Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander attends harvesting ceremony

Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Nov—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the ceremony to collectively harvest monsoon paddy at Kyar-thayai Village in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township on 22 November. He then inspected combine harvesters, Ayeya-1 power-tillers and paddy reapers.

Next, the commander viewed the broadcasting of seeds of chick pea and sunflower to grow as mixed crops. He cordially greeted local farmers.

The commander inspected the project of constructing a dam by damming the Kintha Creek, and left instructions.

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Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) bringing about harmonious development across the nation

Article: Tin Mar Win & Aye Thanda Thein; Photo: Myanma Alin

Trustfully entrusting national defence duties upon national race armed groups is, in fact, generating a win-win situation. Of members of national race armed groups, those wishing to enter into politics can form political parties and take part in the democratization process in accordance with the future laws.

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Human resource development, factor for industrial development

The government focuses strenuous efforts on the industrial sector for industrial development in its bid to shape the nation into an industrialized one.

In order to achieve the lofty goal, the government is establishing industrial zones to improve the private industrial sector. The industrial sector is of two types: State-owned and private-owned industries. The State undertakes particular industries that are beyond the capacity of private-owned industries. The government is trying to satisfy the demand of electric power and fuel that are fundamental for industrial development.

Now, more and more technological universities, technological colleges, government technical institutes and government technical high schools are being opened as part of the programme to scale-up the improvement of the education sector for development of human resources in the technological sphere.

Import-substitute product factories are being founded extensively by erecting new industrial regions and industrial zones in states and divisions, inclusive of Kyaukse, Thagara and Pakokku industrial regions.

In Kyaukse Industrial Region, for instance, cement plant, vest factory, candy factory, shoe factory, bicycle factory, high heat duty fire brick factory, and plastic factory have been established. And Thagara Industrial Region now produces trucks, bulldozers, excavators, machinery and machine tools, control systems for electrical apparatuses, and heavy machinery for construction projects on a large scale.

The Government Technical Training School (Pakokku) is under construction in Pakokku Industrial Region, and upon completion, the institute will conduct courses with course instructors who have completed the courses concerned abroad.

Machinery and Machine Tools Factory (Myaing) uses advanced machines in manufacturing goods, and it is working hard to meet the targets on production lines.

Technical experts on their part are therefore to do their bit in the drive the government is implementing for industrial development, and nurture younger generations for greater human resource development.

Library opened in Thaton Township

A ceremony to open library was held in front of the library in Davarei Village of Thaton Township, Mon State on 28 October morning.

The donor Assistant Director U Kyaw Win Aung of Information & Public Relations Department of Mon State and Chairman of the village U Than Zin formally opened the library.

And the donor and Chairman of Mon state PDC U Chan Nyein Aung sprinkled scented water on stone inscription of the library. The library is 22.5 feet long, 15 feet wide and 11 feet high. It is also a RC type building with CI sheet roofing and cost K 9.7 million.

After the ceremony, the cash presenting ceremony for three libraries in Tha Ton District was held.

On the occasion, Chairman of Tha Ton Township PDC presented K 1,000,000 for the library of Zaytachau Village, Tha Ton Township, the assistant director of Information & Public Relations Department of Mon State K 1,000,000 for the library of Wunpyan Village in Paung Township, Staff Officer of Dry Zone, Greening Department added details. The minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister heard the reports on the progress of work being carried out in each region and future programmes presented by deputy general managers of Myanmar Timber Enterprise. Managing Director U Win Tun of MTE presented supplementary reports. The minister gave necessary instructions. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks of the minister.

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GAD holds 2009 coord meeting

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the work coordination meeting 2009 of General Administration Department.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at State/Division Work Coordination Meeting of Ministry of Forestry.—MNA

Coord meeting of Forestry Ministry held
**Three people killed in Iraq bombings**

Baghdad, 25 Nov — Three people were killed, including two Sunni Muslim clerics, in bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq’s western province of Anbar on Tuesday, a well-informed police source said.

Sheikh Adnan Waheed Mohammad, a Sunni cleric was killed when an explosive-charge planted in his car detonated in Baghdad southern district of Doura, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also killed another man and wounded a third who were in the car with Mohammed during the attack, the source said.

In Anbar Province, another cleric was killed and three people were wounded when a bomb attached to the car of the Sheikh Ahmed al-Mohammadi went off in the town of Saqlawiyah, some 30 km east of the provincial capital city of Ramadi, the source added.—INTERNET

**Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people**

Baghdad, 25 Nov — There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 25 Nov reached 699429 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1262043, according to the news on the Internet.

**Casualties of Iraqi people**

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**Bomb in water truck kills three in Afghanistan**

Kabul, 25 Nov — The Interior Ministry says a remote-controlled bomb hidden in a water truck has exploded in the eastern Afghan province of Khost, which borders Pakistan, killing three people including two children.

The ministry says another two children and one man have been wounded in the Tuesday morning attack.

Wazir Pacha, a spokesman for the provincial police chief of Khost, says authorities are investigating what the target might have been.

Taleban violence against US and NATO soldiers and Afghan civilians continues to rise.—INTERNET
Militants destroy NATO oil tanker in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 25 Nov—Suspected Taleban militants on Wednesday attacked and destroyed a tanker supplying fuel to NATO troops in neighbouring Afghanistan, police said.

A group of 10 armed men ambushed the tanker on its route to Afghanistan on the ring road outside the northwestern city of Peshawar and opened fire with Kalashnikovs, wounding both the driver and his assistant. “They ordered the driver and the assistant to get down and fired rockets at the tanker, which triggered a massive fire,” senior police official Mohammad Alam Shinwari told AFP.

He said the militants were travelling in three cars. Another senior police official, Mohammad Karim Khan, confirmed the incident and said militants fled after the attack.

The attack came a day after Pakistani ground troops and attack helicopters launched a new operation against militants in Khyber, the tribal region that straddles the main route for NATO supplies heading into Afghanistan.

Militants carry out frequent attacks on supplies for US and NATO-led forces fighting against Taleban militants across the border.—Internet

Pirates kill seaman in W Africa tanker attack

COTONOU, 25 Nov—Pirates attacked an oil tanker off the coast of west Africa, killing a Ukrainian officer before escaping with the contents of the ship’s safe, the ship’s owners and Benin’s navy commander said on Tuesday.

Commander Maxime Ahoyo said the officer on the Monrovia-flagged Cancale Star was shot dead when he confronted the pirates after they boarded the vessel in darkness 18 nautical miles (33 kilometres) off the coast of Benin.

The tanker’s Latvian captain, Jaroslav Semenovs, said around six or seven pirates had approached the tanker in a speed boat.

“They came on deck, pointed a pistol to the head of one of the sailors, marched him to the cabin,” Semenovs told AFP.

“They asked me to open the safe and they collected all the cash,” he added. He did not say how much was stolen.

The 230-metre (750-foot) Cancale Star was carrying 89,000 cubic metres of crude from Nigeria’s Niger Delta, the captain said.

The tanker’s owners Chemikalien Seetransport said in a statement issued from Germany that the vessel’s chief officer, or second in command, “has tragically lost his life in a piracy attack off the coast of Benin in the early hours of 24 November”.—Internet

Tsunami educational Web site developed

WOODS HOLE, 25 Nov—The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution says it has created an educational Web site to help people prepare for and survive a tsunami.

Called an “interactive guide that could save your life,” the site features the latest tsunami-related science research and compelling tsunami survivor videos and interviews.

“Tsunamis can neither be prevented nor precisely predicted yet,” said site initiator Jian Lin, a Woods Hole geologist actively involved in tsunami research and a member of a US national committee on tsunami warning and preparedness. “But people educated about tsunami warning signs can save their own lives and the lives of others.”—Internet

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Forum opens in Lisbon on China, Portuguese-speaking countries to deepen cooperation

LISBON, 25 Nov—Representatives from China and Portuguese-speaking countries gathered here on Tuesday to discuss cooperation and development issues.

China attaches importance to relations with Portuguese-speaking countries and has deepened cooperation with them, said Chinese Ambassador to Portugal Gao Kezhang.

Foreign teachers and students with the Jiangsu University learn the performance skills, including arias, pantomime, stage show, etc, of Yangju Opera, Shaoxing Opera, Huaiju Opera, and other distinctive traditional Chinese Operas, from amateur performers at Zhenjiang City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 24 Nov, 2009.—Xinhua

Trade between China and these countries in 2008 totalled nearly 77 billion US dollars, he noted. Gao said China is willing to enhance dialogue with Portuguese-speaking countries, explore new areas of cooperation and strive for a win-win situation.

China values the role of Macao in economic and commercial cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Participants also pointed out some challenges and difficulties in China’s relations with Portuguese-speaking countries, particularly Portugal.—Xinhua

Russia launches European communications satellite

MOSCOW, 25 Nov—Russia launched a Proton-M carrier rocket carrying a European Eutelsat W-7 satellite from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan on Tuesday, a Khromichyov Aerospace Center spokesman said. The carrier rocket blasted off at 05:19 pm Moscow time (1419 GMT), spokesman Alexander Bobrennev was quoted as saying by Itar-Tass news agency.

Approximately nine hours and 12 minutes later, the W-7 telecommunications satellite of the French company Eutelsat will separate from the booster and be allocated at 36 degrees East on the geostationary orbit.

Manufactured by French company Thales Alenia Space on a Spacebus 4000C4 platform, the 5.6-ton satellite is expected to stay in operation for 15 years, providing digital broadcasting for customers in Europe, Africa and Central Asia.

The satellite featured up to 74 Ku-band transponders was launched under a contract between Eutelsat and International Launch Services (ILS), a Russian-American joint venture, and will replace the SESAT 1 satellite that has been in orbit since 2000.—Xinhua

Heavy rains leave 40 towns in state of emergency in southern Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Nov—Heavy rains have caused four more towns in Brazil’s southern state of Rio Grande do Sul to declare state of emergency in the past week, raising the total number of affected municipalities in the state to 40, local authorities stated on Tuesday.

A total of 10,000 people had to leave their homes due to the floods; 1,160 of them had to go to shelters, while the rest was currently at the houses of friends or relatives. The bad weather had also left 15,000 people without electricity in the state. According to the civil defence services, it is the rainiest November in the last 23 years in Rio Grande do Sul.—Xinhua

S Korea beefs up efforts to fight shrinking birthrate

SEOUL, 25 Nov—The South Korean government plans to step up its efforts to fight the issue of its shrinking birthrate through launching an anti-abortion campaign and seeking more foreign immigrants, a presidential council said Wednesday. “The government decided to launch an ‘increase Koreans’ project that will actively invite more talented persons from overseas by widening doors to foreign immigrants and by revising our immigration regulations to allow dual citizenship,” the Presidential Council for Future and Vision said in a press release after its meeting on Wednesday.

As part of the council’s efforts, it decided to increase social and financial support for families with newborns or those with a multiple number of children, the press release said.—Xinhua

Four killed by civilian helicopter crash off Israeli coast

JERUSALEM, 25 Nov—Three British tourists and a pilot were killed on Tuesday afternoon when a civilian helicopter crashed into the waters off the coast of Netanya, a city in northern Israel, local daily Ha’aretz cited rescue workers as reporting. The bodies were recovered by divers from the Zaka emergency services and the Magen David Adom emergency services, said the report. Earlier report put the death toll at two. It was not immediately clear what caused the aircraft to tumble 300 meters into the sea near Sironit Beach.—Xinhua

FAO to establish stronger system of global food governance

ROME, 25 Nov—The Food and Agriculture Organization’s top governing body has decided to set up a stronger and more effective system of global food security governance, the agency said on Tuesday. The 36th session of the FAO Conference, which ended on Monday, agreed to strengthen the Committee on World Food Security so it can become the “foremost inclusive international platform for discussion, coordination and policy convergence in order to eliminate world hunger,” the FAO said in a news release.

Xinhua

A staff worker from China’s Shanghai Airlines practises snow removal from a plane in a drill on 23 Nov, 2009 in Shanghai, east China. As winter came to southern part of China, the airlines implements a series of drills to maintain efficiency of all its flights.—Xinhua

Local citizens bring forth their antiques under private collections to the specialists of cultural relics for authoritative authentication, during one of the series activities as a part of the 8th Beijing Southern Xuanwu District Cultural Festival, in the China Bookstore of Liulichang, in downtown Beijing, on 24 Nov, 2009.—Xinhua
WHO probing drug resistant swine flu

GENEA, 25 Nov.—The World Health Organization is looking into reports in Britain and the United States that the H1N1 flu may have developed resistance to Tamiflu in people with severely suppressed immune systems, a spokesman said on Tuesday.

Britain’s Health Protection Agency (HPA) said five cases have been confirmed in Wales of patients infected with H1N1 resistant to oseltamivir — the generic name of Roche and Gilead Sciences Inc’s antiviral drug Tamiflu.

The patients had serious conditions that suppressed their immune systems, which can give the virus a better than usual opportunity to develop resistance, the HPA said. It said the drug-resistant strain had probably spread person to person.

“We have seen the reports, we need to look into them,” WHO spokesman Thomas Abraham said in Geneva.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week also reported four cases of H1N1 resistant to Tamiflu at Duke University Hospital in North Carolina. All were said to be very ill with underlying severely compromised immune systems and multiple other complex medical conditions.

The WHO spokesman said both the reports involved Tamiflu resistance in people with severely compromised immune systems — Internet.

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Swine flu shots are advertised outside of Airport MD at Miami International Airport in Miami on 24 Nov, 2009.—Internet

Kangaroo tries to drown dog, attacks owner

A kangaroo startled by a man walking his dog attacked the pair, pinning the pet underwater and slashing the owner in the abdomen with its hind legs. The Australian, Chris Rickard, was in stable condition Monday after the attack, which ended when the 49-year-old electrical engineer and his kangaroo in the thighs.

Rickard said he was walking his blue heeler, Rocky, on Sunday morning when they surprised a sleeping kangaroo in Arthur’s Creek northeast of Melbourne. The dog chased the animal into a pond, when the kangaroo turned and pinned the pet underwater.

When Rickard tried to pull his dog free, the kangaroo turned on him, attacking with its hind legs and tearing a deep gash into his abdomen and across his face.

Experts warn climate change to raise seas by 2m by 2100

BEIJING, 25 Nov.—Global warming could raise sea levels by 2 meters at 2100, much faster than expected, experts said in a statement.

In the statement “Copenhagen Diagnosis” — a warning to next month’s UN climate summit in Copenhagen, the experts on Tuesday urged actions to keep down the rising greenhouse gas emissions by 2015 or 2020 to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

“Climate change is accelerating beyond expectations,” the statement said, “accounting for ice-sheets and glaciers, global sea-level rise may exceed 1 meter by 2100, with a rise of up to 2 meters considered an upper limit.”

They said global carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels were almost 40 percent higher in 2008 than in 2000. “There have been no significant changes in the underlying warming trend,” they said.

More fire alarms sound aboard the ISS

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov.—The government is imposing fines for the first time against airlines for stranding passengers on an airport tarmac, the Transportation Department said on Tuesday.

The department said it has levied a precedent-setting $175,000 in fines against three airlines for their roles in the stranding of passengers overnight in a plane at Rochester, Minn, on 8 Aug.

Continental Express Flight 2816 was en route from Houston to Minneapolis carrying 47 passengers when thunderstorms forced it to divert to Rochester, where it landed about 12:30 am. The airport was closed and Mesaba Airlines employees — the only airline employees at the airport at the time — refused to open the terminal for the stranded passengers.

Continental Airlines and its regional airline partner ExpressJet, which operated the flight for Continental, were each fined $50,000. ExpressJet spokeswoman Kristy Nicholas said the airline can avoid paying half the fines if it spends the same amount of money on additional training for their employees on how to handle extended tarmac delays.—Internet

Hotel uses own bees for honey

Officials with the Marriott in downtown Chicago said the hotel is using honey from its rooftop bees to make beer and several dishes.

The Italian five-striped honeybees, which have created 260 pounds of honey since they arrived at the hotel in March, have contributed their product to the Marriott’s in-house draft wheat beer and several dishes designed by the hotel’s chefs, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Executive chef Myk Banas said the hotel spent about $2,500 on the bees, three insulated hives, bee protective gear, honey extracting equipment and other expenses related to the rooftop hives. “We always look to do crazy ideas here,” executive sous chef Joe Plucinski said.

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A little boy watches a super giant watermelon at a weight of 59.25kg, during the 3-day-long 2009 China Farm Produces Processing and Circulation Fair, which closes in Linyi, east China’s Shandong Province.

Baby born in truck en route to hospital

A Florida man said his wife gave birth in the front seat of the family pickup truck en route to a hospital. Tom Gallo, 51, said he was driving his wife, Debra, 37, to Boca Raton Community Hospital after she started labour on Saturday evening but the baby would not wait out the short drive from their home to the hospital, The Palm Beach (Fla) Post reported on Monday.

Gallo said his wife announced the baby was coming out and soon the 4-pound, 13-ounce boy, his mother’s fifth child, joined the family in the Chevrolet Colorado. “She felt a contraction ... pushed and he popped out," Gallo said.

He said he pulled into a gas station and called an ambulance after the baby failed to start breathing and paramedics soon arrived and massaged the baby’s chest.
11th Conference of All Myanmar General Practitioners Society held in Toungoo

The 11th conference of All Myanmar General Practitioners Society was held in Myanmar Medical Association (Toungoo) at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Road and Kyawthaing Street here in Bago Division on 14 and 15 November.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min gave an opening speech. Chairman of MMA (Central) Professor Dr Kyaw Mynit Naing also spoke on the occasion. The commander, the chairman and President of All Myanmar Medical Practitioners Society Dr Tin Aye then formally opened the booth of medicines and medical equipment.

Next, professors and specialists discussed an opening medical treatment and then paper reading session of the general practitioners followed.

Over 350 doctors including representative doctors of 23 township across the country and doctors invited participated in the conference and 45 pharmaceuticals company displayed their products.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Min delivers an address at 11th Conference of All Myanmar General Practitioners Society. — KYEMON

Magway Technological University nurturing qualified engineers

Article: Tin Lay Kyimyindine; Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

The Tatmadaw government is implementing equitable access to education in the entire nation in its drive to develop human resources. The Ministry of Science and Technology upgraded 49 Technological Colleges to Technological Universities starting from 20 January 2007 to enable locals to pursue higher education in their own regions.

The Magway Technological University started as Government Technological College on 27 October 1999 which was upgraded on 1 January 2007. It is located near Kanby village seven miles from Magway and four furlongs from Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Road. The main three-storey building which can be seen from the road stands on 28.82 acres of land.

We, Kyemon news crew, visited the Principal’s office where we met Principal Dr Nandha Kyaw and interviewed him.

It was learnt that Civil Engineering, Electronic and Communication Engineering, Electrical Power Engineering, Mechanical Power Engineering, Machine Tools and Design Engineering, Mechatronics Engineering, Architecture Textile Engineering, Petroleum Engineering and Chemical Engineering courses were opened in AGTI, B Tech and B E levels in every academic year. Master in Engineering course was launched in 2006-2007 academic year and special civil engineering course, special electronic engineering course and special electrical power course were extended in the current 2009-2010 academic year.

As we were invited to observe the lecture rooms, Kyemon news crew visited the lecture rooms and saw 2,534 students in their respective subjects in this 2009-2010 academic year. We interviewed the students of M E courses under the portico of the university.

“I am Maung Win Win Tun attending M E (Electrical Power) course. I live in the compound of Makyikan Power Plant. I feel very pleased to learn higher education in my native region,” he replied. The next was a girl student. She answered, “I come from Salin Township. I am attending M E (Electrical Power) course. I want to become a teacher at the university because I want my region to see many more educated youths.”

And then, we talked with Zayar Tun attending M E (Electronic and Communication) course who is a Magway resident.

He told us, “Before the university was inaugurated, ME students had to study at the universities of Mandalay and Yangon. It was found that they had to spend much. I am very thankful to the government for the opening of the university which makes us lessen the cost without having to stay away from home.”

As the government is building up the new modern developed nation together with the public, the youths are becoming important in future programmes. It is hoped that more youths who can engage in the regional development will emerge as they have grasped the opportunity to pursue higher education in their own regions.

Translation: HKA (Kyemon : 23-11-09)

Ayeawaddy Bridge (Yadanabon)…

Nowadays, the government is putting energetic efforts into the tasks for the emergence of a cluster of roads and bridges for the people to have easy access to all the four corners of the country. The Ayeawaddy Bridge (Yadanabon) inaugurated on 11 April 2008 is the 8th of its kind crossing the Ayeawaddy river.

The emergence of the transport facility has contributed a great deal to improving the socio-economic status of local people, for they can travel from one place to another with peace of mind. In the meantime, with secure and smooth transport, trade and commerce is in full swing in the region. The birth of major river-crossing bridges one after another with the aim of creating prosperity for future generations can be largely attributable to the goodwill of the State.

Therefore, it is fair to say that the Ayeawaddy river-crossing bridge linking Amarapura township of Mandalay Division and Sagaing of Sagaing Division is the main network that could bring easy access and prosperity to different regions of the state and division.

Translation: ZZZ (Myanma Alin : 24-11-2009)
Today, the Tatmadaw government is working hard to democratize the nation in compliance with the aspiration of the people. In the meantime, it is improving all the infrastructures for State stability and regional development that are fundamental for shaping the nation into a democratic one. The government’s earnest efforts have begun to yield important results to a certain degree and the nation is enjoying all-round development, which is tangible evidence to all.

At the core of such significant milestones is the drive to make the Tatmadaw government have been carrying out for long for achieving national reconsolidation. For more than 40 years, the people had been in a state of panic and withstood all trials and tribulations triggered by mushrooming multicoloured insurgencies and racial violence. Successive governments tried in vain for many times to build peace with armed groups. Taking lesson from historic events, the Tatmadaw government has exercised the way of dialogues since 1989 for national reconsolidation.

In consistence with the concept and conviction it has formed since its assumption of State duties that peace and consolidated unity of national races are necessary for development of a nation, the Tatmadaw government applies three methods for internal peace— (1) adoption of an alternative policy, (2) figuring out political issues through discussions at the National Convention, and (3) opening into negotiation in accordance with the new constitution for everlasting peace.

So far, 17 major and over 20 small national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. The last of the national race armed groups is the group led by Captain Saw Nay Soe Mya, son of late KNU/KNLA chairman Saw Bo Mya. These groups were able to enjoy rights to express their political opinions and hold discussions through compromises till majority-acceptable answers were obtained in accord with democracy.

Now, the new constitution has been approved with 92.48 per cent of the vote. So, the government keeps on pursuing the steps smoothly as agreed by all so as to guarantee lasting peace. National race peace groups have found to have extended wholehearted and active cooperation in the process for smooth transition in line with the principles of the constitution for lasting peace.

On 8 November, NDAK forces of Special Region (1) in Kayah State were transformed into border guard forces at the ceremonies held in Gangwin, Lupi and Sinkyaing regions in Kayah State, and Ka-La-La-Ta forces in Special Region (2) in Kayah State, in Pantein and Sutpaing regions in Kayah State. It is learnt that other national race peace groups will also transform themselves into border guard forces.

National race peace groups have transformed themselves into border guard forces responsible for ensuring “Our Three Main National Causes” which is the national goal or the national policy. Such an encouraging achievement is a giant step for expediting the whole process for regional development. If all national race peace groups have been part of the Tatmadaw and they throw themselves to national defence duties, surely, the nation will enjoy perfect security, stability and peace. If so, the nation will be able to withstand all forms of threats designed to undermine national unity.

National race peace groups have been entrusted with noble duties of defending the nation and the people against dangers in cooperation with the Tatmadaw. They used to hold arms just for security of their own region, own national races and peace groups. Now, they have the rights to safeguard the whole Union, all the national races, independence and sovereignty apart from their own regions, own races and peace groups.

Indeed, the Tatmadaw is the sole and the strongest force with rich historic experience in the nation that has stood firmly by and guarded the people against dangers in the course of the nation’s history. Moreover, it has established friendly relations with national races, while discharging national defence duties covering the whole border areas in order to keep the map of Myanmar intact. It is safe to say that the Tatmadaw government has realized the political, economic and security requirements of national race armed groups.

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It is common knowledge that in the democratization of the nation in accordance with the constitution, the government does not put pressure and coercion, but it organizes the people to secure their willing participation in conformity with the commitments and provisions of the law, in other words to gain results that are acceptable to all. On the ground of national race peace groups’ attachment to their communities and honesty, the Tatmadaw formed national race peace groups that want to continue to protect their regions legally holding arms into border guard forces. That is beneficial to all, and represents a watershed in the nation’s politics because that will bear fruits to the nation and the people.

Entrusting national defence duties upon national race armed groups is, in fact, generating win-win situation. Of members of national race armed groups, those wishing to enter into politics can form political parties and take part in the democratization process in accordance with the future laws.

Regarding the incidents about Kokang Special Region (1) in a few months, anti-government radio stations aired many broadcasts with the intention of driving a wedge among national brethren. In reality, the incidents did not concern at all with the transforming processes national race peace groups have put into action in line with the constitution. Kokang national race leaders stuck to dictatorship and warlord system and showed total disregard for the law by manufacturing illegal arms and ammunition and trafficking narcotic drugs on a large scale. So, the government had no choice but to take action against the offenders in accordance with the law. Now, both Kokang Region and Kokang troops have returned to normal. The Kokang Special Region (1) group members are conducting transition processes according to the law.

The government has reminded so many times that it has kept the peace door open to the national race armed groups that are still active underground. Therefore, the people believe that the process of national reconsolidation will achieve success in the near future.

Overall, national race peace groups’ transforming themselves into border guard forces is a driving force for national reconsolidation and perpetuation of the Union, that are essential for the new nation. So, their being part of the Tatmadaw guarantees stability, development, and prosperous future of the Union and enables the nation to catch up with the global family. There is a saying that goes “Unity is strength”. If we remain united and harmonious, we will be able to enjoy fruitful results far more than ever.

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Translation: MS
Commander inspects maintenance of Taungup-Than dw Road, regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—Chairman of Rakhine State Peac e and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye inspected Phonnyo Bridge construction project in Taungup Township, the bridge construction at mile post No (13/0) of Taungup-Than dw Road and bridges along the road on 18 November.

The commander attended the harvesting ceremony of model monsoon paddy field in Antaw Village of Than dw Township and met the local farmers. He also looked around the downtown roads.

Next, the commander inspected the site chosen for the construction of Basic Education Middle School upgraded from Basic Education Primary School in Bogalay Village of Kyaintai Township. He gave necessary instructions on the reports presented by the officials.

F & R Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held a meeting at its assembly hall here this morning to coordinate follow-up programmes for the 2009-2010 financial year.

In his speech, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun called for adoption of new plans and better ways to exceed the targets on finance and revenue that contributes to the State’s economic objectives. He said that the nation has enjoyed economic growth considerably, so all the staff at all levels are to take active part in national development tasks. He stressed the need for strictly abiding by the law, bye-laws and procedures and having a sense of duty and honesty in carrying out tasks.

The prizes for winners in the final level of Capital Hypermarket Floor Area on 14 December and those qualified may be neglected. Inform three day before the contest. Those offices and local representatives and may inform three day before the contest. Those offices and local representatives may also get information from local representatives.

Premier Coffee Vocalist Selection and Ginsetin Beauty Contest Final level to be held

YANGON, 25 Nov—Premier Coffee and Ginsetin held Vocalist Selection and Beauty Contest in all states and divisions. A total of 40 vocalists were picked out in Premier Coffee Vocalist Selection and 25 beauties in Ginsetin Beauty Contest to compete for the final level in Capital Hypermarket here on 15 December. The prize for first prize winner in the final level of Premier Coffee Vocalist Selection will include K 1 million cash, K 0.2 million worth Gift Voucher and K 0.1 million worth Product, that for second prize winner K 0.5 million cash, K 0.1 million worth Gift Voucher and K 0.1 million worth Product and that for third prize winner K 0.3 million cash, K 0.1 million worth Gift Voucher and K 0.1 million worth Product.

Educative Talk on 28 Nov

YANGON, 25 Nov—Organized by Wise International School for Executives, a talk titled Industrial & Organizational Psychology will be held at Room No. 1009, 10th Floor, Yuzana Tower, at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Shwegondaing Street, Bahan Township here from 1 pm to 3 pm on 28 November.

Those wishing to attend the talk may call 556183 and 09-5157032 to book a seat.

Commander attends tree planting ceremony in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov—The tree planting ceremony of Sangha Hospital in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division was held in the compound of the hospital on 19 November morning. Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the ceremony.

The commander, Mandalay mayor and officials concerned planted mango saplings, and viewed the collective planting of trees by those present. Next, the commander enjoyed final match of Men’s (Open) Inter-Township PDC Chairman’s Trophy Football Tournament.

Dhana Upa Parami Blood Donors Association donates blood collectively

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Nov—Dhana Upa Parami Blood Donors Association of Mingalar Market held its third collective blood donation ceremony for Tatmadawmen patients who were receiving medical treatment at No.1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) (Mingaladon) this morning.

On behalf of the commandant of the hospital, Head of Pathology Department Pathologist Lt-Col Daw Tin Mo Myanmar Medical Association explained the purposes of the donation. Forty blood donors of the association donated blood to No.1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) (Mingaladon) and 28 blood donors to No.1 Defence Services OG and Children’s Hospital (300-bed).

Dhana Upa Parami Blood Donors Association was founded in April 2009 and it has donated a total of 535 bottles of blood so far.
Bhamo developing along with peace and stability

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

Like roads in Myitkyina, those of Bhamo are also broad tarred ones. Wangmaw is a township with successful agriculture. Paddy fields of double cropping in the rainy season on either side of the motorway looked like a green woolen rug spread over the ground.

About ten miles beyond Wangmaw, we saw a gravel road that is almost as good as tarred one. Then we reached Moemauk Township, one of the townships of Bhamo District, where forest reserves are conserved systematically. As a result of prevailing stability, road way to Mandalayroute, Bhamo Township previously had to rely mainly on waterways and now along with peace and stability, road way to Mandalay has emerged, on which express buses are running daily.

We then went to Sibe village to view thriving paddy fields of double-cropping in the rainy season. There we saw endless thriving paddy fields in vast plain surrounded by mountains.

With the arrangement of Bhamo District PDC, we had visited Bhamo University, University of Computer Studies, Nursing School, Bhamo Airport, Auto Exchange, Bhamo People’s Hospital to witness progress of Bhamo Township.

We first observed Bhamo Jetty which provides water transportation from Bhamo-Shwegu-Manthalay route. Bhamo Township has achieved most success in the district.

We then interviewed Staff Officer U Khin Oo who said that Bhamo Township had only 120 auto telephones before 1988; that Auto Exchange was opened on 28, November, 2001; that so far over 1,000 auto telephones have been installed; that cellular telephone system was available on 23, March, 2008; that plans are well under way to install CDMA telephones in U-Daung mountain and Bhamo Township; that Bhamo Township had access to Internet as it was able to launch ADSL system on 27, March, 2008.

Bhamo Township People’s Hospital providing healthcare to nationalities.

Embracing the aim that Kachin State must be the fourth granary of the State, Kachin State started double-cropping in the rainy season this year. It is learnt that Shwegu Township has achieved most success in the district.

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Thus, with peace and tranquility along the border areas in the time of Tatmadaw Government, Bhamo Township is enjoying fruits of development in all aspects as in transportation, health, education, agricultural and economic sectors.

Translation: TKK

Myanma Alin
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WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—Fifty US banks failed in the third quarter, the largest number of nearly 20 years, reported the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC) on Tuesday.

The FDIC, a US regulator which provides insurance fund to the banking sector, said that banks made 2.8 billion US dollars of profit in the third quarter after a 4.3-billion-dollar loss in the previous quarter, but the number of failed banks reached the record since the second quarter of 1990.

Economists said that despite the overall economy is on recovery, the banking system, especially medium and small sized banks are still in water. The number of banks on the FDIC’s “problem list” rose to 552 from 416 on 30 June, the highest level in 16 years. About 13 percent of banks on the list generally end up failing, according to the FDIC.

The FDIC’s fund that insures bank deposits fell by 18.6 billion dollars in the third quarter, mostly because 21.7 billion dollars was set aside for expected losses on future bank failures.

Bank failures this year through 2013 are expected to cost the fund the 100 billion dollars.

“While bank and thrift earnings have improved, the effects of the recession continue to be reflected in their financial performance,” FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair said.

Japan posts 9.1-billion-dollar trade surplus in October

Tokyo, 25 Nov—Japan on Wednesday posted a trade surplus for the ninth straight month in October, as the world’s number two economy gradually emerges from deep stagnation, thanks to recovery in the rest of Asia.

The latest trade surplus came to 807.1 billion yen (9.1 billion dollars), a sharp rebound from a trade deficit of 75 billion yen registered a year ago, the Finance Ministry said.

But the nation’s trade activities remained weak with exports in October falling 23.2 percent to 5.31 trillion yen from a year ago, led by shrinking exports of vehicles and steel, the ministry said. Meanwhile, imports tumbled 35.6 percent to 4.50 trillion yen, weighed on by fewer energy imports, such as crude oil and liquid natural gas, the ministry said.

Nigeria bases budget on $57 per barrel oil price

ABUJA, 25 Nov—Nigeria’s 2010 budget will be based on an oil price of 57 dollars per barrel and oil production of 2.088 million barrels per day, President Umaru Yar’Adua said in a budget statement on Tuesday to parliament.

“The 2010 budget is predicated on the following assumptions... These include oil production of 2.088 mbbl (million barrels a day), benchmark oil price of 57 dollars/barrel, joint venture cash calls of five billion dollars, average exchange rate of 150 naira/dollar,” he said.

Nigeria, Africa’s leading oil producer, derives more than 90 percent of its foreign exchange earnings from oil.

The budget targets GDP growth rate of 6.1 percent and inflation rate of 11.2 percent, Yar’Adua said in the draft document lodged on his behalf by Mohammed Abba Ajii, the presidential advisor on parliamentary matters.

Real GDP growth for 2009 is estimated to be about 5.86 percent, he said in the statement sent to the two parliamentary chambers.

Inflation fell from 15.1 percent in December 2008 to 10.4 percent in September, he said.

China urges favorable conditions for labour service cooperation with India

BEIJING, 25 Nov—China on Tuesday called for favorable conditions for labour service cooperation with India, saying the cooperation benefits both countries. “We have insisted that China and India should develop trade relations, promote investment cooperation, and create favorable conditions for labour service cooperation,” said Qin Gang at a regular news briefing.

“This complies with the interests of both countries,” Qin said. Indian media reports quoted a Power Ministry official as saying on Monday that more than 3,000 Chinese engineers and semi-skilled professionals working on business visas at various power project sites “have been sent back.”—Xinhua

Wary consumers, rising unemployment snag recovery

WASHINGTON, 25 Nov—The economy is not growing as fast as the government first thought and the recovery still faces significant obstacles, including households nervous about spending and rising unemployment.

Economists expect new reports on Wednesday to give a better picture of how things are shaping up for the final three months of the year.

New filings for unemployment benefits likely will show a slight improvement while consumer spending should post a rebound in October after an auto-related plunge in September. Sales of new homes are expected to grow, propelled by first-time buyers taking advantage of a special tax credit.
French customs seize over 500 kg of marijuana

PARIS, 25 Nov—France’s General Administration of Customs said on Tuesday that customs agents in Bordeaux seized 557kg of marijuana last Friday.

The drug, with a street value of over 1 million euros, was contained in 19 packages dumped from a truck.

The truck aroused the suspicion of customs agents when its driver refused to accept a punishment at a freeway toll station in northern Bordeaux and ran away after knocking over two cars of the agents.

Customs agents then chased the truck with the help of local police and soon found it empty in a forest zone. The drug was later seized a few miles away from the truck.

Bordeaux police have launched an investigation into the case to arrest any wrong-doers involved. —Xinhua

S Korea has 22 more A/H1N1 deaths

SEOUL, 25 Nov—South Korea’s health authorities on Wednesday reported 22 additional deaths from the A/H1N1 influenza, raising the nation’s death toll from the new flu to 104.

According to the central disaster relief headquarters, the death include a 33-year-old man and a 16-year-old woman, who did not belong to the high-risk group, and 20 others who were at high risk.

As of Wednesday morning, the country’s A/H1N1 death toll hit 104, among which 89 were at high risk and 15 were classified as non-high risk.

The central disaster relief headquarters, however, said the fatality of the pandemic was waning the second week of November since the death toll peaked at the end of last month, when 24 people died from 25 to 31 Oct. —Xinhua
Car brake particles harm lung cells

BERN, 25 Nov—Particles released by car brake pads during a heavy stop can harm lung cells in vitro, researchers in Switzerland said.

Barbara Rothen-Rutishauser and Peter Gehl of the University of Bern, Switzerland, and Michael Riediker of the Institute for Work and Health in Lausanne, Switzerland, worked with a team of researchers to study the effects of brake particles on cultured lung cells placed in a chamber close to the axle of a car.

"Brake wear contributes up to 20 percent of total traffic emissions, but the health effects of brake particles remain largely unstudied. We’ve found that the metals in brake wear particles can damage junctions between cells by a mechanism involving oxidative stress," the researchers said in a statement.

The analysis revealed that brake wear particles contain considerable amounts of iron, copper and organic carbon.

Exposure to these pollutants caused increased signs of oxidative stress and inflammation in the cells and hard braking caused most exposure, the researchers said.

Drug may help restore damaged nerves

WEST LAFAYETTE, 25 Nov—UCLA medical scientists say they’ve shown how an experimental drug might restore the function of nerves damaged in spinal cord injuries.

Professor Riyi Shi, said the chemical compound prevents “short circuits” caused when tiny potassium channels in the fibers are exposed. And, Shi said, the compound might also be developed as a treatment for multiple sclerosis.

Because nerves usually are not severed in a common type of spinal cord trauma, called “compression” injuries, the drug offers hope as a possible treatment, said Shi, one of the authors of the study.

New device aids tumor diagnosis, prognosis

LOS ANGELES, 25 Nov—UCLA medical scientists say they have created a silicon chip with nano-sized features that can capture circulating tumour cells in a patient’s bloodstream.

The scientists say their device can obtain critical information for examining and diagnosing cancer metastasis, determining patient prognosis, and monitoring the effectiveness of therapies.

Currently, the best method of examining the disease status of tumours is an analysis of metastatic solid biopsy samples, but the UCLA scientists said during the early stages of metastasis, it is often difficult to identify a biopsy site.

But they said by using the new device, physicians can essentially perform a “liquid” biopsy, allowing for early detection and diagnosis, as well as improved treatment monitoring.

A large crowd of visitors is seen at the 7th Guangzhou Auto Show on 24 Nov, 2009 in Guangzhou, south China’s Guangdong Province. The international auto show, which was opened on Tuesday, would exhibit more than 720 various cars to meet the stronger demand of Chinese customers.

Asthma H1N1 risk factor

TORONTO, 25 Nov—Asthma is a significant risk factor for severe disease in children with pandemic H1N1 compared with the seasonal flu, researchers in Canada found.

Researchers of The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto looked at the medical charts of 58 children admitted to the hospital from 8 May to 22 July and compared them to 200 children admitted with seasonal influenza between 2004-2009.

Every year, the hospital admits about 40 children under 18 years of age with seasonal influenza, the researchers said.

Twenty-two per cent of children admitted with H1N1 had asthma compared with 6 percent of those admitted with seasonal influenza.

The study found asthma was determined as a prior diagnosis of asthma or reactive airways disease, or a history of wheeze with the use of inhalers.

The study, published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, found almost half of all admissions to the intensive care unit for H1N1 influenza were children with asthma. The children with H1N1 influenza were older than those admitted for seasonal flu, with significantly more over the age of 5.

Eighty-four percent of the children arrived at the hospital with fever and cough, with or without additional symptoms, but 37 percent had gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea, the researchers said.

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**Federer defeats Murray to seal year-ending World No.1**

London, 25 Nov—Roger Federer came from behind to beat local favourite Andy Murray here on Tuesday to make sure that his World No.1 crown will last until the end of the season.

“It means a lot to have returned to No. 1 and to finish the year again at No. 1,” said Federer. “It was an incredible year for me both on the court and off the court and to be able to break the all-time Grand Slam record and finish the year on top is amazing.”

In his second Group A match at the ATP World Tour Finals, Federer lost the first set 6-3 to Murray, who led the head-to-head record in 6-3. However, the Swiss superstar was calm enough to keep his accurate long balls, winning the following set in 6-3.—Xinhua

**Barcelona takes huge step towards last 16 of Champions League**

Madrid, 25 Nov—Reigning Champions FC Barcelona took a huge step towards qualifying for the last 16 of the Champions League following a 2-0 win at home to Inter Milan.

Barcelona’s Pedro Rodriguez (C) celebrates with teammates Dani Alves (R) and Sergio Busquets after scoring against Inter Milan during their Champions League soccer match at Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 24 Nov. 2009.—Xinhua

Cristiano Ronaldo back for key Real Madrid match

Madrid, 25 Nov—Cristiano Ronaldo is expected to make his long awaited return to action when Real Madrid entertain Swiss side FC Zurich in the Champions League on Wednesday night. The Portuguese international has been out of action with an ankle injury that he picked up on international duty at the start of October.

Now he returns at exactly the right moment, as his side look to qualify for the last 16 of the competition just four days ahead of Sunday’s visit to the Camp Nou Stadium. Real Madrid should have few problems against a side that it defeated 5-2 away from home.

**Gunsers cruise into last 16**

London, 25 Nov—Arsenal recovered from the swagger that has characterised their best performances this season as they eased into the last 16 of the Champions League with a 2-0 win over Standard Liege.

First-half goals from Gerard Pique and Pedro Rodriguez were enough to give the Catalans all three points and the result leaves them top of Group of needing just a point from their trip to Kiev in two weeks time to assure a place in the knockout stage.

The run up to the game had been dominated by speculation as to whether Barcelona duo Leo Messi and Zlatan Ibrahimovic would be able to shake off injuries in time to start. Messi was struggling with a groin strain picked up in Bilbao on Saturday, while Ibrahimovic had a hamstring problem.—Xinhua

**Fiorentina win sends Liverpool crashing out**

Florence, 25 Nov—Fiorentina beat Lyon 1-0 to book their place in the Champions League knockout stages with a game to spare and send 2005 winners Liverpool crashing out on Wednesday. Peru winger Juan Vargas scored the only goal of the game from the penalty spot as the Italians moved to the head of the table.

They now lead Group E with 12 points from Lyon on 10 and Liverpool on seven, but the English team cannot overtake their French rivals due to an inferior head-to-head record.

For Fiorentina’s French goalkeeper Sebastien Frey, whose two fine saves at the death helped the Italians hold on to victory, this was a handy reminder to those back in his homeland of what he is capable of.

“I am French but I’m just so happy about this qualification, we were so motivated today, this is huge emotion,” he said.

“We’ve grown, we’ve matured, we’ve changed a few players, however at home we’ve always managed to impose our game.”—Internet

**Barcelona duo Leo Messi and Zlatan Ibrahimovic set for 25 Nov—Barcelona duo Leo Messi and Zlatan Ibrahimovic set for a key match against Inter Milan.**

**Liverpool out of Champions League despite victory**

Budapest, 25 Nov—Liverpool’s miserable season continued as they were knocked out of the Champions League at the group stage despite a 1-0 victory over Debroeven at the Ferenc Puskas Stadium here on Tuesday.

The five-time champions needed to win to stand any chance of progressing from Group E but Fiorentina’s 1-0 victory at home to Lyon meant the Serie A side joined the French outfit in the knockout phase at Liverpool’s expense.

David Ngog gave Liverpool an early lead with a neat close-range finish but Liverpool laboured thereafter and struggled to inject any kind of energy into their play after news of Fiorentina’s goal filtered through.

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The victory at least secures a berth in the Europa League but it will be scant consolation for a side whose last group-stage exit came in 2002-03.—Internet

**Rangers’ Champions League hopes were extinguished for another season**

Glasgow, 25 Nov—Rangers’ Champions League hopes were extinguished for another season hereon Tuesday as they slumped to a 2-0 defeat at Stuttgart in a Group A match at the UEFA Champions League Group E football match at Artemio Franchi Stadium in Florence.—Internet

**Del Potro edges out Verdasco at ATP World Tour Finals**

London, 25 Nov—Reigning US Open champion Juan Martin del Potro overcame Spaniard Fernando Verdasco here on Tuesday to claim his first win at the ATP World Tour Finals.

Del Potro and Verdasco lost their respective first match in Group A and needed a win to keep alive hopes of entering the semifinals. The 21-year-old del Potro finally grabbed the 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(1) victory after nearly two and a half hours.

“I served much better than the other match, I was very focused in the important moments, especially in the tiebreak. And I take my opportunities,” said del Potro, who lost to local favourite Andy Murray last Sunday.—Internet
Liverpool assure Benitez his job is secure

LONDON, 25 Nov — Liverpool have assured Rafa Benitez that his job is secure despite the club joining the Champions League also-rans.

While the five-times kings of Europe switched their focus to winning the second-string Europa League, managing director Christian Purslow gave the Spaniard a vote of confidence.

“This has absolutely no bearing on Rafa whatsoever,” British newspapers quoted him as saying after the Premier League side beat Debrecen 1-0 in Hungary.

Purslow suggested the financial pain would be eased by a successful Europa League run — even if newspaper headlines derided the trip as a “booby prize.”

Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez looks on as Steven Gerrard walks off the field during their UEFA Champions League match against Debrecen at the Puskas stadium in Budapest on 24 November 2009. — Internet

The New Light of Myanmar

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Wednesday, 25th November, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) below November average temperatures in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mawgyaw and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) above November average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C), Loilin (3°C), M. Indat (7°C), M. Achanbaw, Pinlaung and Heho (8°C) each and Katha (9°C).

M. Maximum temperature on 24-11-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 25-11-2009 was 60°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M S T on 25-11-2009 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 24-11-2009 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-11-2009 was (NIL) at Mgladalon, at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (111.69) inches at Mingaladon, (122.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (129.41) inches at Central Yangon. M. Maximum wind speed at Y’angon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northeast at (08:30) hours M S T on 25-11-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26th November 2009:

Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-11-2009: Partly cloudy.

Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Bhamo developing along with peace and stability

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

While in Bhamo Township, we, news crew of Myanma Alin daily, with the help of Kachin State Peace and Development Council, had witnessed the township making progress in every aspect.

There are four districts in Kachin State, Myitkyina District, Putao District, Mohpyin District and Bhamo District. Bhamo District is sharing border with China in the east. Thus, Bhamo District is well-known as a gate for border trade between Myanmar and People’s Republic of China. Bhamo District lacked peace in the past. But after national reconsolidation, peace and stability has prevailed in the district and consequently, development can be seen here and there in Bhamo.

We, media crew of Myanma Alin daily, recently made a trip to Bhamo Township. We left Myitkyina in an express bus and reached Waingmaw Township which is seven miles from Myitkyina, through Bala Min Htin bridge. As roads are international standard ones, we reached Waingmaw in a short time. (See page 10)

Photo shows magnificent Bhamo University.