesday, police said.

Two policemen were killed when unknown gunmen opened fire on a police checkpoint in the Aziz Balad area, some 100 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Separately, an Iraqi security force killed a suspected militant and detained eight people during a raid on the al-Mu’atasim area, some 110 km north of Baghdad, the source said.

The raid was based on intelligence reports which said that an armed group was planning to carry out a suicide bombing on the house of a senior official in the area, the source added.

Afghan police discover fertilizer and 5,000 parts for roadside bombs near Yaya Khil district, 12 Nov—Afghan police on Tuesday found a couple of hundred 100-pound bags of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and 5,000 parts for roadside bombs in a warehouse, the military said.

After the initial find on Sunday, an additional 4,000 100-bags of fertilizer were found in a nearby compound. The joint forces also made 15 arrests.

The seizure included enough fertilizer to make dozens to a couple of hundred roadside bombs, said John Pike, director of the military think tank Globalsecurity.org.

NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 11 November.

A medic treats an injured man in the helicopter during transportation to a hospital in Kandahar, on 4 November. At least 25 NATO and Afghan soldiers were wounded on Friday as the hunted for two US paratroopers missing in remote northwest Afghanistan, according to NATO.—INTERNET

Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 11 November reached 699,357 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1,261,897, according to the news on the internet.

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Casualties of Afghan people

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Brasilia, 11 Nov—Visiting Peruvian Minister of Transport and Communications Enrique Cornejo on Tuesday conveyed his country’s proposal for a regional pact aimed at cutting armaments among the members of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR).

The proposal from Peruvian President Alan Garcia, submitted to Brazil’s Senate President Jose Sarney, called for reduction of 3 percent from the armament expenditure in the region over the next five years, allowing more resources to social programmes. The Peruvian government voiced its concern with the arms race marked by purchase of military weapons by UNASUR members. “The enemies we have to tackle with is poverty, drug trafficking, organized crime and terrorism,” said Cornejo, who pointed out that military spending in the region amounted to 34,000 million US dollars last year.

The minister hoped that the pact could help prevent situations like the recent tensions between Venezuela and Colombia.

When receiving the document, Sarney highlighted the “tradition of brotherhood” between the South American peoples and pledged to support the initiative.—Xinhua

Over 20 million people need food aid in east Africa

Rome, 11 Nov—Drought and war in eastern Africa have left more than 20 million people in desperate need of emergency food aid, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

“The situation is very worrying due to expected crop and pasture failures from poor rains in several areas, the increase in conflicts, trade disruptions and continuing high food prices,” the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said.

In its latest report on food and crop prospects (www.fao.org), FAO said delayed rains and dry spells often followed by floods had hurt crops and pastures in Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Uganda.

In Somalia and Sudan, poor weather has worsened a food emergency due to civil wars, with 3.6 million and 5.9 million people in need of food aid, respectively. In the case of Somalia, that is about 50 percent of the total population.

The UN agency is hosting a world food summit in Rome next week, hoping to win broad support for an increase in agricultural investments in poor countries to help them feed themselves.—INTERNET

Philippines’ Mayon volcano spews ash, could erupt

Manila, 11 Nov—Scientists say the cone-shaped Mayon volcano in the central Philippines has shot an ash plume into the air and are advising nearby residents to be ready to move in case of eruption. Chief state volcanologist Renato Solidum says Mayon’s alert level remains the same but if magma continues to rise below the glowing crater, it could erupt within weeks.

The country’s most active volcano last erupted in 2006. Typhoon-triggered mudslides later that year buried entire villages, killing more than 1,000 people. Two explosions early Wednesday sent ash and rocks more than half a mile (a kilometer) into the air, reaching nearby Camalig town along Mayon’s foothills.—INTERNET

Dutch arrest Somali terror suspect wanted by US

The Hague, 11 Nov—Dutch prosecutors said on Tuesday they have arrested a 43-year-old Somali man wanted by US authorities for allegedly financing extremist terrorists.

Prosecutors said in a statement the man lived in Minneapolis before leaving the United States in November 2008; he arrived in the Netherlands about one month later. The identity of the man, who was arrested on Sunday at an asylum seeker’s centre in Dronten about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northeast of Amsterdam, was not released in line with Dutch privacy laws.

The statement by the national prosecutors office said American authorities asked for the man’s arrest and have sought his extradition.—INTERNET

Israel says major cities are in Hezbollah’s range

Jerusalem, 11 Nov—The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah has significantly expanded its ability to strike deep into Israel with rockets that can now reach far enough to hit much of Israel’s major cities, its army chief said on Tuesday.

The remarks by Maj Gen Gabi Ashkenazi were the first official assessment of the guerrilla group’s capabilities since Israel seized a ship last week carrying weapons allegedly destined for Hezbollah.

Ashkenazi indicated that the arms bust had little effect in stopping what Israel says has been a massive arms buildup by the Iranian-backed militia since the sides fought a bitter monthlong war in 2006.

An official said that Ashkenazi told lawmakers on Tuesday that some of the rockets can fly up to 200 miles (325 kilometres). That would put Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, as well as Israel’s nuclear reactor in the southern desert, within rocket range. Alternatively, the official said, Hezbollah could pound Israeli towns and cities closer to the border from positions north of the Litani River, outside the area of south Lebanon policed by UN peacekeepers.—INTERNET

Landslide kills at least one, injures 20 others in Italy

Rome, 11 Nov—A landslide hitting Italy’s port town in southern island of Ischia on Tuesday has left at least one dead and 20 injured, according to the town’s mayor Vincenzo D’Ambrosio.

The mayor said the landslide was “like the end of the world” when houses, cars and people were dragged out to the sea by the water and a river of dirt and rocks flooded the entire area.

Local authorities have so far confirmed one death, that of a 15-year-old girl dragged out to sea in a bus by mud pouring down the slopes of Mount Epomeo, the island’s volcanic peak.

According to the civil protection department, over 20 survivors have been pulled from the mud so far with bruises and broken bones, including a small child said to be in serious condition.

INTERNET

Rockets seized by Israeli authorities on a ship near Cyprus, are presented in the port of the Israeli city of Ashdod, on 4 Nov, 2009.—INTERNET

This 22 Oct, 2009 photo shows a Somali Kenyan man transporting maize on his donkey in the settlement of Dela in northern Kenya near the Somali border. The traditional way of life for Kenya’s roughly three million nomads is rapidly giving way under the pressures of increasingly severe and frequent droughts, coupled with a rapidly rising population. In one particularly drought-prone district in Kenya, up to a third of the herdsmen have had to settle permanently because they have lost so many animals. —Xinhua
Barcelona holds World Architecture Festival

BEIJING, 11 Nov—The Spanish city of Barcelona has hosted the World Architecture Festival, which celebrates global design. Projects from 67 countries were on show, many reflecting the tough economic times we’re currently living in. From Antoni Gaudi’s modernist buildings to skyscrapers designed by world-class architects, Barcelona is a true architectural Mecca.

The renaissance experienced by the Catalan capital in recent years has been recognized with the city becoming the base for the World Architecture Festival for the second year.

The event — which ran from 4th to the 6th of November, brought together some of the world’s finest architects, and showcased many innovative buildings.

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Nabil Gholam, juror and nominee, said, “The tendencies this year — whilst I was a judge last year in the World Architecture Festival — is clear. There is more concern about the environment and buildings are becoming more reasonable to a certain degree. And the market has cut out a lot of the extremes, a lot of the craziness and the excess that was there during the last two or three years.” —Xinhua

APEC ministers meeting opens, focusing on post-crisis trade promotion

SINGAPORE, 11 Nov—The 21st APEC Ministerial Meeting opened here on Wednesday morning at Singapore’s Suntec Convention Center, with a focus on the multilateral trading system and regional economic integration in the post-crisis era.

The Foreign and Trade ministers and representatives of the 21 APEC member economies are attending the two-day meeting, to make final preparations for the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting (AELM) slated for 14-15 Nov.

During the meeting, they were expected to reaffirm their support for the multilateral trading system, and take stock of the trade-related developments in the Asia-Pacific region and the status of the Doha Round of WTO negotiations.

They would also review the work done in 2009 on regional economic integration and discuss growth issues, including fostering inclusive and sustainable growth.

Against the backdrop of incipient recovery from the global economic recession, the ministerial-level officials were also expected to reaffirm their stand to resist trade protectionism. —Xinhua

LOS ANGELES, 11 Nov—Twenty individuals, mostly from Mexico and other Central American countries, have been charged with making false statements in obtaining passports during a federal crackdown. 12 of them have been arrested over the past three weeks.

In the latest arrest on Tuesday, 40-year-old Alma Huerta was seized at the US-Mexico border, who was charged by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles on 21 Oct with obtaining a passport in 2000 by using false identity and opening a bank account with that document. —Xinhua

Students from the 35th Middle School of Hefei receive free vaccination against the A/H1N1 influenza in Hefei, capital of east China’s Anhui Province, on 10 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

British drugmaker to donate 50 mln doses of A/H1N1 flu vaccine to WHO

GENEVA, 11 Nov—British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) is to donate 50 million doses of A/H1N1 influenza vaccine to the World Health Organization (WHO) under an agreement signed in Geneva on Tuesday, the UN agency said.

“We welcome this very generous donation by GlaxoSmithKline, which will go to protect the health of the world’s poorest people,” said WHO Director General Margaret Chan in a statement.

“This is a real gesture of global solidarity towards those who would not be otherwise able to have access to the vaccine,” she said.

According to WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl, the agency expects to start receiving GSK’s first shipment of doses toward the end of this month or in early December, with the full 50 million doses to come probably by the end of spring next year.

“We hope it will be the first of many donations,” Hartl said.

The WHO has a list of 95 developing countries that are eligible to receive donated vaccines, and aims to secure enough vaccines to cover 10 percent of the population of these countries. —Xinhua

Global energy use to fall 2009

LONDON, 11 Nov—As one of the consequences of the financial crisis, global energy use is set to fall in 2009, for the first time since 1981, according to The World Energy Outlook 2009. The International Energy Agency (IEA) launched the new World Energy Outlook 2009 (WEO) on Tuesday in London.

WEO is the annual flagship publication of the IEA.

Projected global demand was lower than in last year’s report, reflecting the impact of the economic crisis, so the preliminary data point to a fall in 2009 of up to 2 percent. But demand growth rebounds thereafter, averaging 2.5 percent per year from 2010 to 2015, said the WEO 2009.—Xinhua

20 charged in LA crackdown against passport fraud

A woman views a silkworm cocoon reeling machine during the media preview of the “Travelling the Silk Road” exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History in New York on 10 Nov, 2009.—XINHUA

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Hamas says never to negotiate with Israel

Gaza, 11 Nov—Palestinian Hamas movement said on Tuesday it will never negotiate with Israel, slamming Palestinian officials who warned of possible talks between the Islamic movement and the Jewish state.

“Hamas will not negotiate with the (Israeli) occupation and will not be the lifeboat for Oslo negotiations,” said Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, referring to the Palestinian National Authority’s (PNA) negotiations with Israel under the Oslo accords since 1993.

Palestinian statehood negotiations between Israel and the PNA have come to a standstill after Israeli government continued settlement building in occupied Palestinian territories.

Meanwhile, senior Palestinian officials, including chief negotiator Saeb Erekat, have warned against Israeli attempts to open alternative, back-door channels to negotiate with Hamas.

In a statement sent to the press, Abu Zuhri said that Erekat’s remarks were “unclean attempts to implicate Hamas into the negotiations.” Erekat said the PNA and Israel.”

Ethiopia discovers mine with 40 tonnes of gold

Addis Ababa, 11 Nov—Ethiopia on Tuesday announced the discovery of a mine containing more than 40 tonnes of gold deposit worth 1.7 billion dollars (1.1 billion euros).

The state-run Ethiopian News Agency reported that the new find, announced by the ministry of mines and energy, will require some 200 million dollars to extract and process.

“Geological survey indicates that... an estimated 500 tonnes of gold deposit is found in the country,” the agency said, providing a figure for the whole of Ethiopia.

Some 44 companies are engaged in gold exploration, earning Ethiopia about 105 million dollars in export every year.

The Horn of Africa country has mineral resources that have so far remained unexploited.

A rare brown baby giant panda has been discovered by researchers in northwest China on 1 November, 2009.

Unemployed and desperate, a 19-year-old Sheboygan man is trying to sell one of the only things he owns—his name. Calvin Gosz has put the rights to give him a new name on eBay.

He said if people can have a name like Mercedes for free, “why wouldn’t McDonald’s pay him to have Ronald McDonald as a name?” Gosz said he moved to Wisconsin from Florida in September.

He’s filled out more than a dozen job applications, but so far no luck.

Of his decision to go on eBay, he said, “I guess it just kind of goes to show the desperation of some people to try and get some money if they can’t find work. The minimum bid is $5,000 — but so far there’s no takers.

Sheboygan man tries to sell his rights to his name

A resident spotted it hours later and called police.

Police find mail carrier passed out drunk in truck

Delta airlines jet shortly after takeoff from New York’s Kennedy Airport. It plummeted thousands of feet into the part missing after the plane landed harmlessly on someone’s lawn.

Police officers reported finding a mail carrier passed out drunk in his US Postal Service mail truck in Boynton Beach. According to a release, police received a 911 call on Wednesday afternoon reporting a mail truck parked on the side of a road with the driver slumped over the wheel. Officers found a 29-year-old man, whose blood alcohol content was tested to be .264 and .258, more than three times the legal limit.

The man, who was in the middle of his work day, reportedly told officers that he drank wine all night and then drank half a bottle of mouthwash to cover the smell. Florida law considers a driver with a blood alcohol level of .08 to be impaired. The man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

A rare brown giant panda has been discovered by researchers in northwest China.

Airplane part falls onto NY home’s front lawn

NYC, 11 Nov—A United Airlines pilot on suspicion of being drunk as he was about to help fly a passenger plane from London’s Heathrow Airport, an officer and the airline said on Tuesday.

Delta says a proposal is under way.

Conjoined twins, Chang Zizhu and Chang Baozhu, receive medical examination at a hospital in Hefei, Anhui province on 9 November, 2009. The twins were born on 3 November, weighing approximately 4.2 kg (9.2 pounds) and are currently undergoing checks at a hospital before determining if they are able to have a separation surgery, local media reported.

French architect Frederic Tabary poses inside the “Hamster’s Villa”, imagined and conceived by Tabary together with architect Yann Falquerho, during an interview with Reuters in Nantes, western France, on 8 November, 2009.

UA pilot charged with being over alcohol limit

London, 11 Nov—A United Airlines pilot who was pulled from his trans-Atlantic flight to Chicago shortly before takeoff has been charged with having too much alcohol in his system, British police said on Tuesday.

Scotland Yard said that 51-year-old Erwin Ver- Mont of Lakewood, Colorado, was arrested after officers were called to United Airlines Flight 949, which was already full of passengers and due to leave London’s Heathrow Air- port just after noon on Monday.

BAA, Heathrow’s operator, said the plane had been due to leave immi- nently. A BAA spokes- man quoted by Britain’s Press Association news agency added that the pi- lot had been reported to authorities by another member of United’s staff.

BAA did not immediately return a call from the AP seeking comment late Tuesday.

A commercial airliner prepares to land at London’s Heathrow Airport. Police arrested a United Airlines pilot on suspicion of being drunk as he was about to help fly a passenger plane from London’s Heathrow Airport, an officer and the airline said on Tuesday.
Today’s vehicles and motorways...

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According to Section (3) of the 1964 Motor Vehicle Law, any vehicle that moves in public places are to get registered. Section (5) of the same law says that all vehicles are to be well-designed in order that drivers can control them effectively. According to Section (9) of the 1989 Law Amending the Motor Vehicle Law, automobiles are to be inspected before getting registered for and renewing licences. Therefore, all vehicles are to be checked to find out whether they are registered ones or not, and the process is aimed at ensuring traffic safety in public roads.

Initial Checks

In checking the registration items of an automobile, the automobile is to be a correct one produced by the automobile company concerned (for instance, Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Hino and Isuzu). The department scrutinizes the brands of automobiles with the restrictions of the original producers, the permission of the trade policy council, and the permission of the Customs Department according to the frames and requirements of the automobiles. In addition, the strength of each automobile is fixed in passenger, kilo or gallon as stated in the initial licence.

It is learnt that automobiles are weighed with the use of a weight bridge or according to the samples of the automobiles concerned. To register an automobile once every year in the month concerned in which its licence expires, the following two points are to be checked mainly.

1. To confirm that the automobile is originally registered one, and
2. To confirm that the automobile can move safely.

In this regard, registration items comprise brand, type, model, engine number, frame number, colour, and strength. The process covers checking whether the automobile has any changes in its appearance, it has initial frame number, any changes in its engine, and it has its original reflection chips and embossed plate number issued by the department.

Surprise Check In checking automobiles in compliance with the law, byelaw, procedures and directives to make sure whether they are registered ones or not, and the process is aimed at ensuring traffic safety in public roads.

Col Maung Pa reported on work being undertaken. After that, departmental officials reported on sector-wise work. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials concerned coordinated the necessary tasks and Li-Gen Myint Swe made a concluding speech.—MNA

Road Administration Department inspects front and rear lights of an automobile.

Road Administration Department inspects machine parts before renewal of an automobile.

With respect to inspecting vehicles with machines, fixing the weight of a vehicle is a requirement for registration, and it is important for prohibiting it from carrying loads of overweight, estimating loading capacity, and checking reconstructed trucks. Previously, the weight of an automobile was fixed according to its size, description of the automobile company, sample, loading power, and comparison with similar vehicle. Now, the exact weight of an automobile will pass through the border of Myanmar. Therefore, a mechanized system is applied in inspecting automobiles. Inspecting automobiles with machines contributes towards traffic safety because that produces exact results.

Road Administration Department inspects machine parts before renewal of an automobile.
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was observed at Yandamar Mon Hall of No.1 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana. Students of No.2 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana opened the ceremony, singing the song titled “Union of Myanmar”.

Chairman U Win Htay of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana opened the ceremony, singing the song titled “Union of Myanmar”. Later, students from No.1 BEHS sang the song titled “Nationalistic Fervour”.

Similarly, the 89th Anniversary National Day was observed at No.1 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe this morning. Students of No.1 BEHS sang the song titled “Union of Myanmar” to open the ceremony.

Next, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe presented the message sent by Chairman of the SPDC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Afterwards, Minister Dr Chan Nyein and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo awarded prize winners of Basic Education High School and Basic Education Middle School level essay contests held to mark the 89th Anniversary National Day. Later, students from No.1 BEHS sang the song titled “Nationalistic Fervour”.

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Patron of the School Board of Trustees Mr Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, members of the panel of patrons, Director-General U Kyaw Thuo of No.1 Basic Education Department and Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) presented prizes to the outstanding students. Wellwishers donated cash to the funds of the school.

A similar ceremony was held at Central Sanyayad Hall of Latha BEHS No. 1 this morning. Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe. Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 BED and officials presented prizes to the outstanding students.

At Pabedan BEHS No. 1, Chairman of Township PDC U Kyaw Myint Hlaing read the message of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the ceremony to mark the 89th Anniversary National Day. Officials awarded the winners in the national day commemorative essay and poem contests.

Similar ceremonies were held at Lammadaw BEHS No. 1, Kamayut BEHS No. 1 and Botataung BEHS No. 6.—MNA

Yangon Travel Journal

Vol-2, No.11 in circulation

Yangon, 11 Nov—All Private Bus-Line Control Committee (Yangon Division) published Yangon Travel Journal Vol.2, No.11 on 28 October.

The journal features poems, children’s role, cartoons and articles by famous writers such as Takkatho Tin Kha, Chit San Win, Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk), Dr Nu Nu Yin and others.

The copies of the journal are available at book shops in Yangon, APBLCC branches and bus terminals.

For sending manuscripts and advertisements, contact No.474, Theinbyu Road, Kandawkalay, Phothmay Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon (Ph: 381858).—MNA

Bayintnaung Market to donate blood for tenth time

Yangon, 11 Nov—Under the aegis of Bayintnaung Market Development Committee under Markets Department of Yangon City Development Committee, shopkeepers of Bayintnaung Market will hold the 10th blood donation ceremony at the market on 21 November.

Those wishing to donate blood may contact Chairman U Hla Aye of the organizing committee, Ph: 726269, Secretary U Khin Maung Lwin, Ph: 728467 and office of the market development committee, Ph: 682019.—MNA
YANGON, 11 Nov—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win and Director of People’s Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of Ministry of Defence help an officer of the Border Guard Force put on Tatmadaw insignia at the ceremony to mark formation of Border Guard Force of Kachin State Special Region (1) (NDAK) held in Lupi region of Kachin State on 8 November.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected construction of Mandalay-Madaya-Phauktaw-Thabeikkyin Road through BOT system, extension of the road and maintenance work and left necessary instructions on 6 November.

Next, the minister looked into reconstruction of Kyaukoh Bridge between mile post No.54/3 and No.54/4. Then he inspected roadworks between mile post No.0/0 and No.68.0 along Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Myataung Road.

President Dr Khin Shwe of MJFA presents prize to H&T Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing.—NLM

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Mandan Division plays against Mon State in Basic Education Level Inter-State/Division U-16 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament.—MNA

President Dr Khin Shwe of MJFA presents prize to H&T Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing.—NLM

Road, bridge construction inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov – Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected construction of Mandalay-Madaya-Phauktaw-Thabeikkyin Road through BOT system, extension of the road and maintenance work and left necessary instructions on 6 November.

Next, the minister looked into reconstruction of Kyaukoh Bridge between mile post No.54/3 and No.54/4. Then he inspected roadworks between mile post No.0/0 and No.68.0 along Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Myataung road.

1st Basic Education Level ISD U-16 Basketball Tournament continues

YANGON, 11 Nov—Under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Sports, the First Basic Education Level Inter-State/Division U-16 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament, organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation, continued at the Aung San Gymnasium, here, this morning.

In the men’s event, Mandalay Division won over Mon State 44-23; Sagaing Division blanked out 37-4; Yangon Division put 45-49; Shan State (North) 31-24 and Shan State (South) hammered Bago Division 23-17.

The tournament continues tomorrow at the same venue.
Lt-Gen Tha Aye supervises regional development works

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Nov—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Chairman of Chin State PDC Brig-Gen Hon Ngai and departmental officials went on an inspection tour of Government Technical Institute (Haka) and tea plantation along Kalay-Falam-Haka road and gave necessary instructions on 5 November.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into Haka-Falam road section, development tasks, tea plantation and paddy fields by car.

After meeting teachers and town elders at the hall of Yanhtalo Village Basic Education High School (Branch), Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander presented teaching aids for the school, cash for rural library and sports gear and gifts to teachers and students.

Having inspected Yankalaukya tea plantation and Liva hydroelectric plant, they presented gifts to staff of the plant. On arrival at Falam 200-bed hospital, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party comforted the patients. After inspecting the hospital, they gave away gifts to health staff.

Having met with departmental officials at district and township levels, town elders and members of social organizations at Falam local battalion, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party handed gifts to them.

At Lonban Village Affiliated Basic Education High School, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party met with teachers and presented gifts for the teachers, funded for the station hospital and inspected the computer room and school building.

After looking into progress in building retaining walls and road sections, they gave necessary instructions on work at the briefing hall of road construction project special group at mile post No 51/2. Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye oversaw Kalay-Falam-Haka road section and Tiddim road section.

Successful rubber farming in Kachin State

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collected between April and December yearly. We stopped collection of latex in January, February and March. I have planned to extend more acres of rubber. I use Naungnan quality rubber species."

A large area of rubber is grown in Myitkyina, Mohnyin and Bhamo districts. Up to 2008-2009 cultivation season, a total of 15,391 acres of land has been put under rubber plants in Myitkyina District, 4,362 acres in Mohnyin District and 1,809 acres in Bhamo District. In Myitkyina and Mohnyin Districts where rubber farms have been established since 2004-2005 cultivation season, the collection of rubber latex is being carried out.

The sown acreage of rubber is increasing in Kachin State year by year due to fertile soil and favourable weather. Knowing the benefit through rubber production, the entrepreneurs extend their rubber farms yearly. Up to 2008-2009 cultivation season, Kachin State had 38,386 acres of rubber.

As such, the increasing sown acreage and thriving rubber plantations in Kachin State will contribute to the growth of State economy and livelihoods of the local people in the future.

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“As perennial plant rubber is industrial crop, I plan to extend sown acreage.”
Daw Khin Sein, rubber farm owner.

“Successful rubber farming in Kachin State”

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Latex being collected at the rubber farm of Daw Khin Sein near Nyaunggaing Village of Mohnyin Township.

Production of rubber sheets in progress at Daw Khin Sein’s farm near Nyaunggaing Village of Mohnyin Township.

Rubber sheets are being produced at Daw Khin Sein’s farm near Nyaunggaing Village of Mohnyin Township.
Chinese singles huddle for warmth on snowy “Single’s Day”

BEIJING, 11 Nov—By visiting cinemas and chinking wine glasses, China’s singles reveled on Wednesday, the “Single’s Day”, to beat loneliness amid whistling wind and falling snowflakes.

In the country’s major cities, such as Beijing and Shanghai, lonely hearts who knew each other on the Internet met and huddled for warmth.

Party invitations were posted in the cyber-space, calling for the participation of singles. Cinemas provided discounts, encouraging the singles to accidentally bump into “the one” by sitting next to him or her.

In the northwestern Shaanxi Province, netizens called on local singles to take No. 11 bus at 11 minutes past 11 o’clock on the day to socialize and “find the serendipity.”

Guanggun Day, or single stick day, originated in the 1990s. College students came up with Nov. 11th with all its single digits to celebrate and perhaps wallow in the loneliest number. “Although there is snow tonight, I prefer to wear skirt for the party,” said a 28-year-old Beijing woman surnamed Ma, who was going to attend a party exclusively for the singles staged by a local matchmaker company.

“A red skirt would help me stand out in the crowd,” she said.

In the northern Taiyuan City, where the snow measured more than 15 centimeters in most parts on Wednesday, singles braved the snowfall to gather in Karaoke bars to give their loneliness a musical outlet.

Study finds new middleweight class of black hole

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Astronomers have found new evidence that supports the existence of a middleweight class of black holes, not like the either little or big variety in previous studies, according to media reports Wednesday.

NGC 5408 X-1, the newly found object, is an X-ray source in the NGC 5408 galaxy, 15.8 million light-years away from Earth in the constellation Centaurus.

“Intermediate-mass black holes contain between 100 and 10,000 times the sun’s mass,” said Tod Strohmayer, an astrophysicist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The new study used the European Space Agency’s orbiting XMM-Newton observatory to observe the black hole in 2006 and in 2008. It found further proof that the signal is a medium-sized black hole.

Black hole is infinitely dense and it could trap matter and even light with its gravity. Though astronomers can’t see it directly, they detect a black hole by its gravitational pull on other objects, and by the ray it emitted when massive things fall into it. NGC 5408 X-1 emits more X-rays than a typical star, but less than supermassive black holes. And its flickering is about 100 times slower than that seen from stellar-mass black holes. Based on this, the researchers consider it probably a middleweight. —Xinhua

Indonesia invites Belarusian students to study in its universities

JAKARTA, 11 Nov—The Indonesian government invited Belarusian students to study in its universities through a scholarship program, a statement from the Foreign Ministry said here on Wednesday.

“The Dharmasiswa Penmi Scholarship program is held in 47 universities throughout Indonesia,” said the statement.

It also said that the Belarusian government welcomed the invitation and was hoping that Indonesian students could study in its universities.

“The Gomel State Technical University in Belarus has expressed its intention to cooperate with Indonesian universities in exchange of students, professors and university graduates, as well as employee training in the field of techniques, energy, physics, chemistry and other technology,” said the statement. —Xinhua

Egypt to start restoration of tomb Tutankhamen

CAIRO, 10 Nov—Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA) announced on Tuesday that it is about to start restoration and management of tomb Tutankhamen in cooperation with J. Paul Getty Trust Conservation Institute (GCI), a statement said.

“I was happy when we CT scanned the mummy of King Tut in order to reveal the secrets of his family, but now I am even more thrilled to invite the GCI to restore his tomb and return the glory of the boy king,” said Dr. Zahi Hawass, secretary general of the SCA. According to the statement, the renovation project will last for the next five years as it will start with a period of research and assessment, including the preparation of an accurate record of the condition of the tomb and its wall paintings.

“I always see the tomb of King Tut and wonder about those spots, which no scientist has been able to explain,” Hawass said.

“It has been a privilege to work in Egypt on projects in the past, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to do so again,” said James N. Wood, president and CEO of the Getty Trust.

“We have great respect for the efforts made by our colleagues in Egypt to preserve their nation’s cultural heritage, and look forward to working with them to address the conservation issues of this significant site,” Wood added.

China to launch research satellite in near future

BEIJING, 11 Nov—China will launch a scientific research satellite into space in the near future from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the northwestern Gansu Province, a spokesman with the center said Wednesday.

The satellite, “Shijian XI-01,” would be carried by a China-developed Long March 2C rocket, he said.

Both the satellite and the rocket were in good condition and preparations were proceeding well, the spokesman said without giving further details.

According to a white paper published in 2006, China’s Shijian, or Practice, series of satellites are designed for scientific research and technological experiments. —Xinhua
UK starts study on boundaries of using human DNA in animals

BEIJING, 11 Nov—British scientists on Tuesday began to study how human DNA could be used in animal experiments, and to define what the boundaries of such controversial science could be.

Robin Lovel-Badge, a stem cell expert at Britain’s National Institute for Medical Research, and a member of the group conducting the study, said there are two main types of experiments: altering an animal’s genes by adding human DNA or replacing a specific animal sequence with its human counterpart.

The researchers said they are now trying to determine where the line should be drawn on experiments that use human material in animals. At the moment, the regulation on how much human DNA can be put into an animal is vague.

Scientists want to make sure the public is aware of what is happening in laboratories before proceeding further. They said they recognized people might be nervous about experiments where animals were given human features or brain cells.

“We are trying to work out what is reasonable,” said Martin Bobrow, chairman of the group conducting the study.

Controversy erupted in Britain after scientists announced plans to create human embryos using empty cow and rabbit eggs two years ago.
Head injuries driving new helmet designs

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—Only longtime use will determine whether new football helmet designs protect the brain against concussions, head injury experts said.

An estimated 1.6 million concussions, head injuries and other traumatic brain injuries are sustained annually in the United States, many of them on football fields. Football helmet makers are redesigning their products in hopes of providing protection against both routine and extreme blows. The Washington Post reported on Tuesday. Adams is lining its helmets with foam of varying degrees of density, while Riddell is marketing a helmet that sends a wireless alert to a team’s training staff when a player takes a potentially dangerous hit. Xenith is marketing the X1, a helmet with air-cushioned shock absorbers. While the redesigned helmets show promise, they still can’t stop a player’s brain from rattling inside the skull like a scrambled yolk inside a raw egg, said Dave Halstead of the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, an independent group that certifies helmets. Internet

Ants can attack trees to make housing

NORWICH, 11 Nov—Plant ants generally live in harmony with their hosts, but a British-Brazilian study finds that when the ants run out of space they can become destructive.

The research led by Douglas Yu of the University of East Anglia and Glenn Shepard of Sao Paulo University is said to be the first to document that ants bore into live trees. Scientists said ants and certain species of plants have harmonious relationships. Myrmecophytes, also known as ant-plants, have hollow stems or roots and ant colonies often take residence in those hollows. To protect their homes, the ants patrol the area around the plant, killing insects that want to eat the plant’s leaves. —Internet

Rituximab used for Graves’ eye disease

ANN ARBOR, 11 Nov—US researchers report the drug rituximab helped six patients with Graves’ eye disease. The study, published in the journal Ophthalmology, said the drug was used only after the patients did not respond to usual treatment.

One of the study researchers, Dr Raymond S Douglas of the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor, said Graves’ eye disease—an autoimmune disease with inflammation and fatty deposits in the eye muscles and connective tissue around the eye—is more common in women than men. Symptoms include bulging eyes, retracted eyelids, dry eyes, and, in severe cases, loss of vision.

Douglas, who was at the University of California-Los Angeles when he treated the study participants, said while the results from such a small number must be viewed with some caution, the substantial benefits seen in these patients provide good reason to do a large-scale clinical trial. “These patients had already received the maximum level of steroid treatment,” Douglas said in a statement. “Treatment with rituximab calmed inflammation, stopped progression of the disease, and saved the patients from having to undergo surgery.” —Internet

Some don’t seek hepatitis C treatment

NEW YORK, 11 Nov—US researchers say patients with more difficult to treat forms of hepatitis C are half as likely to get treatment as those with easier to treat forms. Dr Thomas McGinn of Mount Sinai School of Medicine said the researchers also found marital status also affected whether patients chose treatment for hepatitis C.

“One of the surprising findings of this study is that there are some people who have hepatitis C who choose not to initiate treatment for the disease,” the senior author said in a statement. “It’s a huge problem that needs to be addressed. This study confirms that genotype 1 is a major barrier to treatment. We hope these findings will lead to changes in how physicians approach patient care in a way that increases the rate of treatment initiation.”

View of the area of Barendrecht near the filling station where plans for underground storage of CO2 in Barendrecht, Netherlands, on 22 Oct, 2009. Internet

Carbon storage? Not under my house!

BARENDRECHT, 11 Nov—The people of this small Dutch town are not against pumping tons of carbon dioxide into the ground to fight global warming. They just wish it wasn’t right beneath their houses. “Who wants to live in Barendrecht if one of these CO2 things is built?” said retiree Marianne van Heugten. The carbon dioxide storage experiment by the Royal Dutch Shell and the Dutch government is only one of a dozen such projects across Europe to test a technology that could potentially slash emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by storing it underground.

That would allow countries that have lots of coal, such as China and the United States, to cut emissions while using the cheap but polluting fossil fuel. Carbon dioxide from the burning of such fuels is considered the chief cause of global warming. But questions remain about the technology and its costs and risks even as the EU prepares to spend billions on it. —Internet

PET imaging useful in lung cancer cases

PHILADELPHIA, 11 Nov—US scientists say a rapid decline in metabolic activity on a PET scan after radiation for non-small cell lung cancer suggests good local tumor control.

PET scanning, or Positron Emission Tomography, is an imaging technique that produces a 3-D image of the body’s functional processes, according to Wikipedia. It can also provide an image of tissue metabolic activity.

In addition, the researchers said they also found the higher the metabolic activity and tumor size on a PET scan before treatment, the more likely a patient is to die from lung cancer. “PET scanning is an emerging tool of molecular imaging in lung cancer, in contrast to CT scans and MRI scans which are anatomic imaging,” said Thomas Jefferson University Associate Professor Maria Werner-Wasik, the study’s lead author. “It has become an important tool in the evaluation of lung cancer staging and evaluation of treatment response.” Werner-Wasik and colleagues conducted a retrospective analysis of 50 patients with lung cancer who received PET scans before and after radiation therapy, focusing on the prognostic factors for tumor local failure. Internet

Residents look at destroyed buildings, after heavy rains brought on by Hurricane Ida, in the village of Verapaz, near San Salvador on 9 Nov, 2009. Strong rains brought over by hurricane Ida have killed 175 people in El Salvador, the Civil Protection office said on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Electric Jeepneys plies in Makati District of Manila, capital of the Philippines, on 10 Nov, 2009. Passengers received on Tuesday a free ride that financed by the city government as part of a campaign to reduce its greenhouse emissions.—XINHUA

Dutch government is only about 30 percent of its costs and risks even as the EU prepares to spend billions on it. —Internet
**SPORTS**

**Davydenko, Tsonga advance in Paris Masters**

PARIS, 11 Nov—Defending champion Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, sixth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko and Spaniard Fernando Verdasco won second-round matches at the Paris Masters on Tuesday to keep their hopes alive of qualifying for the eight-man ATP World Tour Finals.

Tsonga remained in the hunt for a place at the Novem-

**Germany goalkeeper Robert Enke dies at age 32**

FRANKFURT, 11 Nov—A goalkeeper expected to play for Germany at the World Cup died after being hit by a train in what police suspect is a suicide. He was 32.

Robert Enke played for the German club Hannover.

Team president Martin Kind confirmed his death, and police later released a statement saying a man had been fatally struck by a train Tuesday night. The statement said the "first police indications are that it was a sui-

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pay employees, according to a published report late Tuesday. He has also threatened to leave his post as he struggles to deal with heavy government oversight and restrictions on what the bailed-out company can pay employees, according to a published report late Tuesday. Robert Benmosche has threatened to leave his post in New York. After just three months as head of the insurer, he says he is being asked to do too much for too little.

In this 17 Sept, 2008 file photo, the AIG logo is shown going rescue efforts in El Salvador.

Hurricane “Ida” death toll reaches 175 in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, 11 Nov — Strong rains brought over by hurricane Ida have killed 175 people in El Salvador, the Civil Protection office said on Tuesday. Most of the victims were children and landslides had been the major cause of the deaths, according to authorities. Many nations and regional and world groups, including Cuba, Guatemala, Japan, Panama and Venezuela as well as the European Union and the United Nations have offered humanitarian aid to the country.

Apart from the confirmed 175 deaths, 60 others remain missing, said Civil Protection director Jorge Melendez, adding that a total of 10,348 people are in temporary shelters.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 11th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST.

During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division. Weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions.

Night temperatures were (4°C) below November average temperatures in Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature were Namsam (8°C) and Hak (9°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2009 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-11-2009 was 68%.

Total sun shine hours on 10-11-2009 was (9.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-11-2009 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 (4) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 10-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th November 2009:

Expect for rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Eastern Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

**People’s Desire**

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
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**Successful rubber farming in Kachin State**

After completion of the test-cultivation period, local growers of Mohnyin District of Kachin State earn more income by successfully growing rubber plants.

Indeed, rubber is an industrial raw material crop and it will contribute to increasing the income of the next generation in the long run. In the past, rubber was grown in Mon State and Taninthayi Division as the regions receive large amount of rainfall. After that, rubber is cultivated on trial basis in Shan and Kachin States with large amount of rainfall. At present, rubber can be planted successfully in Mohnyin District of Kachin State.

As the industrialized nations across the world are manufacturing millions of automobiles annually, the rubber demand is high in the world market day by day. The rubber growers will make greater profit in the long run.

To write bylines on regional development of Kachin State, we, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily enquired the successful growing of rubber plants in Mohnyin District.

In an interview, Chairman of Mohnyin Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Min Han told the news crew, “Farmers in our district have grown rubber plants since 2000. So far, Mohnyin District planted 4362 acres of rubber plantations up to 2008-2009 cultivation season. Among the rubber farms, rubber latex is being collected from some farms that were established earlier than others. Rubber entrepreneurs are enjoying fruits of their hard work.”

We visited rubber farms in southern part of Mohnyin along Myitkyina-Shwebo road.

Latex is being collected from rubber plantation near Nyaunggaing Village of Mohnyin Township.