Maj-Gen Myint Soe of Ministry of Defence supervises regional development tasks in Tanai Township

NAV PYI TAW, 8 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 roadwork of Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai Road, maintenance of bridges and development of villages along the road, and thriving seasonal crops and perennials on either side of the road on 6 October.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe visited Tapioca Grinding Factory of Yuzana Hybrid Farming and Breeding Group where he looked round the factory and planted saplings.

He inspected plantations on both sides of the road. In Kaungya Village of Tanai Township, he viewed monsoon paddy plantations of a farmer and greeted the local farmers.

Maj-Gen Myint Soe oversaw staff quarters, clinic, staff canteen and crop plantations at Tanai Township local battalion.

While in Tanai, he inspected development of the town, maintenance of Tanai Bridge, prevention of bank erosion and concreting of downtown roads.

At the meeting hall of Tanai Township Local Station, Maj-Gen Myint Soe met region/district/township level departmental officials. Next, he also met officers and other ranks and their families at the local station hall.

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PCOs, a drive for emergence of modern and developed new nation

In implementing the 30-year long-term plan, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs has adopted aims for telephone, telegraph and postal services separately. “The objective that priority will be given to coverage of national communication network across the nation to enable everybody to have easy access to telecommunications” is one of six objectives for the telephone service.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs implemented the projects for extended installation of the fiber cable communication system, the advanced micro-station communication system, the overseas call service and the local call service from 1990 to 2010 for gaining easy access in major towns, district towns and countryside in a short time and for ensuring coverage of communication network in the rural areas. In addition, telephone lines were installed for the people.

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New Rainfall Record

NAK PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The Meteorology and Hydrology announced that the amounts of rainfall observed at 9.30 hours MST today at the following stations set the new maximum (24-hour) rainfall record for the month of October.—MNA

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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*

Four political objectives
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Nurture highly-qualified national race youths

Development plans are being implemented in all parts of the Union. Especially, border areas are being facilitated with transport, education, health and economic infrastructures. At the same time, basic education schools have been opened and upgraded with a view to uplifting the proficiency of national youths. Many Border Region National Youth Development Training Schools have been opened to enable locals to pursue education free of charge.

Two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges have been established in Yangon and Mandalay for nurturing national youths from border areas to become intellectuals and intelligentsia. At present, the graduates and engineering diploma holder youths turned out from the degree colleges are discharging duties in the respective fields.

Moreover, Technical Training Schools for border region national race youths have been opened to provide technical training to the youths to become skilled workers for implementing the urbanization and industrialization projects in the border areas. So far, the training schools have produced many skilled youth workers in basic construction, electric welding and mechanical fields.

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Dy Health Minister addresses coord meeting on research

YANGON, 8 Oct — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe addressed work coordination meeting of research on control and prevention against toxicity in environment at the hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) this morning.

Director Dr Thaw Zin of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) and Prof. Dr Kyaw Myint Oo of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science gave accounts of research works and control and prevention against toxic chemicals.

Next, Deputy Director Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health presented reports on occupational health and control on toxicity and experts, on biotechnology and research on toxic radiation. — MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Belgium

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct— A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, after attending the 8th Summit of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) held in Brussels of the Kingdom of Belgium on 4 and 5 October, arrived back via Bangkok yesterday.

While in Brussels, on 4 October, the minister attended welcoming ceremony at the Royal Palace where he was welcomed by King Albert II and Prime Minister Mr Yves Leterme of the Kingdom of Belgium.

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Poverty rises in suburbs, help lags

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Poverty has increased in the suburbs of US cities in the last decade, but public services to the poor have not kept pace, according to a report by the Brookings Institution on Thursday.

The recession that began at the end of 2007 “exacerbated this gap,” the liberal-leaning think tank said, adding that almost three-quarters of non-profit assistance groups in the suburbs “are seeing more clients with no previous connection to safety net programmes.”

There are few social service organizations outside of cities and public agencies frequently have to stretch their help across large geographic areas, according to the report.

In 1999, cities and their suburbs had roughly equal numbers of poor residents, but by 2008 the number of suburban poor exceeded that of urban poor by 1.5 million.

“Although poverty rates remain higher in central cities than in suburbs (18.2 percent versus 9.5 percent in 2008), poverty rates have increased at a quicker pace in suburban areas,” Brookings said.—Reuters

Gunmen kill four police in Iran’s Kurdish Area

TEHERAN, 8 Oct—A pair of gunmen opened fire on a police patrol in Iran’s Kurdish Region on Thursday, killing four officers and a bystander, the Iranian official news agency reported.

The attack took place in Sanandaj, the capital of Iran’s Kurdistan Province some 310 miles (500 kilometres) west of Teheran, where authorities have been battling a separatist Kurdish movement for years.

“In this terrorist incident five were killed including four policemen and a pedestrian,” Col Ebrahim Kazemnejad, the provincial deputy police chief told the IRNA news agency.

The two gunmen were members of “counterrevolutionary groups” he said and added that they were using Kalashnikov rifles.

Five other policemen and four civilians were wounded in the attack, one of them in serious condition.

Efforts were under way to apprehend the gunmen, he said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.—INTERNET

Alleged suicide bombs kill eight in Pakistan

KARACHI, 8 Oct—Two suspected suicide bombers have attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan’s largest city, killing at least eight people, wounding 65 others, and sending a stark reminder of the threat posed by militants to this US-allied nation. Angry mobs burned tires and torched buses in the aftermath of the bombings in Karachi late Thursday.

The attack came amid tensions between Washington and Islamabad over NATO helicopter incursions that have led Pakistan to close a key border crossing used to ferry supplies to Western troops in Afghanistan. Despite US apologies over the incursions, one of which left two Pakistani soldiers dead, Islamabad said Thursday it had yet to decide when to reopen the crossing. The

explosions at the Abdullah Shah Ghazi shrine in southern port city of Karachi happened at the busiest time of the week when thousands typically visit to pray, distribute food to the poor and toss rose petals on the grave of the saint. The dead included two children. Ghazi was an 8th century saint credited with bringing Islam to the region along the coast. Local legend has it that his shrine protects Karachi from cyclones and other sea-related disasters. Pakistani Sufi sites have frequently been the target of Islamist militant groups, whose hardline interpretations of the religion leave no room for the more mystical Sufi practices that are common in this Sunni Muslim-majority nation of 175 million. —INTERNET

Twin blasts kill five at market south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct—Backup bombings at a vegetable market south of Baghdad on Thursday afternoon killed at least five people, including a policeman who was searching for explosives, Iraqi security and medical officials said.

The blasts in Iskandariyah, about 30 miles (50 kilometres) south of Baghdad, also wounded at least 20 people, according to Dr Nahid al-Maamouri of the Iskandariyah Hospital.

The first explosion came around 4:45 pm, during the busy afternoon shopping hours ahead of the weekend. The second bomb hit about five minutes later, witnesses said, as people rushed to the attack scene to help.

Iskandariyah police said an explosives detector, held by a policeman just inside the small market’s only entrance, had failed to find the bombs before they went off. The policeman was also killed in the blast, said a police official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to talk to the media.

The area was once controlled by Sunni militants, who have been waging sporadic attacks in an apparent effort to reassert their influence in former strongholds.

Nearby, gunmen killed a member of a Sunni militia formed to battle militants just hours earlier on Thursday.—INTERNET

Indonesia flood toll rises to 110

Damage caused by flash floods in Wasior, Papua Province. The death toll from flash floods in eastern Indonesia has risen to 110 with bodies still lying unclaimed in the mud four days after the disaster, an official said Friday.—INTERNET

MANOKWARI, 8 Oct—The death toll from flash floods in eastern Indonesia has risen to 110 with bodies still lying unclaimed in the mud four days after the disaster, an official said Friday. The remote seaside town of Wasior in West Papua Province was devastated after a torrent of mud, rocks and logs struck it on Monday following torrential downpours.

Hundreds of homes were swept away and scores of people remain missing feared dead, with rescue workers unable to clear huge piles of debris due to shortages of heavy equipment.

“We face difficulties removing dead bodies as our rescuers don’t have enough excavators,” local official Yappi Akwan said, adding that 80 people were listed as missing.—INTERNET
Russian rocket blasts off carrying astronauts to ISS

BAIKONUR, 8 Oct—A newly modernised Russian Soyuz rocket carrying three astronauts to the International Space Station blasted off Friday from Russia’s Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The rocket, carrying two Russians and an American, took off into the night sky on schedule at 3:11 am Moscow time (23:11 GMT Thursday).

Russian space officials said the launch had gone according to plan and the craft successfully went into orbit.

Russian spy Anna Chapman made a rare public appearance before the lift-off. Dressed in a scarlet peacoat, she was spotted in front of the astronauts’ hotel in Baikonur as they boarded a bus to go to the launch. She was swiftly led away by a guard after being recognised by journalists.

The glamorous auburn-haired Chapman was at the centre of the biggest spy crisis between the United States and Russia since the Cold War as one of the US-based “sleepers” agents who in July were exchanged in a dramatic spy swap.

Since her arrival back in Moscow she has posed in cocktail dresses for a weekly magazine and appeared at a party at a nightclub, but has not given any interviews about her experience. The Soyuz TMA-M spacecraft is a modernised version of the ship used by Russia to put humans into the space. It is the first such craft to be fully equipped with a digital measuring system and Friday’s launch was the first time the new design has been used.

Technology brings connection, stress

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Technology has become so entwined with college students’ often frantic lives that most in a new survey say they’d be more frizzled without it.

Yet The Associated Press- mit-U Poll, released Thursday, also found that being perpetually connected comes at a cost. While 57 percent of students said life without computers and cell phones would make them more stressed, a significant number — 25 percent — said it would be a relief.

A big majority feel pressured to instantly answer texts or voice mails, most get nervous if someone doesn’t immediately reply to a message, and nearly half worry whether messages they get are jokes.

“If you’re without it, you’re disconnected,” Megan Earley, 20, a junior at Mount St Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Md, said of technology. “You feel like it’s a lifetime.”

The Internet’s central role for many students was underscored last month when Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University freshman, leaped to his death from the George Washington Bridge after others secretly webcast his sexual encounter with another man. News reports said Clementi left a note on his Facebook page reading, “Jumping off the gw bridge sorry.”

UAE says BlackBerry dispute resolved before deadline

DUBAI, 8 Oct—The United Arab Emirates will not suspend BlackBerry services on 11 October after resolving a dispute with its Canadian maker Research in Motion over access to email and other data, state news WAM agency said on Friday.

The UAE had said it would suspend BlackBerry Messenger, email and web browser services to about 500,000 subscribers from 11 October unless Canadian BlackBerry maker RIM works out a way to locate encrypted servers in the country, so that the government can seek access to messages.

“The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has confirmed that BlackBerry services are now compliant with the UAE’s telecommunications regulatory framework,” a statement on WAM said.

“Therefore all BlackBerry services in the UAE will continue to operate as normal and no suspension of service will occur on 11 October, 2010,” it said. Saudi Arabia and India also threatened to cut off services but have reached an agreement with RIM, and an UAE official said in September the country was “very optimistic” about reaching a deal before the 11 October deadline. Before the dispute, information sent to and from BlackBerries had been encrypted and handled by servers outside the UAE.
Health

Obese workers cost US 73-blн dlrs a year

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Obese workers cost US employers 73.1-billion dollars a year, much of it due to “presenteeism,” or being less productive on the job due to health problems, a study published Friday shows.

The dollar sum lost is the “equivalent of hiring 1.8 million workers a year at 42,000 dollars each, which is roughly the average annual wage of US workers,” found the study led by Eric Finkelstein, deputy director for health services and systems research at Duke-National University of Singapore.

Finkelstein and his team of researchers tallied medical expenditures, presenteeism and absence from work to put a dollar figure on the per capita cost of obesity among full-time US workers.

Taking all three categories into account, the researchers calculated that the per capita cost of obesity was as high as 16.900 dollars a year for women who were roughly 100 pounds overweight, or had a body mass index over 40. For obese men with a BMI over 40, the cost was 15,500 dollars a year.

Many Americans plan to skip flu shot this year

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Although vaccination against influenza can protect people from illness and help prevent the spread of flu, many Americans say they and their children won’t be getting a shot this coming season, new surveys reveal.

Despite the attention surrounding last year’s outbreak of H1N1 flu, 43 percent of Americans say they will not be getting the vaccine this fall, according to a survey from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID).

Another survey from the same group found a third of American mothers saying they have no plans to get a flu shot for their children.

Those decisions could come back to haunt Americans, experts said.

“Flu is serious. Every year millions of people get sick; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized and thousands of people die from influenza,” Dr Thomas R Frieden, director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said during a Thursday morning press conference. In keeping with CDC guidelines, “everyone over the age of 6 months should get a flu shot,” he said.

Flu vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself against the illness, Frieden added. “There is plenty of vaccine available,” he said. “This year we think that the three strains of influenza in the flu vaccine are going to be excellent matches with the flu that’s circulating.”

Business

Mobile and ‘cloud’ computing key future job skills

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Oct—US technology titan IBM says the job skills of the future include savvy with smartphones, tablet computers and software hosted in the Internet “cloud” rather than standard desktop computers. IBM Tech Trends Survey results being released Friday show that a majority of business technology specialists expect that by 2015 more business software will be made for smartphones and tablet computers than for traditional office systems.

And 91 percent of the 2,000 respondents from 87 countries agreed that within five years it will be more popular for companies to use programs offered online as services than for firms to manage in-house computer networks.

“I think the social implications are going to be huge,” IBM vice president of alliances Mark Hanny said while discussing the survey findings with AFP. “It is important for people to embrace technology; it’s a key determinant in all kinds of professions.” From medicine to media and beyond, needed job skills will include mastering software applications on the booming array of mobile gadgets linked to the Internet, according to Hanny.

Consumers cut credit card borrowing for 24th month

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Consumer borrowing fell again in August as consumers cut back on credit card use for the 24th consecutive month, the Federal Reserve said Thursday.

Borrowing by consumers declined by $3.3 billion that month. It was the 18th drop for overall consumer borrowing in the past 19 months.

Americans are borrowing and spending less as they face widespread unemployment and uncertainty about their financial futures. The reduced use of credit by consumers is a drag on the recovery, which has yet to show a sustained rebound.

Households are struggling to repair their personal balance sheets after the worst recession since the 1930s. The home foreclosure crisis is grim evidence that excessive borrowing can upend people’s lives.

Another cause of the decline in credit is banks’ slow recognition that many debts will not be repaid. Banks gave up on $42.5 billion in credit card debt in the first half of 2010, according an analysis by the website CardHub.com.

German exports fall for second month running

FRANKFURT, 8 Oct—German exports declined in August by 0.4 percent from the previous month, official data showed on Friday, the second consecutive month that Europe’s biggest economy has shipped fewer goods abroad.

The value of exports from Germany, the world’s second biggest exporter after China, came to 81.8 billion euros (113.7 billion dollars), the federal statistics office said.

Seasonally- and calendar-adjusted figures provided by the Destatis office also showed that German imports increased by 0.9 percent to 70.1 billion euros.

The unadjusted German trade surplus dropped to nine billion euros from 13.5 billion in July, and the current account surplus was nearly half the July figure at 4.6 billion euros in August.

Economists polled by Dow Jones Newswires had forecast a much stronger trade surplus of 12.6 billion euros.
We will support candidates of parties who want to cooperate with (or) assist our party.

We will strive for emergence of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in joining hands with Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw candidates directly elected by eligible voters across the nation and Tatmadaw candidates nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the Constitution.

We will create a new Myanmar society endowed with justice, liberty and equality regardless of race, religion and financial capacity.

We will try to ensure that all national brethren will have the right to do their business freely in the Union.

We will try to upgrade and update education system in order to contribute to nation-building endeavours.

Regarding the economic sector, we will encourage market-oriented system with competitiveness. Economic growth plays an important role in development of a nation. We will adopt and implement free national economic policy. In implementing the basic policy, we will support state-owned, private-owned and joint-venture sectors and we will make efforts for attracting increased foreign investments. We will strive for the entire people to meet all requirements on an equal basis. We will try to develop health care services and to modernize private hospitals. Health insurance system will be adopted and implemented.

Regarding the agriculture sector, our party will provide necessary assistance for transformation of conventional farming into the mechanized one. We will create the market for agricultural produce. We will guarantee the farmers to possess farmlands. Moreover, we will draw and realize a social insurance system for the entire workers to be able to fully enjoy the basic rights.

Regarding the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people, we will place emphasis on stability of prices for basic foodstuffs and local food sufficiency. In addition, we will encourage the economy based on export promotion.

In respect of the health sector, we will give priority to fixing sufficient salaries of the staff in conformity with present time. Moreover, we will present sufficient pension salaries to the retired personnel for their livelihoods.

With regard to the human rights, we will guarantee the people to enjoy the social, economic and political freedom, rights of press, mobilization, religion, profession and living freedom.

In the new generation youth sector, the youths are to be nurtured to become State leaders, intellectuals, intelligensias and skilled workers as they will bring the brighter future to the State in the future. As such, opportunities will be created for the youth to pursue further studies on their respective professions abroad. Furthermore, the youths are to be nurtured to have the broad knowledge on dynamism of patriotic spirit and international issues.

As to the Tatmadaw sector, the Tatmadaw must be patriotic Tatmadaw with fine traditions to discharge duties of ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty, State defence and security.

We would like to continue to present literature, culture and social sectors. We will support development tasks while preserving literature, language, custom and cultural heritage of all national brethren. We will carry out the tasks such as creating job opportunities for the unemployed with the contribution of the State’s fund, taking care of orphans and building homes for the aged.

We will carry out all necessary means for better transport across the nation as development of a nation depends on smooth transport.

The motto of our party are as follows:-

1. People born in the Union
   Regardless of race and religion
   May enjoy equal rights!

2. For people
   Democracy is needed
   For brothers
   NDPD has emerged

3. Gaining democracy for all national is ——— first
   National peace is ——-————————— basic
   National development is ————— essence

4. To serve national interest.
   Let’s join NDPD!

5. Going to hold multi-party democracy
   General election across the nation soon
   People should cast the vote for NDPD

Esteemed people,

All in all, our party’s Hluttaw candidates will run for three seats in Mongala Taunggyi Township and two seats in Pabedan Township in Yangon Region; five in Maungtaw Township, four in Buthidaung Township, three in Sittway Township, four in Kyunkaw Township and one in MraukU Township. Our party’s symbol is book and pen. It is important to cast the vote right in upcoming multi-party democracy general elections to be held on 7 November, 2010 in order to have a democracy inspired by the people and the rights, and national interest we would like to serve. We would like to urge all public voters to cast the votes by understanding the value of your vote.

I would like to request the voters to cast the votes for the candidates of our party who aspire democracy and will strive to have equal rights, regardless of race and religion. The voters should make a tick beside book and pen symbol of NDPD to support our party. To serve the national interest, let’s vote the book and pen symbol.

May people enjoy physical and mental well-being.
Union Solidarity and Development Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Oct—Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Party U Htay Oo presented party’s policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 8 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:

Esteemed people,

I would like to wish you mental and physical well-beings.

I am U Htay Oo, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

All the people aspire to enjoy peace and tranquility, modernity and development. They want to achieve peace and prosperity throughout their lives. To be able to fulfill the wish of the people, the Union Solidarity and Development Party was formed with the fine legacy of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The Union Solidarity and Development Party is constituted as a national force with all strata of national brethren and people from various regions of the nation.

Our party has planned to maintain prevailing peace and stability and sound development foundations of the State and the people and to cooperate with the people for gaining development momentum.

Our party will join hands with the people for perpetual existence of the Union, perpetuation of sovereignty, national unity, everlasting of the country as peaceful, modern and developed nation, ensuring life security of the entire people, fulfillment of basic needs and enjoying rights of democracy.

As members of our party are also people, the aim of the party is similar to the wish of the people to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation and maintain its durability.

The Union Solidarity and Development Party adopted the policies in conformity with the objective conditions looking forwards to implementing the wish of the people.

As the national policy, our party will steadfastly uphold the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Putting the national interest in the fore, our party will practise the multiparty democracy system, market-oriented economic system and independent and active foreign policies. We will strive to protect nation against internal and external dangers. We will guarantee rights and liabilities of the people in line with the constitution. Placing emphasis on national unity, we will strive for enabling all the national brethren to fully enjoy rights in line with the constitution. We will try hard to improve socio-economic status of the peasants. Our party has planned to strive for improvement of socio-economic status of workers and for enabling the workers to enjoy their rights in line with the constitution.

Our party will guarantee freedom of religion. Our party will enhance the education sector to meet the international standard and encourage development of human resources. Our party has adopted the policy to ensure the entire national people fit and healthy and preserve and uplift cultural heritage and national characters.

With regard to the basic concept, the Union Solidarity and Development Party has planned to establish an industrialized nation to become a developed one. While improving sound agricultural foundation, we are to build an industrialized nation. We all are to solve the internal problems within the nation. We will strengthen friendly relations with all global countries and enhance mutual cooperation. Emphasis will be placed on development of all national brethren including national people from border areas.

Our party has planned to maintain developing momentum of the hand-in-hand cooperation of the nation, perpetuate the unity of the national brethren and people and to cooperate with the people for gaining development momentum.

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As members of our party are also people, the aim of the party is similar to the wish of the people to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation and maintain its durability.

Serving the interests of the State and the people, we deem officially registered political parties and individuals as colleagues. We will give top priority to the State’s interest than the interest of the party, and we will sacrifice lives for the nation and people.

Esteemed people,

The Union Solidarity and Development Party accepts that peasants, workers, youths, women, intellectuals, intelligentsia, artists and public service from all strata of the people are important strengths that are participating in the respective sectors of nation-building task.

The people are to choose the candidates who will really serve the interest of the regions and the people in coming multiparty democracy general elections. They are to choose the candidates who have really served, are serving, will serve and have the capability to serve the interests of the regions and the people. The people are to choose what type of the party and candidate will really serve the interests of the nation and the people.

Esteemed people,

Our Union Solidarity and Development Party is formed with the fine legacy of the Union Solidarity and Development Association that has been joining hands with the people for about 17 years in serving the interest of the national people. Although the association could not carry out all the efficient tasks, the organization could try its best in carrying out the efficient tasks most. Our party has selected the best candidates for effectively serving the public interest.

I would like to request the people to cast votes for the candidates of our party who will really serve the interest of the regions and the people. The candidates who have really served, are serving, will serve and have the capability to serve the interests of the regions and the people. These candidates are to choose the candidates who will really serve the interest of the regions and the people.

May all the people enjoy best wishes.

Seals help map ocean floor

Santa Cruz, 8 Oct—Seals diving deep in the ocean for food near Antarctica are helping provide extremely accurate data for use in mapping the sea floor, oceanographers say.

Seals, walruses, whales and other large marine creatures have helped oceanographers before, as scientists have glued sensors to the animals’ bodies that measures factors like temperature and salinity, Science-News.org reported.

The new work with elephant seals is the first to extract information on the shape of the seafloor known as bathymetry from new sensors, glued to the animals’ heads, which can measure pressure and hence depth.”You can actually map the ocean floor,” Daniel Costa, a marine biologist at the University of California, Santa Cruz, says.

The data came from 57 elephant seals tagged by Costa’s group during five summers at the US Antarctic Marine Living Resources camp in the South Shetland Islands.—Internet

Facebook Groups dinged for drafting members

San Francisco, 8 Oct—Facebook on Thursday was getting kudos for giving members better control of their information but dinged for letting people be thrown into “groups” without their permission.

A day after the world’s most popular online social network began letting users form cozy cliques at the website the Internet was abuzz with grumblings by people who found themselves added to groups without being asked.

Well-known technology entrepreneur and blogger Jason Calacanis posted at his website a copy of an email that he sent to Facebook after being “force-joined” to a group called the “North American Man/Boy Love Association” (NAMBLA). “There is no opt-in,” Calacanis complained, noting that he is not and has no interest in being a NAMBLA member. “I’ve now been assigned to a group that advocates well...mmm...You can look it up, it’s very bad.”

China launching search for domestic potash sources

Beijing, 8 Oct—China has launched a search for domestic potash sources to ensure stable supplies of the mineral used in fertilizer, a state news agency said Friday, amid official concern about mining giant BHP’s bid to acquire a major Canadian producer.

China is a major potash importer and says a BHP Billiton Ltd. takeover of Canada’s Potash Corp could boost prices and hurt Chinese farmers.

A state company reportedly is considering a possible competing bid to BHP’s $39 billion offer but Canadian officials are wary of allowing Chinese ownership.

The Ministry of Land and Resources has spent 50 million yuan ($7 million) this year looking for potash in China and plans to spend 100 million yuan annually through 2015, Xinhua said, citing ministry sources.

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PCOs, a drive for emergency...

These projects were the international telegraph upgrading project, the international linkage and communication extension project, the internal communication extension project, the communication project for regional development, the 6000-line installation project in Yangon Region, the construction of new microwave linkages in western area of Ayeyawady River and border regions, the substitution of Asia-Europe Underwater Cable Project (SMW3), the cross-border exchange substitution project, the construction of digital auto-exchanges construction project in countryside, the GSM mobile system construction project, the mobile telephone service project, the substitution of Asia-Europe Underwater Cable Project, the 6000-line installation project in Yangon Region, the formation of digital auto-exchanges construction project, the cross-border exchange substitution project, the construction of digital auto-exchanges construction project, the construction of digital auto-exchanges construction project, the digital auto-exchanges construction project, the modern communication system installation project, the communication facilities upgrading project, the local/transfer exchanges construction project, the Basic e-Government Project, the special development zone project, the Myanmar Communication Network Construction Project, the Fiber Cable Construction and ADSL System Installation Project, the Mekong Region Information and Communication Broadband Linkage Project, the Offshore and Onshore Communication System Construction Project, the Yatanarpon Myothit Construction Project, the formation and registration of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd and the internal and international postal service project.

Implementing the projects, telephone lines were installed for the public for the trunk call system, the overseas call system, local call system, Internet communication system and the rural communication system. Although there were 74855 telephones in 1988, the number of telephone lines increased to 2172434 telephone lines in August 2010. As such, the telephone communication contributes to progress in economic and social sectors, regional development, national disasters preparedness and tasks on prevalence of law and order. In addition, the government earned from the charges of installation of telephones and phone call services. In addition, the improvement of other communication services is mentioned as follows:

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In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Public Call Offices (PCO) were opened in States and Regions for uplifting the rural communication services for the rural people.

In Nay Pyi Taw, the dwellers have the opportunity to use CDMA-450 mobile phones as of June 2009. Therefore, the CDMA-450 (PCO) booths were constructed in wards and villages around Nay Pyi Taw. With the aim of uplifting the rural communication system throughout the nation, the CDMA-450 mobile phones were installed up to September 2010. They are:

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UEC chairman meets state/district/... 
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U Nyunt Shwe, Secretary U Kau Win and members, the chairman of Myitkyina District subcommission and members, the chairmen of Myitkyina, Wainmaw and M’Jangyang Township subcommissions, the polling station officers, deputy polling station officers and members totaling 376.

The UEC chairman called on members of subcommissions and polling station officers and members to carry out electoral work in accord with election law and rules and directives for success of holding multiparty democracy general elections and electoral process and called for smooth electoral process without delay in casting vote.

After hearing reports on work progress presented by the chairmen and secretaries of respective subcommissions, the UEC chairman gave necessary instructions.

Next, the UEC chairman and party inspected demonstration of voting process at BEHS No (1) in Ayar Ward, Myitkyina and left necessary instructions.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut meets Tatmadawmen and families at Naungwoe local battalion in Ba Htoo station

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Oct — Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Coun-

Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) ...

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The two-motorway facility will be emerged as a rail-cum-road bridge as well as Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). The project located upstream from the second defile of Ayeyawady River embarked on 7 May 2009. The main bridge will be 3215 feet long and approach roads from Katha and Bhamo will be 680 feet and 735 feet long.

Approach railroads will be 680 feet long from Katha and 1615 feet from Bhamo. So the total length of bridge will be 4630 feet and that of the railroad bridge will be 5510 feet.

The bridge will be of combined reinforced concrete and steel girder type. The bridge with three foot pedestrian walks has 14 feet wide railroad and 14 feet wide motor road. It has 320 feet of clearance and 47 feet of height and can withstand 60 tons of load.

Upon completion, local produces can be accommodated between the upper and lower Myanmar. Thanks to emergence of the bridge, the local people, formerly who had only access to waterway, will see more progress in their socio-economic lives.

The bridge which will link Shan State, Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region will be conducive to national integration and bring about development in social, economic and education sectors to national brethren. It is learnt that the project is being implemented with the aspirations to meet set standards and to be completed on schedule.

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Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence meets servicemen and their families at Naungwoe local battalion in Ba Htoo station.—MNA

Heavy rains cause floods in some parts of nation

 Authorities provide assistance for victims

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Heavy rains on 6 and 7 October caused floods, landslides and damages on some parts of motor roads and railroads in some States and Regions.

Due to heavy rains, landslides occurred on the railroad between Bonchaung and Namkhama stations on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad at 10 pm on 6 October. Officials of Myanma Railways completed repair of the railroad section at 6 pm. Now, the trains regularly run on Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad.

A landslide from the hill occurred near Hsedaw station of Mandalay-Lashio railroad in Shan State (north) due to torrential rain on 6 October. In the incident, stone fell near the rail tracks. At 8 am on 7 October, removal of stones on the railroad completed. The rail transport turned into normalcy. No casualty occurred in the incident.

On 6 October, the heavy rains caused landslide on railroad section between Ngaminmae and Kanthaya stations in NyaungU Township. Officials cleared sand from the railroad, and the train schedules turned into normalcy yesterday afternoon.

A heavy rain fell in Magway Township at 10 pm on 6 October. Motor road was blocked as Daungnay Creek near Daungnay Village become swollen due to the heavy rains. Due to concerted efforts of officials, vehicles yesterday afternoon started to pass Daungnay pass the road near Daungnay Bridge which is under construction.

Due to heavy rains, some villages of Sagaing and Yinnabinth towns were flooded yesterday and some parts of motor road were inundated. There was no one dead and wounded in the heavy rains and floods.

Heavy rains occurred in Phyapon, Ahmar, Dedaye and Bogale townships on 6 and 7 October. Due to flooding, some households were evacuated to the safe places. The heavy rains left damage to some huts. However, there was no casualty in the incident.

Local authorities, officials and social organizations join hands in clearing debris and the damaged ports of landslides, motor road and railroad sections. At present, motor road and railroad sections turned into normalcy. The flood victims were evacuated to the safe places and provided necessary assistance.

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Myint Aung and U Kyaw Win sitting at the Supreme Court (Nav Pyi Taw) delivered judgment of five special civil appeal cases and then heard five special civil appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, today.

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Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut presents cash assistance and inspected farm of the battalion.

He also viewed the Naungwoe-Yakassaw road construction, Saikhkawng Bailey Bridge and thriving plantations on either side of the road.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party inspected People’s Hospital in Indaw, gave away presents to patients and presented medicines to officials.

On arrival at Zawgyi Hydropower Plant No (2), Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut heard report on inflow and storage of water submitted by an official and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

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Wayward baggage handler causes Pa security scare

PHILADELPHIA, 8 Oct—Two US Airways workers loading a Bermuda-bound flight grew suspicious of whether another baggage handler was allowed to be near the jet and confronted him Thursday, leading the man to flee and forcing transportation security officials to remove passengers and rescan all their luggage.

More than 100 passengers and five crew members were taken off US Airways Flight 1070 for more than four hours over the security issue.

The Philadelphia baggage handlers alerted their bosses when they saw a co-worker who was not assigned to be near the plane, FBI spokesman J Klaver said. “When they asked him to leave, he drove away from the plane in a baggage loading-vehicle,” he said.

Ukraine announces grain export restrictions

KIEV, 8 Oct—Ukraine, one of the world’s leading grain exporters, on Thursday announced a limit on exports after a severe drought, but confusion remained on the precise volume of restrictions.

Prime Minister Andrei Klyuev was the first through to his spokesman that the government would allow the export of two million tonnes of maize (corn), 500,000 tonnes of wheat and 500,000 tonnes of barley.

The measure will “remain in place until the end of the year,” Klyuev’s spokesman Artem Petrenko said.

But shortly after, Finance Minister Fedir Yaroshenko gave different figures: “500,000 tonnes for wheat and 3.0 million tonnes for corn,” he said, Interfax agency reported.

Agriculture Minister Nikolai Priyaznyuk later denied altogether that the issue had been settled, saying the cabinet had “decided to continue working on the document” until its “definite” approval on Monday or Wednesday, Interfax agency reported.

The government is still discussing the export restriction should be three million tonnes for corn, one million tonnes for wheat, and 150,000 tonnes for barley.—INTERNET

Yemen arrests seven suspects in attack on UK diplomat

SAN’A, 8 Oct—Yemeni authorities announced on Thursday the arrest of seven suspects in the attack on the motorcade of the British embassy’s No 2 all from an area in the capital that has become synonymous with militancy.

The neighbourhood of Nuqum in Yemen’s capital of San’a not only plays host to the US and British embassies but contains a sprawling slum on the eastern half of the city which security officials say is full of extremists with Al-Qaeda connections. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, an offshoot of Osama bin Laden’s terror network, was formed more than a year ago when Yemeni and Saudi militant groups merged. Al-Qaeda fighters are believed to have built up strongholds in remote parts of the country, allying with powerful tribes that resent the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

By late Thursday, the person had not been identified or located, Klaver said. Officials believe he was authorized to be in that section of the airport, but not at that particular place.

Authorities swept the plane for explosives and found none, Klaver told The Associated Press. The situation did not appear to have any connection to terrorism, he said.

The flight had been scheduled to depart at about 11 am Passengers were instead removed and the plane was towed away for inspection. The Airbus 319 was surrounded by emergency vehicles with lights flashing, and security dogs moved on the ground near the jet. The flight finally left after 4 pm.

INTERNET

Pfizer says recalled 191,000 Lipitor bottles

NEW YORK, 8 Oct—Pfizer Inc said it recalled 191,000 bottles of its top-selling Lipitor cholesterol fighter following reports of a musty odor coming from some bottles of the medicine made by a third-party supplier.

The world’s largest drugmaker said the recall, which took place in mid-August, involved seven lots of 40 milligram Lipitor, as well as three other lots of the medicine supplied to a Canadian generic drugmaker. Five of the seven recalled lots of the branded medicine were in the United States, while two were recalled from Canada. Pfizer said.

The recall was initiated after the company received three reports from consumers complaining about the musty odor, including one so-called adverse event report, Pfizer spokesman Rick Chambers said. The health problem reported by the consumer was found to be not likely to be related to the odor problem, Chambers said.

Even with declining revenue amid generic competition in some countries, such as Canada, Lipitor remains the world’s largest-selling prescription medicine with annual sales in excess of $11 billion.—Reuters

Armed men kidnap peacekeeper in Sudan’s Darfur

EL FASHER, 8 Oct—Armed men abducted a civilian peacekeeper in the capital of Sudan’s North Darfur state Thursday hours after UN Security Council envoys arrived in the city, the mission said.

It was believed to be the first time kidnappers had seized a foreigner in EL Fasher, a development certain to dismay aid officials in Darfur who have pulled staff back to the main towns to evacuate a wave of abductions in remote locations.

“The slow and methodical growth of terrorism has been a factor in this decision,” said Kurnak Saiki, spoke for the joint UN/African Union force UNAMID. Saiki said the missing man was not Sudanese but gave no other personal details. Sudanese security forces sealed off the main exits from the city, seeking the UNAMID vehicle that the kidnappers used to escape, he added.

INTERNET

Magnum Distance 6.3 quake hits Indonesia’s Moluccas islands

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—a 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia on Friday, 146 miles north east of Ternate in the Moluccas, the US Geological Survey said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage. The quake was measured at a depth of 90 miles.

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Morocco draws on the elements for its green energy project

A Moroccan flag flies next to a wind turbine at a 250-million-euro (300 million US dollar) wind farm, near Tangiers, shortly after its inauguration by Moroccan King Mohammed VI in June 2010.—INTERNET

DHR SAADANE, 8 Oct—Water, sun and wind. Morocco has launched an ambitious programme to harness the elements to produce “green” electricity to reduce its dependence on energy imports. And eventually it even hopes to export the energy produced.

Lining the hills of Dhar Saadane, 126 windmills overlook the city of Tangiers, in what site manager Loubna Farabi says is the largest windmill park in Africa. King Mohammed VI himself launched the site in June, one of the first steps towards Morocco’s avowed aim of exploiting renewable energy sources. It has a capacity of 140 megawatts (MW).

But to get that green energy requires a lot of money up front, especially when you are dealing with relatively new technology.

What has helped however, is the growing interest along the southern Mediterranean coastline among not just businesses but some European governments.

This has sparked interest in the Mediterranean to develop one of the region’s most abundant resources: the sun.

Pakistan envoy criticises US travel alert

LONDON, 8 Oct—A US travel alert warning Americans travelling in Europe against possible terrorist attacks may have been politically motivated.

Pakistan’s top diplomat in Britain told a newspaper Friday.

High commissioner Wajid Shamsul Hasan suggested the decision to issue the alert — which followed reports militants in Pakistan were plotting to target Europe could have been influenced by mid-term polls in the US next month. “I will not deny the fact that there may be internal political dynamics, including the forthcoming mid-term American elections,” Hasan was quoted as saying in Britain’s Guardian Daily.

“If the Americans have definite information about terrorists and Al-Qaeda people, we should be provided [with] that and we could go after them ourselves.”

The US alert on Sunday was followed by warnings from Britain, Japan and Sweden that its citizens may be at risk of terror attacks while travelling in Europe.

Hasan further said recent US attacks inside Pakistan had “set the country on fire” and warned that mounting public anger could lead to American personnel in Pakistan being attacked.

“If they [the Americans] kill someone again, they will react,” he was quoted as saying.

“There is a figure that there are 3,000 American personnel in Pakistan. They would be very easy targets.”

Universal Postal Union’s Director General Message on World Post Day 2010

9 October, 2010

A Post that is innovative and relevant

With the surge in new information and communication technologies transforming our world, many are wondering whether Posts really do have a future. My response is a categorical yes.

Post offer a whole host of services—both traditional and new—to meet the communication needs of billions of people and businesses every day. Instead of retreating before these new technologies, which are changing our concept of communication almost every day, Posts are changing too and showing that they can also be innovative.

Some 65% of the world’s national Posts now offer online services, including online bill payments (16%), e-postage services (13%) and delivery of items against e-signatures (10%).

Another 12% offer internet shopping (e-commerce), and, at least 40% provide public internet access points. A new top level domain name, post, recently assigned by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), in sponsorship with the UPU, will enable the postal sector to establish a solid base in cyberspace for developing secure and trusted e-postal services.

This is a course that needs to be followed. While Posts worldwide continue to process more than 483 billion letters per year, mail volumes continue to decline as a result of electronic substitution and the recent financial crisis (particularly in industrialized countries and depending on the state of the economy).

And although physical mail will not be disappearing overnight any time soon despite this downward trend, Posts are looking to the future by diversifying their products and services. Thanks to e-commerce, parcel volumes are taking off. Posts in many countries are seeing annual growth rates of 20% in parcel volumes due to online sales. Posts are also offering more and more financial services, customized e-services, logistics services, administrative services and many others.

All of these services also create jobs and support local businesses.

A study of 5,561 municipalities in Brazil revealed that the opening of a postal bank branch in one of these municipalities over four years directly resulted in a 14% increase in the number of new jobs and a 23% increase in the number of new small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). More generally, economists agree that postal services help to increase a country’s gross national product by at least 1%.

On this 9 October, World Post Day, let us remember the very relevant and valuable role the Post plays in the day-to-day lives of billions of people and businesses, not only as a means of communication, but also as an essential driver of economic growth.

Honda launches hybrid Fit to take on Toyota’s Prius

TOKYO, 8 Oct—Honda Motor on Friday launched a hybrid version of its popular Fit subcompact car in Japan, making it the cheapest petrol-electric car available in the nation. The Fit Hybrid went on sale during a preview at the company’s headquarters in Tokyo on 8 October, 2010.—INTERNET

United, Air Canada to form joint venture

CHICAGO, 8 Oct—United Airlines and Air Canada announced plans Thursday to form a revenue-sharing joint venture for flights between Canada and the United States. Already partners through the Star Alliance, the airlines said the joint venture would

lead to lower fares and better services. It comes a week after United completed a merger with Continental Airlines.

“Working cooperatively with our partner Air Canada, we can create a more streamlined travel experience for customers traveling between the United States and Canada, providing more travel options and benefits while reducing travel times,” said Jeff Smisek, United Airlines President and Chief Executive Officer. The joint venture is expected to come into effect in early 2011, subject to regulatory approval. The carriers already benefit from anti-trust immunity granted by the US Department of Transportation.

Japan’s auto maker Honda Motor president Takanobu Ito introduces the company’s new hybrid compact car “Fit Hybrid”, equipped with 1.3-litre electric motor and front-wheel drive during a preview at the company’s headquarters in Tokyo on 8 October, 2010.—INTERNET
Most Americans Back Embryonic Stem Cell Research

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Americans overwhelmingly support embryonic stem cell research, and that backing stretches across a broad range of demographic groups, including Republicans, Catholics and born-again Christians, according to a new Harris Interactive/HealthDay poll. Almost three-quarters (72 percent) of the adults surveyed believe that scientists should be allowed to use embryonic stem cells left over from in vitro fertilization procedures to search for potential treatments or ways to prevent diseases such as Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s, diabetes and other conditions. Only 12 percent oppose using stem cells for biomedical research, or ways to prevent diseases such as Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s, diabetes and other conditions. Ten percent of survey respondents who said they were not sure about the use of embryonic stem cells also believed that the use of embryonic stem cells should not be allowed. The poll, conducted between September 27 and October 2, found that 92 percent of U.S. adults believe that embryonic stem cell research is important, with 67 percent saying that it is very important. According to the poll, 84 percent of Hispanics, 83 percent of African Americans, 73 percent of white adults, 72 percent of Asians, 61 percent of Republicans, 73 percent of Democrats, 72 percent of Independents, 69 percent of women, 83 percent of men, 89 percent of parents and 72 percent of non-parents support the use of embryonic stem cells. The poll also found that 88 percent of parents believe that it is important to support embryonic stem cell research. The poll was conducted for Harris Interactive/HealthDay, a project of the University of California, San Francisco’s Institute for Health Promotion Research. For more information, visit http://www.harrisinteractive.com/healthday/.
FBI seizes John Lennon fingerprints before auction

A set of John Lennon’s fingerprints being auctioned for at least $100,000 was seized by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday 30 years after the singer’s death.

The finger card was being shown to media at a midtown New York store early Wednesday in an auction preview of more than 90 Beatles items when the FBI faxed a subpoena there and took the card.

Hot dog vendor’s trailer stolen

Wait staff at an American restaurant prepare a table for the city’s first hot dog eating competition in July 2009. China’s capital hosted its first own international ‘dog off’ competition a week after American Joey Chestnut chopped down a record 68 hot dogs, capturing his third straight July Fourth hot dog eating contest at Coney Island, an annual showcase for flamboyant hot dogging contestants eager to show they really are what they eat.

A New York state hot dog vendor said his livelihood is in danger after someone stole his hot dog trailer from his usual location.

Fred Martucci, 54, proprietor of Fred’s Franks in Orangeto, said he had been working at his business for nine hours a day, six days a week for more than a year before the trailer was stolen 30 Sept from the parking lot of Orangeto General Auto Repairs.

They took my business. They took my livelihood, my means of supporting my family,” he said. “It hit me the other day when I realized that I have no work to go to and no way to make money.”

Detective Sgt George Garrec of the Orangeto police said surveillance footage depicts three men cutting locks and stealing the trailer, but rain at the time of the incident makes obtaining detailed descriptions of the suspects difficult.

Stars flock to Rome’s ‘multicultural’ film festival

ROME, 8 Oct—Actresses Keira Knightley, Eva Mendes and Julianne Moore are among the movie stars set to attend the 2010 Rome film festival this month, which will focus on independent cinema, organisers said Thursday.

“It’s an international programme, particularly multicultural, with films by independent directors born for the most part in 1964,” festival director Piera Detassis told journalists.

Spider-Man creator turns to NHL for new heroes

Stan Lee, the 87-year-old comic book writer seen here in July 2010 who co-created such heroes as Spider-Man and the X-Men, is partnering with the National Hockey League to create his next set of superheroes.

The NHL and Lee’s Pow! Entertainment announced Thursday a partnership to launch the American’s latest effort, The Guardian Project, which will see the creation of 30 superheroes by the man who masterminded the Hulk and Iron Man.

“Characters will represent each NHL club and various elements of the league but will not be set in the hockey world. Each character will have powers that represent the team or city. “Every great plan starts with a great story,” Lee said. “I truly believe we have the perfect combination from which to launch 30 new superheroes and excite young fans around the globe.”—Internet

Swedish museum learns of artwork theft from police

A Swedish museum only learned of the theft of three of its works of art, including a valuable Edvard Munch painting, after they were discovered by police during a raid, media reported Thursday.

The Malmö Art Museum in southern Sweden had not reported the three recovered pieces stolen and had no idea they were missing, the bewildered head of the institution said.

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Stars gather for top Asian film festival

People watch the opening movie ‘Under the Hawthorn Tree’ by Chinese director Zhang Yimou during the opening ceremony of the 15th Pusan International Film Festival in Busan, South Korea, on 7 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Busan, 8 Oct—An array of international film stars dazzled on the red carpet as Asia’s top film festival opened Thursday in the South Korean port city of Busan. The 15th Pusan International Film Festival kicked off with an outdoor screening of Chinese director Zhang Yimou’s “Under the Hawthorn Tree” at the Haeundae Yachting Centre, with thousands of screaming fans lining up to welcome South Korean heartthrobs such as Won Bin and Lee Yo-Won.

Attention also focused on international stars Kim Yun-Jin, star of the hit TV series “Lost”, Japanese starlet Yu Aoi and Chinese star Tang Wei.

A few hundred lucky fans were able to pick up tickets to the screening and they roared their approval when the event was officially opened with fireworks by its founder and outgoing festival director Kim Dong-Ho.

Internet
Brazil cruise to victory over Iran

ABU DHABI, 8 Oct — A much changed Brazil from the one that disappointed at the World Cup finals eased to a 3-0 victory over Iran in an international friendly here on Thursday. Goals by Daniel Alves, Alexandre Pato and Nilmar were enough to see the Brazilians to an easy win on what was their second appearance in the United Arab Emirates — they wallowed the UAE 8-0 in 2005.

Brazilians — now under the management of Mano Menezes after Dunga was sacked following their exit in the World Cup quarter-finals to the Netherlands — opened the scoring in the 14th minute through a terrific freekick by Alves. Despite being cheered on by the 20,000 strong crowd the Iranians couldn’t deliver much of a threat but the Brazilians also could not add to their tally during the first period. — Internet

Carson vows to win back England place

West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Scott Carson

LONDON, 8 Oct — West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper Scott Carson has vowed to fight his way back into England manager Fabio Capello’s squad after being dropped for the upcoming Euro 2012 qualifier with Montenegro. Carson was picked for last month’s matches against Bulgaria and Switzerland but forced to withdraw following a family bereavement. However he missed out on selection for Tuesday’s Group G game at Wembley.

“I was really devastated to find myself out of the squad, but you can’t win it on the back of your day. I thought I’d carried my form on in the last few games,” said Carson, who has been in superb form for the Baggies this season. — Internet

Cristie Kerr leads Navistar LPGA Classic

Dorothy Delasin in the Navistar LPGA Classic.

PRATTVILLE, 8 Oct — LPGA Championship winner Cristie Kerr shot a 7-under 65 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over Morgan Pressel, Anna Nordqvist and Dorothy Delasin in the Navistar LPGA Classic. Kerr, also the LPGA State Farm Classic champion this year, birdied three of the last four holes in her bogey-free round on the links-style Senator course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail’s Capitol Hill complex. “It’s fun to be at the top of the leaderboard,” Kerr said. “But it’s only Thursday. You can’t win it on the first day, but you can lose it, so it’s great to be in this position.”

The third-ranked Kerr topped the leaderboard a day after missing the pro-am because of illness. “I didn’t feel that great in the morning,” Kerr said. — Internet

‘No split loyalties’ for Germany’s young turk Ozil

Germany’s midfielder Mesut Ozil warms up during a training session at Berlin’s Olympiastadion on 6 Oct, 2010. — Internet

Berlin, 8 Oct — Germany midfielder Mesut Ozil insists he will feel no split loyalties when his team take on Turkey in Friday’s key Euro 2012 qualifier in Group A.

The 21-year-old is German born and bred of Turkish parents, but opted to play for the country of his birth, first wearing the Germany shirt in February 2010.

Some outstanding performances at the World Cup earned him a multimillion euros transfer to Real Madrid and Ozil says he will have no problem playing against the country of his ancestors on Friday. — Internet

Serena could make comeback at Linz

Vienna, 8 Oct — Current world number one Serena Williams, absent since July with a foot injury, could make her comeback next week at the WTA tournament in Linz, organizers revealed on Thursday. “Her flight is booked, her arrival in Linz is scheduled for Sunday,” organizers said on the tournament website. Williams has until 1400GMT on Friday to confirm her participation in the event.

Sneijder ready to commit to Inter

Rome, 8 Oct — Dutch playmaker Wesley Sneijder said Thursday he is set to sign a contract extension that will see him remain with European champions Inter Milan until 2015. — Internet

“Inter is my dream,” Sneijder said. “I dream of playing against the best, and I believe that I have grown.”

“Inter is the place where I can achieve my dreams. I want to stay here until 2015 and then we will see what happens.”

“Inter have shown me that they want me to stay and I am very happy,” Sneijder said. — Internet

It takes more than a black eye to sideline Dempsey

Bridgeview, 8 Oct — The puffy knot that obscured Clint Dempsey’s left eye is almost gone, the bruise below fading to a technicolor blend of purples, blues and yellows.

The nasty-looking souvenir from Fulham’s game against West Ham last Saturday would have sent most people to the sidelines immediately.

Not Dempsey, who not only kept playing after taking an elbow to the eye, he went on to score for Fulham in the 1-1 draw. Whether playing for club or country, Dempsey is going to do whatever it takes to stay on the field. — Internet

Dutch playmaker Wesley Sneijder, said on Thursday he is set to sign a contract extension that will see him remain with European champions Inter Milan until 2015. — Internet

France and Wales out of qualifiers

PARIS, 8 Oct — France’s World Cup 2010 qualifying hopes are all but gone after they were humiliated by Andorra in a 4-0 defeat in Andorra la Vella in the Euro 2012 qualifier on Thursday. France was already trailing at half-time after Andorra’s Marc Planus and Oriol Riera struck against solid French resistance. But Andorra’sSetien partners with Inter

RALEIGH, N.C., 8 Oct — The Florida Panthers have announced that the NHL has designated former NHL star John Vanbiesbrouck to coach the team for the 2010-11 season.

Vanbiesbrouck, 38, will assume Assistant Coach responsibilities and will serve as a mentor to the Panthers’ prospects.

Before last year, Vanbiesbrouck had spent the past six seasons with the New Jersey Devils as an assistant coach, helping the club reach the Stanley Cup finals twice, in 2000 and 2001.

While in New Jersey, the Devils won the Stanley Cup in 2000 and 2003.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to coach and work with the Panthers,” Vanbiesbrouck said in a statement. — NHL

Bosnian Miljan Mlinaric takes over as head coach of the Florida Panthers. —互联网
**WEATHER**

**Friday, 8th October, 2010**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Shan State and Tanninthyi Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Shan States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Ptheyingyi (11.31) inches, Maungtaw (8.19). inches, Myitnge (7.87) inches, Singaing (7.10) inches, Kyauktar (6.42) inches, Amarapura (6.24) inches, Tadaal (5.91) inches, PyinOoLwin (5.75) inches, Mandalay (5.12) inches, Shwesayan (5.00) inches, Nawngkhi (4.57) inches, Myinn (4.45) inches, Pale (4.25) inches and Kain (4.08) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-10-2010 was (89%). Rainfall on 8-10-2010 was (Tr).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-10-2010 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 7-10-2010 was (1.9) hours. Rainfall on 8-10-2010 was (0.94) inch at Mingaladon, (1.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (71.81) inches at Central Yangon.

**Mingaladon, (83.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.86) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 (12) mph from Southern at (17:30) hours MST on 7-10-2010.**

**Bay Influence:** According to the observation at (13:30) hours MST today, the depression over North Bay is crossing over West Bengal (India) and coastal areas of Bangladesh. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until afternoon of the 9th October 2010:** Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Tanninthyi Region and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of locally heavy falls in Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45) mph. Seas will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar water.

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-10-2010:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2010:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Weather Outlook For Second Weekend Of October 2010:** During the coming weekend, One or two rain or thundershowers in Yangon Region and isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire

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

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

**Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) swinging into action**

Article: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung); Photos: Reporter Myint Aung (Ahlon)

Myitkyina’s hazy morning can make anyone feel content. The bus I boarded left Myitkyina Bus Terminal for Bhamo at 8 am. It was 2.30 pm when I stepped off the bus in Bhamo. So I managed to stay for a night in Bhamo as it is too late to proceed.

Early in the morning on the following day, I took a hovercraft ride to visit the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan).

The construction site with mountain ranges surrounded and with clouds cast over could be seen from the distance.

The construction of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) was implemented in Sinkhan village in Bhamo District in Kachin State as a special project by the guidance of the Head of State.

National Democratic Party for Development, Union Solidarity and Development Party present their policies, stance and work programmes

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