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Also present on the occasion together with Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye were Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence. The Thai army and navy attachés were accompanied by Group Captain Songpon Jangsri, Air Attaché of Thailand.

**Four economic objectives**

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**Four social objectives**

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Strengthen friendly ties between Myanmar and Laos

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaw Kyaing paid a State visit to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic from 1 to 3 October at the invitation of President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone.

On 1 October, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had a discussion with President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone on matters related to mutual interest between Myanmar and Lao PDR at Ho Kham presidential palace in Vientiane.

Speaking on the occasion, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said that the two countries are fully cooperating by rendering mutual assistance as relationship has been based on mutual amity and friendship, good neighbourliness and mutual understanding since the establishment of the diplomatic ties between the two countries.

The President of Lao PDR said he believed that Myanmar will be able to hold the elections successfully on 7 November 2010 for building up a modern and developed democratic nation in accord with the seven-step Road Map. He said that he fully supports successfull holding of elections in Myanmar.

Leaders of the two countries continued discussions on internal affairs of the two countries and regional issues, matters related to cooperation in international community and prospects for economic cooperation in the two countries. Moreover, they exchanged views on construction of Myanmar-Laos-Vietnam Highway, collaboration in building Mekong River Friendship Bridge, issues for peace and stability of border regions and control and prevention of narcotic drugs.

After the meeting, a memorandum of understanding between the Union of Myanmar and the Lao PDR on the formation of Myanmar Lao PDR Provisional Regional Border Committee was signed and documents exchanged.

As such, the State visit of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaw Kyaing will help strengthen the fraternal relations and fully enhance cooperation between the two countries.

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Three NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Oct—Three soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed Monday in separate attacks in Afghanistan’s restive southern and eastern regions, the alliance said Monday.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an militant attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” ISAF confirmed in a press release on Monday.

Hours earlier, ISAF in a separate press release reported that a service member was killed in southern Afghanistan in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attack on the same day.

Earlier on Monday, the NATO-led multinational ISAF also announced that a trooper lost his life in a similar IED attack in southern Afghanistan in the wee hours of Monday.

The nationalities and exact places of the incidents have not been disclosed in press releases, which noted that “It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.”

The scene of a car bomb in residential district of Mansur in the west of Baghdad recently. A total of 273 Iraqis were killed as a result of violence in September, the lowest figure since January, according to government figures.—INTERNET

Gun battle leaves five Taleban fighters dead, seven injured

MAIDAN SHAR, 5 Oct—Conflict between Taleban militants and security forces left five militants dead and injured seven others in Wardak province 40 km west of Afghan capital Kabul, police said Monday. “The Taleban rebels attacked guards of a private security company who were escorting logistic convoy of NATO-led troops in Syedabad district Sunday evening and the guards returned fire killing five rebels,” district police chief Haq Nawaz Haqyar told Xinhua. Seven more militants were killed in the firefight lasted for a while, he further said.

He, however, did not identify the security company, adding there were no casualties on the guards of the security firm. Dozens of private Afghan and international security companies operating in Afghanistan have been providing security to the logistic convoys of NATO-led troops, diplomatic missions and international agencies serving in Afghanistan. —Xinhua

Small bomb damages NATO oil tanker in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 5 Oct—A small bomb damaged a truck in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday that was carrying oil to NATO troops in Afghanistan the latest attack on stalled supply convoys since Pakistan shut a key border crossing to international forces last week. The attacks have raised tensions that were already elevated by Pakistan’s decision to close the Torkham crossing in apparent reaction to a series of alleged NATO helicopter attacks on Pakistani territory, including one that killed three Pakistani soldiers.

The bomb that exploded Tuesday was placed underneath the tanker while it was parked in a lot alongside more than 100 other trucks waiting to cross into Afghanistan, said Wajid Khan, a local administrator in the Khyber tribal region where the border crossing is located. The attack didn’t result in any casualties, but the risk of fire was high since oil was leaking out of the damaged tanker, said Khan. Authorities moved other trucks away from the vehicle as a precaution, he said.—INTERNET

An Afghan policeman walks past the remains of a bicycle, which the police believed the bomb was planted on, at the scene of a bomb blast in Herat, western Afghanistan recently. The blast injured three people, two of whom suffered minor injuries and were sent home after treatment.—INTERNET

An Afghan soldier keeps watch at a site after a suicide car-bomb exploded in Behsood District of Jalalabad Province recently. Four Afghan civilians were injured in the incident.—INTERNET

18 people including 14 militants killed in south Afghanistan

LASHKAR GAH, 5 Oct—Security forces killed 18 people including 14 militants in Lashkarhotbed Helmand Province in south Afghanistan, police said on Monday.

“Security forces with the support of air power stormed a Taleban hideout in Kajaki Aya District Sunday as a result 18 people including 14 Taleban rebels and four civilians were killed,” a senior police officer Kamaludin Khan told Xinhua. However, he did not provide more details. Meantime, locals say that NATO’s aircraft stuck a house on Sunday where Taleban militants had meeting.

On the other hand, a local who declined to be identified stressed that the strike injured eight civilians including two children and a woman and some of them had been taken to Kandahar’s Mir Waiz hospital for medical treatment.

In a related development, five more Taleban militants were killed and two others injured in clash with police in Khashrod District of the neighbouring Nimroz Province Monday, provincial police chief Abdul Jabar Puduli said. —Xinhua

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GERMAN nationals killed in US drone attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 Oct—Eight German nationals were among the nine people killed in a US drone strike launched on Monday night in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

Sources in North Waziristan told Xinhua on telephone that the strike took place at about 7:30 pm when the US drones fired four missiles, two of which were targeting at a house of a militant leader named Shar Mullah Khan in the Mir Ali area of Miranshah in North Waziristan. —Xinhua

Iraqi inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad’s Kazimiyah neighborhood, Iraq, recently. Sunday’s deadliest attack took place in north Baghdad’s Kazimiyah neighborhood when a car bomb detonated near Adan square, killing at least 21 people and wounding more than 70, police and hospital officials said.—INTERNET

Pakistani fire fighters struggle to extinguish burning oil tankers after militants attacked a terminal in Bowalpindi, Pakistan, early on 4 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET
Science

IVF discovery opened Pandora’s box of ethical wealth of scientific options and a Pandora’s box of ethical dilemmas. Edwards’s success in fertilizing a human egg outside of the womb led not only to “test tube babies”—but also to innovations such as embryonic stem cell research and surrogate motherhood.

Amid the applause for these medical breakthroughs, ethicists from some Christian churches oppose IVF and techniques related to it because they involve the destruction of human embryos. The bewildering array of options due to the IVF revolution—from the morality of making “designer babies” to exploitation of poor women as surrogate mothers—has created much concern and many debates among secular ethicists as well.

Scientists completed a 10-year census of marine life on 4 October, 2010, after finding thousands of exotic new species in a project that will help assess threats to the oceans ranging from climate change to BP’s oil spill.—INTERNET

A hydrothermal vent snail (Alviniconcha sp.) found in Saito Seamount, Tokyo. Hydrothermal Vent, is seen in this undated handout picture. Scientists—INTERNET

Washington, 5 Oct—The world’s oceans may be vast and deep, but a decade-long count of marine animals finds sea life so interconnected that it seems to shrink the watery world. An international effort to create a Census of Marine Life was completed Monday with maps and three books, increasing the number of counted and validated species to 201,206.

A decade ago the question of how many species are out there couldn’t be answered. It also could have led to a lot of arguments among scientists. Some species were counted several or even dozens of times, said Jesse Ausubel of the Alfred Sloan Foundation, the co-founder of the effort that involved 2,700 scientists. The $650 million project got money and help from more than 600 groups, including various governments, private foundations, corporations, non-profits, universities, and even five high schools. The Sloan foundation is the founding sponsor, contributing $75 million.

But what scientists learned was more a number than a count. It was a sense of how closely life connects from one place to another and one species to another, Ausubel said.

Samsung to launch GALAXY S, GALAXY Tab in Japan

SEOUL, 5 Oct—Samsung Electronics on Tuesday announced that it will launch its smartphone model GALAXY S and smart media device GALAXY Tab in Japan, in partnership with local mobile operator NTT DOCOMO.

According to a press release, Samsung’s GALAXY S will be available in the Japanese market from late October, while GALAXY Tab is to be launched in late November.

Both mobile devices are powered by the Android 2.2 operating system which provides a range of applications at the mobile portals Android Market and DOCOMO market, said the company.

Samsung’s flagship product GALAXY S is renowned for its 4-inch, SUPER AMOLED screen, together with multi-touch functionality that brings possible intuitive control of the screen, and a 5.0 megapixel camera captures high-definition video.

The GALAXY Tab, a newly-launched portable tablet device, allows consumers to enjoy web-browsing and all forms of multimedia content on the perfectly sized 7-inch display on the go.—Xinhua

Google lines up Internet TV programming partners

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Oct—Google Inc’s effort to wed Web surfing with television viewing is gathering more support from major media outlets that distribute some of the content that will help sell the concept. The list of participating television programmers announced Monday by Google includes household staples such as TBS, TNT, CNN and HBO, which are all owned by Time Warner Inc.

The technology, known as Google TV, also will offer features especially for other devices that connect to televisions. The short-message service Twitter and several music sites, including Vevo, Pandora and Napster, have also designed features especially for Google TV.

Verizon Wireless to pay refunds for billing errors

NEW YORK, 5 Oct—Verizon Wireless in a statement Sunday said it will pay millions of dollars in refunds to 15 million cell phone customers who were erroneously charged for data sessions or Internet use.

Verizon did not disclose how much exactly it would have to pay but said 15 million customers would receive credits or refund checks that in most cases would range from $2 to $6 but would go beyond this in some cases, on their October or November bills.

Former customers will get refund checks while existing customers will get credits. A person familiar with the matter said the refunds would come to more than $50 million. Half 15 million customers receive $6 in refunds each would come to $90 million. The case marks a misstep in an area wireless service providers are dependent on for future growth.—Reuters

NASA sky-mapping telescope runs out of coolant

PASADENA, 5 Oct.—NASA’s sky-mapping spacecraft has embarked on a new phase in its mission after running out of coolant designed to chill its heat-sensitive instruments.

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Japan’s monetary base up 5.8% in September

Tokyo, 5 Oct—The monetary base in Japan jumped 5.8 percent in September from a year earlier, rising for the 25th successive month, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said in a report on Monday.

The average daily balance of the monetary base stood at 97.72 trillion yen (1.078 trillion US dollars), with the current account deposit balance rising 38.4 percent to 16.61 trillion yen (192.3 billion US dollars), according to the central bank’s report.

Banknotes in circulation were up 1.0 percent to 76.60 trillion yen (898.81 billion US dollars), although coins in circulation declined an annual 0.4 percent to 4.5 trillion yen (53.97 billion US dollars), the BOJ said.

Japan’s monetary base refers to the amount of currency that is either circulated in the hands of people living in Japan or in domestic commercial bank deposits held in the central bank’s reserves. This measure of the money supply typically only includes the most liquid currencies.

The Japanese administration maintains a measure of control over the monetary base by buying or selling government bonds in the open market.

The central bank’s recent easing of monetary policies has caused the increase in September’s monetary base, Tokyo-based economists said on Monday.—Xinhua

Health

Walnuts, walnut oil, improve reaction to stress

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—A diet rich in walnuts and walnut oil may prepare the body to deal better with stress, according to a report released Monday by a team of Pennsylvania State University researchers.

Previous studies have shown that omega-3 fatty acids — like the alpha linolenic acid found in walnuts and flax seeds — can reduce low density lipoproteins (LDL) — bad cholesterol. These foods may also reduce C-reactive protein and other markers of inflammation.

“People who show an exaggerated biological response to stress are at higher risk of heart disease,” said Sheila G West, associate professor of biobehavioural health. “We wanted to find out if omega 3-fatty acids from plant sources would blunt cardiovascular responses to stress.”

The researchers studied 22 healthy adults with elevated LDL cholesterol. All meals and snacks were provided during three diet periods of six weeks each.

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Internet

Business

People of Yi ethnic group offer sacrifices at the ritual

worshiping the god of walnut at Yangbi Autonomous County of Yi ethnic group in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 1 Sept, 2010.—Xinhua

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Health Tip: What causes corns

Corns are painful calluses that form on the toes from friction, making walking or wearing shoes uncomfortable.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons mentions these common causes of corns:

* Wearing shoes that are too tight or too loose
* Having an abnormality of the toe, such as a claw toe or hammer toe.
* Wearing high-heeled shoes.
* Having a seam or stitch on the inside of a shoe that rubs against a toe.
* Wearing poorly fitting socks.

Happiness is a matter of choice

CANBERRA, 5 Oct—Australian behavioural scientists on Tuesday ruled out the theory that happiness is linked solely to genetics, in a study viewed as a breakthrough in psychological research.

The results of a 25-year study on 60,000 Germans showed long-term happiness is determined by lifestyle decisions including choice of partner, employment and religion.

According to ABC News, study leader and Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne of Australia, Bruce Headley, said the study turns the long-term notion of happiness being linked to personality on its head.

“Happiness isn’t just a matter of heredity, it isn’t just in the genes,” he said.

“Genes might be about 50 percent of the story but the rest depends on lifestyle choices — choices relating to your partner and also relating to your work life.”

The study will be published in the official journal of the United States National Academy of Sciences, and is based on data from the German Socio-Economic Panel, conducted by scientists partly from Australia.

It analyzed responses from a national representative sample of people aged 16 and over who answered questions every year from 1984 to 2008.—Xinhua

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Used cars from Japan dominates the island’s market. The car import trade had ground to a halt with the government slapping high customs duty on cars since 2008.

In October 2009, only 370 vehicles were customs cleared, representing a sharp drop of 54 percent compared with October 2008.

However, the tariffs were drastically brought down in June this year, a move to invigorate growth in the island in its post-ethnic separatist conflict revival.

The lowered tariffs have doubled the state revenue from import duties.

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The kidnappings occurred early Friday about 10 miles (16 kilometres) off Bonny, where Nigeria’s main oil export terminal is located, said Commodore David Nabaida. Abductors took the victims from the MV Eckhardt, he said.

“The pirates kidnapped the captain and the chief engineer,” Nabaida said. “We have not been able to establish their nationalities.”

Navy officers had no sign of a ransom being demanded and no suspects in the kidnapping, he said. Nabaida did not know which country the ship was from.

The military was not notified of the ship’s presence, as such ships are asked to allow naval officers to escort them, he said.

The Niger Delta Region has seen scores of kidnappings of oil workers in recent years by criminal gangs seeking ransom pay-ments.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) has also carried out attacks and kidnappings in the region, claiming to be fighting for a fairer distribution of oil revenue.

The militant group claimed responsibility for twin car bombings that killed at least 12 people on Friday near Nigerian independence day celebrations.

Nabaida said there was no sign MEND was involved in the kidnapping, though he underlined that the group had become an umbrella organisation for various criminal gangs.—INTERNET

**Companies can motivate families to live healthier**

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—A small cash incentive from an employer might be enough to prompt healthy lifestyle changes in families, new research suggests.

IBM offered its employees $150 to participate in a 12-week programme where they were given a list of health-promoting activities to choose from such as adding more vegetables to the family diet, exercising more as a family and reducing family TV and computer time and found that more than 50 percent of the employees who chose to participate in the project completed the programme.

“I think this programme was likely successful because once these activities were pointed out to the employees, they probably felt it was a no-brainer. They could make their families healthier and receive the incentive,” said study senior author Dee Edington, director of the University of Michigan Health Management Research Centre in Ann Arbor.

“Employers spend a lot of time thinking about how to get their employees healthy, and while the employee is an important factor, what about the family? When you have a sick child, you also have a sick employee. So, if you’re going to have a healthy culture, you need to think about having healthy families as well,” he said.—INTERNET

**Eastern NC begins cleanup after downpour, floods**

Residents survey in downtown Windsor, NC by boat on 1 Oct, 2010, after the Cashie River spilled over it’s banks and flooded the historic downtown following heavy rain this week.—INTERNET

The Cashie River, is one of the places hit hardest in eastern North Carolina by torrential rains and floods from a storm that moved up the East Coast last week. But the scenes of people surveying damaged properties and gingerly making their way through still-flooded roads were repeated all over the region.

Julia Iarem, a spokeswoman with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, said officials expect several parts of the state’s river system to remain at flood stage this week.—INTERNET

**Police arrest engineer in Indonesian train crash**

PETARUKAN, 5 Oct—Police arrested the engineer of a train that plowed into another at a station, killing 36 people — the latest in a string of accidents in Indonesia blamed on aging infrastructure and poor safety standards.

Halik Rudianto was driving a first-class train as it crashed early Saturday into an economy-class train stopped at a station in Petarukan, a coastal city in Central Java Province, knocking several carriages off the track.

Transportation Minister Freddy Numberi accused him of failing to stop at a red signal — an act of negligence leading to deaths, Kompas newspaper reported Sunday.

He has been "named as suspect and officially arrested," said police spokesman Col Djoko Erwanto. He could face up to 6 1/2 years in jail if found guilty. The pre-dawn accident occurred as many passengers were sleeping. Villagers, railway officials and some passengers used their bare hands and bamboo sticks to search the mangled wreckage for survivors until heavy equipment arrived.

Thirty-six people were killed and more than 40 people were hurt, some with severe injuries and broken bones, doctors and nurses said.

Indonesia has been hit by a series of plane, train and ferry accidents in recent years that have killed hundreds.—INTERNET
India to induct 250 fifth generation stealth fighters from Russia

NEW DELHI, 5 Oct—India is all set to spend over 25 billion US dollars to induct 250-odd fifth generation advanced stealth fighter aircraft, local newspaper The Times of India reported on Tuesday.

The aircraft, on way to being co-developed with Russia, will be part of India’s biggest-ever defense project; and the pact between New Delhi and Moscow will be inked when Russian President Dmitry Medvedev comes visiting in India in December, said the newspaper.

“We are looking to induct 200 to 250 FGFA in phases from 2017 onwards,” Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal PV Naik was quoted by local media as saying.

Naik said the 30-ton FGFA will be a “swing-role fighter, with very advanced avionics, stealth to increase survivability, enhanced lethality, 360 degree situational awareness, smart weapons, data-links, high-end mission computers” and the like.

The aircraft will have a potent mix of super-manoeuvrability and supersonic cruising ability, long-range strike and high-endurance air defense capabilities.

The aircraft will be built to Indian Air Force’s specifications, the report said.

One billion US dollars may be lost after barge accident forces closure of Houston Ship Channel

HOUSTON, 5 Oct—The US Coast Guard said Monday that the barge accident that shut down most of the Houston Ship Channel may cause about one billion US dollars in economic loss.

The accident happened early Sunday morning, when a set of barges hit an electrical tower in the water, leaving the tower precariously leaning on a barge.

The accident, leading to the Port of Houston, one of the country’s busiest port.

The Coast Guard later shut down the Houston Ship Channel, the only one electrical tower in the water, leaving the tower precariously leaning on a barge.

The Port of Houston will remain closed until at least Tuesday night because of the collision, Coast Guard Petty Officer Richard Brahm was quoted by local media as saying.

Workers have brought in a crane known as “Big John” to get the tower out of the water, said Coast Guard spokesman Marcus Woodring, according to CNN.

Once the Big John takes the load off the tower, Center Point Energy, the owner of the tower, can “get up there, disconnect the lines, reel them in and then we can cut the base of the tower, pick the tower up and put it over on the bank and get the ship channel open,” said Woodring.

So far, nearly 30 ships were waiting to move. No power outrages were reported, said Woodring, adding that the cause of the accident is under investigation.—Xinhua

Chin Progressive Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Chairman U No Thang Kap of Chin Progressive Party presented party’s policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 5 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:

Chin nationals and all the national brethren
Chin Progressive Party was formed with 22 Chin nationals on 24 March 2010. It was legally set up on 1 June with Political Parties Registration No.26.

According to the latest sources, 38 Hluttaw representatives from nine townships of Chin State, and Sagaing Region will compete in the three Hluttaws.

Mythun has been chosen as the party symbol. Initially, we chose to use Indian horn-bill. But we didn’t use it because Indian horn-bill is the symbol of the entire Chin people. Mythun is a domestic animal the Chin people have been using multi-purposely since ancient times.

I would like to explain why our party has decided to run for the 2010 elections. Firstly, studying the 2008 constitution thoroughly, it is found that the people can participate in the three Hluttaws with the supreme power. That is the essence of democracy. It is the power that comes from the people, not from an individual person or a group of people. We see that point as good.

Secondly, it is found that Chin nationals can participate in the three Hluttaws with the supreme power. Particularly, Chin State has a separate State Hluttaw and the persons Chin people will choose will have duties and powers. Besides, I am happy with the fact that the Chin people living outside Chin State, for instance, Sagaing Region, Magway Region and Rakhine State will have a seat for a representative of Chin affairs or minister. It is the good point that the Chin nationals living outside Chin State have the right to directly choose a minister serving the interest of Chin people.

Finally, Chin Progressive Party is planning to stand for the elections as all the parties have equal rights and no one party has special rights. We overheard from some constituencies that Union Solidarity and Development Party seemed to have special rights and special powers. In reality, there is no party, including USDP, that has special rights. They are all within the framework of the election rules prescribed by the Union Election Commission. It is important for all the people to know this point during the election campaign. No matter which party wins the elections, a government cannot be formed. Only the president who has been chosen from representatives of two Hluttaws and Hluttaw representatives of the Tatmadaw will form a government with the cabinet he has appointed. In comparison with some other parties, CPP may have fewer seats in Hluttaws. However, it can have a way to participate in the cabinet. Knowing that point, we don’t need to loose morale.

Again, it is important not to be swayed by words of some people that there would be no fair and fair election with transparency. All the people can cast votes freely for the party and person they choose on the election day.

So it is important not to choose wrongly when casting votes. It is necessary to understand that a public member’s ballot paper can decide the development of own community and people. In addition, voters should be careful not to make any mistake when casting votes.

Making a thorough study of the 2008 constitution based on this election and executive affairs of the future nation, Chin Progressive Party wants some provisions to be amended. For example, we see that more duties and powers should be entrusted to the State and Region Hluttaws and the governments. By doing so, I believe that the national people from seven States will have more rights to decide their own fate and get satisfaction, thereby contributing to consolidated national unity.

In conclusion, I would like to present the stance and objectives of Chin Progressive Party in brief.

(1) To work side by side with the people for democracy cause, equal rights and human rights
(2) To build a public-based economic system, to ensure non-violence and peace
(3) To strive for all-round development of social, economic, education sectors of Chin nationals
(4) For Chin Progressive Party to set the ultimate goal and to have members enjoying equal rights

Thank you.

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To pursue sustainable development to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the world countries in future, the 30-year national education promotion programme is being implemented to produce future leaders who can cope with challenges of the 21st Century.
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Nay Pyi Taw

Command Commander
Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye presented inventor awards for educational aids; Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyen, science research awards; Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, awards for article contest at higher education level, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, awards for article contest at basic education middle school level, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, awards for essay contest at institute of education level; Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, awards for essay contest at basic education middle school level; Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, awards for poem contest at basic education high school level.

The students of No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District presented performance to the accompaniment of the song honouring teachers.

Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo greeted the attendees and viewed commemorative display for World Teachers’ Day-2010, and process of achievements in education field in the hall.—MNA

The students of No 7 BEMS, Nay Pyi Taw singing “Great Teacher” song in harmony at ceremony to mark World Teachers’ Day.

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Online assessment course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—A course on online assessment of 4th National Report on the United Nations convention to combat desertification opened at Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry here today.

Director-General U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department and Senior Programme Officer Mr Stefan Beplar of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) delivered addresses. A total of 10 trainees of Planning and Statistics Department, Forest Department, Dry Zones Greening Department, Myanma Farms Enterprise, and Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department are attending the course.—MNA

Traffic, power supply return to normal in Hinthada after strong winds, rain

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Oct—Some trees were uprooted and six power pylons were knocked down by strong winds and heavy rain in Duya Village in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region, in the evening of 3 October, but, there was no casualties nor loss of draught cattles.

Officials concerned and emergency crews were out in full force to clean up the fallen trees which blocked the traffic after the strong winds and rains, and the traffic along Hinthada-Zalon Road has returned to normal around at 8 pm. The power supply to the residents has also returned to normal when the fallen pylons were erected around 6.5 pm the next day.

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General Secretary of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission Rector of University of Foreign Languages (Yangon) Dr Myo Myint reading the message sent by heads of the agencies of the United Nations.

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Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views commemorative display for World Teachers’ Day-2010, and process of achievements in education field in the hall.—MNA
Information Minister attends opening of Pyinnya Yaungchi Library in Salingyi Tsp

**NAV PI TAW, 5 Oct** — The opening of Pyinnya Yaungchi Library was held at Donta village in Salingyi Township in Monywa District, Sagaing Region on 3 October, attended by district/township departmental officials, members of social organizations, town-selders, students and locals.

First, Chairman of Salingyi Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Min Han, Head of township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Win Kyi, wellwisher U Soe Myint and town-selder U Myint Thein formally opened the library.

Next, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan unveiled the signboard of the library, presented a certificate of honour to wellwisher U Soe Myint and publications for the library to the librarian.

The minister called on officials to organize the people to have the reading habit and to strive for durability of library.

Afterwards, the minister inspected publications that are available at the library and greeted those who are reading at the library.

Yoma Yaza Co Ltd conducts lucky draw programme

**NAV PI TAW, 5 Oct** — Yoma Yarzar motorcycle Co; Ltd organized a lucky draw programme for the customers on 3 October.

During the lucky draw programme held at the Ambassador Hall in Mandalay, responsible persons of the company drew lots to choose winners among the customers who bought Yoma Yarzar Stream motorcycles at show rooms in Mandalay, Pakokku, Magway, Taungdwingyi, Amarapura and Kyaukse. They presented two stream motorcycles one washing machine and other gifts to winners of the lucky draw programme.

Yoma Yarzar motorcycles are on sale at the showroom on 80th Street, between 32x33 streets, No.544, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, Ph: 02-39513; 09-6807930; 09- 2010507.— MNA

Electoral process courses open in Lashio

**NAV PI TAW, 5 Oct** — Organized by Lashio Township Subcommission of Lashio District, Shan State (North), an electoral process course for members of ward and village subcommittees, Beacon House was opened at No. 6 BEHS in Lashio on 2 October. Chairman of Township Su-division U Sai Zaw Min and responsible persons briefed on electoral process.

A similar course was opened at No. 6 BEHS in Lashio the following day and 80 trainees are taking the course.— MNA

UMFCCI Vice-Chairman receives Japanese guests

**YANGON, 5 Oct** — Vice-Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and officials received Senior Engineer Mr Yasufusa Honda of BHN Association at the reception here on 30 September evening.

They held discussions on Emergency Community Addressing System (ECAS), which have been installed at 30 villages in Dedaye and Phyapun Townships in Ayeyawady Region and proposal to install them in other villages and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd to participate in Yangon Trade Fair-2010

**NAV PI TAW, 5 Oct** — Champion Construction Materials Co Ltd (Member of Naing Group) will exhibit construction materials at Yangon Trade Fair-2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 7 to 10 October.

During the exhibition, the company has offered from 17% to 33% discount on all its imported materials including ceramic tiles, steel tanks and plastic tanks, steel sinks, doors, steel wooden, solid wood and melamine interior doors, aluminium items, champion elevators, high quality shower rooms, 2-way shower sets and faucets, champion toilets and basins, hand spray and bathtubs.

The construction materials are also available at its Show Room at No 2, Moguung Road, Sagaing Housing, Yankin Township, Ph: 400562, 400563, 400564, Showroom II, No 408, Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, Ph: 020290, Mandalay Showroom at No 255, 35th Street between 80x81 streets, Yadana Bumi (East Ward), Mahaaungmye Ward, Mandalay, Ph: 02-72703, 02- 91008197, Naypyitaw Show Room at No 496, Yazahtarni Road, Paunglaung-2 Ward in Nay Pyi Taw, Ph: 067-25309, 067-214262.— MNA
S Korea considering travel warning for travelers to Western Europe

SEOUL, 5 Oct—South Korea is considering issuing travel alerts for its nationals traveling to Western Europe as terrorists threats are on the rise in the region, local media reported Tuesday. The authorities here are keeping a close eye on situations there amid signs of potential al-Qaeda terrorist attacks on some of major travelers’ destinations in Western European cities, Yonhap News Agency reported quoting an anonymous official. South Korea has a four-level travel alert system, with the level four indicating a travel ban.—Xinhua

More aftershocks rattle New Zealand South Island’s Canterbury Region

WELLINGTON, 5 Oct—New Zealand central South Island’s Canterbury Region was rocked Monday night by one of the largest aftershocks since the devastating magnitude 7.1 quake struck 30 km east of Darfield at 10:21 pm (09:21 GMT), the New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS Science) said. Another quake, measuring 4.0, hit eight minutes later, and a 4.4 magnitude quake shook the region early Tuesday.

All three quakes were felt throughout the Canterbury Region.

GNS Science seismologist John Ristau said the 5.0 quake struck “quite shallow” and could have damaged properties.

The GNS website on Tuesday morning listed two reports of heavy damage in New Brighton and West Melton, and 20 “slightly damaging” reports from throughout Christchurch. Canterbury has now had more than 1,400 aftershocks since the big quake on 4 Sept.—Xinhua

NJ schools locked down after gunman killed two

NEW YORK, 5 Oct—Police locked down schools and blocked off roads on Monday following a shooting that killed at least two in Ocean County of the US state of New Jersey, local media reported.

Police said investigators found a man believed to be the gunman dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound about 2:30 pm on Monday inside a townhouse at Little Egg Harbor in Ocean County, according to the Press of Atlantic City. Local residents were directed to stay in their homes, and all area schools were locked down, according to the report. Police confirmed a man and a woman died at the scene of the shooting. Authorities planned to release more details when the investigation is done. —Xinhua

Helicopter crashes on NZ South Island’s Banks Peninsula

WELLINGTON, 5 Oct—A helicopter pilot was injured on Tuesday when his aircraft crashed on New Zealand South Island’s Banks Peninsula, police said. Emergency services were notified of the crash in the Kaituna Valley area of Mount Herbert on Tuesday morning. There were no passengers on board the helicopter.

The pilot has moderate injuries and was flown to the Christchurch Hospital by a rescue helicopter. The investigation is done. Authorities as saying. —Xinhua

US shooting spree causes two deaths, five injuries

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct—Two people were killed and another five injured in a shooting spree on Monday in the US state of Florida, authorities said. Seven people were shot two fatally in a shooting spree at around 4 pm in southeast Gainesville, Florida, the Gainesville Sun quoted authorities as saying. The multiple shootings happened at different locations. Five people were shot within the city limits, while the other two were shot in Alachua County, said the report. It was unclear whether the shootings have any connections.

Tscharna Senn, spokeswoman for the Gainesville Police Department, told the paper that it appeared to be random shootings. Police officers have responded to the scenes and cordoned off the area. Police said a suspect, who was reported to be driving a red truck, shot himself once he was pulled over. His condition was not immediately known. Gainesville is the largest city in Alachua County, and is also home to the University of Florida, which is one of the largest universities in the country. —Xinhua
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO, LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

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Floods and landslides kill 26 in Indonesia
LONDON, 5 Oct—Flash floods and landslides triggered by several days of heavy rain in Indonesia have killed at least 26 people, officials say.

Many more people are injured or missing in the Teluk Wondama district of West Papua.

Roads and bridges have been washed away and hundreds of homes, schools and businesses have been damaged or destroyed.

Local officials have appealed for tents and medicines.

"We are still searching for the missing people," Papua search and rescue official Mochamad Arifin told AFP news agency.

"There are still many people to be found. There is still hope that some of them are still alive."

Rescue workers and residents are reported to be sifting through the thick mud in their search for survivors.—Internet

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Hastings Pier severely damaged by fire
LONDON, 5 Oct—Firefighters are battling to control a fire which has started on Hastings Pier in East Sussex.

Police said the fire started shortly after 0100 BST and had reduced the ballroom at the end of the Victorian pier to “a burning framework.”

Ten fire engines are at the scene. Sussex Police said two people had been arrested in connection with the blaze.

Insp Lee Lyons said: “It has effectively destroyed the last couple of hundred feet of the pier. The pier, which opened in 1872 and was originally 910ft (280m) long, has been closed since 2006 because of fears it was unsafe.

Insp Lyons described it as a “significant fire” and said: “We came across it while out on patrol.” “There was a big plume of smoke and the last 200ft (61m) of the pier is pretty much ablaze and it’s spreading quite quickly towards the beach.”—Internet

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Philippines national anthem abuse subject to new law
LONDON, 5 Oct—The Philippine House of Representatives has approved a bill criminalising the improper singing of the country’s national anthem. If the Senate passes the bill into law, performers who deviate from the official version could face a fine of more than £2,000 (£1,264).

The new bill, which is very precise, says offenders could face up to two years in jail. It also outlines penalties for improper use or displaying of the national flag.

When one of the Philippines’ most famous pop stars Charice Pempengco sings her country’s national anthem, her rendition is deemed acceptable by the National Historical Institute.

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Man charged with rape and attempted murder of woman
LONDON, 5 Oct—A man has been charged with attempted murder, rape, burglary and arson with intent to endanger life after a woman was attacked at her home in Bristol.

The 32-year-old man was arrested on Sunday morning following the incident in the early hours of Friday.

He is due to appear at Bristol Magistrates’ Court later.

An Avon and Somerset Constabulary spokesman said police investigations were under way.

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Man plans 300-mile Harley ride without using hands

A man plans to ride his Harley-Davidson about 300 miles from the Mackinac Bridge in Michigan to the Ohio border without using his hands to steer to raise money for Parkinson’s disease research. Phil Comar of Adrian told The Daily Telegram that the Sunday ride is in memory of his father, Robert, who died in 2008. He wants to raise $3,000 with the ride for the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research.

The 61-year-old has been riding motor bikes and motorcycles almost 50 years, and said he’ll steer with his legs and by leaning. An extra gas tank has been added to the back of his motorcycle so he can go nonstop. Comar plans to ride to the bridge that connects Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula on Saturday no-handed at times.

Doctors fueled US starlet’s drug addiction

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct—Two doctors helped supply troubled US starlet Anna Nicole Smith with powerful prescription drugs to feed her addiction ahead of her death in 2007, a US court was told.

Actress and Playboy model Smith died in February that year from an accidental prescription overdose in Florida, aged 39, although the doctors are not charged over her death.

But physicians Sandeep Kapoor and Khristine Eroshevich prescribed medication for her, in collaboration with her former companion Howard K Stern, which fueled her addiction, prosecutors said.

“She admitted started long before the crimes that we have charged,” said Deputy District Attorney David Barkhurst, in closing arguments at a Los Angeles trial, adding: “She had an addiction problem.”

“There is just prescription written” by Smith for the opiate Dilaudid, which only stopped after she appeared high in public at a US awards show, he added.—Internet

Reality TV meets the Internet in new Web series

NEW YORK, 5 Oct—Seth Green promises his new Web series “Control TV,” which launches Wednesday, isn’t a Dr. Evil kind of thing.

Tristan Couvares will have cameras following him all day long, but with “Control TV,” viewers at http://controlTV.com vote to make Couvares’ decisions. It may sound slightly dystopic, but Green, who is producing the show with Matthew Saperstein, says “Control TV” is “part entertainment and part vicarious improvement of another human being.”

Couvares, who was chosen from many applicants, will be streamed live 24 hours a day. A webisode will also run daily summarizing each day’s events. In his audition tape, Couvares said he grew up in Manchester, Conn., and moved to Los Angeles about two years ago.Green and Senreich — and producer Richard Saperstein, formerly president of Dimension Films — managed to persuade Ford and Sprint to back the project. Couvares will drive a Ford car and use a Sprint phone.

Dumped gas tank explodes, flies into Mass home

A 50-pound gas tank dumped in a Massachusetts salvage yard has exploded and rocketed into the air before crashing through solar panels and the roof of a nearby home and landing in a bedroom. Fire department Deputy Chief Thomas Levy says two people were at the home in Bridgewater, a town of about 25,000 residents just south of Boston. He says no one was injured when the cylinder of compressed natural gas crashed into the house Monday.

Actor injured on stage after faulty gun goes off

West End actor David Birrell was injured during a London performance over the weekend and taken to hospital when a faulty replica stage gun misfired, sending debris into his eye.

The Donmar Warehouse, where Birrell was acting in Stephen Sondheim’s “Passion,” said on Monday the actor was recovering in hospital and was “in good spirits.”

The accident occurred during the duel scene in Passion, in which Birrell plays Colonel Ricci.

The Donmar said the show would be canceled between Monday and Wednesday and the theater “hoped to resume performances from Thursday.”

Zoo trainers perform for visitors with tigers in the Hongshan forest zoo in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, 4 Oct. 2010.

Hong Kong film star Jackey Chan (2nd L) attends a long-distance running calling for efforts on the environmental protection in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia, on 3 Oct, 2010. Chan plan to attend the Hongshan forest zoo in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, 4 Oct, 2010.

A model presents a creation during a fashion show in south Pakistan’s Karachi, on 2 Oct, 2010. XINHUA

A family look at a “house” decorated with pumpkins during Berlin and Brandenburg pumpkin exhibition in Klaistow, south of Berlin, capital of Germany, on 3 Oct, 2010. The pumpkin harvest season has arrived and many places across Germany held pumpkin festivals to attract tourists in recent days.

British comedian, actor Norman Wisdom dies at 95

LONDON, 5 Oct—British comedian and actor Norman Wisdom has died at the age of 95. His family says he died peacefully late Monday at a nursing home on the Isle of Man. Wisdom had suffered from a series of strokes in the months before his death.

Wisdom specialized in family-friendly slapstick comedy in the 1950s and 1960s. He was known for his roles as a clumsy underdog battling against adversity. He also acted in Broadway in the 1960s, when he was nominated for a Tony Award for his work in the comedy “Walking Happy.” His film included “Trouble In Store” in 1953 and “The Night They Raided Minsky’s” in 1968, which he made in Hollywood. His subsequent career was largely based in television.—Internet

File photo taken on 2 Oct, 2010 shows the Vase de Fleurs by Pierre-Auguste Renoir during the media preview of Seoul Auction Modern & Contemporary Art Autumn Sale in Hong Kong, south China. The painting was sold for 4,152,000 HK dollars on the auction on 4 Oct, 2010.

File photo of troubled US starlet Anna Nicole Smith in 2005. Internet
Football chairman in Pakistan scandal died

LONDON, 5 Oct—The chairman of a non-league English football club em-broiled in the Pakistan cricket team ‘fixing’ scandal is believed to have killed himself, it emerged on Monday.

Croydon Athletic chairman David Le Cluse, 44, was found dead on Saturday with gunshot wounds in a garage near his home in Sutton, south of London.

The owner of the club, Mazhar Majeed, was arrested in August follow-ing allegations members of the Pakistan cricket team were involved in ‘spot-fixing’ during their recent tour of England.

Majeed’s body was discovered in a garage near his home in Sutton, south of London.

Le Cluse, married with two children, was said by the team’s former manager to have been deeply distressed when the side were linked to the accusations.

A statement posted on the side’s website said: “Croydon Athletic are deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden tragic death of their chair-man, David Le Cluse, on 2 October. —Internet

Injured Torres out for Spain

LONDON, 5 Oct—Liv-erpool’s Fernando Torres is out of the Spain squad to face Lithuania and Scotland in next week’s Euro 2012 qualifiers and could also miss a crucial Merseyside derby after picking up an adductor strain in Sunday’s loss to Blackpool, his club said on Monday.

The striker limped off after just nine minutes of the 2-1 defeat to Black-pool—a loss which left the side in the bottom three—and he has withdrawn from the Spanish squad, Liverpool said on their website.—Internet

Blanc calls on Revelleire, rules Ben Arfa injury

France coach Laurent Blanc called Lyon right-back Anthony Revelleire.—Internet

PARIS, 5 Oct—France coach Laurent Blanc called Lyon right-back Anthony Revelleire into his squad on Monday for the Euro 2012 qualifiers against Romania, on Sat-urday in Paris, and Luxem-bourg, on 12 October in Metz.

Revelleire has been brought in amid fears Ar-senal defender Bacary Sagna, who missed Mon-day training, may not be fit to play after suffering aankle injury in his team’s loss to Chelsea on Sunday.

Blanc said, however, that he had received posi-tive news concerning the ankle injury sustained by Arsenal midfielder Abou Diaby in that match.

“The news is generally reassuring,” said Blanc.

“As I could see, he took a blow to his ankle, which wasn’t in a very good state. But after the first examina-tions, although his ankle is sure, there’s nothing worry-ing.”—Internet

Prandelli laments lack of emerging Italian talent

ROME, 5 Oct—Italy coach Cesare Prandelli on Monday expressed con-cern at the lack of suffi-ciently talented young Italian players in Serie A.

“The championship is rich (with good players) but poor with what I’m looking for,” said Prandelli, who was speaking at Italy’s Coverciano national coaching centre near Florence.

“I’m not disappointed, but I was expecting a little bit more. I still don’t see young players with the po-tential to become stars. I hope that in five or six months, the championship will give me them.”

Davies gets England football squad call

LONDON, 5 Oct—Bol-ton striker Kevin Davies was called up by England manager Fabio Capello on Monday for the Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro, just days af-ter saying he’d lost hope of representing his coun-try. Italian boss Capello kept faith with Wayne Rooney despite fears the out-of-form Manchester United forward might be ruled out with an ankle injury.

He also recalled Joe Cole, Rio Ferdinand, Aaron Lennon and West Ham goalkeeper Robert Green, whose interna-tional prospects looked bleak after his mistake in con-ceeding a goal in England’s 1-1 draw with the United States at this

Europe holds on to win thrilling Ryder Cup

NEWPORT, 5 Oct—The pressure was more than Graeme McDowell wanted.

The heartbreak was more than Hunter Mahan could handle.

The longest Ryder Cup history came down to the very last match Mon-day at Celtic Manor, ex-posing the rawest emo-tions found in golf and delivering a moment that defines a career — even for a US Open champion. Clinking two 1-up lead with three holes to play, with Europe needing his match to reclaim the pre-cious gold trophy, McDowell gently sent his 15-foot putt toward the cup and set off a ground-shaking roar when it dropped for birdie.


One hole later, Mahan was well short on the par-3 17th, flubbed a chip and conceded a par to McDowell that gave Eu-rope the 14 1/2 points it needed to take back the cup.—Internet

Rangers’ Jelavic out with ankle injury

GLASGOW, 5 Oct—Rangers striker Nikica Jelavic is to have an ankle op-eration and will miss “a number of matches”, the Scottish champions announced on Monday.

The Croatian interna-tional suffered the injury in Saturday’s 2-1 win over Hearts at Tynecastle, Nikica Jelavic suffered ankle ligament damage that re-quires surgery.—Internet

Top-seeded Rafael Nadal of Spain’s listen to a question during a press conference for the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, on 4 October. —Internet

Rennes end 40-year wait to scale French summit

PARIS, 5 Oct—Rennes reached the top of the French first division for the first time since 1970 on Sunday after winning 3-1 at home to fellow early-season pace-setters Toulouse. Both sides were bidding to take over at the top of Ligue 1, but it was the hosts who struck first when full-back Romain Danze netted with a crisp rising strike from the edge of the box shortly prior to the interval.

Rennes had been con-tent to play on the coun-ter-attack for much of the first period but they stepped up their attacking efforts after the break, with Sylvain Marveaux twice going close to mak-ing it 2-0.—Internet

Rafael Nadal focusing on Japan debut

TORO, 5 Oct—World number one Rafael Nadal on Monday brushed off his surprise disappointment in the Thailand Open semi-finals last weekend, point-ing to outstanding suc-cesses this season.

“The season has been unbelievable for me. Even if I lose every match in every tournament in the next seven or five tournamen-ts of the year,” said the 24-year-old Spaniard ahead of his debut at the Japan Open. Last week, Nadal made his Thailand debut in Bangkok, but crashed to a surprise defeat to compatriot Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in the semi-finals on Saturday, having missed 24 out of 26 break points.—Internet
Roethlisberger, Cushing, Holmes return to teams

HOUSTON, 5 Oct—Ben Roethlisberger and Santonio Holmes have something else in common aside from their touchdown that won the 2009 Super Bowl. Both came off four-game NFL suspensions Monday. Roethlisberger returned to the Pittsburgh Steelers, while Holmes is back with the New York Jets. They are among seven players whose bans ended, including last season’s helmet-to-helmet hit to the head of Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner by former teammate Pat Tillman.

“I couldn’t wait to get here,” Roethlisberger said on his first day back with the team he led to titles after the 2005 and 2008 seasons. Cushing was one of three top defensive rookie, Brian Cushing of the Houston Texans.

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Tuesday, 5th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, scattered in Chin, Mon and Rakhine States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, isolated in Kachin State, Magway and Bago Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kalewa (1.22) inches and Cocogyun (1.14) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 4-10-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 5-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-10-2010 was (85%). Rainfall on 5-10-2010 was (Nil).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 4-10-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 5-10-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-10-2010 was (68%). Total sunshine hours on 4-10-2010 was (9.0) hours. Rainfall on 5-10-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (70.08) inches.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar area. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-10-2010: Partly cloudy.

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

**Internet**

This 1 Feb, 2009, file photo shows Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and his teammate Santonio Holmes, background, watching during the fourth quarter of the NFL Super Bowl XLIII football game against the Arizona Cardinals, in Tampa, Fla.
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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Teachers admired in Myanmar society as noble persons who are shouldering decent duties with goodwill, devotion and sacrifices for shaping the great future of new generations.

Government striving for human resource development while putting efforts into promotion of teachers’ worth and national education standard.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address and presented certificates of honour to honourable and outstanding teachers at the ceremony to mark World Teachers’ Day 2010 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, MEC members, ambassadors and chargés d'affaires of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives of UN organizations, departmental heads, directors-general, chairpersons and rectors of departments, commissions and universities under the Ministry of Education, principals of Institutes of Education, officials of social organizations, township education officers in Nay Pyi Taw District, principals of basic education schools, honourable and outstanding teachers and students.

Matriculation Students Ma May Yadana Soe and Ma Nanda Shun Le Bo from No. (1) Basic Education High School of Nay Pyi Taw acted as masters of the ceremony.

Students from No. (9) Basic Education High School of Nay Pyi Taw sang the song, “Noble Teacher,” in unison to open the ceremony.

The Secretary-1 said in his address that teachers are admired in Myanmar society as noble persons who are burdening themselves with decent duties with goodwill, devotion and sacrifices for shaping the great future of new generations.

Recognizing the role of teachers in the society, the World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in global nations on every 5 October.

The annual celebration of the World Teachers’ Day in Myanmar reaches 9th anniversary as well. Participation in the ideal activity of global community portrays the admiration for teachers as Myanmar fine tradition.

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Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo presents award and certificate of honour to an outstanding teachers at the ceremony.—MNA

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