Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe visits local battalions in Mingaladon, Twantay Tsps, inspecting development of Twantay

YANGON, 23 Sept — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence on 21 September met officers at the local battalion in Shwenatha Village-tract of Pale Myothit in Mingaladon Township.

After inspecting the battalion, he gave necessary instructions to the officers. Next, he presented a TV set to family members of the battalion.

Yesterday morning, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials met officers at the office of local battalion in Twantay.

UEC Chairman meets district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe accompanied by UEC members U Win Kyi and U Myint Naing met members of district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions in Pakokku and Gangaw Districts of Magway Region and polling station officers at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku on 19 September and Chairman U Maung Maung Win of Magway Region subcommission and members, district/township/ward/village-tract subcommissions in Magway, Minbu and Thayet districts and polling stations officers at Town Hall in Magway on 20 September.

The UEC chairman elaborated work process of the commission at the meetings.

Road and Bridge Security and Rule Enforcement Board

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Behind the driving force for development of a nation is smooth transport. Only with secure and smooth transport will it be possible for a nation to boost its trade and improve the living conditions for its people.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction up to the end of March 2010 has built 36 roads stretching from south to north and 45 roads stretching from east to west, totaling 81 roads or 21,361 miles.

In addition, there have emerged many roads inclusive of roads linking one state or region with another, strategic roads, roads built by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, and roads built with the Build, Operate and Transfer (B.O.T) System under the agreements between national entrepreneurs and Public Works.

Records show that in 2009, those roads coped with 2,015,531 vehicles, 79,246 of which were light and heavy trucks.

When a truck is weighed with a weight bridge at a toll gate on Yangon-Bago-Mandalay Highway, it is found loaded with extra goods.
**Perspectives**

Friday, 24 September, 2010

Bridges—contributing factors to regional development

Increasing in the commodity flow between one region and another results in improvement of socio-economic status of people. This also led the people to reside in towns and villages located along the main roads. As a consequence, new roads and bridges are to be built for the convenience of people in doing their business.

More and more roads that play important role in undertaking regional development are under construction. Likewise, various sizes of bridges across rivers and creeks are also being built. As a result, the national brethren can enjoy fruits of better transport by overcoming natural barriers such as rivers, lakes and mountain ranges.

North Yama Creek Bridge located on Pathein-Monywa Road was inaugurated in Yimmabin Township of Sagaing Region on 18 September. The facility contributes to ensuring better transport for the people to be able to ply by car in a short time between Pathein and Monywa and uplifting socio-economic status of the people from Ayeawady, Bago, Magway and Sagaing Regions.

At the same time, Nankathu Creek Bridge on Hinthada-Myogwin-Kwinkauk Road was commissioned into service in Ingapu Township, Ayeawady Region, on 18 September. It is a two-way bridge with 500 feet long reinforced concrete floor, trusses and reinforced concrete bored piles. At present, the facility is vital for swift flow of local products.

The same day, a ceremony to inaugurate Pata Bridge as one more facility took place on Nabu-Yepu-Paingkyon Road in Kawakeirek Township, Kayin State. Due to opening the bridge, the local people are enjoying fruits of better transport and having the opportunity to extend economic, education and health tasks in their region.

Better transport contributes to smooth and speedy flow of commodities all the year round, creating good results for regional development and improvement of socio-economic status of the residents.

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**Commander on inspection tour of Hinthada District**

Nay Pyi Taw, 23 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win on 18 September viewed agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale by family members of the local battalion in Myanmar and met servicemen and family members at the hall.

On 19 September, the commander visited the local training depot in Kwin Kauk of Ingapu Township and met servicemen and family members.

He inspected progress of Pathein-Monywa Road.

On 20 September, the commander attended the opening of the Commander’s Shield Boxing Tournament at the gymnasium of the command headquarters.—MNA

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**EP-1 Minister receives Chinese guests**

Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min received Vice President Mdm Zhang Xiaolu and party of China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) at his office, here, this morning.

They focused on joint implementation of hydropower projects.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry. The Chinese guests were accompanied by Chief Engineer Mr Xia Zhong of CPI, General Manager Mr Li Guanghua and party of CPI Yunnan International Power Investment Co Ltd.

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**Talk on global supply chain on 2 Oct**

Yangon, 23 Sept—STI Education will soon hold a talk on Logistics and Supply Chain Management for staff and firms in cooperation with a well-known organization in Singapore.

Deputy Director Mr Jasni Hambali of Singapore Institute of Material Management will give talks on Supply Chain Maturity and Advanced Supply Chain Operation at Strand Hotel on 2 October. Anyone interested in the talks may register at STI Education, No. 377, Shwebontha Street (upper block), Pabedan Township and ward-4, room (7), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hlaine Campus, Hlaing Township and dial 250056, 700273, 507048 and 507152.—MNA

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**People’s Desire**

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy
Dead in Afghan chopper crash were all American

KABUL, 23 Sept—All nine troops killed in the worst helicopter crash for the coalition in Afghanistan in four years were Americans, the Pentagon has confirmed without providing further information on why the aircraft carrying Navy special forces went down.

NATO said there were no reports of enemy fire in a rugged area in the Daychopan district of Zabul province, where the crash took place on Tuesday. But Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmad told the Associated Press by telephone that insurgents shot down the helicopter.

The Taliban often exaggerate their claims and sometimes take credit for accidents.

The US Defence Department released the identities of the troops late Wednesday, saying four were with the Navy special forces — three of them Navy SEALs — and the rest were soldiers.

Fort Campbell spokesman Rick Rzepka said that the five soldiers were assigned to the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade.

Explosion wounds six in bazaar in E Afghan Province

KHOST, 23 Sept—Six people were injured after a powerful blast hit a bazaar in Khost Province in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, police said.

“The blast in a butcher shop that supplied meat to Afghan troops injured six civilians including the butcher,” a police officer told Xinhua.

Two shops were also destroyed in the blast, he said.

Police helicopter believed assigned to Obama makes emergency landing

NEW YORK, 23 Sept—A police helicopter apparently assigned to cover US President Barack Obama’s arrival in New York on his way to the United Nations Headquarters made an emergency landing on Wednesday in Jamaica Bay, adjacent to Kennedy International Airport.

All five officers on board escaped with one minor injury reported, New York Deputy Police Commissioner Paul Browne told Xinhua. The aircraft carried a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and two scuba divers.

“All got out,” he said, adding that it was an air-sea rescue helicopter which normally covers Jamaica Bay adjacent to Floyd Bennett Field, where the chopper is based, across the bay from Kennedy Airport.

Browne said police helicopters “typically provide security for the president and the UN General Assembly, but we do not comment about security operations.”

Six villagers killed in gunmen attack in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 23 Sept—Six persons were killed when unidentified gunmen attacked the family of a village official in Sulu, southern Philippines Wednesday night, local police said.

A group of gunmen assaulted the family of village councilor Karra Aruk in Patikul town, killing Aruk, his wife and four other relatives, Chief Superintendent Bienvinido Latag, regional police chief, said Thursday.

Several insurgents detained in Taleban hotbed

KABUL, 23 Sept—Afghan and NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) have detained several insurgents in Taleban hotbed Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan during operation on Wednesday, a statement of the alliance released here Thursday said.

“Afghan and coalition security forces detained several suspected insurgents in Helmand Province on Wednesday while in pursuit of a Taleban commander operating in Nawah-ye Barakzai District,” the statement said.

The commander is responsible for conducting Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack and kidnapping Afghan civilians, it stated.

However, it did not give the exact figure of the arrested militants and the name of the commander, adding the security forces detained suspected insurgents after initial questioning of the residents at the scene without harming women and children during the operation.

Taleban militants have yet to make comment.
Science

Regulators OK restart plan for Michigan pipeline

LANSING, 23 Sept—Federal regulators said Wednesday they have approved a plan to allow a pipeline that leaked at least 820,000 gallons of oil in southern Michigan this summer to gradually restart. Under the plan, the gradual restart of the Enbridge Inc. pipeline will be “tightly controlled and closely monitored,” the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said in a statement. It wasn’t immediately clear when service on the pipeline running from Griffith, Ind., to Sarnia, Ontario, might be restored.

Enbridge said now that the plan has been approved, it will seek the written approval that is required to resume service. Federal regulators also said they could stop the process at any time if needed on the pipeline that ruptured in late July, sending oil into the Kalamazoo River near Marshall, Mich. Cleanup and restoration efforts continue along the spill site.

An independent third party that reports to the federal pipeline safety agency will help monitor the restart. The Canadian company will have to make multiple repairs of defects on the pipeline within 180 days of a restart, and it will have one year to replace a section of dented pipeline running under the St Clair River.

“We will continue to closely monitor this situation to ensure that Enbridge lives up to its promises, they act upon every provision that is required under the restart plan and that they do so safely and on time,” US Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary John Porcari said in a statement.

Fears mount of massive Caribbean coral bleaching

MIAMI, 23 Sept—Above-average temperatures this year could spark massive coral bleaching in the Caribbean basin region, experts with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) warned Wednesday after a major study.

The review found that there is a high risk for bleaching damage to coral in the south and southeastern Caribbean. That could cause a repeat of damage done back in 2005 when 90 percent of coral in the area were damaged and 10 percent were destroyed.

“High temperatures cause corals to force out the symbiotic algae that provide them with food. This makes the corals appear white or bleached and can increase outbreaks of infectious disease,” said Mark Eakin, coordinator of NOAA’s Coral Reef Watch.

“Temperatures are high in the Caribbean, and we expect this to continue,” Eakin added, so “this season has the potential to be one of the worst bleaching seasons for some reefs.”

Beaching that goes on for even just a week can lead to the death of the coral, and to the loss of marine habitat, experts say.

Emma Hickerson, a sanctuary research coordinator, said that a NOAA survey cruise just returned from the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana.

Technology

Facebook working on creating two smartphone devices

BANGALORE, 23 Sept—Facebook is working with mobile phone maker INQ Mobile Ltd to create two smartphone devices that may have a network tie up with AT&T Inc, Bloomberg said, citing three people familiar with the matter.

The smartphones would carry the popular social networking website’s services and were set to be unveiled in Europe in the first half of 2011 and the United States in the second half of the year, the report said. Privately held Facebook said previously that it was not building its own phone. Jaime Schopflin, a spokesman for Facebook, said the company’s current projects included “deeper integrations with some manufacturers.”

AT&T, the No 2 US mobile provider, is still thinking about whether it should be the network carrier for the Facebook smartphone and has not yet made a deal, Bloomberg said.

Netflix launches streaming video into Canadian homes

CANADA, 23 Sept—Netflix is expanding its borders literally. The Internet movie subscription service just launched its service in Canada. This is the first time Netflix has offered streaming video outside the United States.

Netflix is getting off on the right foot in Canada. The company has new license agreements with leading motion-picture studios, including Lionsgate, MGM Studios, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Twentieth Century Fox, and Universal Pictures.

The monthly subscription is only $7.99 a month, a dollar less than its US service. Consumers can also download the iPhone app for mobile streaming of thousands of movies and TV episodes. Like the US subscription service, Canadian consumers will have unlimited viewing on demand.

Networking glitch stymies some Facebook users

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Sept—An outside technical problem on Wednesday left some Facebook users unable to connect with the cherished online social network, the company said.

“We are experiencing an issue with a third-party networking provider that is causing problems for some people trying to connect to Facebook,” the California firm said in an email response to an AFP inquiry.

“We are in contact with this provider in order to explore what can be done to resolve the issue. In the meantime, we are working on deploying changes to bypass the affected connections.”

The problem appeared to involve only a small portion of the social networks more than 500 million members.
Some families win under new health care provisions

In this 20 Sept, 2010 photo, Scott June, left, gets some encouragement from his girlfriend Carrie Altergott as he undergoes an occupational therapy session at Alexian Rehabilitation Hospital in Elk Grove Village, Ill. Janis had his insurance coverage canceled because of an omission on his insurance application following a 12 Nov, 2009 stroke.

Frivolous reasons when people get very sick.

The provisions will help the Cunninghams in Texas and the Morefields in central Illinois. But they come too late for the Janises in the Chicago suburbs. The three families shared their stories with The Associated Press.

Wednesday, 23 Sept—Botulinum toxin injections may temporarily relieve drooling in children with certain neurological conditions, a new European study has found. Depending on its severity, drooling can lead to stigmatization and social neglect, numerous daily clothing changes, skin irritation around the mouth, aspiration pneumonia and dehydration, Dr Arthur Scheffer of Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and colleagues noted in a news release about their study.

In the study, Scheffer’s team gave botulinum toxin injections to 131 children, average age 10.9 years, with cerebral palsy or other non-progressive neurological conditions, as well as moderate to severe drooling. The injections were confined to the submandibular glands, which are responsible for 70 percent of saliva production while a person is resting.

Over 50 people fall sick of chemical fumes in Bangladesh’s capital

Dhaka, 23 Sept—Over 50 persons, including children and women, fell sick inhaling chemical fumes on Wednesday in an industrial area in the Bangladesh capital Dhaka, police and hospital sources said.

Police in the police station in Tejgaon Industrial area told Xinhua by phone that the people fell sick inhaling fumes coming out from a dye-making factory in the industrial area as a six-story building houses of which the factory is on the ground floor and the residential arrangements in the upstairs.

The sick people were taken to the main state-owned hospital in the capital where doctors said the people were saved as they were promptly rushed to the hospital.

Doctors said conditions of several children were serious. Police, who visited the factory, said they did not find out the owner of the building.—Internet

Career may influence type of dementia

Boston, 23 Sept—A study of US, Canadian and European patients with a severe form of Alzheimer’s diseases suggests one’s career may influence the disease, researchers say.

The study — led by Baycrest’s Rotman Research Institute in collaboration with the Memory and Aging Center at the University of California, San Francisco, and several US and European clinical sites — was a multicenter review of brain imaging and occupation data from 588 patients diagnosed with frontotemporal lobar degeneration, or frontotemporal dementia.

Business

Eurozone industrial new orders drop by 2.4 percent in July

Brussels, 23 Sept—Industrial new orders in the euro zone dropped by 2.4 percent in July, compared with the previous month, the European Union (EU)’s statistics agency Eurostat said on Wednesday.

The index increased by 2.4 percent on monthly basis in June, according to revised figures.

In the 27-member EU, new orders decreased by 2.3 percent month on month in July after an increase of 2.5 percent in June, Eurostat said.

Among various industries, new orders for capital goods dropped by 5.1 percent in the euro zone and by 5.7 percent in the EU. Durable consumer goods decreased by 3.2 percent and 1.7 percent respectively. Intermediate goods fell by 0.1 percent in the euro zone, but grew by 0.5 percent in the EU. Non-durable consumer goods rose by 0.5 percent and 0.3 percent respectively.

Among the EU member states for which data were available, total manufacturing working on orders fell in fourteen, rose in seven and remained unchanged in Latvia on monthly basis. The largest decrease was recorded in Denmark, down by 22.1 percent, and the highest increase in Ireland, up by 7.4 percent.—Xinhua

FTSE 100 shares climb at open

London stocks climbed at the start of trade on Wednesday after the US Federal Reserve avoided pulling the trigger on fresh stimulus spending at a top-level policy meeting Tuesday.—Internet

London, 23 Sept—London stocks climbed at the start of trade on Wednesday after the US Federal Reserve avoided pulling the trigger on fresh stimulus spending at a top-level policy meeting Tuesday. The FTSE 100 index opened up 0.23 percent at 5,589.17 points.

The Fed left interest rates on hold and announced it would start buying $40 billion in mortgage-backed securities each month, while retaining its plans to keep interest rates low for an extended period.

The Fed's new stimulus spending at a top-level policy meeting Tuesday includes free beer samples in 6-ounce and 12-ounce portions with the aim of handing out 500,000 samples of Bud by mid-October.

On 29 Sept, the company is hosting a “Budweiser National Happy Hour,” with samples provided to pubs and restaurants. Anheuser-Busch is also working with Facebook to funnel freebies to participants on their 22nd birthdays. Brand marketing consultant Robert Passikoff said turning around Budweiser’s slide is an uphill battle.

“‘They’re in trouble because they don’t know how to talk to consumers. They no longer know how to create an emotional bond,’” he said.

But Anheuser-Busch President Dave Peacock said, “Consumers have a high awareness of the brand, but some haven’t come back,” he said.—Internet

Brewer tries Bud samples to punch up sales

St Louis, 23 Sept—Anheuser-Busch, is expected to announce it will give away free beer to lure customers back to its ailing Budweiser brand, USA reported Wednesday. Budweiser has slipped from No 16 in a national brand recognition poll in 2003 to No 220, the newspaper reported. Sales have also fallen, dropping 9 percent in 2009 and 2010.

The company’s latest marketing ploy includes free beer samples in 6-ounce and 12-ounce portions with the aim of handing out 500,000 samples of Bud by mid-October.

Visitors to the World Headquarters of Anheuser-Busch look at a display of beers the company makes at the St Louis based brewery on 14 July, 2008. Belgian-Brazilian brewer InBev has purchased St Louis based Anheuser-Busch in a $52 billion takeover creating the world’s largest brewer in St Louis on 14 July, 2008. The takeover from InBev began in May and concluded on 13 July, 2008, after the Anheuser-Busch board of directors agreed on a $70 a share in cash. The new company will have net sales of $36 billion a year, offering consumers about 300 brands. InBev chief executive Carlos Brito, 48, is known for cutting costs, and will head the new company, called Anheuser-Busch InBev.—Internet
Holiday brings 480,000 to Shanghai Expo

Visitors celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, or the 15th day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar, at the Coca-Cola Pavilion yesterday. The pavilion spread the holiday spirit by distributing red lanterns with calligraphy works.

INTERNET

BEIJING, 23 Sept—More than 480,000 people visited the Expo site yesterday on the Mid-Autumn Festival, surprising some foreigners who assumed few Chinese visitors would come on the nation’s traditional family-unison day.

Francis Briano from France said he could hardly feel the festival atmosphere amid the crowds of visitors.

Visitors had to wait more than 30 minutes to get onto the cross-river buses that shuttle between the Pudong and Puxi Expo sites yesterday afternoon.

Queues on the terminus station on the Puxi side extended for nearly 50 metres.

Briano said he especially chose to visit the Expo on the festival day because he thought Chinese visitors would stay at home with relatives. He was astonished that the site was filled with people.

Xiao Liping from Shanghai took her two German friends to the site and planned to take them to the China Pavilion and China’s Joint Provincial Pavilion to give friends to the site and planned to take them to the China Pavilion and China’s Joint Provincial Pavilion to give

but she had to change the plan because the waiting lines were too long.

People had to wait for more than six hours for the Oil Pavilion in Puxi, the longest at the site yesterday, followed by the Saudi Arabia, Japan and Germany pavilions, which needed more than four hours.

One of Xiao’s guests, Thomas Bock, said the one good thing about visiting yesterday was the suddenly cooler weather.

Xinhua

Eight Mexican policemen sentenced to jail

MEXICO CITY, 23 Sept—Eight Mexican policemen were sentenced to prison for their ties to criminal gangs, authorities said Wednesday.

The eight policemen, from Tierra Blanca municipality of Veracruz state, were convicted of crimes related to the gang “Los Zetas,” including illegal confinement and organized crimes, the Assistant Prosecutor’s Office for Specialized Investigation into Organized Crime (SIEDO) said.

According to the SIEDO, these policemen were accused by some illegal Central American immigrants of committing crimes involving kidnapping and illegal confinement.

Thousands of illegal Central and South American immigrants travel through Mexico toward the US border, but frequently fall victim to robbery, rape, kidnapping and blackmail.

Xinhua

Millions download freshly-launched Internet Explorer 9

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Sept—Millions of people have downloaded Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) since Microsoft released the test version of its next-generation Web browser a week ago.

“The initial reaction has been pretty overwhelming, and we are very humbled by the response our customers have had,” Roger Capirotti of the Windows team at Microsoft said in a blog post.

More than two million people around the world downloaded the beta IE9 during the two days following its release on 15 September, according to Capirotti.

Microsoft’s lean, muscular new Internet Explorer browser was crafted to spotlight slick websites and beat back competition from Firefox and Google in the Web browser arena. IE9 taps into more of the processing power in computers, especially the capabilities of graphics chips that excel at seamlessly rendering videos or videogame action.

A typical beta period for stable browser software would be three months, but Microsoft might wait until after the year-end holiday season to make a final version of IE9 available worldwide.

Microsoft doesn’t charge separately for IE and the browser is included with Windows software.—INTERNET

Apple to double stores

BEIJING, 23 Sept—Apple Inc will open the store on Saturday when the company will start to sell the iPhone 4 on the Chinese mainland.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 23 Sept—Apple Inc will double its store numbers on the Chinese mainland when it opens two stores in Beijing and Shanghai on Saturday.

The opening of the two new stores is part of Apple’s strategy to open 25 stores in China “as soon as possible,” said Ron Johnson, Apple’s senior vice president of retail. The firm also plans another store in Hong Kong.

On Saturday the United States-based firm will start to sell the long-awaited iPhone 4 in the four Apple Stores, including the new one on Shanghai’s Huaihai Road near Xintiandi, starting from 4,999 yuan (US$735) for the 16 gigabyte model and 5,999 yuan for the 32 GB model, without a contract.

Apple will also launch the new iPod Nano and iPod Shuffle next week and the new iPod Touch next month in China, the world’s biggest mobile phone market, Johnson said.

“We need great big stores here to meet consumer demand. Our Pudong store, opened in July, is one of the busiest Apple retail stores in the world now,” Johnson said during a media tour to the Huaihai Road store located in Hong Kong Plaza yesterday.


Xinhua

Major powers offer new chance for Iran talks

BEIJING, 23 Sept — The five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany have offered Iran another chance to enter negotiations over its controversial nuclear programme.

European Union Foreign Policy Chief Catherine Ashton hosted the meeting of the foreign ministers in New York.

Officials from the six say there have been attempts to contact Iran about a possible future meeting. They urged Iran to come to the table for a new round of talks.

They say it remains essential for Iran to prove its nuclear programme is peaceful. But, Iran adamantly denies accusations, that it seeks atomic arms and has defied several rounds of increasingly restrictive economic sanctions.

The United States, has repeatedly said it hopes for a full engagement with Iran, on the broad scope of its nuclear program.

It says any potential fuel-swap deal would be just ONE part of the discussion.

Xinhua

The United Nations Wednesday launched the “year of the bat,” hoping a bit of positive publicity can foster better understanding of the role the mammals play in pollination and dispersal of seeds.

INTERNET

Xinhua
The expenditure on use of vehicles is the largest part in the funds for transportation in Myanmar. Therefore, the nation can reduce funds on the transport sector, commodity prices and traveling expense if expenditure on use of vehicles is reduced. The expenditure on use of vehicles rests on how smooth transport facilities are good and how short goods and passengers can be transported to destinations.

Today, every country takes care of the fact that roads meet standards. And they coordinate with related organizations to promulgate necessary traffic rules in order to reduce pressure of vehicles on roads. On their part, vehicles producers seek better designs to increase the number of axles of a vehicle from two to six in order to reduce and spread the pressure of each vehicle.

The ASSHTO Road Test conducted in 1962 discovered the relation between axle load of a vehicle and the volume of damage to roads. Previously, designs of roads were based on the number of vehicles, each of whose wheels weighed 5000 pounds, and the lifespan of a road in measuring the pressure of a vehicle. Now, road designs are based on standard axle load of 18,000 pounds with Damaging Factor from ASSHTO Road (U.S.).

Damaging Factor shows how many times the Standard Axle of a vehicle can damage a road.

\[ \text{Damaging Factor} = \frac{\text{Load of a vehicle axle}}{\text{Standard Axle Load (18,000 lbs)}} \]

In the international community, there is no restriction on size of a truck. Many countries designate the axle load of a vehicle based on the brand of the truck and the number of axles.

### Road and Bridge Security and Rule Enforcement Board

The Road and Bridge Security and Rule Enforcement Board is inspecting overweight trucks.

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In Myanmar, trucks are overloaded with goods, and so axle loads are even higher than international axle load.

With the aim of maintaining roads and bridges, Public Works under the Ministry of Construction formed seven Road and Bridge Security and Rule Enforcement Boards. And the programme to inspect axle loads of trucks and give educative talks in July 2010. With axle load weighing machines, overloaded trucks are being checked at Nay Pyi Taw (Bawdimyaing) Toll Gate on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay; Kyaukse (Simgaing) Toll Gate on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay Road; Bago Toll Gate on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay Road;...
Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe visits local…

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The road will link Myagoe Village on the opposite to Twantay of Yangon South District and Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region.

In meeting with departmental officials and local people at the office of the Township PDC, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe heard reports on progress of the region presented by officials. He attended to the needs and cordially greeted the departmental personnel and local people.

At Twantay Township People’s Hospital, he presented foodstuff to the patients and comforted them. Next, he looked into free supply of drinking water to the local people by Township Health Committee. After paying homage to Shwesandaw Pagoda in Twantay, he donated cash to the funds for all-round renovation of the pagoda. Afterwards, he viewed progress of the region by car.

Later, he inspected progress in construction of earthen Hlinethaya-Twantay-Maubin short-cut being undertaken by Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and fulfilled the requirements.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence looks into construction of Hlinethaya-Twantay-Maubin Road.—MNA

Electoral process course opens in Bawlake Tsp

Nav Pyi Taw, 23 Sept—The opening of electoral process course for polling station officers and deputy polling station officers, jointly organized by Bawlake District Subcommission of Kayah State and Township Sub-commission, was held at the office of General Administration Department in Ywathit, Bawlake Township on 18 September.

Road and Bridge Security and Rule... (from page 7)

Phayagyi Toll Gate on Phayagyi-Kyakto-Myeik Road; Taikkyi Toll Gate on Yangon-Pyay-Magway Road; Aung Zeya Toll Gate on Yangon-Pathein Road; and Bo Myat Tun Toll Gate on Yangon-Pathein Road. A team led by Staff Office U Aung Aung of the Road and Bridge Security and Rule Enforcement Board (7) of Public Works visited the toll gate of Max Myanmar Co near Bago Degree College on Yangon-Bago-Mandalay Road in Bago Township.

The team inspected 675 trucks at the toll gate. The team explained that on average, the lifespan of a tarred road was 10 years, but trucks were loaded with extra goods and roads met premature damage in consequence, thus charging extra expenses on maintenance of roads; and that those who would face evil consequences most if conditions of roads were deteriorating were none other than owners, drivers and truck conductors.

It continued that according to the findings, the axle load was much higher than ASEAN standard axle load; that every truck should carry goods with loads designated according to the number of axles to avoid damage to roads; that according to 1989 Vehicle Bylaw, designated tonnage was the total weight of a vehicle and total weight of goods on it; that if a truck was found loaded with over weight, the owner had to undertake the programme to unload extra goods and spend the expenses on the unloading of extra goods; that many trucks were reinforced by replacing engines, frames, tyres, bodies and leaf-springs with stronger ones to be able to carry extra goods; that in principle, a 10-wheeler truck with three axles had to weigh 10 tons, but it was found to weigh 14 tons; that according to ASEAN standard axle load, that truck could be loaded with seven-ton goods; that in the near future, ASEAN countries would transport goods directly from one country to another, and if a truck was founded not constituent with ASEAN standards, it would not be permitted to run through other countries; that then, the owner would face loss and, the driver and truck conductor would lose their posts; that therefore, the Ministry of Construction was undertaking the plan for long-term interest; and that it would be much late if the programme was put into practice by then.

It said that according to ASEAN standards, capacity of roads was 38; and that however roads in Myanmar were designed to withstand 40 to 60 tons, thus calling for extra expenditures on roads;

In conclusion, the team said that if trucks met axle loads, it would be beneficial.

In response, drivers, owners and those in charge of the toll gate said that drivers had to take greater care in driving and it was more risky when it rained because trucks were loaded with extra goods; that it was very exhaustible if the road was in bad condition; that previously, they put all the blame on Public Works when they found roads were not in good conditions; that only then would they realize the link between number of axles and damage to roads; that other owners needed to be aware of the fact; and that they would share their knowledge with other owners and drivers.

The drive is intended to encourage owners, drivers and truck conductors using highways linking one state or region with another understand that toll gate owner companies building roads with BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) system will implement the the system that the axle load of 10 tons (ASEAN Standard), and to honour the ASEAN Standard.

Although the Ministry of Construction is striving for ensuring durability of roads and bridges, some truck owners are misleading the people into thinking of higher commodity prices due to the project.

In this regard, if an owner wants to carry 36 tons of loads instead of 21 tons of loads, what he just needs is to use a truck with five axles.

The prudent drive is to serve the long-term interests of the people. Therefore, truck owners, drivers and conductors are urged to abide the regulations and extend a helping hand to the drive.

Translation: MS

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**Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Volleyball Tournament concludes**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 23 Sept—**A ceremony to award the winning teams in the Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Volleyball Tournament was held at Flying Training Base in Meiktila on 17 September morning. Among the spectators were the commander of Flying Training Base, the commander of Ground Training Base and officials. At the prize presentation ceremony, the squadron leader of Flying Training Base presented prizes to players from the second prize winning team. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the commander of Flying Training Base awarded the first prize and championship shield to the winning team. MNA

**Cricket refresher course (level-0) for basic education teachers opens**

**Yangon, 23 Sept —**Jointly conducted by Myanmar Cricket Federation and No.3 Basic Education Department, the cricket refresher course (level-0) for basic education teachers was opened at the Office of MCF at Aung San Stadium here this morning.

It was attended by coaches of Asian Cricket Council, executive members and coaches of the MCF and teachers from No.3 Basic Education Department.

Vice President U Than Win of MCF made a speech and the general-secretary left necessary instructions. MNA

**Kayah State sees advanced…**

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The State Manager explained, “The TMX 10 exchange was inaugurated in Loikaw with the installation of 650 telephone lines through trunk call carrier system on 2 August 1986. Due to more installation of Japan-made NEC type machine in April 1997, the Loikaw-Mandalay microwave link was opened, and then Loikaw-Dimawhso digital microwave link could be extended. By upgrading the system in August 2009, the state has been facilitated with 1880 telephone lines.”

Dimawhso township started to use 500-line KY1000xM exchange on 1 January 2010. The township links with Loikaw Auto exchange through Dimawhso-Loikaw microwave link for trunk call facility.

A total of 44 PCOs have been opened in the whole state. The State Manager explained that Internet cafés have been permitted in the state. The ADSL system has been upgraded from 24 lines in July 2007 to 48 lines to date.

Semi-auto exchanges have been opened in Pruhso Township with 500 lines, Bawlukhe Township with 500 lines, Pasawng Township with 150 lines, and Shadaw Township with 100 lines. In addition, eight MPT Satellite Terminal lines have been linked in those townships and 32 lines in entire Kayah State. A mobile communication Loikaw was installed with 1800-line GSM radio station on 7-2-2008. A plan is under way to implement CDMA 850 MHz system in the near future.

Today is the age of Information Technology. Communication technology is advancing with momentum. Myanmar keeps herself abreast with global countries in the communication sector. Likewise, Kayah State is enjoying the fruits of modern communication facility linking various regions across the nation as well as many countries throughout the world.

Translation: TTA

**Concordia to sell Discovery Brand Digital Balances**

**Yangon, 23 Sept—**Concordia Int’l Co Ltd will sell Discovery Brand Digital Balance DI-1505 Model and DF-601 Model at special price at the Electronics & Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 24 to 27 September.

Discovery Brand Digital (DI-1505) Model is a platform scale digital balance and it is portable equipment that can scale from 100 gm to 150 gm weight. DF-601 Model can scale 20 gm to 60 gram weight.

Concordia opens service centres and gives one year guarantee to the customers.

For detail information, contact Concordia Co Ltd, 3rd and 4th floors (Shwegon Plaza), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Tel: 951-544824 and 540026, Fax: 544199, hot line 01-73009223; No. 5 on the ground floor, SY building on 30th Street between 77th and 78th streets, Chanayethazan Township, Tel: 02-36478, 69303 and 0950-67172; hot line 02-91991965; and No. 144, Thiri Yadana Modern Market in Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 067-420819 and 421362, hot line 0949200951.—MNA

MRTV-4 (Free to Air) channel for residents in Mandalay and surrounding areas through VHF antenna

**Nav Pyi Taw, 23 Sept—**The Myanmar Radio and Television of the Ministry of Information has changed transmission of MRTV-4 (Free to Air) channel from the old one to VHF Channel (4) in Mandalay and its surrounding areas for public convenience.

Due to upgrading transmission capacity from 1kW (UHF) to 4kW (VHF), the receiving areas are wider and easier.

Beginning 24 September, local people in Mandalay and its surrounding areas can clearly receive MRTV-4 (Free to Air) channel similar to that of MRTV and MWD channels through VHF TV antenna. —MNA

**Local people using telephones at PCO.**
Moscow hosts int’l forum on Arctic

MOSCOW, 23 Sept—An international forum to explore issues facing the Arctic region is being held in Moscow, Russia.

“The International Arctic Forum in Russia will allow us to stimulate domestic dialogue on the issues concerning the situation in the Arctic region, and to present the world community with a picture of the region’s future as it is seen by Russian experts,” said government representative.

More than 300 world’s leaders and researchers are gathered here to discuss issues facing the Arctic, including climate change, resource exploration and stable development of the region.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is expected to attend the two-day forum.—Xinhua

Chinese army helicopters arrive in Pakistan for flood relief

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Trapped miners will be out by November

BEIJING, 23 Sept—The thirty-three miners trapped deep underground in Chile will be out by early November according to the head of rescue operations.

Engineers, are successively boring wider holes, to reach the miners in a tunnel 700 metres below. The miners were trapped, after a cave-in and weren’t found till seventeen days later.

They’ve been sent high-energy foods to boost their strength, and are now in good health.

Original estimates, said the men would be underground until Christmas, but rescue chief Andre Sougarret says the rapid progress in hole drilling, has allowed officials to move that date forward.

Andre Sougarret, Rescue Chief, said, “Today we have completed one month of work. We’ve done a series of projects that can change the first predictions of three to four months, which would have been between November 22nd and December 22nd. We are still thinking about the first days of November as a date we can indicate with some certainty that we will have the miners out.”—Xinhua

Fire engulfs textile mill in central Mumbai

MUMBAI, 23 Sept—Mumbai’s busy central area came to a standstill following a fire which broke out in a textile mill Thursday, a senior police official said.

“Though there have been no reports of immediate casualties or damages, at least 10 fire engines have been pressed into service to bring the fire under control. The fire broke out at Ruby textile mill in Dadar and then engulfed portions of the factory soon,” he said.

A probe has been ordered into the incident to ascertain the cause of fire, the official added.

Nevada governor hurt in fall from horse at ranch

RENO, 23 Sept—A spokesman for Nevada Gov Jim Gibbons says the Republican was thrown from a horse at a ranch and was taken by ambulance to a Reno medical centre.

Daniel Burns, the governor’s press secretary, told the Reno Gazette-Journal late Tuesday that the extent of Gibbons’ injuries wasn’t clear. But he says the 65-year-old was moving his arms and legs and was coherent and alert.

Burns says Gibbons was helping break a young horse at a ranch north of Pyramid Lake in northern Nevada when the horse threw him at about 4:30 pm Tuesday. The governor was given pain medication and was expected to be hospitalized overnight.

Gibbons was elected governor in 2006. He was defeated by fellow Republican Brian Sandoval in the June GOP primary.

Northern Mexico put under storm alert

MEXICO CITY, 23 Sept—Northern Mexican states of Sonora, Sinaloa and Baja California Sur were put under alert of heavy rains on Wednesday due to Tropical Storm Georgette. The storm, which formed Tuesday, passed over the Baja California Peninsula and is now crossing the Gulf of California, according to the state-run National Meteorology Service (SMN).

It was expected to move landfall later Wednesday, and would lead to a moderate danger, with sustained winds of 55 kph and gusts up to 75 kph, the SMN said in the alert.

Chiuhuahua, which neighbors Sonora and Sinaloa to the east, could also experience unusual rains on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Flood threat looms large over Indian capital

NEW DELHI, 23 Sept—The threat of an impending flood loomed large over the Indian capital Thursday, after the city’s main river Yamuna has crossed two meters above the danger level mark of 207 metres for the first time in three decades. “Several low-lying areas are already submerged. The water level is expected to go up further by the afternoon, particularly after the neighboring state of Haryana released 750,000 cusec of water into the river,” a senior government official said.

However, all contingent arrangements have been made to deal with the situation in case of floods in the national capital which has been witnessing prolonged monsoon this year. Meanwhile, the Indian Railways has cancelled 22 trains in view of the closure of the old Yamuna bridge and announced diversion of 65 other trains.

The National Highway, which connects the city with Lucknow, the state capital of neighboring Uttar Pradesh, and Bareilly-Badaun road in the state also remained closed due to flood.—Xinhua
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANGMUNNAK VOY NO (141)
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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EU to launch info web portals on medicines

Brussels, 23 Sept—The European Parliament has launched pharmaco-vigilance web portals which offer information on medicinal products and their potential side effects. The portals will allow patients to be better informed of the use of medicinal products and to report any suspected adverse effects directly to national authorities, the parliament said in a statement.

Medicinal products subject to additional monitoring after being placed on the market will be identified with a black symbol and listed on the portals. “With a pool of 500 million people, it is much easier and quicker to obtain feedback on medication problems than by monitoring after being identified with a black symbol,” said Linda McAvan, a European parliamentarian.

Researchers trace malaria in humans to one infected gorilla

Los Angeles, 23 Sept—US researchers have found that most malaria infections in humans might be traced to one infected gorilla. Researchers at the University of Alabama, Birmingham based their finding on a genetic analysis of the parasites that cause malaria found in primates which could create an evolutionary family tree for the disease. The parasite most closely related to human malaria came from gorillas, and may have made the leap from animal to human host in a single mosquito bite, according to the study published in the September issue of the journal Nature.

Five types of malaria parasites infect humans, but the most common (and most deadly worldwide) is Plasmodium falciparum. Like all Plasmodium parasites, P. falciparum, as it is called, is carried from host to host by mosquitoes. When the mosquito bites someone, the parasite infects the person’s red blood cells, causing fatigue, fever and vomiting. Untreated, the infection is fatal.—Internet

Tour driver smoked pot days before crash

Salt Lake City, 23 Sept—A tour bus driver smoked marijuana heavily for several days before falling asleep at the wheel and crashing in Utah, killing three Japanese tourists and injuring 11 other passengers, according to an arrest report released on Wednesday.

Yasuishi Mikuni, 26, was charged with 10 felony counts of negligence driving under the influence and one misdemeanor charge of having marijuana residue in his system. Mikuni also faces misdemeanor logbook violation and unsafe lane-change charges in the rollover bus crash on 9 August on Interstate 15 near Cedar City. Mikuni is a Japanese citizen who lived in Las Vegas. He flew to Salt Lake City and drove the bus to Las Vegas before setting out the next day for a tour of national parks — with seven hours sleep, nicotine gum and energy drinks, the Utah Highway Patrol said. “The main reason we feel this accident happened was that he was driving too many hours and didn’t have enough sleep the night before,” Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Ryan Bauer told reporters in a teleconference call Wednesday from Cedar City.—Internet

Participants take part in the Fire Dragon Dance to celebrate Mid-Autumn festival in Hong Kong, south China, on 22 Sept, 2010. Fire dragon dance is a traditional custom on the Mid-Autumn Festival in Hong Kong with a history of some 100 years.— Xinhua

Titanic sunk by steering mistake, author says

London, 23 Sept—The Titanic hit an iceberg in 1912 because of a basic steering error, and only survived because an official persuaded the captain to continue sailing, an author said in an interview published on Wednesday.

Louise Patten, a writer and granddaughter of Titanic second officer Charles Lightoller, said the truth about what happened nearly 100 years ago had been hidden for fear of tarnishing the reputation of her grandfather, who later became a war hero.

Lightoller, the most senior officer to have survived the disaster, covered up the error in two inquiries on both sides of the Atlantic because he was worried it would bankrupt the ill-fated liner’s owners and put his colleagues out of a job. “They could easily have avoided the iceberg if it wasn’t for the blunder,” Patten told the Daily Telegraph.—Internet

MEMORIAM
In memory of our beloved daughter and sister Khin Aye Thet, who passed away in 1970 and would have been 60 years old on September 24th, 2010. Gone but never forgotten by her loving Parents Kyaw Thet (deceased) and Khin Khin Gyi, her siblings, Lynn Maung, Khin Nyo Thet & Lyn Aung Thet, brother-in-law Lynn Swe Aye, sister-in-law Khin Mae Hla, cousins, Tin Ohnmar Tun, and many dear friends around the world.

Internet

The RMS Titanic in what is thought to be the last known image of the ship as she sets sail from Queenstown for New York.— Internet
Man’s stolen guitar shows up on eBay eight years later

The owner of a vintage Gibson Les Paul Special stolen eight years ago has found the guitar after it finally resurfaced on eBay.

Doug Duncan never gave up looking for the 1957 guitar after it was stolen in rural Minnesota. The 57-year-old musician had years ago signed up to get e-mail notifications from the auction site whenever similar guitars went on sale. The site sent him an alert last month saying a similar guitar had been listed by a seller in Mill Valley, Calif. Duncan realized from the serial number that it was his guitar. Even the duct tape he’d put on the case was still there. Investigators reached the seller, who was a collector with no idea it was stolen.

Duncan hopes the person who sold the guitar to the collector can be identified so he can also recover his childhood guitar stolen along with the Les Paul.

Demi Moore suing Australian magazine over photos

SYDNEY, 23 Sept—A legal battle between actress Demi Moore and an Australian magazine over photos it published of a private post-Oscars party thrown by the star of a private post-Oscars party is set to throw the star’s name in the spotlight.

Moore is suing Pacific Magazines, the publisher of New Idea, for printing pictures taken at a 2008 party that show herself, her daughter Rumer Willis, and other stars.

Moore lodged a claim in 2008 stating she made an agreement with an event organizer that gave her copyright of the photos. She is seeking unspecified damages. Her attorneys declined to comment or confirm media reports she plans to testify. Pacific Magazines also declined to comment. The Melbourne Federal Court confirmed Wednesday that the trial begins Monday.

A soft felt hat of Michael Jackson is displayed at the Hollywood Legends Exhibition in Ponte 16 resort hotel in Macao, south China, on 21 Sept, 2010. Hollywood Legends Exhibition will open to public in Macao on 22 Sept to 8 Oct. Xinhua

Pa woman chases away armed robbers with broom

Police said two armed men broke into a home, tied up one man and robbed another, then were chased away by the woman of the house who was armed only with a broom. Police Capt. Stephen Fox said the men broke a window to get inside the home of a family that runs a city convenience store. He said a 49-year-old male resident went downstairs to investigate and was tied up, then his 80-year-old father came downstairs and was robbed of $50 at gunpoint.

Fox said the robbers started to go upstairs and were confronted by the 43-year-old woman of the house, who chased them out with a broom. The robbers remain at large. The 49-year-old man broke an ankle trying to escape.

A man hangs up a bird during a bird-singing contest in the southern That province of Narathiwat on 21 Sept, 2010. Thousands of bird owners from Thailand and neighbouring Malaysia take part in the bird-singing contest.

A model presents a creation during a leather and fur fashion show held on the opening ceremony of the 17th China Leather Expo in Haining, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 29 Sept, 2010.—Xinhua

Rock Hall celebrates John Lennon’s birthday

CLEVELAND, 23 Sept—the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is celebrating what would have been John Lennon’s 70th birthday with a weekend-long homage to the Beatles.

The Rock Hall, in Cleveland, will honour Lennon’s life in a series of events from Oct through the end of Oct. The events will include the dedication of a time capsule containing Lennon’s post-Beatles recordings and fan contributions, special tours of the Beatles exhibit, and film reel highlights from the Beatles’ and Lennon’s inductions into the Hall of Fame. Throughout the weekend, fans will be invited to sign a large birthday card expressing their wishes for the world.—Internet

Oprah Winfrey speaks up on ‘Sesame’ season opener

NEW YORK, 23 Sept—Oprah Winfrey will be sounding off when she lends her famous voice to the season opener of “Sesame Street.”

Sesame Workshop has announced that Winfrey will voice an animated segment called “The O Show.” In the spoof, the letter O will host her own talk show with guests including Otto the orangutan and Ophelia the Octopus.

“Sesame Street” debuts its 41st season on Sept. 27 on PBS.

Other celebrities taking part during the

A model presents a creation from the Burberry Prorsum 2011 Spring/Summer collection at London Fashion Week on 21 September, 2010. Xinhua

A model at the premiere of “Valentine’s Day” at the Grauman’s Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 8 February, 2010. Internet

Demi Moore waves at the premiere of “Valentine’s Day” at the Grauman’s Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 8 February, 2010. Internet

Prosecutors in Washington state say an 18-year-old woman stabbed a 19-year-old man for teasing her that her feet smelled. The Herald of Everett reported the man was found by police with a steak knife sticking out of his back, buried a few inches in. His lung had collapsed. Officials said he’ll recover.

Charging papers said trouble started when Dallas Amber Smith was drinking and hanging out with friends and was challenged to do a back flip. When she took off her shoes to do the back flip, the teasing started. Smith had no criminal history. She faces charges of second-degree assault with a deadly weapon. Smith’s attorney, Dave Allen of Seattle, declined to comment on the case Friday, saying he’d do that in court.

A man urinates on police sation, walks in

Authorities said a man urinated on the side of the Royal Oak police station, and then walked inside one afternoon last week. Lt. Gordon Young told the Detroit Free Press that “after urinating, the suspect entered the station in an attempt to file a police report on an undisclosed matter.”

That’s when witnesses informed the police at the front desk of the man’s activities while outside.

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**Villa the hero as Barca go third in Spanish league**

**Madrid, 23 Sept —** Spain World Cup star David Villa scored a 49th minute winner as Barcelona beat Sporting Gijon 1-0 on Wednesday to record their first league win of the season at the Camp Nou. Villa, 28, began his career at hometown club Gijon in 1999 and, in the absence of the injured Lionel Messi, struck a timely first goal at home for Barcelona following his 40-million-euro summer move from Valencia.

It was Barcelona’s first home goal of the league campaign and allowed the champions to climb to third on nine points, one point behind leaders Mainz after a comprehensive win which saw them 2-0 ahead at half-time thanks to goals from Lucas Barrios and Kevin Grosskreutz. Defender Mats Hummels scored with a header on 65 minutes before Poland striker Robert Lewandowski hit the fourth on 75 minutes and Barrios scored his second in the dying moments.

“Of course we miss (Lionel) Messi but we have a great squad and we can go on without him,” said Villa. **Internet**

**Dortmund go second, Schalke pick up first win**

**Borlin, 23 Sept —** Dortmund moved up to second in the German Bundesliga Wednesday with a 5-0 hammering of Kaiserslautern while bottom side Schalke 04 ended their points famine with a 2-1 victory at Freiburg.

Dortmund are three points behind leaders Mainz after a comprehensive win which saw them 2-0 ahead at half-time thanks to goals from Lucas Barrios and Kevin Grosskreutz. Defender Mats Hummels scored with a header on 65 minutes before Poland striker Robert Lewandowski hit the fourth on 75 minutes and Barrios scored his second in the dying moments.

“Having beaten neighbours Schalke in Sunday’s Ruhr Valley derby, Jurgen Klopp-coached Dort-

mum now have 12points. “If some-

one had told me at the start of the season we would have 12 points at

this stage in the season, I would have

taken that,” said Klopp. “These wins have come on the back of hard work, but now we have to worry about a tough trip to St Pauli on Saturday.” **Internet**

**Safina stays as Ivanovic bundled out in Korea tennis**

**Seoul, 23 Sept —** Former world number one Ana Ivanovic was bundled out of the WTA Korea Open on Wednesday after her slide down the rankings, blew a one set lead against Russia’s Vera Dushevina to crash out in the first round 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 at the rain-hit tournament.

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coming Romania’s Simona Halep 6-4, 6-4. **Internet**

**FC Dallas ties Revolution 2-2, extends streak**

**Frisco, 23 Sept —** Jeff Cunningham scored in the final minute of stoppage time Wednesday night to give FC Dallas a 2-2 tie with the New England Revolution, extending its club-record unbeaten streak to 16 games.

FC Dallas (10-2-13) scored twice in the final 10 minutes and has eight wins and eight ties during the streak, which is two shy of the MLS season record set by the Columbus Crew in 2004.

David Ferreira’s penalty kick in the 80th minute pulled FC Dallas within 2-1. Ferreira assisted on Cunningham’s tying goal. Shalrie Joseph put New England ahead 2-0 in the 66th minute with a shot from the area.

The win gave the Camp Nou public something to cheer, after watching their side lose 2-0 to promoted Hercules in 1999 and, in the absence of the injured Lionel Messi, struck a timely first goal at home for Barcelona following his 40-million-euro summer move from Valencia.

FC Dallas forward David Villa (R) vies with Sporting Gijon’s defender Alberto Botia (L) during their Spanish League football match Barcelona against Sporting Gijon at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. **INTERNET**

**Liverpool stunned by spot-on freekick from Northampton in League Cup**

**London, 23 Sept —** Liverpool were sent crashing out of the League Cup by lowly Northampton on Wednesday as Chelsea and Manchester City tumbled out on a night of upsets.

The shock of the third round came at Anfield, where a virtual reserve Liverpool team were beaten 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out by Northampton, languishing near the bottom of the fourth tier of English football.

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**England to stick with Commonwealth Games plans**

**London, 23 Sept —** England are set to send their first group of athletes to the Commonwealth Games in India on Thursday despite concerns over safety and fa-

cilities.

The build-up to the 3-14 October showpiece has been marred by con-

cerns over conditions in the athletes’ village, stadium safety and security. England are among a number of countries seeking assurances from organisers before fully committing athletes.

But England chairman Sir Andrew Foster said the team were “intent on go-

ing”. A statement from the England team read: “Our team in Delhi continues to prepare for the arrival of the first 22 athletes who leave on Thursday.

“Commonwealth Games England (CGE) continues to believe that the situation in Delhi is serious and we are monitoring this con-

stantly with our chef de mission and our team in Delhi.” **Internet**

**In this file photo, North Carolina’s Deunta Williams (27) fences off Boston College’s Montel Harris after an interception during an NCAA college football game in Boston.** **INTERNET**
Mr. Eric Gregory de Souza  
B.Sc., (Engg.)  
86 Years  
Beloved husband of Mercy de Souza; father of Dean de Souza @ U Kyaw Zin Latt; brother of Mr. C. X de Souza (deceased); Mrs. Lillian (deceased); Ms. Dorothy (deceased); Mrs. Patricia (London); Dr. Reggie (deceased); was called to his heavenly home at 4:20 pm on 23rd September 2010 at Yangon General Hospital.  
Funeral service will be held on Saturday (25th September, 2010) at 11:00 am at St. John’s Cantonment Church, corner of Shwedagon Pagoda Road and thence the cortege will leave for the Yay Way Christian Cemetery.

**Tobacco Kills**

Mr. Eric Gregory de Souza was called to his heavenly home on 23rd September 2010.  
Tobacco Kills  
Mr. M.S.T.

**WEATHER**

**Thursday, 24th September, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and upper Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Chin States and lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Shan State, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (3.50) inches, Taungup (2.27) inches, An (1.81) inches, Pyapon (1.69) inches and Bilin (1.38) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 22-9-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 23-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-9-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 23-9-2010 was (0.40) inch.

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 22-9-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 23-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-9-2010 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 22-9-2010 was (7.2) hours. Rainfall on 23-9-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon.

**British model Naomi Campbell (2nd R) poses with models at a Dolce and Gabbana shop in central London, for a party to mark the 25th anniversary of her career, on 21 September, 2010.**

**Internet**

Mr. Eric Gregory de Souza was called to his heavenly home on 23rd September 2010.  
Tobacco Kills  
Mr. M.S.T.
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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Kayah State sees advanced communication facility

During the visit to Loikaw, I saw a Public Call Office of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications near Loikaw Market in Kayah State. As a test, I contacted Kayah State Manager U Myo Than of MPT through the PCO. On arrival at the MPT Office of the state, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily was welcomed by Kayah State MPT Manager who said, “I have already received information from Kayah State Information and Public Relations Department about your visit to Kayah State. How can I help you?”

In the past, Kayah State had poor service in telecommunications. People had to use magneto telephones and found it difficult to make calls. Before 1988, Kayah State had only eight post offices and three telegraph offices. Thanks to endeavours of the government for narrowing the development gaps between Regions and States as well as urban and rural areas, the state has been equipped with 14 post offices and 11 telegraph offices.

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