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Maj-Gen Hla Min oversees
development of Maungtaw District

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Sept — Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence met officers and other ranks and their families of Kyauktaw Station at Nawarat Hall of the station in Kyauktaw Township on 21 September.

Maj-Gen Hla Min visited Kyekkanpyin, Kyeinchang and Ngakuya villages of Maungtaw Township in Maungtaw District.

On 22 September, Maj-Gen Hla Min

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Education, health and regional development in Dawei District inspected

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Sept — Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Maung Htay and officials on 22 September met servicemen and family members at the hall of Dawei Station and presented gifts to the station.

After visiting Dawei Station, he comforted the patients at Dawei Station Hospital and inspected the hospital.

At the hall, he met district and township level officials and heard reports on progress of works in their respective sectors.

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One more white elephant emerges

Nay Pyi Taw, 24 Sept — There have emerged white elephants in the time of the State Peace and Development Council. Now, there one more white elephant, the fifth one has emerged.

According to the information of local people, groups of Forest Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise caught one more white elephant in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on 23 September afternoon. It is about 18 years old, seven feet and one inch tall and its girth is 10 feet and three inches.

According to the ancient treatises, it is very hard to seek and find a white elephant. It is noted that during the past 20 years, there have emerged four white elephants in Myanmar. And emergence of one more white elephant is a national pride. People are heartening to note that the fifth white elephant has more characteristics of a white elephant.

The elder persons, monks and well-informed people say that a white elephant would emerge in a certain place where Buddha Sasana flourished and rulers governed the nation in a just way.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

An injured man is rushed into a hospital after a bomb exploded at Al-Ghadir area in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 Sept.

Photo shows Fifth White Elephant caught from Maungtaw Township in Rakhine State. MNA

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Strive for development of modern science and technology

Myanmar is striving for development of information technology. It is also holding IT exhibitions and seminars in order that we can know about modern information and communication technologies.

With the holding of IT exhibitions, we can learn cutting-edge gadgets, hardware and software. Software can be used in all areas ranging from medicine, management, pharmacy to the hotel industry.

With improved living conditions of people and economy, we can expedite all the work by using IT technologies.

As computer-aided education system is being practised, such processes as data-collecting, table-drawing and coding programming languages can be carried out in a snap of time. For information technological development, basic education schools have been opened.

With the improving information technology, all the youth are to try to know modern science and technology so that they can play a part in nation-building endeavours.

Work permits given to two companies to implement hydropower projects

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Minister for Prospect of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt received a delegation led by Vice Chairman of the Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Vice Minister Mr Hoang Xuan Luong at his office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for PBANRDA U Tin Ngwe, Director-General U Soe Ko Ko and officials concerned.

On the occasion, both sides discussed contribution towards development of border areas and national races, improving of human resources in border areas and eradication of narcotic drugs, as well as national races affairs in cooperation between the two countries.

At the invitation of the deputy minister, the Vietnamese delegation on a visit to the Union of Myanmar was welcomed by Director-General U Soe Ko Ko and officials concerned at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning.

Later, the deputy minister this morning received the delegation at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Mount Pleasant Tower. On the occasion, both sides concentrated on cooperation in development of national races of both countries. The deputy minister hosted a dinner to the delegates at Mount Pleasant Hotel in the evening.

New Epson printers, scanners introduced

YANGON, 24 Sept — A ceremony to introduce new Epson printers and scanners by Client Focus Technology Co Ltd was held at Traders Hotel here this evening.

First, Director U Aung Kyaw Moe of the company extended greetings. Senior Supervisors Mr. Jarun Artsavarungnirand of Marketing Communication Department of Epson (Thailand) Co Ltd explained Epson cooperate profile and Sale Manager U Moe Aung Zaw of Client Focus, new Epson products.

In order to provide customers with more services, new showroom and solution center of Client Focus Technology Co Ltd was opened at No (25-26) on Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township and anyone may dial 523532.— MNA

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More flooding could be on the way for Wis, Minn

ARCADIA, 24 Sept—Water-logged cities and towns across west-central Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota braced for another wave of flooding Friday as more rain moved through the region.

Sections of Wisconsin and Minnesota already are reeling for a daylong deluge on Thursday that caused flash flooding. Hundreds of people had to flee their homes.

Forecasts for Friday called for a cold front to move into west-central Wisconsin, bringing with it heavy rain, thunderstorms and high winds. The National Weather service extended flood warnings for 13 Wisconsin and Minnesota counties until 9:30 am Friday.

The Wisconsin National Guard was busy distributing thousands of sandbags to municipalities, including 20,000 to Arcadia and 10,000 each to Neillsville and Osseo.

Minnesota and Wisconsin’s governors declared emergencies for large segments of their states Thursday. The National Weather Service said 3 inches to 5 inches of rain fell across parts of both states. Several roads had to be closed because of flooding.

Nicaraguan diplomat found dead with throat slashed in New York

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—A 34-year-old Nicaraguan diplomat was found dead in a New York apartment with his throat slashed, local media quoted police as saying on Thursday.

Cesar Mercado, who had worked at the Nicaraguan consulate as acting consul general, was found dead at 10:35 am local time in his apartment in Bronx, according to the report of CNN.

The body was discovered by his driver, who was planning to take him to the United Nations, a New York police spokesman was quoted as saying. Mercado was to attend the annual meeting of the UN General Assembly, which began on 14 Sept.

A knife was found near the body, and the apartment didn’t appear to have been ransacked, the New York Times reported. Mercado was seen by neighbors on Wednesday, the newspaper said.

Police were investigating a possible motive, and no suspects were immediately identified.—Xinhua

Four people killed in bomb explosion in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 Sept—A roadside bomb explosion killed four people and wounded four others on Thursday in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

The explosion took place when a minibus moving on a highway in Zaiyounah in eastern Baghdad came near, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene while ambulances evacuated the victims to nearby hospitals, the source said. Violence is still common in Iraq as the security situation deteriorated recently, which shaped a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country after violence-torn Iraqi held parliamentary elections on 7 March.—Internet

At least four dead in Seattle shooting

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept—At least four people were killed when an elderly woman “went crazy” and started shooting in a family home in Seattle, police said.

The woman, described as Asian and in her 50s or 60s, was among the dead, said a police spokesman in the northwestern US city. The others were two women in their late teens, and a man in his 30s. “My mom went crazy and shot everyone,” the spokesman quoted the one gunshot victim who survived, a woman in her late 30s or 40s, as saying. The victims are all believed to be family members.

“To the best of our knowledge there are four people who have passed away and one survivor, Total of five victims,” assistant police chief Jim Pugel told reporters, adding there had been “multiple shots fired from two handguns.”

Czechs to send more troops to Afghanistan

PRAGUE, 24 Sept—The Czech Defence Ministry says it’s planning to increase the number of troops in Afghanistan by 200 next year.

Spokesman Jiri Grund says the ministry wants to deploy to Afghanistan some of the 400 troops it will withdraw from Kosovo later this year.

Grund said Thursday that “a worsened security situation” in Afghanistan has prompted the move, which still needs approval by the government and Parliament.—Internet

Fallujah raid highlights Iraq’s security concerns

BAGHDAD, 24 Sept—For a few hours last week, a part of Fallujah was a flashback to the depths of the Iraq war when militants ruled the city and its streets were shooting galleries.

During an afternoon raid, gunmen exchan-ged fire with American and Iraqi commandos. Panicked civilians ran for cover or grabbed weapons of their own. In the end, the death count included at least four suspected militants and seven civilians — perhaps more during an attempt to catch an alleged key tactician for Al-Qaeda in Iraq.

The target got away. The official reckoning of what happened on 15 Sept is still under wraps. Iraqi authorities have opened an investigation and the US military declined to give details until the inquest is completed on the raid — some of the first major ground fighting for US troops since President Barack Obama declared an end to combat operations more than three weeks ago.—Internet

Rescue workers repair a damaged bridge in Yangzhou, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 23 Sept, 2010. People worked hard to deal with the destruction brought by typhoon Fanapi in Guangdong.

AN INJURED MAN IS RUSHED INTO A HOSPITAL AFTER A BOMB HIDDEN UNDER A CAR EXPLODED AT AL-GHADIST area in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 Sep, 2010. Xinhua

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Science

‘Helper’ robots seen within 10 years

A Talon Gen IV robot is seen during the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) Day on Capitol Hill, as a part of National Robotics Week, in Washington on 15 April, 2010.—INTERNET

ITHACA, 24 Sept—Robots capable of helping people with everyday tasks could be available and affordable within 10 years, a US researcher predicts.

Ashutosh Saxena, Cornell University assistant professor of computer science, is working to bring robots into homes and offices that can clean up a messy room, assemble a flat-pack bookcase or unload offices that can clean up a messy room, all without human intervention, a university release said Thursday.

“Just like people buy a car, I envision that in five to 10 years, people will buy an assistive robot that will be cheaper or about the same cost as a car,” Saxena said.

A great white shark swims in the Southern Ocean, off the Neptune Islands. About 300 species of shark inhabit Australia’s 370,000 kilometre (229,400 mile) coastline, but only a handful are harmful to humans and attacks are very rare, says expert John West who has spent three decades studying the animals.—INTERNET

Boulder, 24 Sept—Exploring the peculiar effects of Einstein’s relativity theory is no longer rocket science in fact, US scientists say it can be demonstrated on a tabletop.

Using super precise atomic clocks, scientists have witnessed the phenomenon of time dilation — the bizarre speeding up or slowing down of time described by the theory. Science News.org reported.

“Modern technology has gotten so precise you can see these exotic effects in the range of your living room,” says physicist Clifford Will of Washington University in St Louis.

The experiments don’t reveal any new physics, Will says, but “what makes it cute and pretty cool is they have done it on a tabletop.”

Time dilation happens in two situations time appears to move more slowly the closer you are to a massive object, such as Earth, and it speeds up for someone at rest relative to someone moving.

Previous experiments with rockets and airplanes have demonstrated these odd aspects of relativity.

Now researchers have used two atomic clocks sitting atop steel tables in neighbouring labs at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo. Each keeps time by vibrating an atom of aluminum more than a million billion times per second. A 75-metre-long optical cable connects the clocks, which allows the scientists to compare the instruments.

The researchers first raised one clock about a foot in relation to the other and, sure enough, the lower clock ran more slowly, at the rate of losing a 90-billionth of a second in 79 years.

They then caused one clock to move just slightly — and predicted, the moving clock ran slower than the other at rest.

Technology

South Africa launches hydrogen operated bike

A Fiat 500 car with an electric motor is charged at an “Electromobility Road Show” organised by German utilities giant RWE in Berlin. Rare earths are essential for making components used in gadgets such as iPods, electric cars, guided missiles and a range of other products.

In conjunction with the launch, DiGi is offering three plans for the iPhone —iDiGi 88, 138 and 238—at RM63, RM93 and RM163 a month, respectively.

45 DiGi centres and specialised stores nationwide tomorrow, he told a media briefing on the plans for iPhone 4.

DiGi was certain that there would be more hype for the iPhone 4 once it hits the market, especially with 2.8 million mobile internet users in DiGi’s network, he added.

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Antenna problem won’t affect iPhone4, says DiGi

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Sept—DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd believes the antenna problem will not affect iPhone 4 sales in Malaysia as Apple has addressed the issue, said Head of marketing Albern Murty.

“Customers are ready to adopt the iPhone 4. We don’t see it as an issue as customers are not going to look at the technical capabilities.

They look at whether the device suits their needs, has the right plan and affordability,” he said.

DiGi has received more than 30,000 pre-registrations for the device, which will be available at
Health

Breast cancer cases in Canada drop with decrease in HRT use

Canada, 24 Sept—A decline in breast cancer rates among postmenopausal women in Canada earlier this decade coincided with a decrease in the use of hormone replacement therapy, a new study shows.

Researchers analyzed national data and found that “the nearly 10 percent drop in invasive breast cancer rates coincided with the decline in use of hormone replacement therapy reported among Canadian women aged 50 to 69 years.”

The largest decrease in hormone therapy occurred between 2002 and 2004, when use fell from 12.7 percent to 4.9 percent. During that same period, there was a 9.6 percent decline in breast cancer incidence, said Prithwish Dc, of the Canadian Cancer Society, and colleagues.

A woman receives a mammogram. Mammograms have only a “modest” impact on reducing breast cancer deaths, according to a study published Thursday that added to a growing debate on the effectiveness of the routine screening.

Their study appears online 23 Sept in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The drop in breast cancer incidence “is likely explained by the concurrent decline in the use of hormone replacement therapy among Canadian women,” the researchers said in a journal news release.

Hormone therapy use decreased dramatically in several countries after the release in 2002 of a US study that showed the health risks of hormone therapy outweighed the benefits.

The researchers noted that breast cancer rates among postmenopausal women in Canada began to rise again in 2005. This may be further evidence of a connection between hormone therapy and breast cancer, they said.

“Such a rebound might be expected if [undetected] hormone-sensitive tumours were merely slowed by the withdrawal of hormone replacement therapy rather than prevented by it. If so, hormone replacement therapy may be thought to act as a promoter, rather than a cause of breast cancer,” the researchers said in the release.

Business

S Korea oil firm wins control of UK’s Dana

Seoul, 24 Sept—South Korea’s state oil firm said Friday its takeover bid for British oil explorer Dana Petroleum has won support from holders of 64 percent of the shares.

Korea National Oil Corp (KNOC), which plans to secure at least 75 percent so it can delist the Aberdeen-based company, said in a statement its 1,800 pence-a-share offer is now wholly unconditional.

The Korean firm made its first approach to Dana in July but management of the two firms could not agree on a price. On August 20 KNOC went straight to shareholders for the sale of an additional 34.76 percent of Dana shares, the company has received acceptances from corporations has received acceptances from shareholders for the sale of the additional 34.76 percent of Dana shares,” KNOC said.—Internet

Bentley recalls 596 cars over faulty ‘Flying B’

Chicago, 24 Sept—Bentley Motors is recalling hundreds of cars with faulty hood ornaments that pose a potential hazard to pedestrians, said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The recall affects 596 vehicles from the British automaker, of the Arnage, Brooklands and Azure models from 2007-2009. The problem stems from the “Flying B” hood ornament, a winged B that is supposed to retract upon impact.

The hood ornament of a 2008 Bentley Azure is pictured at the Chicago Auto Show in this, 7 Feb, 2008 file photo taken in Chicago. Luxury carmaker Bentley said on 23 Sept, 2010 it’s recalling 820 cars worldwide over fears that its famous ‘Winged B’ hood ornament could injure people in an accident because it might not properly retract.—Internet

Brazil’s Vale to list shares on HK exchange

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 Sept—Brazil’s mining giant Vale will list its shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the world’s leading iron ore producer announced Thursday.

The decision to list its shares in Hong Kong Exchange and Clearing (HKEX) offers direct access to the Asian capital market, “the fastest growing market in the world,” the company stated.

The listing process still depends on the approval of capital markets regulatory agencies. Its approval is expected to be concluded by the end of 2010.

Vale also announced that its board of directors had approved to buy back up to two billion US dollars of shares, involving up to 64,810,513 common shares and up to 98,367,748 preferred shares. The repurchase will be carried out over the next six months.

Frontline

China not affected by Abbott’s recalls of certain Similac infant formulas

Chicago, 23 Sept.—A spokesman at Abbott Nutrition International said on Wednesday in Chicago that its voluntary recalls of certain Similac brand powder infant formulas did not affect China market.

Steven B. Collins, director and head of public affairs at Abbott Nutrition International, told Xinhua in an exclusive telephone interview, “Consumers in China should be assured that no products distributed locally by Abbott Nutrition are affected by the recent proactive, voluntary recall of some Abbott Nutrition products in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and some countries in the Caribbean.”

Xinhua

Health Tip: Help prevent bed wetting

Many children wet the bed until age 5, and an occasional lapse among even older children is common, experts say.

The National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse offers these suggestions to help prevent bed wetting:

- Limit your child to one drink with dinner.
- Don’t let your child drink anything just before bed.
- Don’t give your child beverages that contain caffeine, which accelerates urine production.
- Have your child use the bathroom immediately before bed.
- Don’t scold or punish your child for wetting the bed, and encourage dry nights with lots of praise.

Florence Dempsey, an expert on child development at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, says parents can help prevent bed wetting by:

- Don’t make bed wetting a source of embarrassment.
- Talk to your child about bed wetting and how it feels to wet the bed.
- Set a bedtime routine.
- Make sure your child has access to the bathroom.
- Get a child training alarm, which alerts your child to go to the bathroom when the alarm goes off.

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San Quentin readies for possible execution Tuesday

San Quentin, 24 Sept—Officials at San Quentin State Prison say the state’s recently refurbished death chamber will be ready for a planned execution next week if a federal judge lifts the five-year moratorium on capital punishment in California.

Prison spokesman Lt Sam Robinson said Tuesday that the two-year-old lethal injection facility is fully prepared to carry out the execution of Albert Greenwood Brown on 29 Sept.

Brown was convicted of the 1980 rape and murder of a 15-year-old Riverside County girl.

The refurbished 11-room facility includes separate eyewitness areas for the victim’s and inmate’s families, and a holding cell with a phone and flat-screen television.

The California Attorney General’s Office is scheduled to ask a federal judge on Tuesday to lift the moratorium.

Fire breaks out in Shanghai tobacco factory

Shanghai, 24 Sept—A fire broke out Friday morning in a tobacco factory in Shanghai with heavy smoke seen in many parts of the city. No casualties were reported.

The fire started from a construction site in the tobacco factory in downtown Yangpu District at about 9:50 am, and was put out about an hour later.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire.

Australia releases budget outcome for 2009/10 fiscal year

Canberra, 24 Sept—Australia’s final budget outcome for the 2009/10 financial year (July 2009-June 2010) was a $54.8 billion dollars (52 billion US dollars) deficit estimated at the time of the May budget.

The result was a 2.3 billion dollars (2.2 billion US dollars) improvement on the 2008/09 deficit. Total taxation receipts were 14 million dollars (13 million US dollars) higher than previously forecast.

Treasurer Wayne Swan and Finance Minister Senator Penny Wong said the budget outcome was in “far better condition” than other comparable nations.

“(It puts) us in a strong position to deliver a surplus in 2012/13,” they said in a joint statement.

San Quentin military leader “Mono Jojoy” killed in Colombia

Bogota, 24 Sept—The Colombian military said Thursday it killed the most influential military chief of the rebbe Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Jorge Briceno Suarez, known as “Mono Jojoy,” died in an operation in the rebel stronghold La Macarena in central Colombia, said Attorney General Guillermo Mendoza.

The operation that started Wednesday night involved special forces, air force and police intelligence. At least 20 guerrillas were killed during the operation. Briceno was born on 5 Feb, 1953. He was one of the most influential members of the FARC Secretariat. He joined the guerrilla organization in 1975 and has since worked his way up to the secretariat, the elite of the FARC command. Briceno believed to be responsible for the kidnapping of former presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt in 2002 and the 2003 El Nogal Club bombing in Bogota. The veteran guerrilla had no less than 62 arrest warrants against him. The US State Department had offered at least five million US dollars for information leading to his capture.

Mexican mayor killed by gunmen

Mexico City, 24 Sept—Gunmen killed the mayor of a small town in northern Mexico state of Nuevo Leon, local radio reported on Thursday.

The mayor, Prisciliano Rodriguez Salinas, was killed as he arrived at his home in the town at around 9:30 pm local time on Wednesday, said the report.

This is the second murder of a mayor in Nuevo Leon in as many months. The body of Edilmiro Cavazos, the mayor of another small town, was found on 18 Aug, a few days after he was kidnapped by an armed gang.

Nuevo Leon has suffered a wave of violence in recent months, which has left hundreds dead.

False alarm delays Russian manned spaceship’s return flight

Moscow, 24 Sept—A false activation of the air tightness sensor early Friday has postponed the return flight of Russian Soyuz TMA-18 spacecraft by 24 hours, said head of Russian federal space agency Anatoly Perminov.

“A preliminary report by technical experts indicates that the station computer received a false air tightness alarm after the hatches were closed on the Soyuz and the International Space Station (ISS),” said Perminov as quoted by the Interfax news agency. “The checks conducted suggest that the air tightness was not impaired, but a 24-hour timeout was taken to get a confirmation that the alarm was false,” added the Roscosmos head. Soyuz TMA-18 was originally scheduled to undock from the ISS at 05:39 am Moscow Time (01:39 GMT) and land at 08:55 am Moscow Time (04:55 GMT) to the southeast of central Kazakhstan city of Jezkazgan, bringing down to earth Russian and NASA astronauts Alexander Skvortsov, Mikhail Kornienko and Tracy Caldwell-Dyson.

According to a spokesman of the Mission Control center outside Moscow, the return flight has been postponed from Friday until about 09:00 am Moscow Time (0500 GMT), on 25 Sept.

Tourists watch the tidal bore in Yuyang Town of Haining, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on Sept. 23, 2010. The 17th Qiantang River Tidal Bore Watching Festival was held in Haining Thursday.

Visitors view a machine that makes 60 paper bowls per minute at the 11th China International Machinery and Electronic Products Exposition held in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, 23 Sept.

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Esteemed people,

I wish health and happiness for the voters and people. Soon, we are going to hold the multiparty democracy general elections and to build a peaceful, modern and develop the country. It is important for you, the voters to elect your own representatives. Now, I will present the brief account of the National Unity Party to help voters make a right decision.

Our party is not an individual-based organization. It is implementing its policy and work programmes systematically. The ideology of our party is majority interest; the programme, the public benefit; and the practice, the mujuma pathipada (the middle path) that avows harmony.

The NUP is based on peasants, workers, youths and women. It is formed with a broad organization view to serve the interest of the entire national people including intellectuals, intelligentsia, entrepreneurs and State service personnel.

Esteemed people

NUP has already proclaimed its election manifesto. Now, I will present a brief account of the manifesto. Actually, the manifesto states the points of our pledge to serve the interest of the people as well as the State if the people entrust the power to the party.

As our party wishes genuine democracy, we are going to ensure basic human rights based on the noblest of the noble principles — justice, freedom and equality. Basic human rights include political integrity, economic integrity and social integrity. They also cover the right of expression, the right of assembling, religious freedom, and domestic occupation and accommodation rights within the framework of the Constitution. There should be equal opportunities for all, and every one is equal before the law.

Esteemed people

Now I am going to explain our attitude towards the masses and classes. Every farmer will have the right to own the land he is working on. Constitution firmly states that Myanmar will practice market oriented economy. So, farmers will have the right to freely sell their produce.

We will protect farmers against unlawful seizure of farmland. If a farmland is required for the national interest, the owner must get appropriate amount of compensation. We have programmes to facilitate the disbursement of agriculture loans, and for the availability of farm-related goods such as chemical fertilizers and pesticides at reasonable prices. We will strive to protect the rights of farmers to guarantee more rights for them.

Concerning the workers, we are going to protect and promote their legal rights. We will ensure a fair ration between the monthly salaries and pensions, including other financial benefits of State service personnel and workers and the basic commodity prices. Our party sees youths as the treasures of the country. They in their innate nature are honest, daring, sacrificing and innovative. We are going to nurture youths to be brilliant in the political, economic or social sector. We have keys to open doors to create more job opportunities for youths and to pave the way for them to take part in the international arena and to get jobs abroad in accord with their intellectual ability. We will never use them as steppingstones for the interest of our party.

Women are the country’s majority. As they are the important force of the country, we value our efforts to develop them. We will offer equal rights between man and woman. We will initiate programmes to bring out brilliant women and promote their social lives. We will also give priority to protecting women against human trafficking that is threatening the female population and rehabilitation projects.

Esteemed people

As for the intellectuals and intelligensia, they can freely occupy official positions and privileges based on their ability. We will stand firm to support the intellectual property rights and copyrights. We will make efforts to make sure that every entrepreneur enjoys legal rights equally, to facilitate their business operations and to create a competitive business environment for long. We will form associations to extend domestic and foreign business contacts. The business sector will enjoy our support to produce innovators, inventors and international level entrepreneurs.

Regarding the armed forces, the armed forces must be a single modern, capable and patriotic force that is mainly responsible for national defence and security. We will lay down necessary programmes to provide assistance and care for disabled servicemen and the families of deceased or fallen servicemen.

Esteemed people

For public welfare, we will keep commodity prices stable and we will give first priority to domestic consumption in fulfilling the basic needs of the public. Moreover, we will make sure that the people will be able to enjoy all the rights prescribed in the law. We will combat bribery and corruption. We will take better care of the aged, orphans, vagrant youth, and helpless women. We will work hard to improve social affairs such as education, health care and culture to provide further impetus for national development and to enable the country to stand tall in the world.

Regarding the education sector, we will prescribe compulsory and free primary education. We will make sure that outstanding youths complete their education at home, and send them abroad for further studies. We will improve the skills and raise the roles of teachers. Regarding health care, we will ensure that hospitals and clinics are well equipped with medicines and medical equipment and encourage establishment of private hospitals and clinics also that provide health care to needy patients through coordination. We will improve traditional medicine and elevate the sports standard of the nation.

Esteemed people

Regarding foreign affairs, we will exercise independent and active foreign policy. In that regard, we will deal with other countries more friendly than ever, upholding the five principles of peaceful coexistence Myanmar has practiced for long. We will work actively together with the United Nations and international organizations. In particular, we will maintain neighbourly relations with neighbouring countries.

Our party is National Unity Party, so we welcome and support the multiparty system. We are against violence and terrorism. We will show mutual respect for equality, territorial integrity among parties. In addition, we will encourage formation of organizations of all walks of life such as peasants and workers in order to effectively handle the affairs of the social class concerned.

Esteemed people

Economic growth is essential for development of the nation. Our National Unity Party will lay down independent national economic policy for economic and social development of the entire people. To scale up the national development in accordance with this policy for the people to share the economic development that has been achieved due to efforts of the entire national people have made collaboratively according to the market economy, we will practise Social Market Economy that is designed for harmony along with equality and development.

In this regard, we will recognize State sector, private sector, and cooperative sectors and joint-venture system. We will promulgate necessary laws to lure foreign investments. We will fight capitalism in which only capitalists and their relatives and friends can enjoy the benefits.

We will take measures to share the people’s expenses on their living, education and health care. We will keep a good balance among national economy, finances and funds. We will work in line with the economic system based on boosting export. In this case, we will ensure that State’s natural resources are exploitable till the times of our posterity.

Esteemed people

National Unity is essential for our country, because our country is home to various national races. Therefore, our party upholds and values considerably national unity. I would like to present a brief account of our party’s stance regarding the affairs of national races.

Our party will guarantee any citizen to enjoy equal rights, self-administration, the right to survive as a national race and equal development between one national race and another.

In ensuring equality among national races, we will guarantee any national race, irrespective of population, to enjoy equality. Regarding self-administration, we will guarantee all national races to enjoy the three sovereign powers in accordance with the constitution. In guaranteeing national races to survive, every national race shall have the right to develop their own race, language, literary, religion and custom. We will narrow the development gap between one national race and another.

Regarding national races, our party will try our best to establish Myanmar society in which the Union and its members can depend on each other and remain harmonious.

Esteemed people

Now, I have given a brief account of our party’s policy and the plans our party will handle in the times of our posterity. In reality, to vote in elections is a golden opportunity to create their brighter future. It is, therefore, required of the voters to correctly choose reliable candidates. In conclusion, I would like to request the constituents vote for candidates who are capable of serving the interest of the nation and the people.

I wish you voters physical and mental well-beings!
Maj-Gen Hla Min oversees ...

accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein and officials inspected prawn breeding ponds, progress of paddy cultivation and development of the village at Pyinphyu village in Maungtaw Township, construction works being carried out at Mingalagyi and Usaykya villages and progress of Taungpyoletwe. He met service personnel in the region and their families and presented cash assistance to them. At Taungpyoletwe Station Hospital, Maj-Gen Hla Min comforted patients and provided them with cash assistance. Next, Maj-Gen Hla Min visited Taungpyoletwe Basic Education High School and looked into development of Maungtaw and growing of paddy on both sides of the road. Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win looked into development of Dawei, extended construction of special Education, health and...

Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win looked into development of Dawei, extended construction of special patient ward at Dawei General Hospital and new building at Dawei Education College. He viewed progress of Dawei-Myeik railroad construction project and Dawei Deep Seaport Project. He oversaw thriving monsoon paddy and rubber plantations along both sides of the roads. Yesterday, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win gave instructions on development of agricultural task to the local people in Yang Village of Thayetchaung Township and visited Yang Station Hospital. He viewed maintenance of Dawei-Myeik Road and thriving rubber and oil palm plantations on both side of the road. He inspected progress of Thonpon Creek Bridge.

At Palaw Township Communication Station, Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win viewed issuing CDMA 450 MHz SIM cards to the customers. He looked into progress of Dawei-Myeik railroad project and left necessary instructions.—MNA

One more white elephant emerges...

The emergence of more white elephants is an omen that the nation will remain peaceful and free from various forms of dangers. Paddy and crops and gems will be abundant and the Union and the entire national people will enjoy greater progress than at present. People are holding discussions cheerfully that the auspicious occasion coincides with the democratic transition of the nation and it is a good sign for the success of general elections and for the people to enjoy peace and stability and prosperity in the time of a new government like in the time of existing government. —MNA

Photo shows Fifth White Elephant caught from Maungtaw Township in Rakhine State.—MNA

Dy Health Minister on inspection tour

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo on 20 September was on inspection tour in Bago Region where he inspected upgrading of hospitals, healthcare centres and rural health centres, and public healthcare services. He visited Paungde People’s Hospital and Phayangahsu rural health centre and fulfilled the needs. On 21 September, the deputy minister went to Wetpok Village health centre in Paungde Township. There, he met responsible persons and attended to their needs.

Electoral process course opens in Pasawng Tsp

The electoral process course for polling station officers and deputy polling station officers, which was supervised by Bawlake District Election Subcommission of Kayah State and organized by Pasawng Township Subcommission, opened along with demonstration at Pasawng Township Basic Education High School yesterday. District Subcommission Secretary U Chan Myae Saw explained the purpose of opening the course and responsible persons lectured on electoral process, followed by demonstration on voting process. A total of 150 trainees attended the course.
A visit to Loikaw Railway... (from page 16)

Rakhine State, Loikaw Station in Kayah State, Nay Pyi Taw Station in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway and Pakokku Stations in Magway Region, Kalay Station in Sagaing Region and Dawei Station in Taninthayi Region have been built.

A total of 839 small and large railway stations had been constructed in the entire nation up to 19 September 2010.

Recently, I had an opportunity to visit Loikaw Station on my tour of Kayah State.

Station Superintendent U Khin Thein explained, "Loikaw Station was constructed on 7 May 1993 and opened on 27 April 1995. It is a four-storey building with 180 square feet of area." The 48 miles long Aungpan-Pinlaung railroad section was built on 1 September 1991 and completed on 7 January 1993.

The construction of 54 miles long Pinlaung-Loikaw railroad started in 1991 and it was completed on 7 January 1993.

The construction of 102 miles long Aungpan-Pinlaung-Loikaw railroad is 102 miles long.

Deputy Railway Station Superintendent U Zaw Win Maung said, "The trains daily run on Loikaw-Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana route at 5.45 am and 8.15 pm."

In an interview, a local merchant said, "I am a native of Loikaw. I bring commodities such as chilli, onion and construction materials from Pinlaung. Thanks to the railroad, the passengers are convenient in transporting commodities. We can save money due to reasonable transport charges. Travelling by train along Loikaw-Pinlaung route will be charged K 290 at ordinary class and K 400 at upper class."

Passengers cost K 4000 per head for the route from Loikaw to Aungpan by car. Train fare is K 530 at ordinary class and K 740 at upper class.

The bus fare for Loikaw-Nay Pyi Taw route is about K 10,000. The train fare is K 1050 for ordinary class and K 1460 for upper class.

At his office, the railway station superintendent explained to us, "Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw railroad project is being implemented. It will be 150 miles long and will have 25 stations and 750 bridges."

On completion, 315 miles long Loikaw-Yangon route will be 150 miles shorter than 465 miles old one, saving time and money. In addition, the length between Loikaw and Pyay will be 270 miles through Loikaw-Toungoo-Paukhaung short-cut.

In an interview, Daw Than Than and Daw Lwin Lwin Oo of Lawdhamma Ward of Loikaw, who were buying tickets, said that they would travel to Pyawbwe. They thanked all the responsible persons for their concerted efforts to provide convenient travelling to the local people.

Thanks to endeavors of the government in building railroad networks across the nation, the people can conveniently travel to various regions the length and breadth of the nation.

Translation: TTA
Indian games head sees improvement in conditions

NEW DELHI, 24 Sept—In a boost for India’s beleaguered preparations for the Commonwealth Games, two top international sports officials said Friday that conditions at the squalid athletes’ village had greatly improved even as they said cleanup work should continue urgently.

While several teams have delayed their travel here because of the problems, the first foreign athletes— the English hockey and lawn bowling teams — arrived Friday morning, though they planned to stay in hotels until Monday, when the village should be ready.

The games were intended to be a source of international pride for the emerging Asian power, but corruption scandals, huge delays in getting facilities ready, and the filthy conditions of the games village have turned the event into an embarrassment for India. At least nine athletes have withdrawn from the games in recent days because of concern for their health and safety, and the president of Australia’s Olympic Committee said Friday that India should not have been awarded the games in the first place.

Pakistani scientist sentenced to 86 years for attempted murder

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—A Pakistani woman trained as a scientist in the US was sentenced to 86 years in prison Thursday after she was convicted of trying to kill US Army soldiers and FBI agents in Afghanistan two years ago. A jury in Manhattan convicted Aafia Siddiqui on seven charges, including attempted murder and armed assault on US officers, in February. She will serve her sentence at a facility in Texas where she was previously held while awaiting trial.

Siddiqui, 38, was convicted of grabbing a soldier’s M-4 assault rifle and trying to shoot an assembled group of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and soldiers in an Afghan police compound in July 2008. When she was arrested in 2008, she was carrying in her purse instructions on making explosives and a list of New York landmarks, including the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and the Empire State Building.

4.4 million barrels of oil leaked into Gulf of Mexico

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—US researchers said Thursday that 4.4 million barrels of oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico after a deep water well was ruptured in April. The figure represents the first independent peer-reviewed study of the worst oil spill in US history and conforms closely to the most recent estimate by government scientists.

Since the spill, official estimates of how much oil was released kept changing, from 1,000 barrels a day to 5,000, then to 12,000, then 19,000, and the numbers continue to rise.

Using a new technique to analyze underwater video of the well riser, they say it leaked some 56,000 to 68,000 barrels daily — maybe more — until the first effective cap was installed, on 15 July. Their estimate of the total oil escaped into the open ocean is some 4.4 million barrels — close to the most recent consensus of government advisors, whose methods have not been detailed publicly. —Xinhua

Oil hovers near $75 amid mixed US economic data

SINGAPORE, 24 Sept—Oil prices hovered near $75 a barrel Friday in Asia amid mixed US economic indicators suggesting the world’s largest consumer of crude remains mired in an uneven recovery.

Benchmark crude for November delivery was down 20 cents to $74.98 a barrel late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 47 cents to settle at $75.18 on Thursday.

Initial claims for jobless aid rose by 12,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 465,000, the first increase in five weeks, the Labour Department said Thursday. Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors said sales of previously occupied homes rose 7.6 percent in August from July, which was the worst month for sales in 15 years.

And the Conference Board, a private research group, said its index of leading economic indicators rose modestly in August. The mixed figures suggests the US economy is not heading for a double-dip recession but neither is it rebounding strongly from last year’s contraction. —Xinhua

US pilot heard other plane in midair near-miss, probe finds

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—A jet carrying 95 passengers and crew and a cargo plane narrowly missed colliding over a busy US airport, passing so close to each other that one of the pilots said he heard the other plane’s engines, federal officials said Thursday.

The near-miss involved a US Airways Airbus bound from Minneapolis-St Paul Airport for Philadelphia with 90 passengers and five crew on board, and a small Beech cargo plane with only the pilot on board, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said.

Around half a mile (one kilometre) past the end of one of the runways, the two planes crossed within 50-100 vertical feet (17-30 metres) of each other. “Neither pilot saw the other aircraft because they were in the clouds, although the captain of the US Airways flight reported hearing the Beech 99 pass nearby,” the NTSB said.

The US Airways plane had an collision avoidance alert system on board which instructed the crew to climb to avoid a midair collision. The cargo plane had no such alert system.

Xinhua

Petrobras raises $70 billion in largest offering ever

SAO PAULO, 24 Sept—Brazilian state oil company Petrobras raised $70 billion on Thursday in the world’s biggest share offering, giving the company the financial muscle it needs to tap vast offshore oil reserves.

The cash will help fund the world’s largest oil exploration plan, which at $224 billion for the 2010-2014 period aims to turn Brazil into a major energy exporter.

The Rio de Janeiro-based company sold 1.87 billion new preferred shares (PETR4SA) at 26.30 reais each.

Uncertainty that the offering might not come off had brought a prolonged sell-off of Petrobras shares that shaved more than $70 billion off its market value. But the optimism displayed by investors seeking exposure to one of the world’s largest oil finds in recent decades outweighed worries about growing state involvement in the company’s affairs. —Reuters

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Workers renovate a pedestrian bridge in the backdrop of the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, one of the main venues of the Commonwealth Games, in New Delhi, India, on 23 Sept, 2010.

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Cuckoo eggs given ‘head start’

SHEFFIELD, 24 Sept—British researchers say they’ve solved the mystery of how a cuckoo chick is able to hatch in advance of a host’s eggs and brutally evict them from the nest.

Scientists at the University of Sheffield say female cuckoos “internally incubate” their eggs for 24 hours before actually laying them in a host victim’s nest, giving the cuckoo egg a head start over the host’s eggs, a university release said.

This allows the cuckoo chick to hatch before its nestmates, evict them and monopolize the food brought by the foster parents.

“The idea of internal incubation in birds has until now been considered impossible because it was assumed that female birds could not hold onto a fully formed egg,” Tim Brinkhead of the university’s Department of Animal and Plant Sciences said.

“In fact, the idea of internal incubation by cuckoos was suggested as early as 1800, but then ignored. “Our results show that internal incubation gives cuckoo chicks that crucial head start in life, allowing them to dispose of their nestmates — a superb adaptation to being a brood parasite.”

The study was published in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society of London.—Internet

Elderly Malaysian rhino enlisted in breeding attempt

KUALALUMPUR, 24 Sept—Malaysian wildlife officials on Borneo island said Thursday they will try to artificially inseminate an elderly female rhinoceros in a bid to revive one of the world’s most endangered species.

Gelegub, a Sumatran rhino who at 28-years-old is equivalent to a 70-something grandmother in human terms, will be impregnated with sperm from a virile young male rhino.

“Gelegub is too old to mate normally and the mating ritual of rhinos is quite violent so this would be one of the best ways to try and get her pregnant and give birth to a rhino in captivity,” said Sen Nathan, coordinator of the Borneo Rhino Sanctuary where the procedure will be carried out. Nathan said the only breeding facility in the world that has had any success in producing Sumatran rhino calves in captivity is the Cincinnati Zoo in the United States, which has produced three calves over the last decade. “Our priority of course is to have natural mating in the first place but at the moment we only have one male rhino in captivity and Gelegub is the only other viable female that we have,” he told AFP.

“It is critical that we try and get the rhinos to reproduce as there are only 50 such rhinos in the region and without reproduction, they face imminent extinction.” Nathan said Gelegub will be injected with hormones in November to stimulate the production of eggs, which will be removed and fertilised, hopefully producing viable embryos for implantation. Spare embryos will be frozen for implantation in surrogates at a later date.—Internet

Secret to teen health, happiness: sports

MORGANTOWN, 24 Sept—Young teens who play sports feel healthier and happier about life than those who do not, US researchers say.

Dr Keith Zullig and Rebecca White from West Virginia University say 12- to 14-year-old adolescents — at a critical juncture in adolescent development — gain significant physical and mental health benefits from sports participation.

“Our findings suggest that sports team participation may enhance school connectedness, social support and bonding among friends and teammates,” the study authors say in a statement.

The study, published online in the journal Applied Research in Quality of Life, finds participation in vigorous activity had no effect on either life satisfaction or self-rated health in boys and on self-rated health in girls. However, playing on a sports team was linked to higher life satisfaction in both boys and girls.—Internet

Mars rover will look at possible meteorite

PASADENA, 24 Sept—The Mars Rover Opportunity snapped an image of a rock on the planet’s surface that may be a meteorite and is being sent to investigate, US scientists say.

At the end of a 266-foot drive on 16 Sept, Opportunity took the picture of the dark rock sitting another 102 feet away, scientists at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, say.

The rover’s science team has decided to get a closer look at the toaster-sized rock and determine whether it is an iron meteorite.

“The dark colour, rounded texture and the way it is perched on the surface all make it look like an iron meteorite,” science-team member Matt Golombek said.

Examination of the rocks could provide information about the martian atmosphere, as well as the composition of the meteorite itself.

The rock has been given the informal name “Olive Ruaidh” (pronounced ay-lan ruah), the Gaelic name for an island off the coast of northwestern Ireland.

Opportunity has driven 14.5 miles on Mars, and the drive to this rock will take the total combined distance driven by Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, to more than 19.26 miles, JPL said.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1048)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1048) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 26.9.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (132)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA WIN VOY NO (132) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 26.9.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MV KOTA TAMPA VOY NO (347)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPA VOY NO (347) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 26.9.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Airines can be fooled by pregnant women

MADRID, 24 Sept—If a woman really wants to get around the rules barring her from flying in late pregnancy, there’s little an airline can do to stop her. Investigators believe that a Filipino maid who gave birth in an airplane toilet two weeks ago deliberately wore baggy clothes and some sort of girdle around her stomach to conceal her pregnancy. Gulf Air spokeswoman Katherine Kaczynska said on Tuesday.

“IT’s not clear how far along the Filipino woman was in her pregnancy when she boarded the 10-hour Gulf Air flight from Bahrain to Manila, the spokeswoman said. The airline has procedures to identify pregnant women checking in for flights, “but if someone conceals the pregnancy, it’s difficult and nigh on impossible for us to tell,” Kaczynska said.

Venue of LA book festival changed for first time in 15 years

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept—The largest book festival in the United States will be relocated next year to the University of Southern California (USC) in an effort to boost the attendance of the 15-year-old literary event, the organizers said on Wednesday. The 2011 Los Angeles Times Festival of Books will be held at USC’s University Park Campus from 30 April to 1 May, the organizers announced.

“We are very excited to move the Festival of Books to its beautiful new home and have the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with USC to ensure we grow bigger and better in the future,” The Times Publisher Eddy Hartenstein said.

US FDA significantly restricts access to diabetes drug Avandia

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on Thursday that it will significantly restrict the use of the diabetes drug Avandia (rosiglitazone) to patients with Type 2 diabetes who cannot control their diabetes on other medications. These new restrictions are in response to data that suggest an elevated risk of cardiovascular events, such as heart attack and stroke, in patients treated with Avandia.

“The FDA is taking this action today to protect patients, after a careful effort to weigh benefits and risks,” FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg said in a statement. “We are seeking to strike the right balance to support clinical care.” Roziglitazone also is available in combination with other diabetes medications, metformin under the brand name Avandamet and glimepiride under the brand name Avandaryl. Avandia, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), is in a class of drugs known as thiazolidinediones, orTZDs.

Travel back in time at Tang poet cottage

BEIJING, 24 Sept—For lovers of Chinese literature, the Du Fu Thatched Cottage Museum in Chengdu, capital of Southwest China’s Sichuan Province, is a must-see. Dedicated to one of China’s greatest poets who lived during the Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907), the museum also offers a great getaway for relaxation. Covering 16 hectares, it boasts a variety of seasonal flowers. Even in the coldest of winters, its evergreen bamboo groves hint at spring. With the sweet-smelling osmanthus in bloom at this time of the year, the museum will be thrown open to visitors at night for the first time.

Musicians perform at Tokyo Disneyland in Chiba prefecture. China last year replaced the US as the biggest importer of Japan’s goods.

Iranian women visit the 19th international handmade-woven carpet fair in Tehran, capital of Iran, on 23 Sept. 2010. The seven-day-long fair opened here on Thursday.

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Rare penny sold for $1.7 million

A one-of-a-kind 1943 US penny struck in the wrong metal was sold by a New Jersey dealer for $1.7 million, with the proceeds going to charity.

Laura Sperber, president of Legend Numismatics of Lincoln, NJ, said the coin, the only known penny mistakenly cast in bronze at the Denver Mint, was sold to an anonymous buyer from the southwestern United States after years of talks with the previous owner.

“This is the world’s most valuable penny. It’s the only known example of a 1943-dated Lincoln cent incorrectly struck in a copper alloy at the Denver Mint. Zinc-coated steel was being used for pennies in 1943 to conserve copper for other uses during World War II, and this one was mistakenly struck on a bronze coin disc left over from 1942. It took four years of aggressive negotiations with the coin’s owner until he agreed to sell it,” said Sperber, who obtained the coin for the buyer. A Virginia coin dealer who acted as an agent for the former owner said the collector donated the coin to a charity so the proceeds from the sale would go to the non-profit, which was not identified.

ABBA unhappy about ‘Mamma Mia!’

STOCKHOLM, 24 Sept—Lawyers for Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus have warned the conservative Danish People’s Party not to use an ABBA song to celebrate their leader.

The Local said the political group changed the lyrics of “Mamma Mia!” to “Mamma Pia!” in honour of Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt without ABBA’s permission and used it at rallies and other political events.

Andersson and Ulvaeus, who were original members of the iconic pop band, have told their attorney to sue the party if they don’t stop using the song immediately.—INTERNET

Japanese film on childbirth competes for top award

SAN SEBASTIAN, 24 Sept—Award-winning Japanese director Naomi Kawase pays tribute to a doctor famed for his natural childbirth methods, in a new documentary presented on Wednesday at the San Sebastian film festival.

Over one year, Kawase followed women in the last months of their pregnancies who were planning to give birth at the clinic of obstetrician Dr Tadashi Yoshimura, 78. The resulting film, “Genpin”, is in competition for the festival’s top Golden Shell award. “I only wanted to show that there are other ways of giving birth” and that “giving birth is not necessarily a painless, medical process,” said Yoshimura.

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Suspect arrested for Van Gogh sketch theft

UNDERHILL, 24 Sept—Edward Laird, a suspect in the theft and sale of a sketch by Vincent Van Gogh, has been arrested at a Vermont campground, police said. The drawing Van Gogh made of his painting “The Night Cafe” was taken from a home in Santa Fe, NM. WPTZ.com reported authorities apprehended Laird in Underhill, VT, after a caller tipped off state police that he was behaving strangely. It was then discovered there were outstanding warrants for Laird’s arrest. Vermont State Police said they recovered stolen items such as knives, deer wall mounts, binoculars and firearms when they arrested Laird, who is to appear in court early next month, the report said.—INTERNET

48th NY Film Festival opens with ‘Social Network’

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Richard Pena, the programme director of the Film Society of Lincoln Centre, has moderated countless Q&As following films in the 23 years he’s spent overseeing the annual New York Film Festival. “Jean-Luc Godard once said, ‘The cinema is what takes place between a screen and an audience,’” said Pena. “When I’m up there doing these Q&As, I may become that embodiment.”

At the New York Film Festival, which begins its 48th annual edition Friday, those post-screening discussions between filmmaker and audience can sometimes feel like a battle line. New York audiences, proud of their knowledge of cinema, are typically opinionated. The showcased films, too, often have much to say.—INTERNET

Lost language unearthed in a letter

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A team of international archaeologists found the letter under a pile of adobe bricks in a collapsed church complex near Trujillo, 347 miles north of Lima. The complex had been inhabited by Dominican friars for two centuries.

“Our investigations determined that this piece of paper records a number system in a language that has been lost for hundreds of years,” Jeffrey Quilter, an archaeologist at Harvard’s Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, told Reuters.

This image provided by the Missoula County Sheriff’s Office shows the zucchini used by a Montana woman to fend off a bear attack on 23 Sept, 2010 in Frenchtown, Mont.

A Montana woman fended off a bear trying to muscle its way into her home Thursday by pelting the animal with a large piece of zucchini from her garden. The woman suffered minor scratches and one of her dogs was wounded after tussling with the 200-pound bear.

The attack happened just after midnight when the woman let her three dogs into the backyard for their nighttime ritual before she headed to bed, Missoula County Sheriff’s Lt Rich Maricelli said. Authorities believe the black bear was just 25 yards away, eating apples from a tree.

Two of the dogs sensed the bear, began barking and ran away, Maricelli said. The third dog, a 12-year-old collie that wasn’t very mobile, remained close to the woman as she stood in the doorway of the home near Frenchtown in western Montana.

Before she knew what was happening, the bear was on top of the dog and batting the collie back and forth, Maricelli said.

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“Our investigations determined that this piece of paper records a number system in a language that has been lost for hundreds of years,” Jeffrey Quilter, an archaeologist at Harvard’s Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, told Reuters.

A Montana woman fended off a bear trying to muscle its way into her home Thursday by pelting the animal with a large piece of zucchini from her garden. The woman suffered minor scratches and one of her dogs was wounded after tussling with the 200-pound bear.

The attack happened just after midnight when the woman let her three dogs into the backyard for their nighttime ritual before she headed to bed, Missoula County Sheriff’s Lt Rich Maricelli said. Authorities believe the black bear was just 25 yards away, eating apples from a tree.

Two of the dogs sensed the bear, began barking and ran away, Maricelli said. The third dog, a 12-year-old collie that wasn’t very mobile, remained close to the woman as she stood in the doorway of the home near Frenchtown in western Montana.

Before she knew what was happening, the bear was on top of the dog and batting the collie back and forth, Maricelli said.

“She kicked the bear with her left leg as hard as she could, and she said she felt like she caught it pretty solidly under the chin,” Maricelli said.
Matthaeus targets Euro 2012, Berbatov rethink

SOFIA, 24 Sept — New Bulgaria coach Lothar Matthaeus has targeted qualification for the Euro 2012 finals as his number one objective and would like Dimitar Berbatov back on board to lead the charge. Matthaeus, a former captain of the West German national team and 1990 World Cup winner, said: “I am going to try to catch up on what has been lost, we want to finish at least second in our (Euro 2012 qualifying) group.”

The German football great said he also planned to hold talks with Manchester Unied striker Berbatov in a bid to try and persuade Bulgaria’s best player to rethink his decision to retire from international football. Matthaeus signed his new contract to coach Bulgaria here on Thursday, 48 hours after having been unveiled as successor to Stanimir Stoilov.

Uruguay recall Forlan, Suarez for China, Indonesia

MONTEVIDEO, 24 Sept—Uruguay star strikers Diego Forlan and Luis Suarez, who were rested from international duty in August, were recalled on Friday to the squad to face Indonesia in their World Cup qualifiers on Thursday as their number one striker Alvaro Negredo on 13 minutes but paid the price for failing to convert their chances as right back Pablo Pinillos equalised on 54 minutes for Racing. A win would have taken unbeaten Sevilla above leaders Real Madrid on goal difference but the draw leaves them in fifth, two points off the summit.

Earlier Brazilian striker Nilmar scored his fourth goal in four games as Villarreal defeated Deportivo La Coruna 1-0 to move above Barcelona into third place. Club record signing Nilmar, who cost 11 million euros from Internazionale last summer, found the target on 33 minutes to take him to the top of the La Liga scorers charts.

Beckham to sue magazine over claims in Germany

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept — A spokesman says David Beckham will file suit in Germany against the US magazine that published claims the soccer superstar had sex with prostitutes. Los Angeles publicist Jeff Raymond said the former captain of England’s national team will sue In Touch magazine in several jurisdictions beginning Friday but declined to provide more details.

Beckham has been married to former Spice Girl singer Victoria Beckham for 11 years. The couple has three sons. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder plays for the Los Angeles Galaxy of the MLS. In Touch’s publisher, Bauer Media, is based in Hamburg. The magazine quotes 26-year-old Irna Nici, who says she was a call girl who had sex with Beckham five times in 2007. She claims he also had sex with a second prostitute.

Defender McCartney signs for Leeds

LONDON, 24 Sept — Leeds United have signed defender George McCartney from Premier League Sunderland on a one-month loan deal. The 29-year-old Northern Ireland international, who has won 34 caps for his country, has been struggling to command a first-team place at the Stadium of Light.

McCartney began his career on Wearside before moving to West Ham in August 2006. He returned to Sunderland under Roy Keane in September 2008, but injuries have sidelined him in recent months.

Serena Williams pulls out of Pan Pacific

TOKYO, 24 Sept — World number one Serena Williams has withdrawn from next week’s Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo because of injury, organisers said on Thursday. Williams cut her foot on broken glass at a restaurant shortly after winning her fourth Wimbledon crown in July. Tournament organisers said the 13-time Grand Slam winner had not fully recovered after an operation on the injury, which also forced her out of the US Open. Most of world’s top 30 players will take part in the two million dollar hard court tournament in Tokyo from 26 September to 2 October.— Internet

Roma goalkeeper Sergio out for a month

ROME, 24 Sept — AS Roma ‘keeper Julio Sergio has been sidelined for around a month after sustaining ligament damage in his right ankle, the Serie A club said Thursday. Sergio picked up the injury in a clash with Brescia’s Brazilian forward Eder. It proved a particularly painful experience for the keeper, who had to stay on the pitch, in tears, as his side had already used three substitutes. Roma then went on to lose the match 2-1. Claudio Ranieri’s Roma side have two matches in four days.— Internet

Casey looking for another prize

ATLANTA, 24 Sept— Paul Casey won’t be going to the Ryder Cup. He wouldn’t mind a $10 million consolation. Casey was the only player among the top five in the FedEx Cup standings to break par Thursday, running off three straight birdies around the turn at East Lake for a 4-under 66 and a share of the lead with Geoff Ogilvy and Luke Donald in the Tour Championship.

It was the seventh time Casey has shot in the 60s in the nine rounds since

Sevilla, Racing draw in Spanish league football

MADRID, 24 Sept — Sevilla missed the chance to go top of the Spanish first division after being pegged back to a 1-1 home draw by Racing Santander on Thursday. Sevilla had gone ahead through a penalty from Spanish international forward Alvaro Negredo on

Embattled Juventus suffer new setback

ROME, 24 Sept — Former European champions Juventus slumped to a second defeat in four matches on Thursday as Palermo grabbed a 3-1 victory to leave the Turin giants sixth from bottom of Serie A. Juve have beaten Udinese 4-0 last weekend to give their fans some optimism, but that was before Palermo’s hit-and-run.

The visitors were ahead after just two minutes thanks to impressive Argentine midfielder Javier Pastore. Jose Bicci added a second in the 62nd minute before a superb 30-metre free-kick from Cesare Bovo five minutes from the end put the result beyond doubt.
Friday, 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 Magway Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayin States and upper Sagaing Region, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Regions and widespread the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bilin (3.66) inches, Thaton (2.20) inches, Iloime (2.13) inches, Sittway (1.77) inches, Pys (1.61) inches and Hpau-an (1.58) inches, Central (Yangon) (1.54) inches, An (1.46) inches, Yamethin and Kanbalu (1.42) each inches and Shwebo (0.91) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather
Maximum temperature on 23-9-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-9-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 24-9-2010 was (0.15) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 23-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-9-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 23-9-2010 was (2.0) hours. Rainfall on 24-9-2010 was (0.32) inch at Mingaladon (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.54) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (69.49) inches at Mingaladon, (80.55) inches at Kaba-Aye and (88.86) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (41) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 23-9-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy over the North Bay and monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 25th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Kayah and Kayins States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather Outlook For Last Weekend Of September 2010: During the coming weekend, rain or thunder-showers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

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Beloved husband of Mercy de Souza; father of Dean de Souza @ U Kyaw Zin Latt; brother of Mr. C. X de Souza (deceased); Mrs. Eileen (Germany); Mrs. Philomena (London); Ms. 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 coffin will leave for the Yay Way Christian Cemetery.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule
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Transmissions Times
Local *(9:00am – 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission *(25-9-10 09:30 am – 25-9-10 26-9-10 10:00am)

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs ‘‘Shopping at the Departmental Store and Supermarket’’
* Beikthano The Ancient Glory of Myanmar News
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* Training Centre & Sports Lover
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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

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attends opening of Electronic and Yangon International Trade Exhibition-2010

YANGON, 24 Sept—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials attended the opening of Electronic and Yangon International Trade Exhibition-2010, which is organized by IEMS Co Ltd, at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, this morning.

The commander and officials formally opened the exhibition.
Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and party viewed the presentation at the exhibition.—MNA

A visit to Loikaw Railway Station in Kayah State

I have learned that Kachin State among the states had a railway station in Myitkyina in the past, and Yangon, Bago, Mandalay, Sagaing and Ayeyawady (Pathem) Regions out of various Regions had been equipped with railway stations.

At present, the government has stretched railroad networks from Myitkyina in the north to Dawei in the south, Mongnai in the east to Kalay in the west, from Nay Pyi Taw to Loikaw in the southeast, Minbu to An-Sittway, and new railway stations have emerged one after another.

Taunggyi Station has been built on a grander scale in Shan State (South). Moreover, Mawlamyine Station in Mon State, Sittway Station in

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Photo shows grander shape of Loikaw Railway Station.