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

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

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

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Nov—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein who left for the Republic of Singapore to attend the 1st ASEAN-US Summit, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the airport to see off the Prime Minister were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and officials concerned.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and departmental heads.

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Pay special attention to eye health

In striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government is placing emphasis on promotion of public health care sector.

In so doing, special attention is paid to eye health that is the most important part of the human body. According to the data of WHO, across the world there are 314 million people with poor eye sight, 45 million of which are totally blind. The remaining 269 million do not have as good eye sight as normal people.

The first eye specialists’ conference was opened at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 10 November and 24 papers on eye disease were submitted.

According to the data of 1998, out of a population of over 50 million in Myanmar, about 300,000 are blind accounting for 0.6 per cent. Study has shown that eighty per cent of the eye patients can be cured.

For extensive launch of educative campaigns against eye disease among the public, the basic eye health care training school under the trachoma and blind prevention project was opened in Kyaukse District in 2000 with the assistance of WHO. And the Health Department is disseminating eye health education to its staff.

Now, eye specialists are making field trips to townships and villages of States and Divisions to provide free eye health care and perform free eye operations.

In building a modern developed nation the people need to be fit and strong. Only then, can they serve the nation well with their physical and mental strengths. So it is required to pay special attention to eye health, the most important part of the human body.

Electronics and Household Goods Sales opened

YANGON, 14 Nov—The Electronics and Household Goods Sales was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials formally opened the sales.

The commander and guests viewed the electronics and household goods displayed at the hall.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects site chosen for construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun)

Deputy Construction Minister U Tint Swe inspected the chosen construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun). —MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Nov—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, accompanied by officials, inspected Pyinmana-Taunggyo-Taungdwingyi Road on 11 November.

On arrival at the briefing hall at milepost (37/6), the deputy minister heard the report on the progress of the construction of Pyinmana-Taunggyo-Taungdwingyi Road presented by the in-charge Engineer of road construction special project group No (5).

The deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

The deputy minister heard the report on the carrying out of engineering tasks for the construction of bridge by chief engineer of bridge construction special project group No (13) at the briefing hall near Pahtanago village and the deputy minister gave necessary instructions. He inspected the bridge alignments at the site chosen for the construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) on Malun Bank.

The Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) designed to include two-lane motorway and one railway will connect east and west banks of Ayeyawady River. —MNA

U-18 Asian Youth Men’s Hockey Tournament continues

YANGON, 14 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation, the second U-18 Asian Youth Men’s Hockey Tournament continued at the Theinbyu Hockey Pitch today.

In the match, Malaysian team beat Indian team 3-2.

Myanmar team will play against China (Taipei); Singaporean team will play against Korean team; and Pakistani team will compete with Indian team tomorrow.

The match between Malaysian team and Indian team in progress.—MHF

Match between Malaysian team and Indian team in progress.—MHF
Obama says he is first Pacific president

Tokyo, 14 Nov — President Barack Obama called himself the “first Pacific president” of the United States in a speech on Saturday in Japan. Obama spoke of the importance of the US-Japanese alliance and of the many links between the two countries. He paid tribute to Japan as the world’s second-biggest economy.

“But while our commitment to this region begins in Japan, it does not end here,” he said. “The United States of America may have started as a series of ports and cities along the Atlantic, but for generations we have also been a nation of the Pacific.”

On his first trip to Asia since taking office in January, the president told his listeners in Suntory Hall that as a child, he had visited the great Buddha at Kamakura with his mother. He reminded them he was born in Hawaii and lived in Indonesia as a child, growing up with a half-Indonesian sister. “So the Pacific Rim has helped shape my view of the world,” he said.

Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama recommitted to reducing carbon emissions. And the two leaders said they would work toward non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and seek a nuclear-weapon-free world.—INTERNET

Bomb explodes in Athens

Athens, 14 Nov — A small bomb exploded on Friday outside a building where a governing party lawmaker lives in Athens, causing minor damage but no injuries, police said.

A police statement said the device exploded around 2 pm at the entrance to Mimis Androulakis’ apartment building in the eastern Kareas suburb.

It was unclear whether the lawmaker was in his second-floor flat at the time.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which involved a bomb with a timer and followed a warning call to police.—INTERNET

Palestinian killed on Gaza border

Gaza, 14 Nov — Israeli troops have shot dead a Palestinian man, and wounded another, near a border crossing with Gaza. Gaza medics said they retrieved the body of a 16-year-old boy, who they described as an unarmed civilian, near the Karni crossing.

The Israeli military said they would investigate the incident but the group “appeared to be planting explosives”. Clashes have been relatively rare in Gaza since Israel’s military offensive in December and January.

An Israeli military spokeswoman said one Palestinian had been taken to Israel for treatment. He was in a critical condition. Another three Palestinians had been detained. A Palestinian hospital official told the AP news agency that the group were civilians who were hunting birds.—INTERNET

French Navy captures 12 pirates off Somalia

Paris, 14 Nov — The French Navy seized three boats off Somalia’s coast and detained 12 suspected pirates while seizing an arsenal including assault rifles and rocket launchers, the government said on Friday. The operation on Thursday by the Floreal surveillance boat was part of the EU anti-piracy mission in the region, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Alerted by a Luxembourg maritime surveillance plane on Wednesday, the Floreal was given orders to pursue the suspicious boats. It intercepted the pirate ship and two skiffs about 750 miles east of Hobyo, Somalia, the statement said. The waters off Somalia, which has been mined by lawlessness since 1991, are teeming with pirates who have hijacked dozens of ships for multimillion-dollar ransoms in the past two years.—INTERNET

5,000 more European troops expected for Afghan war

Kabul, 14 Nov — Europe may send 5,000 more soldiers to Afghanistan. Britain’s prime minister said on Friday — affirming support for the NATO mission as the Obama administration nears a decision on increasing American troop levels.

The announcement came as the Taliban struck again in the capital. A suicide car bomber blasted a US convoy near an American military base in Kabul, injuring nine American soldiers and 10 contract security guards. Three Afghans were killed in the attack — the biggest in Kabul in the last two weeks. Brown said the NATO strategy must be to encourage a greater role for Afghan forces so that international troops “can start coming home.”

His remarks were made a day after he met with NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen. The NATO chief said that other allied nations have privately pledged more help, but Rasmussen stopped short of saying that countries would send more troops.—INTERNET
BRAZIL PROPOSES CARBON CUT TARGET

SÃO PAULO, 14 NOV—The Brazilian government has announced that it aims to achieve a reduction of at least 36% on its carbon emissions by the year 2020. If it meets its pledge, greenhouse gas emissions would be near 1994 levels. The proposal, which is not a binding target, was revealed in advance of the major UN summit on climate change to be held in Copenhagen in December. Brazil hopes to put pressure on richer nations to declare their intentions and break the deadlock in the negotiations. Details of the government’s proposals were unveiled following a meeting involving President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and some of his senior ministers.

In common with other developing nations, Brazil is not setting a binding target for reducing carbon emissions, but is instead proposing to take voluntary action. However with its promise to reduce the anticipated level of greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 by 36%, South America’s largest country hopes to encourage others.

Officials here regard the proposal as “ambitious” and a meaningful way to combat climate change.

Much of the proposed reduction is expected to be achieved by improved protection of the Amazon.

The government here announced this week that deforestation in the rainforest was its lowest level since monitoring first began 21 years ago.

Half of Mumbai wants a job closer home

MUMBAI, 14 NOV—Sick of the tiring daily commute, around 50% of Mumbai’s working population would love to quit their jobs and find employment closer home.

This figure is higher than the national average of 35.6% and more than the international average of 38%, a survey by Regus, a US firm, has revealed.

Other factors which forced people to quit were being required to do the work of two, cutbacks on administrative help, a freeze on hikes and promotions, constant reorganisation, unclear goals and favours.

Microsoft brings more Web data to Bing results

SEATTLE, 14 NOV—Microsoft’s Bing search service will pull more information and tools from other Websites as the company tries to distinguish itself as part of its challenge to market leader Google. Traditionally, search engines from Google Inc and others respond to users’ queries by offering links to other sites that Web surfers can go to for information.

Microsoft Corp, whose search engine ranks third behind those from Google and Yahoo Inc, introduced several changes last week aimed at answering people’s questions without sending them to an outside page. Microsoft will show on the results page more information on travel options, events and attractions in destination cities, in-depth weather reports, product details and even hospital reviews, often culled from multiple sources, including some with which the company has forged deals. The software maker also improved the preview window that pops up when a user rolls the mouse 2,000 times. Instead of just a text description, a smaller, thumbnail image of the Website appears.

Germany leads eurozone out of recession

FRANKFURT/PARIS, 14 NOV—the eurozone escaped recession in the third quarter, with Germany’s recovery gaining strength, but the rebound was less dramatic than expected and less strong than in the US. Eurozone gross domestic product rose by 0.4% per cent with the previous three months, according to Eurostat, the European Union’s statistical office. The US economy expanded by 0.9 per cent in the same period but the UK remained in recession.

The latest data followed five consecutive quarters of falling eurozone GDP. Powering the rebound was a 0.7% per cent expansion in Germany’s economy, the 16-country region’s largest. Italy also performed well, expanding by 0.6 per cent, ending its recession. But the 0.3 per cent pick-up in France — the same as in the previous quarter — fell short of expectations. Hopes of a stronger rebound had been boosted by a robust revival in eurozone industrial output, which has become closely linked to the region’s fortunes during the global financial crisis.

Poor to eat Robben Island rabbits

CAPE TOWN, 14 NOV—The rabbits which have overrun the Robben Island former jail and tourist attraction are to be used to feed South Africa’s poor, the site’s manager says.

A rabbit cull began last month and some 2,000 of them have been buried on the island so far. But island acting chief executive Jatti Bredekamp says that will now change. He said rabbits certified safe to eat would be “dressed and packaged for donation to charity,” reports the Sapa news agency.

The rabbit meat is to be distributed among charities in Cape Town.

Sarah Scarth, a spokeswoman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, SPCA, said the group’s only concern was that the culling was carried out in a humane way. “We have no problem with the animals being used for human consumption. If they can benefit the poor then that is something we are not against,” she told the BBC.

Wind energy companies looking for lines

DES MOINES, 14 NOV—Proposed multistate transmission lines carrying wind-generated electricity from the Midwest are a vital next step in US energy efforts, experts say.

“These days, it is well understood that tapping the nation’s abundant wind resources will require a robust transmission grid — one that is much more robust than our fathers’ system that we have today,” said Susan Tierney, an energy consultant and former assistant secretary at the US Department of Energy.

Warren Buffet’s MidAmerican Energy of Des Moines, Iowa, says it plans to be a major force in wind energy, The Des Moines Register reported on Friday. The company already has 1,350 megawatts of wind-generating capacity in the state.

South Africans are not used to eating rabbits—INTERNET

Rabbits are commonly eaten in European countries but consuming the all-white meat would be new for many South Africans. The island is said to have been populated by up to 25,000 rabbits and 500 deer, as well as feral cats. The deer and cats are also being culled.

The island sits in the bay just seven kilometres from Cape Town’s beaches and is visited by more than 1,800 tourists a day at peak times.

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In a recent exclusive interview, Principal Naomi Smith and Morales have fought against the fat bulge that is spreading over New York city schools, particularly focusing on all 220 kids in the central New York school. They made a strict “no candy” policy — chocolate milk, high-fat chips, fruit drinks, even a Snickers candy bar are not allowed during school days.

According to a special June Report jointly released by the Health and Education Departments of New York city, 21 percent of the city’s children can be called obesity. The report said that the safety needs of these vulnerable groups are sheer negligence on the part of driver such as drunk-driving, poor vehicle maintenance, speeding and overloading, reversing the rise in road accidents in Nepal.

Fog enveloped east China, disrupting traffic

Jinan, 14 Nov — Heavy fog enveloped east China’s Shandong Province Saturday morning, causing highway closures and flight delays. A total of 80 highway toll stations were closed and 16 fights to Shanghai, Beijing, Chongqing and Guangzhou were delayed or canceled at the provincial capital’s Jinan International Airport as of 9 am. A flight to Guangzhou at Yanantai International Airport was also delayed. A heavy fog with a visibility of less than 500 meters hit many parts of the province Saturday after several days of snowstorm. Two people were killed and 1.39 million people were affected in the blizzard from Wednesday to Friday, according to the provincial civil affairs department.

China to open Beijing-Khartoum direct flight

HAIKOU, 14 Nov — Hainan Airlines, a major Chinese carrier, is to open the first direct flight between Beijing and the Sudanese capital Khartoum next Tuesday amid booming trade between the two nations in recent years. The Beijing-Khartoum flight, which uses an Airbus A340-600, takes off at 1:30 am from Beijing every Tuesday and Friday and arrives in Khartoum at 9:20 am local time.

Int’l meeting held in Indonesia on village product programme

JAKARTA, 14 Nov — Indonesian Vice President Boediono opened an international conference on government-sanctioned “One Village One Product” programme (OVOP) in Nusa Dua, Bali on Saturday morning, local media reported. On the side line of the conference, there was also an exhibition, the Jakarta Post said. The conference aimed to boost the country’s industrial competitiveness, including searches for regions home to natural resources suitable for development, referred to in the studies as core competencies.

Indonesian Chambers of Commerce and Industry said that the products potential for development were cassava and fish products, traditional medicine and herbal products, textiles and pottery, metal crafts and paper products.

Three injured in fire at US military’s Atsugi base

Tokyo, 14 Nov — A fire broke out at an unused hangar on the US military’s Atsugi base in Kanagawa Prefecture shortly past noon on Saturday, with three Japanese people sustaining burns, police and fire-fighters said.

The fire was extinguished about one hour later, they said, adding they are investigating the incident, according to Kyodo News.

Road accidents become big killer in SE Asia

KATHMANDU, 14 Nov — Traffic accidents kill 33 people every hour in South-East Asia and almost two thirds of those who die in road crashes every year in this region are motorcyclists, pedestrians and cyclists. The Kathmandu Post reported on Saturday.

Releasing a report on the eve of “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims”, Samlee Plilanbangchang, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for South-East Asia, said the safety needs of these vulnerable groups of road users are not being met. “The number of road traffic injuries has been rising rapidly in the region and we must do better if we are to halt or reverse the rise in road traffic injuries, disability and deaths,” said Plilanbangchang in the report.

The case of Nepal, an impoverished South-East Asian country, is no less appalling. Government statistics show that over 80 people die every month due to road accidents.

The main reasons behind accidents in Nepal are sheer negligence on the part of driver such as drunk-driving, poor vehicle maintenance, speeding and overloading, the report said.

Cuba, Chinese province sign co-op agreements

HAINAN, 14 Nov — Cuba and east China’s Shandong Province signed five cooperation agreements on infrastructure, information technology and communications, the Cuban Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

The signing ceremony in Havana was attended by Jiang Yi Kang, member of the CPC Central Committee and secretary of the CPC Shandong Provincial Committee, and Cuban Exterior Commerce and Foreign Investment Vice Minister Ramon Ripoll. Ripoll said the agreements reflected the economic potential of Shandong, as well as the high exchange volume and close ties between China and Cuba.

The agreements were important for the economic development of Cuba and the growing presence of Chinese products in the country, Ripoll added.

With a yearly trade volume of 2.3 billion US dollars, China is Cuba’s second largest commercial partner.

Schools help children fight against obesity

NEW YORK, 14 Nov — At the bustling hour of 11:00 am, children of Central Park East II Elementary School in Upper Manhattan make a beeline to the lunchroom. Carefully adhering to the strict healthy food policies, the children head straight to the salad bar in their first stop — a rarity, especially when it comes to city kids. “I feel like some schools might not care about what kids bring, but over here they do. And I think the principal has a lot to do with that. It starts from her,” Parent Coordinator Saramit Morales told Xinhua in a recent exclusive interview.

Pedestrians pass a sculpture made of umbrellas in central London on 13 Nov, 2009. — Xinhua

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Plants are presented in containers covered with blue jeans at Yangling Agricultural Hi-tech Fair in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province. — Xinhua

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UK museums can return looted art

LONDON, 14 Nov — Artefacts in national museums found to have been looted by the Nazis can now be returned to their rightful owners, thanks to newly-passed legislation. The Holocaust (Stolen Art) Restitution Act gives national institutions in England and Scotland the power to return art stolen during the Nazi era.

The bill was introduced earlier this year by Labour MP Andrew Dismore. The act, he said, would “right a long-standing injustice” and marked “an important moral step”. The MP for Hendon said it was “an important moral step” that had been supported by all political parties.

The law, which has been supported by all political parties, enables national museums and galleries in England and Scotland to act on the recommendations of the Spoliation Advisory Panel. Formed in 2000, the panel resolves claims from people, or their heirs, who lost property during the Nazi era which is now held in UK national collections.

Since then there have been nine cases of artefacts held by British museums adjudged to have been stolen from their rightful owners.

However national institutions, like the British Museum or the Tate, have been forbidden from returning items by legislation preventing them from disposing of artwork in their collections. Instead the institutions in question would make an ex-gratia payment based on a valuation of the item, in lieu of returning the item itself.—Internet

Mexican man accused of ‘witch’ slaying

GUADALUPE DE COBRE, 14 Nov — An elderly Mexican man has been arrested in the 1998 bludgeoning death of a woman he believed put a witch’s curse on him, authorities said. Santiago Iniguez Olivares, 78, is accused of killing Modesta Navarro Nieves and beating her husband in the western Mexican community of Guadalupe del Cobre, CNN reported.

Olivares allegedly walked into the woman’s home, accused her of being a witch and beat her to death with a stick. Nieves’ husband came home and Olivares allegedly began beating him before running out of the house, authorities say. The husband survived, the US news network said.

After being on the run for 11 years, Olivares came back to Guadalupe del Cobre believing the killing had been forgotten. He was arrested while walking to a local bus station, prosecutors said on Thursday.—Internet

‘Significant’ water found on Moon

HOUSTON, 14 Nov — NASA’s experiment last month to find water on the Moon was a major success, US scientists have announced. The space agency smashed a rocket and a probe into a large crater at the lunar south pole, hoping to kick up ice.

Scientists who have studied the data now say instruments trained on the impact plume saw copious quantities of water-ice and water vapour. One researcher described this as the equivalent of “a dozen two-gallon buckets” of water. “We didn’t just find a little bit; we found a significant amount,” said Anthony Colaprete, chief scientist for the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS) mission.—Internet

Africa desert could become sea

A 35-mile-long rift in the desert of Ethiopia could rip open, creating a new sea in just days, scientists say.

Researchers from the University of Rochester in New York, along with colleagues from the United States, Britain, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France and Yemen, say they’ve confirmed the volcanic activity beneath the rift, discovered in 2005, is nearly identical to that at the bottom of the world’s oceans.

That, they said in an article on the University of Rochester Web site, means the rift is likely the beginning of a new sea.

“Seafloor ridges are made up of sections, each of which can be hundreds of miles long,” said Cindy Ebinger, a professor of earth and environmental sciences and co-author of the study.

“Because of this study, we now know that each one of those segments can tear open in just a few days.”

She warned a sudden large-scale event could pose a very serious hazard to people living near the rift.

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Thieves sought jewelry, got shampoo

Police in Chicago said thieves who failed to break through a salon into a jewelry store took some shampoo as a consolation prize.

Rogers Park District Lt John Franklin said the burglars apparently intended to break into Dilshad’s Hair Design and bust through the brick wall separating the beauty business from NP Jewelers but an alarm went off on Monday night while the hole was still too small for a person to fit through, the Chicago Tribune reported on Tuesday.

“They broke through the wall and that set off the motion detector alarm in the jewelry store,” said Franklin. “They (the store) had a loud siren alarm that may have tripped them up, something spooked them.”

Salvation Army sets giant kettle record

The Salvation Army announced it has assembled the world’s largest kettle, 56 feet tall and 24 feet wide, as part of a celebration in Detroit.

The charity said the kettle, which is made from 25,000 lights and stands at Campus Martius Park, has been certified as the largest on Earth by Guinness World Records, The Detroit News reported on Tuesday.

Officials with the Salvation Army said the kettle will serve as the centerpiece of 118th Red Kettle Kick Off, which begins Nov 20 and involves hundreds of smaller kettles set up for donations at hundreds of Metro Detroit locations.

“We wanted to do something out of the ordinary,” Jason Hale, part of the non-profit’s development department, said of the giant kettle. “There is tremendous need in Detroit. We want people to know there is help out there.”

The act allows institutions like the National Gallery to return looted art.

A teapot made in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) is seen during the preview of 2009 Huachen Autumn Auction in Beijing, capital of China, on 10 Nov, 2009. The auction of Chinese paintings and calligraphy, Chinese ceramics, jade carvings and works of art, Chinese oil paintings and sculptures, photographs will kick off on 17 Nov, with a magnificent jewelry selling during the exhibition. — Internet

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A camera on the probe shows the ejecta plume about 20 seconds after impact. — Internet

This undated file photo shows Mexican girl Iris Alvarez and her world record certificate in Acapulco, Mexico. Mexican girl Iris Alvarez is seen in this photo taken on 30 Oct, 2009 in Acapulco, Mexico. Guided by her father, the 16-year-old Mexican girl started to practice diving at the age of 6. In the year of 2005, Iris Alvarez made history by becoming the first girl and the youngest diver to take part in a 78-meter deep pool in Acapulco. This brave achievement led her to the recognition in the 2007 Guinness Book of Records. Now Iris Alvarez has been quite a celebrity in Acapulco.

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YANGON, 14 Nov—The Chinese journalist delegation led by Director Mr Yu Qingchu of the People’s Daily of Republic of China this morning arrived at Myanmar Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Takton.

At the meeting hall, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV explained the daily TV programmes of MRTV. The director-general and Mr Yu Qingchu exchanged gifts.

The Chinese journalist delegation visited the studios of MRTV.

At Nay Pyi Taw Newspaperhouse of News and Periodicals Enterprise, the Chinese delegation viewed printing of newspapers and the building.

At the meeting hall, Managing Director U Soe Win of NPE explained printing and publishing of newspapers.

The Chinese journalist delegation left Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at 12 pm.—MNA

Managing Director
U Soe Win explains
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of newspapers.
MNA

Chinese delegation visits Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper house.
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YANGON, 14 Nov—Under the supervision of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Transport, M.V Tahitian Princess cruise ship with 373 crew and 624 passengers mostly American tourists, sponsored by Myanmar Voyages International Tourism Co. Ltd, berthed at Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa Port from Chenni Port of the Republic of India at 12:45 pm today.

Forming in groups, the passengers visited the interesting places in Yangon and Thanlyin. They will leave for Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia from the MITT Port at 1:00 pm tomorrow.

M.V Tahitian Princess Cruise ship berths

Chinese delegation visits Myanmar Radio and Television.
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Yangon, 14 Nov—The 1st Basic Education Level Inter-State/Division U-16 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Federation continued at the Aung San Gymnasium here this morning. Chairman of the Committee for Organizing Tournament Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu, officials, executives and others enjoyed the tournament.

In the men’s division, Yangon Division trounced Kachin State 70-43 and Mandalay Division routed Ayeyawady Division 54-16.

In the women’s division, Yangon Division beat Kachin State 42-8 Sagaing Division beat Ayeyawady Division 51-6.

Yangon Division will play against Mandalay Division in the men’s division tomorrow while Mandalay Division will compete with Shan State (South) in the women’s event as first semifinals. Shan State (North) will meet Sagaing Division in the men’s division whereas Sagaing Division will play against Yangon Division women’s division as second semifinals.—MNA

Basic Education Level U-16 Basketball Tournament goes on

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All armed forces to be under command of central government

Ko Myanmar

My heart was full of pleasure just as I watched on TV and read in daily newspapers the news about the ceremonies to transform the troops from Special Region (1) in Kachin State and the troops from Special Region (2) in Kayah State into Border Guard Forces. Personally, I regard the good news as an omen of good future of Myanmar if compared with Myanmar and international political events.

In retrospect, in the pre-independence period, the pocket armies under the domination of political groups came to run riot in rivalry after they had armed themselves with the remnants of the arms and ammunition used in the World War II. Independence was followed by the armed insurgency of multicoloured groups such as Red Flag, White Flag, Communists, White Yawb, KNDO and MNDO along with mushrooming pocket armies of political groups including Pyu Saw Hti and Levy Defence formed under the pretext of defending the nation against the threats posed by the insurgent groups. In consequence, the people fell victim to the armed revolts.

Later, many armed insurgent groups changed their names, and many new armed insurgent groups came into being. Various united forces and allies were formed, then were dissolved and then were reconstituted too frequently that any citizen was in no position to remember all of them. The number of the armed insurgent groups touched more than 100 if it was added with the small groups, each of which was formed with a few members including two claiming themselves to be the President and the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. Multifarious united forces included People’s Democratic League, Ma-Da-Nya-Ta (National Democratic League), Three-Party League, Ta-Nya-La (Nationalities League), Ta-La-Ma-Pha (Nationalities People’s Alliance/ Revolutionary Nationalities People’s Alliance), Pa-Ma-Da-Ta (Union National Democracy League), Ma-Da-Ta (National Democracy League), Da-Nya-Ta (Democracy League) alongside CRDB (Council for Restoration of Democracy in Burma), DAB (Democratic Alliance of Burma), and NCUB (National Council of the Union of Burma). So, they can be compiled into a dictionary of armed insurgent groups in Myanmar.

The number of the pocket armies formed in the post-independence period by politicians was on the increase, thus posing threats to the people. Therefore, they had to be merged with the Tatmadaw step by step and they were placed under systematic command.

The number of the then armed insurgent groups was too high, if compared with the size of the country. So, the people had to withstand all untold miseries triggered by the armed revolts. At that time, it was nationwide said “Newly independent, truly violent”, regarding the conditions of the nation. Even though the independence became mature, the storm of the armed insurgency did not abate yet. The people were unable at all to suppress their worries that the storm did not seem to be over till the country had been ripe old. From 1989 onwards in the time of the Tatmadaw government, national race armed groups returned to the legal fold one after another, and sounds of firing arms were no more, as a result. Only then could the people breathe a sigh of relief. In the time of armed insurrection in which national races were fighting each other, national development tasks could not be carried out effectively. And the nation lagged behind its neighbours in development.

Today, the countries in which armed groups are in rivalry for power are still ill-fated, and varieties of lessons can be taken from the conditions of those countries.

For instance, Shiite and Sunny militants are engaged in the battle against each other in Iraq. In Afghanistan, Taliban militants and al-Qaeda militants are fighting each other, while armed groups in the northern part and pocket armies are each other, as well as against alien troops. Such war-torn countries are still facing bloodsheds caused by grudge and doubt harboured on each other.

So, in every sovereign country, all the armed forces are under the control of the central government. Even in the democracy pioneer countries, all the armed forces are under the command of the Union central government. Those countries have many forms of reserve forces such as national reserve forces and coast guard forces, but all of them are under the control of the central government.

Neighbouring democracies: India and Bangladesh have such border guard forces as BSF and Assam Rifle under the control of the central governments. Thailand also puts their Border Guard Forces of BPP and Tarhan Fringe under the control of the central government.

For the armed forces of the special regions who had made peace, being Border Guard Forces in the organizational set-up of the Tatmadaw is, indeed, something to be proud of, and there is no need to feel inferior in status.

In equality with servicemen, members of the Border Guard Forces of national races have to wear insignia of positions. Of them, officers wear stars marking positions with State seals on their shoulders. Not every citizen is given such rights. In fact, the State gives them deserved places.

In addition, they enjoy Tatmadaw rations and rights equally. Unlike previously, now they have better future ahead of them.

What is more satisfying than it is that they have the rights to defend and show loyalty towards their motherland. For a serviceman, there is nothing like this pride.

Transforming national race armed groups into border guard forces is also an important part in the drive for ensuring national solidarity and national unity, which is much-needed for the new nation. So long as they remain united and share common views in the Tatmadaw, all national race armed groups will never have again the nightmare of fighting each other at the alien instigation, and the doubts and grudge among them will be no more. If so, the people, who have fallen victim to the armed insurrection, will be able to say goodbye to such awful incidents. And there will be everlasting peace in the nation. That is most heartening.

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**Myanmar delegation attends 31st ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry Meeting**

**NAY PYI TAW, 14 NOV—** A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo attended the opening ceremony of the 31st ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry Meeting at Empire Hotel in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam on 10 November morning.

Also present at the meeting were Ministers of agriculture and Forestry of 10 ASEAN nations, the Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat and responsible persons of other organizations.

Minister of Industry and Natural Resources of Brunei Darussalam H.E Yang Beharnat Pehin Dato Yahya presided over the meeting.

Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office HRH Princes Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah delivered an opening address. Next, the Brunei Minister of Agriculture made a speech, and those present at the meeting posed for documentary photo.

The Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture who presided over the previous meeting, and Brunei Minister of Industry and National Resources H.E Yang Beharnat Pehin Dato Yahya made speeches.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo discussed reduction on disadvantages of climate change for food sufficiency, regional cooperation, construction of infrastructure for development of agriculture and forestry sectors of the region, sharing of modern technology, training courses for research and development and human resource development, and practicing of international standards and work procedures.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo held a discussion with Indonesian Minister of Agriculture Ir H Suwono, M.MA on promotion for technological cooperation in agriculture and economic sectors between the two countries.

On 11 November, the 9th ASEAN+3 Summit was held with participation of ministers and deputy ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting and the 9th ASEAN+3 Summit.

**World Diabetes Day 2009 marked**

**NAY PYI TAW, 14 NOV—** World Diabetes Day 2009 was observed at the Ministry of Health here this morning. Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Mya Oo delivered an address at the ceremony.

It was attended by the directors-general of the Ministry of Health, officials of WHO resident representative office and other departments under the Ministry of Health.

MoU was signed on 28 November 2008 for the ASEAN counties signed the MoU on development of agriculture, livestock breeding and forest products (2009-2014).

A press conference was held for the 31st ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry Meeting and the 9th ASEAN+3 Summit.

In the evening, the Brunei Minister of Agriculture hosted a dinner to the delegations that attended the meeting and the summit, and the Myanmar delegation also attended the dinner.

On 12 November, the Myanmar delegation led by Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived back in Myanmar in the evening.

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**Commander inspects regional development tasks for Chiphe**

**NAY PYI TAW, 14 NOV—** Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by officials inspected Chiphe Township People’s Hospital on 7 November and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander presented medicines to the patients.

After that, the commander looked into the township police station and attended to the needs.

Next, he met with the township level department officials, members of social organizations and locals at the township peace and development council office and fulfilled the requirements.

**Members of MWEA leave for ROK**

**YANGON, 14 NOV—** Organized by Myanmar PGA, the Monywa Open Golf Championship will be held on a grand scale at Monywa Golf Club, Monywa, Sagaing Division from 19 to 22 November.

Only those who are of professional and handicap 0-12 levels will be allowed to take part in it.

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**ASEAN Highways**

It is a road linking 10 members of the ASEAN namely Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. There are six routes designated as ASEAN Highways: They are as follows:-

(a) ASEAN Highway-1 (AH1): it is a 1665-kilometre long road linking Mandalay and Muse. The facility is the same route of the Asian Highway No. 1 (AH1).

(b) ASEAN Highway-2 (AH2): it is a 807-kilometre long road from Tachilek to Kengtung-Taunggyi-Meiktila and then the facility will reach Tamu. The road has the same route of the Asian Highway No. 2 (AH2).

(c) ASEAN Highway-3 (AH3): The road is 93 kilometres long Kengtung-Mongla section. The highway is the same route as Asian Highway No. 3 (AH3).

(d) ASEAN Highway-4 (AH4): it is a 453 kilometres long road linking Mandalay and Muse. The facility is the same route of Asian Highway No. 14 (AH14).

(e) ASEAN Highway-111 (AH111): it is a 239-kilometre long road linking Loi Lom and Hsipaw.

(f) ASEAN Highway-112 (AH112): The 1145-kilometre long road stretches from Thaton to Kawthoung.

In addition, it is projected to construct the following ASEAN Highways.

(a) ASEAN Highway-112 (AH112): the road will be 60 kilometres long from Loi Lom to Loi Lom to Hlaing, Myanmar to Khlonglon of Thailand.

(b) ASEAN Highway-123 (AH123): the road will be 141 kilometres stretching from Dawei to Minhtam Valley of the Myanmar-Thai border.

The Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors are under construction with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank with a view to ensuring the economic development of six Greater Mekong Sub-region countries namely Myanmar, Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Three routes of the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors pass through Myanmar, and these roads are referred as “R”. These roads are as follows:-

(a) R3 Highway is a 257-kilometre-long road section stretching from Tachilek at the Thai-Myanmar border to Mongla at the Myanmar-China border through Kengtung. The road section is part of Asian Highway No. 2 and No. 3.

(b) R4 Highway is a 176-kilometre-long road section linking Loi Lom in Myanmar to Mongla at the Myanmar-China border. It is a part of Asian Highway No. 14.

(c) R7 Highway is a road section linking R3 and R4 highways. The 660-kilometre R7 Highway links Kengtung on the R3 and Lashio on the R4 through Loi Lom-Hsipaw. The Asian/ASEAN Highways No. 2 and No. 14 will be connected with ASEAN Highway 111.

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(a) GMS, Northern Economic Corridor: it is an economic zone road to link Fanchai, Nanning, Kunming and Dalai of the People’s Republic of China and Muse, Lashio, Mandalay and Tamu of Myanmar.

(b) GMS, North-South Economic Corridor: it links the road stretching from China to Thailand through Laos and another road from China to Thailand through Myanmar. The road section in Myanmar is stretching from Mongla to Tachilek through Kentung. The corridor includes some parts of Asian/ASEAN Highways No. 2 and No. 3.

(c) GMS, East-West Economic Corridor: the economic zone is designated along the corridor stretching from Danang Port of Vietnam to Mawlamyine of Myanmar. The 191-kilometre road section from Myawady to Mawlamyine lies in Myanmar. The corridor includes some parts of Asian/ASEAN Highway No. 1.

(d) GMS, Southern Economic Corridor: it is a route linking Kwdan, Vantu and Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, Phnom Penh of Cambodia and Bangkok of Thailand, and then it will stretch from Bangkok to Doves of Myanmar.

(e) GMS, Northwestern Economic Corridor: the road will link Bangkok, Tek and Maesot of Thailand and Myawady, Mawlamyine, Phayagyi, Meiktila and Tamu of Myanmar. The road is part of Asian Highway No. 6 and the 1 Indian and Myanmar-Thai Highway.

**Ayarwaddy-Chao Phaya-Mekong-Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)**

After holding the Bagan Summit held in Myanmar in 2003, the Ayarwaddy-Chao Phaya-Mekong-Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) was adopted covering adopted covering Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand with the aim of maintaining the economic stability and uplifting the living standard of the people in the sub-region. In 2004, the ACMECS was a five-country group with the participation of Vietnam. ACMECS countries are exchanging views on matters related to the development tasks based on friendly relations, good neighbourliness and bilateral cooperation among the ACMECS countries, the narrowing of economic gap, the smooth trading and investment for socio-economic development of the region, and cooperation in agriculture, industry, energy, transportation, travelling, public health and human resources development sectors. As part of efforts to cooperate between Myanmar and Thailand, an 18-kilometre road section from Maesot to Thiang-naymaung has been constructed with the assistance of Thailand. Moreover, the plan is under way to continue the construction of the road to Kawkareik. Likewise, the preliminary engineering works have been conducted to build the Lao-Myanmar Friendship Mekong River Bridge near Kenglat as a symbol of Lao-Myanmar cooperation. As along, a 50-kilometre road section from Tatlay on AH2 to the site of the bridge in Kenglat of Myanmar and another 16-kilometre road section from Kengkoh of Laos to the bridge construction site are under construction.

**BIMSTEC Highways**

Myanmar is one of the members of BIMSTEC together with Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Myanmar is sharing border with Bangladesh, India and Thailand. Among them, Myanmar links with India and Thailand through ASEAN Highways. There is no direct way between Myanmar and Bangladesh. A plan was set to construct a highway when the economic status would develop in BIMSTEC countries. The highway is 1374 kilometres long stretching from Taunggyo Village to Myanmar through Katha, Kyauktaw, An, Padan, Mindon, Pyay (Nawade), Ottwin, Huatbin, Shwegyin, Theinzayat, Thaton, Mawlamyine, Metharaw, Hlangkwe and Kawkareik.

**India-Myanmar-Thailand Tripartite Highways**

India, Myanmar and Thailand have agreed to construct the Tripartite Highways from Myawady to Tamu through Bagan. The team comprising engineers from three countries has made a field trip to conduct the feasibility study for construction of the highways linking Myawady-Ottwin-Pyaybwe-Ywadaw-Zayatkon-Kyaikpadaung-Bagan-Letpancheaw-Pakokku-Linkadaw-Changma-Myoma-Kalewa-Kyikon-Tamu. Myanmar has planned to construct the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors, the BIMSTEC Highways, the India-Myanmar-Thailand-Tripartite Highway, the GMS, East-West Economic Corridor Highway, the GMS, North-South Economic Corridor, the Highway to be jointly built by India and Myanmar.

Hence, the trucks and vehicles of Myanmar meeting the prescribed standards of weight, measurements and axles will have the opportunity to use the above highways. At present, the ministries concerned of the government relax the rules and regulations for the trucks. The ministries are reported to be forming the discipline enforcement and security teams for roads and bridges soon.

(To be continued)
China’s industrial output expects to grow 10.5% for entire 2009

BEIJING, 14 Nov—China’s industrial output is expected to grow by about 16 percent year on year this month and in December and the full year industrial output growth could reach around 10.5 percent, Minister of Industry and Information Technology Li Yizhong said here Saturday.

At the 3-day International CEO Roundtable conference, Li said the industrial output growth would guarantee the manufacturing-based Chinese economy should achieve its full-year growth target of 8 percent.

China set the about 8-percent growth target in March this year. The government believes 8-percent GDP growth is essential to generate enough jobs.

According to the minister, China’s industrial economy stopped falling and began to stabilize and recover in March this year. In October, China’s industrial output rose 16.1 percent from a year earlier, the fastest pace since March 2008 and the sixth consecutive month with an acceleration of year-on-year growth.—Xinhua

Clash leaves four Taliban militants, three Afghan civilians dead

KABUL, 14 Nov—Four Taleban militants and three civilians were killed as a clash erupted between Taleban militants and government troops in Herat Province, west of Afghanistan, a local official said on Saturday.

“The clash erupted Friday night when Taleban attacked a patrol team of international troops from a house in Shindand District and the troops returned fire killing four rebels,” Lal Mohammad Omarzai, the governor of Shindand, told Xinhua. Three more civilians including a man from the same house were killed and three children got wounded, Omarzai added. Clashes with militants often harm civilians as more than 1,500 civilians are said to have been killed so far this year in Afghanistan in Taleban-linked insurgency and military operations.—Xinhua

Two earth-sized bodies with oxygen rich atmospheres found, but they’re stars not planets

LONDON, 13 Nov—Astronomists at the University of Warwick and Kiel University have discovered two earth sized bodies with oxygen rich atmospheres—however there is a bit of a disappointing snap for anyone looking for a potential home for alien life, or even a future home for ourselves, as they are not planets but are actually two unusual white dwarf stars.

The two white dwarf stars SDSS 0922+2928 and SDSS 1102+2054 are 400 and 220 light years from Earth. They are both the remnants of massive stars that are at the end of their stellar evolution having consumed all the material they had available for nuclear fusion.

Theoretical models suggest that massive stars (around 7 - 10 times the mass of our own Sun) will consume all of their hydrogen, helium and carbon, and end their lives either as white dwarfs with very oxygen-rich cores, or undergo a supernova and collapse into neutron stars. Finding such oxygen-rich white dwarfs would be an important confirmation of the models.—Xinhua

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Google doesn’t blur Street View enough, says Switzerland

GENEVA, 14 Nov—The Swiss data protection authority is to take Google to court over its photographic mapping service Street View. The Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC) in Switzerland has reportedly made repeat complaints at Google’s unwillingness to alter its photographing process to spare the identity of its citizens.

Hanspeter Thuer of the FDPIC said “In the Street View service, which has been online since mid-August 2009, numerous faces and vehicle number plates are not made sufficiently unrecognizable from the point of view of data protection, especially where the persons concerned are shown in sensitive locations, e.g. outside hospitals, prisons or schools.”

Google has retorted these claims by saying that it met with the DPA before and after the launch, explaining our technology and, where requested, proposing steps that would reinforce Street View’s privacy-protection technology and assure any concerns.” It went on to say that the Swiss agency was “unwilling to engage with the extensive solutions we have offered.”—Xinhua

HK challenges world’s largest harmonica ensemble

HONG KONG, 14 Nov—More than 6,000 Hong Kong music lovers gathered at the Happy Valley Racecourse Recreation Playground on Friday night to break the world record of the largest harmonica ensemble, organizers said.

During the break of a free open-air concert called Swire Symphony under the Stars, 6,200 audience, recruited through the event’s website and social networking sites, played altogether a simple melody with harmonicas for as long as 7 minutes and 25 seconds.

Staff from the Guinness world record organization were on site to witness the show, said the organizer, but it will take some time for the record to be confirmed.

The previous official Guinness world record was set in Germany in 2007, involving 3,898 people.—Xinhua

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Royal Navy watched pirates abduct couple

LONDON, 14 Nov — A Royal Navy ship withheld fire as it watched Somali pirates kidnap a British couple on the high seas.

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Brazilian one-year-old Siamese sisters Maria Luiza (L) and Maria Luana (R) are seen at their home in the Beberibe neighborhood in Recife, northeastern Brazil, on 10 November. The Siamese twin sisters celebrated their first birthday on Wednesday as their parents tearfully await a highly complex and dangerous separation surgery early next year to save their young lives.—INTERNET

Moderate earthquake shakes Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 14 Nov—A 5.1 magnitude earthquake shook Costa Rica on Friday, without immediate report of victims and material damages.

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In the UK, most women are “hooked” into maternity services at eight to 12 weeks of pregnancy. At booking, a midwife interviews the woman, and asks whether or not she smokes. Women who say yes will get a follow-up call to enroll them in a smoking cessation programme.—INTERNET
Argentina starts to produce A/H1N1 vaccines

BUENOS AIRES, 14 Nov—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez announced on Friday that Argentina would start to produce A/H1N1 vaccines after about 600 human beings have died of this disease in the country.

“The initiative will demand the work of 250 scientists and an important investment of about 20 million US dollars,” Fernandez said during an inauguration of an international conference in Buenos Aires.

She called the production of the A/H1N1 vaccines a “national interest”.

Caffeinated alcoholic drinks may be illegal

WASHINGTON, 14 Nov — The Food and Drug Administration has notified about 30 manufacturers of alcoholic beverages containing added caffeine that it intends to take a look at their products. The question is not only whether such beverages are safe, but also whether it is even legal to add caffeine to such drinks, the agency says.

In September, 18 attorneys general from states including Connecticut, Utah, California and New York sent a letter to the FDA outlining why they consider such drinks dangerous. They were joined by a number of doctors and scientists who have conducted research on the subject. The letter cited several studies that showed stimulants such as caffeine mask the intoxicating effects of alcohol and could lead to increased risk-taking and other alcohol-related problems such as violence, sexual assault, traffic accidents and even suicide. One study done last year found usage to be nearly 30 percent among college students, in whom the beverages are associated with “heavy episodic drinking and episodes of weekly drunkenness.” It also found people who drank caffeinated alcoholic beverages are more likely to have alcohol-related problems.

Any ingredient added to food is considered a food additive. According to the FDA, “food additives require premarket approval based on data demonstrating safety submitted to the agency.” Ingredients added to food are considered unsafe and against the law unless the FDA approves their use or unless the ingredient is “generally recognized as safe,” a designation that still requires evidence of safety at the levels used in the product. To date, caffeine has been approved for use only in soft drinks, and only at concentrations under 200 parts per million.

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Caffeine masks the intoxicating effects of alcohol, the FDA said in a letter to beverage manufacturers.

Cervical cancer vaccine hope for African women

DAESALAM, 14 Nov—Soccer star Rukia Kondogooza, wrapped in bright kanga cloth, has to share her bed with another patient. A farmer from the rural south of the country, the 40-year-old has cervical cancer—a disease which causes fatty substances to accumulate in the liver, spleen, and other organs. Farmer Kondogooza treats Gaucher disease, which prevents the body from breaking down oils and fats that build up in the eyes and kidneys.

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More contamination troubles for Genzyme

CAMBRIDGE, 14 Nov—Genzyme Corp, the Cambridge biotechnology giant that has spent five months scrambling to regain its footing after detecting a virus at its Allston plant, is facing a new contamination problem: bits of steel, rubber, and fiber found in drugs made by the company and shipped from the same site.

Federal regulators yesterday warned doctors to look for foreign particles in five Genzyme drugs used to treat rare genetic disorders, including two—Cerezyme and Fabrazyme—that have been rationed because of the viral contamination detected in the Allston Landing plant last summer. The five drugs represent roughly half of Genzyme’s $4.6 billion in annual sales.

The diseases treated by these enzyme replacement drugs are rare. About 5,500 people worldwide, for example, depend on Cerezyme, the best-selling Genzyme drug, while about 2,500 use Fabrazyme. Cerezyme treats Gaucher disease, which causes fatty substances to accumulate in the liver, spleen, and other organs. Fabrazyme treats Fabry disease, which prevents the body from breaking down oils and fats that build up in the eyes and kidneys.

A worker scrubbed pipes in June during decontamination at Genzyme’s Allston plant after a virus infected a bioreactor.

Flu shows signs of peaking in some areas

GENEVA, 14 Nov—Flu season that began early in the northern hemisphere this year may be peaking in parts of North America and western Europe, the World Health Organization said on Friday. In an update on the H1N1 swine flu virus, the WHO said parts of the southern and southeastern United States, as well as Iceland and Ireland, seemed to have weakening levels of disease.

But the UN agency, which declared a global flu pandemic in June, said that big sections of the United States were still experiencing widespread and intense flu infections. It described waves of outbreaks across Canada and in Mexico, where the first severe cases were identified earlier this year. “In Europe and central Asia, overall influenza transmission continues to intensify,” the WHO said, adding that almost all the influenza viruses analysed in Europe in recent weeks have been the H1N1 strain and not seasonal flu. While saying “high to very high intensity of respiratory diseases” have been reported in some parts of Europe including Belarus, Bulgaria and Russia, it said experts were now less concerned about a big outbreak in Ukraine. The H1N1 virus has now spread to 206 countries, with the latest reported laboratory-confirmed cases in Somalia, Nigeria and Burundi.

There have been more than 6,250 deaths to date, mostly in the Americas region, according to the WHO toll.
2012 Games pose biggest security risk in decades

LONDON, 14 Nov—London faces the largest security challenge since World War II when it hosts the 2012 Olympics, British security minister Alan West said Friday. West told a London conference that the British capital will almost certainly be at a higher risk of a terrorist attack as an estimated 15,000 athletes, 14,000 coaches and officials and 20,000 media workers arrive for the games.

He said the country’s threat level will likely rise to severe — the second-highest rating on a five-point scale — meaning an attack is considered highly likely. “We are not complacent. We do not underestimate the scale of the Olympics challenge,” West told the Royal United Services Institute think tank.—INTERNET

Egyptians thrilled by upcoming crucial World Cup qualifier

CAIRO, 14 Nov—At a cafe in Al-Kasr el-Eni street of downtown Cairo just one day before the most important soccer match between Egypt and Algeria on Saturday, which would determine who will play in next year’s World Cup to be held in South Africa, sat Hussin and his friend Mohamed, talking about the tactics Egyptian team will adopt the next day.

“I hope that our team will win the match,” said Hussin, a 28-year-old engineer who was watching a sports analysis program on TV. Most of the Egyptian fans are nervous as even a two-goal victory by Egypt will bring a playoff with Algeria in Sudan as a neutral site.

Several hours ahead of the match, nerves are frayed in the two countries.

Spaniards Rafael Nadal

PARIS, 14 Nov—Second seed Rafael Nadal set up a Paris Masters semi-final clash with third seed Novak Djokovic on Friday by defeating title-holder Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-5, 7-5. Nadal had earlier defeated Robin Soderling of Sweden 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 in the first of the day’s quarter-finals to reach the last four in Paris for the first time.

The losses for Tsonga and Soderling meant that Spain’s Fernando Verdasco was assured of the eighth and final spot in the 22-29 November ATP Tour Finals in London. The other players qualified for that by the way Capello has resurrected the national squad from the ashes of their failure to reach Euro 2008, guiding Wayne Rooney and co. to the finals with nine wins in ten qualifiers.

“I think the character of Capello is the key to understanding this England team,” Kaka said ahead of Saturday’s friendly clash between the two countries. “We always knew that they had good individual players capable of deciding games but they look more of a team now. They are much sharper collectively, which is what you would expect from a Capello team.—INTERNET

Shin shoots 66 to take Ochoa Invitational lead

GUADALAJARA, 14 Nov—Jiyai Shin took a big step toward adding the LPGA Tour player of the year award to her top rookie trophy, shooting a 6-under 66 on Friday for a three-stroke lead in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

The 21-year-old South Korean star, a three-time winner this year who has a four-point lead over Ochoa in the player of the year race, had an 11-under 133 total on the Guadalajara Country Club course. “I don’t know much (about) this course, so I try to just play safe,” Shin said. “Like just the middle of the fairway, just the middle of the green and make it a very simple game. … I have found my tempo — great tempo. So I have a really good feeling.”—INTERNET

Keane tells Ireland stars to make history

DUBLIN, 14 Nov—Republic of Ireland captain Robbie Keane has urged his team to seize the chance to become national heroes by beating France in Saturday’s World Cup play-off first leg.

Giovanni Trapattoni’s side host France at Croke Park before travelling to Paris for the return on Wednesday and Keane believes qualifying for the finals at the expense of such a star-studded team would be remembered forever as Ireland’s greatest achievement.

Tottenham forward Keane knows the Irish cannot compete with Raymond Domenech’s collection of global icons when it comes to skill and guile. But he believes Ireland, who last qualified for a major tournament when they reached the 2002 World Cup, can overcome the 2006 World Cup holders, can overtake and can overtake and

Robson gets first taste of Asian Cup action

SINGAPORE, 14 Nov—Former England captain Bryan Robson gets his first taste of Asian Cup football on Saturday when Thailand travel to Singapore for a must-win qualifying clash against their Southeast Asian neighbour. It is one of seven matches being played as the race to Qatar in 2011 heats up, with another round of games next Wednesday.

In Group B, Pim Verbeek’s Australia are in Oman with both sides on four points from three games, while Kuwait (three points from two games) host Indonesia (two points from two games). Uzbekistan play Malaysia in TKash in the only Group C game while leaders Syria take on Vietnam in Group D and China travel to bottom-of-the-table Lebanon.—INTERNET

Kaka bills England as World Cup rivals

DOHA, 14 Nov—Kaka believes Fabio Capello has transformed England into a team capable of wrecking Brazil’s hopes of claiming a sixth World Cup in South Africa next year.

The Real Madrid playmaker is a keen student of the English game and he has been impressed by the way Capello has

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Republic of Ireland captain Robbie Keane, seen here in October 2009, has urged his team to seize the chance to become national heroes by beating France in Saturday’s World Cup play-off first leg. —INTERNET

The wave shaped Aquatics Centre roof is seen in place at the 2012 Olympic site in London, on 11 Nov, 2009. The 160 metre long, 3000 tonnes roof rests on three concrete supports, it will cover two 50 metre pools, a dive pool and a dry diving area.—INTERNET

Egypt will bring a playoff with Algeria in Sudan as a neutral site. Several hours ahead of the match, nerves are frayed in the two countries.

The other players qualified for that are Nadal, Djokovic, Roger Federer, Andy Murray, Juan Martin del Potro, Andy Roddick and Nikolay Davydenko.
Argentina's soccer team head coach Diego Maradona attends a news conference in Madrid on 12 November, 2009.—INTERNET

Maradona feels mistreated and persecuted

Maradona, who will appear before a FIFA disciplinary committee in Zurich on Sunday over his foul-mouthed rant after last month's World Cup qualifier in Uruguay, told Spain’s Marca newspaper that many people were out to get him.

“Much worse things have been said and there are people who do terrible things in soccer...” the paper quoted Maradona as saying in an interview conducted in Madrid on Wednesday.

“I am taking refuge in my team, my family, my daughter and in ordinary people from the street,” added the 49-year-old.

“Lest nobody forget, people in Argentina, from the street, are showing me a lot of affection, they greet me and love me just like always.”

MADRID, 14 Nov—Argentina coach Diego Maradona feels mistreated and persecuted but says he is focussing on his job, family and the support of “ordinary people.”

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
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- 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

Today’s vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (11)

The Union of Myanmar is a member country of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) as well as the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Moreover, Myanmar is a member of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and the Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar (BCIM) economic cooperation. Therefore, Myanmar has planned to construct the Asian Highways to link Thailand, Laos, the People’s Republic of China, India and Bangladesh, the ASEAN Highways, the Greater Mekong Sub-region Economic Corridors, the BIMSTEC Highways, the India-Myanmar-Thailand-Trisector Highways, the GMS, East-West Economic Corridor Highway, the GMS, North-South Economic Corridor, the Highway to be jointly built by India and Myanmar, the Paletwa border motor road and the maintenance of Kaladan River course project.

Asian Highways

To connect with Asian countries, the ESCAP has initiated work for the construction of Asian Highways since 1959. In 1989, Myanmar was included in the Asian Highways, and so far, the project has covered with 32 countries. After drawing the Inter-governmental Agreement (Draft) on Asian Highway Network, a ceremony to sign the construction of highway network was held at the 60th Ministerial Meeting of the commission in Shanghai on 28 April 2004. There are plans to construct four Asian Highways in Myanmar. They are as follows:

(a) Asian Highway No. 1 (AH1): it is a 1665-kilometre road stretching from Myawady at the Thai-Myanmar border to Tamu at the Myanmar-India border,
(b) Asian Highway No. 2 (AH2): it is a 807-kilometre road stretching from Tachilek at the Thai-Myanmar border to Kengtung-Taunggyi-Mektila, and then it will link with the Asian Highway No. 1 and finish at Tamu at the Myanmar-India border,
(c) Asian Highway No. 3 (AH3): it is a 93-kilometre road section stretching from Kengtung on the Asian Highways to the People’s Republic of China border,
(d) Asian Highway No. 14 (AH14): it is a 453-kilometre road section stretching from Mandalay on the Asian Highway No. 1 to Muse at the Myanmar-China border.

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