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Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence
inspects measures taken for Myitsone Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct —Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeya Aung and officials, inspected beautifying tasks, development of Myitkyina, downtown roads and Myitkyina-Myitsone road sector yesterday.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Myitsone Hydropower Project, he heard reports submitted by officials and attended to the needs.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe also viewed the paddy plantations and development of villages on either side of the road. He inspected the construction of main dam of the Myitsone Hydropower Project with machinery and preparedness for construction of spillway from the view deck.

He also inspected staff quarters and growing of crops and trees at the local battalion in Myitkyina Township.

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence looking into Myitsone Hydropower Project site.—MNA

More and more plantations for natural ecology

Byline and photos: Yamanya Thwe Mon

It is common knowledge that today the world is facing a growing number of natural disasters such as storms, heat waves, droughts and floods, in consequences of environmental degradation. According to environmental experts, 90 percent of global warming is due to human activities.

So, it is badly needed to remedy environmental deterioration. Accordingly, the government is doing everything possible across the nation for environmental conservation and dealing with deforestation and deterioration of water and land sources.

Mobilizing participation of local people, the Ministry of Forestry is taking measures in Shan State (North) for reforestation including establishment of plantations for firewood for villages, along with teak and hardwood plantations.

On our way to Shan State (North), the first itinerary brought us to Sint-in Village, over 22 miles from Lashio, on the border of Hsipaw and Lashio. The village and its surrounding areas were found lush and green with thick vegetation.

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A one-acre teak plantation which belongs to Sint-in Village in Lashio Township.
**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Constantly uplift noble characters of teachers**

In building a modern and developed nation, strenuous efforts are being made for strengthening the educational infrastructure. The government is implementing the national education promotion 30-year long-term plan for turning out qualified new generations. Necessary assistance is being provided to education sector.

So far, over 40,000 basic education schools have been opened. Over 200,000 teachers are teaching over 8 million students. Every development region has been facilitated with arts and science university, technological university and university of computer studies for enabling the local youths to pursue higher education in their own regions.

Teachers play an important role in building a constant learning human society in accord with the Myanmar education vision. Teachers are skillful and proficient in initially training the new generation youths and equipping them with moral characters, ideology and good habits. Teachers are to train their pupils to have the spirit of adoring fine traditions and spirit of national unity and amity.

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Nine killed, including five children, 26 wounded in second day of Kandahar blasts

KANDAHAR, 6 Oct—Two explosions killed nine people, including five children, and wounded two dozen others in Kandahar, the second day of deadly blasts in the southern Afghan City where Taleban militants are fighting back against US and Afghan forces pushing into areas long held by militants.

A car bomb and a second, smaller blast killed nine people on Tuesday, including one Afghan policeman, Kandahar provincial health director Qayum Poldila said. Police officers were also among the 26 people wounded.

Three explosions just minutes apart killed three Afghan police officers in the city on Monday night. When police gathered to tend to the wounded after the first blast, two more explosions occurred, said Zelmaw Ayubi, spokesman for the Provincial governor of Kandahar.

Bomb kills three civilians in southeast Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Oct—A government spokesman says a powerful roadside bomb has struck a civilian vehicle, killing three people in southeastern Afghanistan.

Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar, spokesman for Zabul Province’s governor, says the blast occurred Wednesday as the fruit farmers took their produce to market. He says the explosion in Mizan District completely destroyed the vehicle and killed all three people inside. The nine-year war has inflicted a mounting toll on Afghan civilians. The United Nations says insurgents are responsible for most civilian deaths and injuries. However, noncombatants are also killed in NATO military operations. A recent UN report said more than 1,200 Afghans died and nearly 2,000 were wounded between January and June this year.—Internet

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A British Foreign Office official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, confirmed that there was an attack on a British Embassy vehicle in San’a, and “one minor casualty” among embassy staff.

The embassy’s armored car was struck by shrapnel from the attack, the Yemeni security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

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NASA to launch new mission to Mars

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—The US space agency NASA announced it has given the green light to a mission to Mars aimed at investigating the mystery of how the “red planet” lost its atmosphere.

NASA gave the approval Monday for “the development and 2013 launch of the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission,” the agency said in a statement, noting that the project may also show Mars’ history of supporting life.

“A better understanding of the upper atmosphere and the role that escape to space has played is required to plug a major hole in our understanding of Mars,” said MAVEN’s lead investigator Bruce Jakosky of the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

“We’re really excited about having the opportunity to address these fundamental science questions,” he added.

Three main scientific instruments will be launched to Earth’s neighbourhood aboard a craft in November 2013 as part of the $385-million-dollar project.

Clues on Mars’ surface, including features that resemble ancient riverbeds and minerals that could only form in the presence of liquid water, suggest the planet “once had a denser atmosphere, which supported the presence of liquid water on the surface,” said NASA.

However, most of the Martian atmosphere was lost as part of a dramatic climate shift.

“Looking forward, we are well positioned for the next push to critical design review in July 2011.”

Motorola, Verizon to sell Droid business phone

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Oct—Motorola Inc said on Tuesday Verizon Wireless would sell the Droid Pro, the mobile phone maker’s first device for customers based on Google Inc’s popular Android operating system.

Boasting push email with corporate-level security among the phone’s features, Motorola is aiming squarely at the market dominated by Research In Motion’s Blackberry, which is also sold at Verizon Wireless, the No. 1 US mobile carrier.

Motorola’s heavy promotion of Motorola’s first two Droid phones the Droid and the Droid X, has helped Motorola revitalize its ailing phone business since late last year.

Motorola said the new device supports Adobe Systems’ Flash software and has Wi-Fi short-range wireless connections that can be used in areas of spotty cellular network coverage. The DroidPro features a fixed keyboard bar as well as a 3.1-inch touchscreen display and uses a 5-megapixel camera.

The device will be available in early November through the mobile venture of Verizon Communications and Vodafone.

Motorola co-CEO Sanjay Jha said Blackberry users are eager to switch to a device that offers more functionality.—Reuters

Sony’s TransferJet to get boost from new chips, cards

TOKYO, 6 Oct—Sony’s short-range, high-speed TransferJet wireless technology counts a lot of big-name companies as supporters, but so far its impact in the market has been limited.

That’s poised to change in 2011 with the introduction of new TransferJet adapters and a new chipset, developers of the technology said at this week’s Ceatec electronics show in Japan.

TransferJet was first introduced by Sony as a concept in 2008. It can realize top speeds of around 375Mbps over distances of around 3 centimetres and is designed to replace cables for connecting gadgets. It began appearing in products earlier this year when Sony launched digital cameras with TransferJet support. Because the system is new the TransferJet chips are still expensive, so rather than add the chip to all cameras, Sony added it to a Memory Stick card. That means only consumers that want the technology would pay for it.

It’s currently supported by several Sony cameras, including the WX5, TX9, HX5V, T99 and T99D, but the Memory Stick adapter is useless in cameras that don’t use that format. Instead, other cameras need an SD Card adapter, and Toshiba has now developed one.

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Handout picture from the University of Melbourne via the Wildlife Conservation Society shows the “bald” Bulbul bird discovered in Laos’ Savannakhet province. Dracula fish, a bald songbird and a seven-metre (23 feet) tall carnivorous plant are among several unusual new species found in 2009 in the Mekong River Region, which comprises Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and China’s Yunnan Province.

Discovered in a small stream in Myanmar, it is largely translucent and measures up to 1.7 centimetres long. It is not yet known whether the species is endemic to a single ecosystem within Myanmar, or spread throughout the region as a whole. Other bizarre discoveries include the Bare-Faced Bulbul bird, which is bereft of feathers on the face and side of the head and has pale blue skin on the rear of the head and around the eyes. It lives in sparse forest on limestone karsts in central Laos. Among newly recorded plants, the Nepenthes bokorensis plant, found in southern Cambodia, has a climbing length of up to seven metres, with pitchers that trap ants and other insects for food.—Internet

Science

Dracula fish, bald bird among strange new species

BANGKOK, 6 Oct—Dracula fish, a bald songbird and a seven-metre (23 feet) tall carnivorous plant are among several unusual new species found in the Greater Mekong Region last year, researchers said Wednesday.

Other new finds among the 145 new species include a frog that sounds like a cricket and a “sucker fish”, which uses its body to stick to rocks in fast flowing waters to move upstream, according to conservation group WWF.

With fangs at the front of each jaw, the “dracula minnow” is one of the more bizarre new species found in 2009 in the Mekong River Region, which comprises Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and China’s Yunnan Province.

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Site issues cause outage for some Facebook users

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Oct—Facebook says unspecified site issues caused the social-networking site to be slow or unavailable for some of its 500 million users.

Facebook spokeswoman Kathleen Loughlin said in an e-mail to The Associated Press just before 10 pm PDT Tuesday that the company was working on the problem. She said in another e-mail at 10:25 PDT that the issue was resolved.

Loughlin didn’t say when Facebook began acting up, but the phrase “Facebook Isn’t Working” was one of the top trending topics late Tuesday on another social-networking site, Twitter.
Gorging study shows with fat, location matters

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct — Researchers who persuaded slender volunteers to gorge themselves on sweets to gain weight said on Monday they have overturned the common wisdom that adults cannot grow new fat cells.

As they gained weight, the volunteers added new fat cells on their thighs, while fat cells on their bellies expanded, Michael Jensen of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and colleagues found.

“It sort of inverts the old dogma that we don’t make new fat cells when we are adults,” Jensen said in a telephone interview.

Doctors have long believed that, in adults, fat cells just get bigger and bigger when people gain weight.

Understanding why this happens on one part of the body and not another may explain why gaining weight in the lower part of the body does not appear to carry as many health risks as gaining belly fat, Jensen said.

“Those people who make new leg fat cells, it may be protecting them,” he said.

Writing in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Jensen and colleagues said they recruited 28 healthy men and women and fed them controlled meals, asking them to eat until they were more full than usual for two months.

Computer-aided MRI might help predict Alzheimer’s disease

GENEVA, 6 Oct — Sophisticated brain imaging techniques may help doctors one day identify which patients with mild cognitive impairment are likely to progress to Alzheimer’s disease, Swiss researchers report.

Using a combination of specialized MRI scans and an artificial intelligence technique, radiologists at University Hospitals of Geneva said they were able to predict which patients had mild cognitive impairment that was likely to progress to Alzheimer’s as opposed to stable mild cognitive impairment.

“Medication against Alzheimer is presumably most effective when given early in the disease progress,” noted lead researcher Dr Sven Haller, a radiologist in the department of diagnostic and interventional neuroradiology. “Our results help to identify subjects at risk for cognitive decline at an early stage, which might result in an earlier and more specific treatment.”

For the study, published online Tuesday in advance of the December print issue of the journal Radiology, Haller and his colleagues examined specialized MRI scans of 35 healthy individuals, with a mean age of 64, and 69 patients with mild cognitive impairment, mean age of 65.

Greek government presents 2011 budget draft

ATHENS, 6 Oct — Greece aims to cut its budget deficit which almost led the country to default this spring to 7 percent of GDP next year, according to the draft 2011 budget announced by the Greek Finance Ministry on Monday afternoon.

The target is more ambitious than the initial target of 7.6 percent of GDP for 2011, agreed with the European Union (EU) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which have been financially supporting Greece since May to exit an acute debt crisis in a three-year period.

“Our aim is to exit the tunnel as soon as possible so we can support as soon as possible the most vulnerable members of our society who make sacrifices in this difficult period for our country,” explained Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou during a cabinet meeting Monday noon on the draft budget.

On the first anniversary of the ruling socialist PASOK party’s win in general elections, Greek Finance Minister George Papapantelis Constantinou officially submitted to the Greek parliament the draft, which focuses on the continuation of austerity cuts and a speedup on revenues collection. “In 2010 we struggled united to save our national economy,” Constantinou said in a telephone interview.

Business

Australian vehicle sales set new record in September

SYDNEY, 6 Oct — Australian new vehicle sales set a new record in September with a sales surge in four-wheel drives, the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) said on Tuesday.

Overall motor vehicle sales totaled to 85,054 units in September, which includes passenger cars, special utility vehicles and commercial vehicles, an improvement by 8.9 percent or 6,293 units on the corresponding month in 2009, according to FCAI.

FCAI chief executive Andrew McKellar said the number of units sold during September was a new record for the month.

Sales of four-wheel drives rose 36.3 percent in September, followed by a 3.1 percent increase in passenger cars and light commercials up 1.7 percent.

The automotive body said vehicle sales were 780,720 in the year to September 30, an increase of 14.5 percent on the same period in 2009. “It is encouraging to see that sales to private buyers recorded the largest increase this month (up 14.2 percent) which is further evidence of renewed confidence in the marketplace,” McKellar said in a statement.

A cargo ship is loaded with wheat in Rosario, Santa Fe Province, Argentina. The country’s President Cristina Kirchner has accused multinational grain producer Bunge of committing the “biggest tax evasion” in the south American nation’s history, worth some 300 million dollars (9 billion pesos).

Health

Health Tip: Taking baby out of the home

You may be tempted to bring every possible item for your infant with you when you head out of the home.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says you don’t have to pack a huge bag. Here’s the academy’s list of must-haves when you’re out with baby:

* Diapers and other supplies needed for a change.
* An extra change of clothing.
* Baby food.
* An infant carrier that allows you to “wear” your baby comfortably.
* A stroller.
Inn National Development Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Nay PyiTaw, 6 Oct—Chairman U Win Myint of the Inn National Development Party presented the party’s policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 6 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:

National policy

The party’s national policy focuses on ensuring that all national people enjoy harmonious development and equal rights and live in unity and amity. We will uphold Our Three Main National Causes as a party’s policy.

Political policy

We will strive to serve the interests of the State and the national people harmoniously. We will adopt multi-party system. We will deal with other political parties, big or small, on an equal basis. We will try to ensure that all political parties develop for ever. If necessary, the State will render assistance. According to political experiences and public desire, we will totally oppose single-party authoritarian system. All the parties will deal and cooperate with each other as congenial parties.

Economic work programmes

We will strive for emergence of the market economy system as follows:

(a) The right to do business will be given mainly to national people
(b) The State, the cooperatives, economic organizations and private entrepreneurs will have the right to do business
(c) In doing business, there must not be privileged few and monopoly, and manipulating prices will be prevented.
(d) We will guarantee legally issued currency in circulation.
(e) Commodity prices must be stable and measures will be taken not to cause public burden because of taxes, and we will review revenue system.

Political work programmes

(a) We will treat all nations, big or small, in an equal way.
(b) We will take part international organizations if necessary. We will actively participate in environmental conservation, anti-terrorism and global peace.
(c) We will fight colonialism.

Defence work programmes

(a) With the Tatmadaw at the core, national defence and security shall be carried out through patriotism.
(b) We will try for the Tatmadaw to become a capable, modern and patriotic one.
(c) We hold the concept that the nation will be strong only when the Tatmadaw is strong and vice versa.
(d) We will proportionally promote the three strengths namely military, economic and political strengths.

National affairs work programmes

(a) The national people of various States will have to strive to develop their own languages, literature and culture in accord with the law.
(b) If there are any disagreements over political, economic and regional issues, we will settle those disagreements through negotiation.

Workers’ affairs work programmes

(a) White- and blue-collar workers must be able to build a happy family and social life with their own salary.
(b) The workers must enjoy rights in accord with the law as well as by carrying out their tasks dutifully.
(c) We will seek means to provide social security funds for retired service personnel whose pension is lower than 5000 kyat.
(d) Job opportunities will be created for young people who are able to work. Taxes will be reduced for the young people who want to work abroad.
(e) The workers will have the rights in accord with the existing law.
(f) We will try for people of ordinary class to receive enough daily wages and family income.

Farmers’ affairs work programmes

(a) A farmer must have the right to engage in farming. Although having the right to possess farms, farmers do not have to transfer or sell them.
(b) Farmers will be given carte blanche in cultivating and trading crops.
(c) They must have the right to reclaim vacant lands. Tax exemption will be approved in the first three years.
(d) Priority will be given to growing perennial crops. Agricultural loans will be provided.
(e) Research on cultivation of crops will be conducted and crops will be produced at a fair price.

Education and health work programmes

Reviewing the education and health work programmes being carried out in Myanmar, necessary changes and upgrading will be conducted.

Stance on press

The free publishing of newspapers, journals and magazines, the fourth estate, will be encouraged. State-owned, private-owned and association-owned periodicals must be published through systematic registration.

Conclusion

In conclusion, let’s successfully build a modern, developed nation by enjoying the benefits of multi-party democratic system together with other political parties based on openness, freedom, honesty and equality in this age of modern technology as we are the first ever political party of Inn people although our party represents all national races. May all members of Sangha and people enjoy good health and happiness.
I would like to extend greetings to all national brethren of the Union.

Esteemed brethren,

Our Rakhine State has a long and rich history and there has been a strong national unity in the course of history. Rakhine nationals have passed through the struggles of national reconsolidation encountering political instability in successive eras, feudal and colonial periods, including the Second World War.

Aiming for the emergence of a liberal democratic union, our party was formed with people, young and old including women, who believe that national reconsolidation is a need to stand firmly in future national political process.

Party's three basic principles are as follows:-
1. Development of Rakhine State and the Union
2. Political, economic and social equality in the Union
3. Realization of democratization
4. Our party will run for the elections mainly in Rakhine State and then in Yangon Region in order to represent Rakhine and in the region.
5. Our party will stand for 44 seats in three Hluttaws in Rakhine and Yangon Region.

We have aimed to express our desire through the upcoming elections to participate in the drive for realization of democratic transition process in the post-election period.

Our party's symbol is Sirivaççha Rakhine coin.

Chairman Dr Aye Maung

The translation of his presentation is as follows:-

1. To ensure check and balance and transparency in exercising legislative, executive and judicial powers.
2. To take wishes of minority into consideration although wishes of majority is required to practise legislative power vested in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and State/Region Hluttaw.
3. To ensure that every national race shall have the right of freedom in preserving their literature, art, language and historical heritages and to develop history and literature.
4. Compared with world nations that are boosting agricultural production, we will try to adopt a system with the help of experts in order to substitute a farmland policy for farmers to freely sell and pawn their farmlands to others and to enjoy the right of inheritance into the state-owned farmland system.
5. Development of agricultural sector calls for special projects. We will try to provide farmers with seed, modern technology, agricultural equipment, fertilizer, pesticide and fuel through special projects and to promulgate a law on granting agricultural loan with low interest, freely growing of crops in accord with topography and market demand and production and trading.
6. To strive for service personnel to have work insurance, serve in proper rank and position in accord with their ability regardless of race and religion and to ensure salary, expense and facilities in line with Asean standard.
7. To set up a special fund for welfare of retired service personnel, ensuring equal pension regardless of retiring period.
8. To form really independent community-based organizations such as independent worker union, farmer union and student union with the aim of enhancing the basic rights in respective fields.
9. To realize market-oriented economic system in the Union of Myanmar.
10. To ensure that people will be free from physical and mental stress while building Union infrastructures by the government and to fully provide them with programmes that can relieve and repair damages.
11. To entrust scholars from various fields with the task of adopting effective policy and work programmes for educational investment.
12. To upgrade higher education to be a research-based education system and to ensure freedom of pursuing education and forming educational institutions.
13. To enjoy free medical care and basic health care service, to provide the people with hospital, medicine and medical equipment and to entrust health experts with the task of adopting health policy and work programme.

Esteemed national brethren,

I would like to continue to present work programmes to be done by the RNDP in the interest of the Union of Myanmar.

1. The government of the Union to provide necessary assistance and technology for farming, fishery, livestock breeding and agriculture sectors which are the basic economy of States/Regions and Self-Administered areas.
2. To make arrangements for enabling the people to enjoy freedom of cultivation, transport, sales and market rights.
3. To provide financial assistance and resources for agriculture, livestock and fishery entrepreneurs, and arrange effectiveness of foreign investment in agriculture sector not to harm the domestic agricultural tasks.
4. To adopt plans for setting up trust funds and providing technology, industry and technology based production works.
5. To set up funds to assist in the emergence of pioneer new generation businesses.
6. To give permission for small- and medium-scale foreign investments with limited capital in States/Regions and Self-Administered Areas, and to uplift higher education including primary, middle and high school basic education standard and the education and technological research and development sector.

Esteemed Rakhine nationals,

I would like to present policies on development of Rakhine State.

Development of Rakhine State is based on agriculture and fishery industries. They are:
1. To extend agriculture, fishery, cold season crops, livestock breeding, offshore and onshore fishery to reclaim cultivable lands on hilly regions, grow industrial crops and establish agro-products-based industries.
2. To construct embankments to prevent inflow of seawater and reclaim far-lands on alluvial lands.
3. To realize national economic programmes in Rakhine State.
4. To provide national health care programmes in Rakhine State.
5. To implement national electric power development in Rakhine State.
6. To realize national plans for investment in small- and medium-scale internal and international industries.
7. To have easy access to computerization, Internet and telephone communications.
8. To sustain development of forests, mangrove plantations and environmental conservation.
9. To help Rakhine nationalities escape from the livelihoods based on rivers, creeks and mountains.
10. To improve the living standards of fishermen at seaports and渔港.

Esteemed Rakhine nationals,

I would like to continue my presentation on work programmes of Rakhine Nationalities Development Party that will contribute to different levels of Rakhine, the Union Government and the state government for serving the interest of Rakhine nationals. They are:
1. To make arrangement for providing sufficient finance for development of agriculture and fishery, cultivation, offshore and onshore fishery which are vital for Rakhine State, for rendering assistance for adequate use of technology, fertilizer, pesticide, cattle and tractors, and for lending emergency and small-scale loans for agriculture and fishery industries.
2. To substitute new quality strains of paddy.
3. To create opportunities for attracting investments of entrepreneurs in ice factories, cold storage, finished goods factories and grinding mills, and make arrangements for internal and external investors to establish joint investments without harming the interest of Rakhine national entrepreneurs.
4. To ensure full consumption of electricity in Rakhine State through natural gas at reasonable price.
5. To invite investments from home and abroad taking advantage of the cheap electricity, seaports and proximity of big markets of India and Bangladesh.
6. To set up forest products based industries in Rakhine State, especially, to give priority to the industries in Gwa, Thanu, Thandwe and Tangaup townships.
7. To establish fertilizer plants, cement plants, marble slab factories, plywood factories and paper mills based on natural limestone hills, bamboo groves and natural gas of Thandwe, Yanbye, Kyaunkpyu, Mawlamyine and Thanu.
8. We will try to solve problem of water shortage in late monsoon in Rakhine State although the state has over 200 inches of rainfall annually. We will focus on improvement of 200-year old water supply system in Sittway applying modern technology.
9. To create an educated middle class in coming 15 years and to turn Rakhine human society into the educated human society.
10. To provide necessary assistance for increasing income of labours and basic workers and generate new jobs.

Esteeemed national brethren and Rakhine nationals

Please cast votes for Sirivaççha coin which is a symbol of prosperity of Rakhine nationals.

I would like to conclude my presentation wishing peace, prosperity and development in the entire Rakhine State and throughout the Union.
**A & I Minister attends 30th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific**

**NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo arrived back here on 2 October. They attended 30th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific held in the Republic of Korea.**

On 29 October, Myanmar delegation attended a lunch hosted by the Chairman of the Korea FAO Association, and hold discussion on development of agricultural sector. The minister met FAO resident representative (Asia and Pacific) Mr Hitoyuki Konuma, Mr Yoo Jeong-Bok, Korean Minister of Food, Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery and FAO Director-General Dr Jacques Diouf.

On 30 October, the minister attended breakfast hosted by Mr Bowono Asyraf Samukri, Indonesian Minister of Agriculture. After that, the minister attended the opening of 30th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific held at Hyundai Gyeongju Hotel.

At the meeting, the minister discussed the suggestion of the FAO Director-General and Independent Chairperson of FAO Council.

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**EP-2 minister receives Korean guests**

**NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint received a delegation led by President Mr Si Woo Chung and party of BKB Co Ltd from the Republic of Korea at the ministry here this evening. They discussed matters related to construction of gas-fired power plant.**

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**Mayor inspects regional development tasks**

**YANGON, 6 Oct — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin inspected preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever carried out by social organization members in Kayinchan compound in Kayinchan Ward, Ahlon Township here today. Similar activities took place in Lammadaw, Hline, South Okkalapa and Yankin townships simultaneously.**

The mayor then inspected upgrading of 1370 feet long and 12 feet wide Chanmyethaya Street and 850 feet long and 12 feet wide No. 5 Panchaua Street in Zeegon model village in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District, 2037 feet long and 12 feet wide Nyaungbintha Street, 650 feet long and 12 feet wide Myaukpaing Street, 1750 feet long and 12 feet wide U Thaung Street in Oakpho Village, and 1650 feet long and 12 feet wide Gantgaw and Nguwah streets in Kyunnggon Village.

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**ISO 14001- Environmental Management Standard (EMS) Course**

**YANGON, 6 Oct — Jointly organized by MAT Professional Training & Services and Guardian Independent Certification Ltd (UK), ISO 14001- Environmental Management Standard (EMS) Course was conducted on 25-26 September. ISO (EMS) 14001:2004 Standards agrees with international standards relating to environmental conservation. Those standards can be used in factories of Myanmar such as Oil & Gas Industries, Mining Industries, Construction Industry, Chemical and Fertilizer Plants. A total of 83 trainees from 35 companies attended the course lectured by Dr Tin Latt of IRCA-UK Registered QMS Auditor [GIC International Ltd (UK)]. After ending the course, completion certificates were presented to the trainees.**

MAT Professional Training & Services is conducting monthly courses on ISO (EMS), HACCP, ISO 22000, Marketing and Auditing. MAT offers services for the companies to get ISO certificates in line with the international standard. MAT has arranged to conduct ISO9001:2008- Quality Management Standard Training Course on 16 and 17 October.

Enthusiasts may contact MAT Professional Training & Services Ph:246618, 242431, 73002958 and visit www.matprofessional.com.
Information Minister facilitates rural libraries in Monywa District

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan visited villages in Pale Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region, on 4 October and assisted in establishment of rural self-reliant libraries.

During the tour, the minister first went to Myagon Village and Hnawkan Village and inspected construction of buildings for libraries and presented books and periodicals to the libraries.

Afterwards, Minister U Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to inaugurate Ngwethawdar library in Padaukgon Village in Wunbegyeik village-tract and unveiled the signboard of the library. The minister also presented books and periodicals to the library and called for responsible personnel and local people to maintain the library.

The library was formally opened by Chairman of Pale Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Soe and Head of the township Information and Public Relations Department U Hsan Myint and Chairman of the ward Peace and Development Council U Win Shwe.

After the ceremony, the minister inspected the books and periodicals and cordially greeted local people reading books at the library.

In the afternoon, the minister visited Yinmabin Township Information and Public Relations Department and gave instructions to officials concerned on effective public relation works.

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan unveils signboard of Ngwethawdar library in Padaukgon village.

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More and more plantations for natural...

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Before Sint-in, we found a plantation of 15-year-old teak trees on both sides of the road. Lashio Township Forest officer of Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry U Hla Oo said, “So far, we have grown 2815 teak trees along the roads in our township. To grow 1500 trees is on target, so we have well exceeded the target.”

Lashio stands at an altitude of 2806 feet with average annual rainfall of 61.05 inches. So, the region has favourable conditions to grow teak on a commercial scale.

In Lashio Township, 232 villages have planted teak saplings for one acre each, totaling 51,000 teak saplings. Similarly, they have planted eucalyptus saplings cent per cent of the target.

And 51 villages in Hsenwi and Mongyai townships have planted 7200 teak saplings at the rate of three units a household. Sint-in Village in Lashio Township has planted 300 and Hsenwi and Mongyai townships, 600 eucalyptus saplings. Under the programme of 20 eucalyptus saplings a household, the two townships have planted 35,000 units.

Forester (Deputy Head) U Win Htaik said that they had explained that the one-acre teak and eucalyptus plantations belonged to villages concerned; that staff of the Forest Department had established the plantations for the villages; and that villagers would have to take responsibility for sustainable development of the plantations.

The head of the township Forest Department said that they had to say same words again and again to persuade villagers to establish village-owned teak plantations; that it was known nationwide that anyone had no right to cut down any teak trees, irrespective of location; that the government had granted permission to establish private-owned teak plantations; that it took at least 30 to 40 years to harvest a teak plantation; that however much they explained that the teak plantations belonged to villages, villagers had not believed it yet; and that they would realize that point only when they benefited from teak plantations.

Each and every citizen has to do their bit in the process in order that Myanmar will be free from natural disasters unlike other countries. The people are urged to plant trees, because growing a tree is indeed doing merits.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 29-9-2010
“Bring me a frog on your return from Meiktila Lake!”

It is a piece of famous nursery rhyme every Myanmar had heard while they were put to bed in babyhood. We are familiar with the Meiktila Lake before knowing where it is. We caught frogs from Meiktila Lake in our childhood dreams.

When our bus passed the signboard at the entrance of Meiktila of Mandalay Region saying “Welcome” to us, we noticed tamarind trees standing on either side of Yangon-Mandalay motor road. Meiktila was celebrating pagoda festival of PhaungdawU Pagoda situated in the Meiktila Lake. The festival is held annually in every week before the fullmoon day of Tawthalin, the sixth month of Myanmar Lunar Calendar. A couple of pony carts carrying revelers from nearby villages were entering Meiktila. But the image of carts disappeared as we reached deep inside the town crammed with motorcycles.

Rows of stalls at the pagoda gala led devotees to the pagoda on a golden catamaran shaped into a Brahminy duck in the Meiktila Lake. Vendors were displaying stalls alongside the PhaungdawU Pagoda Road, selling local products and toys as well as offerings to the pagoda. “Normally, I sell flowers downtown. It is because of the pagoda festival I am here,” a hawk selling jasmine garlands at the pagoda said. "Normally, I sell flowers downtown. It is because of the pagoda festival I am here," a hawk selling jasmine garlands at the pagoda said.

Inside the catamaran-shaped edifice, devotees and pilgrims were paying homage to the PhaungdawU Pagoda. Up on the walls, paintings depicting the history of the Meiktila Lake and 16 future-telling dreams of King Kosala have the whole space occupied. At the bow, the Brahminy duck with floral arabesque hackles was looking at the clear sky while a couple of devotees were praying in front of the Buddha Image.

There were many vendors coming from around the country to make money at the festival. As there are seasonal months in Myanmar traditional calendar and each month has a designated celebration, they are called as twelve seasonal festival vendors who are traveling around the country and vending at the most crowded festivals.

Tawthalin is the month of boat race festival. The Meiktila Lake which is supplying safe water to the whole Meiktila was hosting boat race as well. Sun-kissed fans on the bridge spanning over the lake were seen not caring the temperature rather than their boats. Meiktila in arid zone of Myanmar hardly faces the water scarcity thanks to the age-old Meiktila Lake.

“The road is packed with revelers and vendors at night,” Shwe Nadi restaurant owner Ko Thein Naing said, citing his 10-year old restaurant couldn’t afford to service all the customers at festival night, a time of great rejoicing.

The Meiktila Lake is one of Myanmar’s prominent waters — including naturally heart-shaped Reed Lake in Chin State and Inlay Lake, the floating haven for leg-rowers. The festival concluded with a happy-ending on 23 September, the fullmoon day of Tawthalin.

I didn’t hear the croaking of any frogs from the lake. Maybe it is because the voices from festival were louder. I gave up my childhood dream of catching frog from the Meiktila Lake. But almost all Myanmar kids will still believe there are frogs in the lake. The Meiktila Lake is such a world of make-believe.
Fla student’s message in bottle found in Ireland

A message in a bottle sent by a Florida high school student as part of his marine science class has come ashore in Ireland. Corey Swearingen put the bottle into the Atlantic Ocean in April 2009 and it followed the current all the way to a small fishing village in Ireland. A 17-year-old boy and his father found the bottle during a family vacation.

Swearingen’s former teacher, Ethan Hall, says the bottle’s trip probably lasted about 16 months or so.

In Ireland, the boy and his father responded to the letter, which urged the reader to write with details of the bottle’s location.

Swearingen told Melbourne newspaper Florida Today he didn’t expect the bottle to be found. He’s now studying at Florida Atlantic University.

Kanye West enters “Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy”

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Rapper Kanye West on Tuesday unveiled the title of his upcoming album on Twitter, telling fans it will be “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy” and adding that it’s a final version of “All of the Lights” will be his next single.

West confirmed the album title from Paris, he said, where he was working with a graphics company designing the type face for the album’s cover.

“The official album title is and always was

A zookeeper holds a pair of newborn Siberian tigers at Dalian Forest Zoo in Dalian, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 4 Oct, 2010. Two pairs of tiger cubs, a pair of white tigers and a pair of Siberian tigers, were born in the zoo in Dalian during the National Day holidays.

Korean star Ryu Shi Won to wed on 26 Oct

SEOUL, 6 Oct—Korean singer-actor Ryu Shi Won has announced on his official website Wednesday that he will be getting married on 26 October and that his girlfriend is expecting, according to Chinese media.

“The 26th, I will wed my girlfriend. In celebration of my birthday, I want to let my fans know about my wedding.

It appears I will become a father in Spring. I delayed the announcement because my wife [to be] is a normal citizen (not from the entertainment industry),” said Ryu on his website. “Little is known about Ryu’s girlfriend as he had been very careful not to reveal her identity.

However, she is rumoured to be a dance student whom he met through friends a little over a year ago.

The 38-year-old singer-actor is scheduled to speak to the press on Wednesday afternoon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, the same place where he said he will hold his wedding.

Debuting in 1994, Ryu shot to fame after appearing in the hit

Tom Hanks circling “Sleeping Dogs”

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Tom Hanks may be the first actor to board “Sleeping Dogs,” Kathryn Bigelow’s follow-up to “The Hurt Locker.”

The Paramount Pictures project was previously known as “Triple Frontier” and reunites Bigelow with her “Hurt Locker” screenwriter, Mark Boal.

The story is set in the border zone between Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil, which is a haven for organized crime, and centers on five men of various ages working in the zone.

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Fla man denies cocaine found in buttocks is his

When sheriff’s deputies allegedly discovered a bag of marijuana and cocaine between a man’s buttocks, they said he gave a quick explanation. Manatee County deputies said Raymond Stanley Roberts told them “The white stuff is not mine, but the weed is.”

Deputies stopped the 25-year-old Wednesday in Bradenton for speeding. Officers said they smelled marijuana and searched him. That’s when they allegedly found a bag of marijuana between Roberts’ buttocks.

Officers then discovered another bag in there; the report said it contained 27 pieces of rock cocaine.

The Bradenton Herald reported Roberts was arrested for drug possession and has bonded out of jail. The person who answered Friday at a phone number listed for Roberts said it wasn’t his.

Man arrives at Maine police station with grenade

Police and firefighters in Southwest Harbor, Maine, blocked off the police department parking lot after a man arrived with a grenade, seeking advice on what to do with it.

Police Chief David Chapais said the man had found the grenade among his deceased brother’s belongings and brought it to the department Friday.

The Bangor Daily News reported the man left the grenade in his truck when he went inside to talk to police.

The parking lot was blocked for three hours. Maine State Police Trooper David Barnard later safely removed the grenade.

Police weren’t sure if the grenade was live or not, but Barnard said state police would destroy it.

Chapais advised people to call the police first before attempting to touch or move such an item.

A girl poses with a model of a Hollywood movie character the Iron Man produced by a local studio at an comic and animation exhibition in Dongguan, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 4 Oct, 2010.

A visitor looks at artifacts from 17th century Italy during an exhibition about Matteo Ricci, an Italian Jesuit priest and cultural ambassador who lived in China from 1582 until his death in 1610. The exhibition featured in this file photo was held in June and July at the Nanjing Museum in Jiangsu Province.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER Tom Hanks

A singer of a band named “go chic” from southeast China’s Taiwan sings at Modern Sky Festival in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Oct, 2010. The Modern Sky Festival concluded on Monday.

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

Brazil minidress row student compensated

London, Oct.—A Brazilian university has been ordered to pay $23,600 (£14,840) to compensate a student who was brieﬂy expelled after she went to class in a dress deemed too short by ofﬁcials.

Geisy Arruda had already been readmitted to Bandeirante University in Sao Paulo after a public outcry.

Her lawyers were seeking a much higher amount and say they will appeal.

The case provoked widespread debate in Brazil about personal freedom and public morality.

A civil court said the award was enough to compensate Miss Arruda for damages without endangering the financial health of Bandeirante University, a private college in a suburb of the city.

Geisy Arruda, 21, provoked jeers and insults from fellow students last October when she wore a short red dress to class.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Government of the Union of Myanmar from Reputed Manufacturers or the bonafide agents for the supply and delivery of the following equipment.

TENDER NO: E-2(T)/PW/2010-2011 CLOSING DATE (21.10.2010) 16:00 PM

Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications) will be purchased in FEC 500.00 (or) equivalent US$ per set. The Payment for tender application must be paid to Account No. SEE. 01015, Myanma Economic Bank (2), Yangon through Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.

The tender documents can be obtained from Mechanical Division, Building No.40, Public Works, Ministry of Construction, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, only with the payment receipt from Account Division, Public Works.

Tender should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:00 hours on 21st October, 2010.

The Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without furnishing reasons.

For further detailed information, please contact to Telephone No. 067-407076, 407176 & 407173.

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CLOSING DATE will be on 21st October 2010 at 12:00 hr.

Sealed Bids are to be reached the above offices on or before the closing date.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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Author Jonathan Franzen's glasses held to ransom

Franzen's glasses have since been recovered.

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LONDON, 6 Oct—A man was arrested after stealing author Jonathan Franzen’s glasses from the writer and demanding a ransom of £100,000 ($158,808) at a book launch. Police said a helicopter was called to chase the culprit, who jumped into the Serpentine lake in London.

The 27-year-old has since been released with no further action being taken and the glasses have been recovered.

Last week, thousands of copies of Franzen’s latest novel, Freedom, were recalled because of a printing error. Publishers HarperCollins said “minor corrections” failed to make it into the text of the UK edition.

‘Shocked’

Readers can now exchange misprinted copies for a final version.

Graeme Neill, editor of trade magazine The Bookseller, was at the book launch when the glasses were snatched.

‘It was frankly quite bizarre,’ he said. “Considering the seriousness of Franzen’s work, this is the last thing anyone expected at his book launch.”

‘One year’ to clean toxic spill in Hungary

LONDON, 6 Oct—Hungary says it will cost tens of millions of dollars and take at least a year to clean up the damage caused by a spill of industrial toxic red sludge. Emergency workers are trying to stop the spill, from an alumina plant, from flowing into major waterways, including the River Danube.

A state of emergency has been declared in three western counties after the chemical waste burst from a reservoir. Four people are known to have died, and 120 were injured. Six more are missing.

At least seven villages and towns are affected including Devecser, where the torrent was 2m (6.6ft) deep. The flood swept cars from roads and damaged bridges and houses, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

The sludge — a mixture of water and mining waste containing heavy metals — is considered hazardous, according to Hungary’s National Directorate- rate General for Disaster Management (NDGDIM).

David Cameron set to warn cuts ‘will not be easy’

LONDON, 6 Oct—David Cameron will use his first conference speech as Prime Minister to warn spending cuts will “not be easy”.

He will tell the Conservative Party faithful in Birmingham that jobs will be lost and programmes cut.

But he will also give his backing to wealth creators and pledge protection for the vulnerable, sick and elderly.

Ahead of the speech he apologized for not including the plan to withdraw child benefit from higher-rate tax payers in his election manifesto.

The government has announced that, from 2013, this benefit will be removed from families with at least one parent earning more than about £44,000 a year. But this will not affect families where two parents earn just below this threshold, meaning some households with a total salary of more than £80,000 will not be affected.

‘Sexual element’ in Saudi prince's servant killing

LONDON, 6 Oct—A Saudi prince murdered his servant in an attack which had a “sexual element”, the Old Bailey has heard.

Bandar Abdulaziz, 32, was found beaten and strangled in the Landmark Hotel, Marylebone, central London, on 15 Febru-

The court was told Saud Abdulaziz bin Nasser al Saud had carried out several assaults on the victim before he died.

Mr al Saud, 34, admits manslaughter but denies havourial and emotional problems among the children of heavy-drinking women.

When a pregnant woman drinks alcohol, it passes through the placenta and reaches the baby, which is less well-equipped to break it down.

Researchers have strongly linked heavy drinking to an increased risk of lifelong damage.

However, the evidence about the risks to lighter drinkers has been far less clear.

The study, led by University College London but involving three other UK universities, is the second by this group ex-

amining large numbers of children looking for signs that brain development had been affected.
NEWPORT, 6 Oct — The Ryder Cup used to be the crowning achievement for European golf. Now it’s gravy.

From the balcony of the clubhouse at Celtic Manor, the Europeans sprayed champagne onto a delicious crowd Monday afternoon, stopping every now and then to chug some of the bubbly in a raucous celebration.

All they cared about was winning the gold trophy that apparently had only been on loan to the Americans. Considering how the year has gone — and what the future holds — they might as well have been celebrating a banner year. Europeans won three consecutive weeks on the PGA Tour, the first time that has happened.

They had more major champions than any other continent, with Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland winning the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, and Martin Kaymer of Germany taking the PGA Championship in a playoff.

Circumstance? Maybe. The world ranking, however, suggests otherwise.—INTERNET

Newcastle demand FA punish De Jong

NEWCASTLE, 6 Oct — Newcastle on Tuesday demanded that the English Football Association take action against Manchester City midfielder Nigel de Jong.

De Jong has since been dropped by Holland after severe criticism from national team manager Bert van Marwijk, while Newcastle defender Jose Enrique has claimed that he should be banned for as long as Ben Arfa is sidelined.

Newcastle chiefs have written to the FA to ask them to look into the incident, which went unpunished by match referee Martin Atkinson.

Internet

Zambrotta homing in on 100 caps

MILAN, 6 Oct — Veteran full-back Gianluca Zambrotta has set his sights on reaching 100 Italy caps after being recalled to coach Cesare Prandelli’s squad.

The 33-year-old AC Milan stalwart’s international career had seemed over after he was overruled by Prandelli for the coach’s first two squads since taking over from Marcello Lippi following Italy’s World Cup disaster in South Africa.

But ahead of Euro 2012 qualifiers against Northern Ireland in Belfast and Serbia in Genoa, Zambrotta, who has 97 caps, has set himself a new target.

“At the World Cup I said that I didn’t feel finished. Last Thursday when Prandelli rang me to ask if I was available, I didn’t think about any sort of revenge (for being dropped),” he said Tuesday from Italy’s Coverciano training base.

Internet

Liverpool’s board confirm two ‘excellent’ bids

LIVERPOOL, 6 Oct — The board of English Premier League club Liverpool confirmed on Tuesday they have received “two excellent financial offers” to buy the club.

The offers came on a day that also saw owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett attempt to remove two senior figures from the club’s board of directors.

The American owners are under pressure to sell the club with an October 15 deadline for the repayment of their 282-million-pound loans from the Royal Bank of Scotland and Wachovia.

Internet

Djokovic, Murray coast through in Beijing tennis

BEIJING, 6 Oct — Top seed Novak Djokovic and his main rival Andy Murray breezed into the second round of the China Open on Tuesday, restoring some order to a draw riddled with upsets, as Maria Sharapova was sent packing.

Djokovic, the world number two and the defending champion in Beijing, showed little mercy to Chinese wild card entrant Gong Mao-Xin, wrapping up a 6-1, 6-3 win in just over an hour at the Olympic Green Tennis Centre.

The 23-year-old Serb pummelled local favourite Gong — appearing in only his second ATP tournament of his career — from the backcourt and broke his serve four times.

Internet

Mourinho ‘bitter’ at missing out on Portugal job

LISBON, 6 Oct — Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho admitted on Tuesday that he still felt “bitter” at not being able to take up the offer of coaching his native Portugal for two Euro 2012 qualifying games.

Portugal had asked if Mourinho could take the reins for the next two Euro 2012 qualifiers, following the dismissal of previous coach Carlos Queiroz, only for his club Real Madrid to block the move.

Mourinho, 47, said that while he could understand Real’s position he would have liked to help his national team.

“For two days I felt I thought like the Portuguese coach. And I liked it,” he wrote in an article published on the website of the Association of Football Coaches.

Internet

Diarra unconcerned by France competition

PARIS, 6 Oct — Lassana Diarra says he does not fear for his international place, despite France having produced one of their best performances of recent years in his absence against Bosnia last month.

France beat Bosnia-Hercegovina 2-0 in Sarajevo in their second Euro 2012 qualifier on September 7, wiping out memories of their shock 1-0 at home to Belarus and raising hopes of a bright future under Laurent Blanc.

Diarra missed the game with a hamstring injury and one of the most impressive elements of France’s victory was the performance of his central midfield rival Alou Diarra, Yann Mvila and Abou Diaby.

French national football team midfielder Lassana Diarra, seen here talking to reporters in Clairefontaine.—INTERNET

Krkic will start scoring again, warns Villa

MADRID, 6 Oct — It is only a matter of time before Barcelona striker Bojan Krkic’s goalless streak comes to an end, his teammate David Villa warned on Tuesday.

“Having a run without scoring is something that happens to every striker,” said Villa. “Bojan is very young and has great quality and I am sure that his luck will change. He will go on to score a lot of goals this season.”

Krkic, 20, netted eight goals in the Spanish league last season but has so far failed to score this season.

Spanish champions Barcelona are in fourth place with 13 points, three fewer than Villa’s former club Valencia who are on top after six matches.

Internet

S P O R T S
WEATHER

Wednesday, 6th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, scattered in Rakhine and Mon States. Upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (Lewe) (1.02) inches, Katha (2.63) inches, Pyin (2.52) inches, Cokoyun (2.28) inches, Singu (2.00) inches, Maungdaw (1.81) inches, Hkamti (1.73) inches, Mandalay (1.58) inches, NyaungU (1.26) inches, Kanbalu and Shwebo (1.15) inches each and Taungdwingyi (1.06) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 5-10-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 5-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-10-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 6-10-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 5-10-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 6-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-10-2010 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 5-10-2010 was (5.0) hours. Rainfall on 6-10-2010 was (0.27) at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (70.35) inches at Mingaladon, (81.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from East at (20:30) hours MST on 5-10-2010.

Bay Influence: According to the observation at (12:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s the low pressure area over the West Central Bay still persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Special Features: Yesterday’s the low pressure area over South Chins sea (Gulf of Tonkin) has further intensified into a tropical depression. It is centered at about (30) miles of Hainan (China). It is forecast to move to Northeastwards.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 7th October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, scattered in Shan, Mon States and Taninthayi Region. Fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thunderstorms in the Upper Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (85%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-10-2010: One or two rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-10-2010: One or two rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Kang looking to shine at Korea golf open

CHEONAN, 6 October — In-form South Korean Kang Sung-hoon says he is confident of seeing off Major winner YE Yang and defending champion Bae Sang-Moon at the Korea Open, which tees off Thursday.

Yang, who became the first Asian to secure a Major at last year’s US PGA Championship, will be looking for his second Korean Open crown after victory in 2006, while Bae is aiming for his third looking for his second Korea Open crown after

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Woo Jeong Hills Country Club in Cheonan, south of

Thailand Open and said he thought the layout of the

course, the fairways are tight and the greens are

undulating. The par threes are very long and there

are not many opportunities for birdies. —

I believe I can play a little bit better this year

and I hope I can win the title. “It’s a pretty long

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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
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Coord meeting for electoral process held in Myeik

INN National Development Party, Rakhine Nationalities Development Party present their policies, stance and work programmes