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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Fijian President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct — On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Fiji Islands, which falls on 10th October 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, LVO, OBE, MSD, OSTJ, President of the Republic of Fiji Islands.—MNA

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Fijian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct — On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Fiji Islands, which falls on 10th October 2010, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Commodore Josala V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji Islands.—MNA

The national railroad network, which will emerge the length and breadth of the country as railroad corridor, will contribute to improvement of socio-economic status of the national brethren

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad construction project undertaken by Myanmar Railways under of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the pavilion near Seikpyu Station in Seikpyu Township, Magway Region, this morning, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, (See page 8)
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Establish more libraries to disseminate knowledge to rural people

Literature gives knowledge to readers. All the people are studying literature. As a result, every household can enjoy better livelihood and the human society can achieve progress in all aspects.

The government is creating the opportunities through ways and means such as formal and informal education for all the people regardless of age and education level to be able to study literature. Due to the literacy campaigns, the adult literacy rate has been increasing year by year.

Up to now, Myanmar has achieved over 94 per cent literacy rate. Libraries have been opened for improving reading habit of the literates and raising reading skills. So far, over 50,000 self-reliant village libraries have been opened in the entire nation.

Recently, more self-reliant libraries were opened in Salinnyi and Pale townships of Sagaing Region. Wellwishers and social organizations are joining hands to open more and more libraries. Furthermore, efforts are to be made for fulfilling requirements of libraries such as buildings, furniture, books and librarians for their durability and development.

Libraries have been opened in rural areas so as to broaden the horizons of the readers. Thanks to libraries, the bookworms and adult literates achieve higher reading skills. The literates can enjoy better life through reading habit and gaining global knowledge.

All-out efforts are increased literacy rate. The literates have to maintain the reading skills. All-out efforts are to be made for raising reading skills of literates. As the number of self-reliant village libraries has been increasing day by day, the rural people are to make use of the great opportunity.

Information Minister attends book donation ceremony for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan attended the book donation ceremony to Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library in Pakokku of Magway Region yesterday.

It was also attended by Chairman U Tint Swe of the Executive Committee for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library, executives, responsible persons and local people.

The minister presented 500 books of various genres for the library to the chairman. Minister U Kyaw Hsan held a discussion on sustainable increase in the funds of the library and scrutinizing of literary award and scholarship award. Chairman U Tint Swe also took part in the discussions and expressed thanks.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted executives of the library, award scrutinizing committee members and local people.

He proceeded to the office of Information and Public Relations Department in Pakokku District where he inspected office works. In response to the reports of responsible persons from Pakokku, Myaing, Yesagyo, Pauk and Seikpyu townships, the minister called for sustainable development of village self-reliant libraries, delivering at least a newspaper to every village, keeping in touch with the public to disseminate information on current affairs and knowledge.

Aung Su Paing introduces two-million gallon diesel tank

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Oct—Aung Su Paing Group Co Ltd arranged a ceremony to introduce a diesel tank with a capacity of two million gallons and related items at Parkroyal Hotel here today.

Chairman of the company U Myint Aung gave introductory speech and explained the use of the introduced items. Ms. Emma Shi of Beijing Sanki Petroleum Technology Co Ltd set out Sanki fuel dispensers. Aung Su Paing Group Co Ltd is a sole distributor of the products of Beijing Sanki Petroleum Technology Co Ltd.

For further information, contact Aung Su Paing Group Co Ltd at No. 22 on second floor of Shweponnyet Yeikmon, Bayintnaung Road, Kamayut Township Ph: 505665 or 727367, Fax: 95-530830.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greets attendees at book donation ceremony for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library.

Minister U Kyaw Hsan presents books to a responsible person for Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library.

All this needs to be known

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- Do not be softened whenever appeased
Bangladesh storms make nearly half million homeless

DHAKA, 9 Oct—Nearly half a million Bangladeshis were homeless on Saturday after three days of storms which killed at least 15 people and left 50 missing, officials and local media said on Saturday.

Two boys were killed and another wounded in an ambush in the town of Mohammad Khel, police said.

The identity of the dead was not immediately known, but the area of the strikes in North Wazistan is believed to be controlled by Pakistani Taliban.

The officials said all nine dead are believed to be militants and some may be foreign fighters. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.—Reuters

Gunmen injure two children at California school

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct—Two children were injured Friday when an apparently deranged gunman opened fire in a California school, before being chased and detained, police and witnesses said.

The gunman, also brandishing a can of gasoline, fled, police said.

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US missiles kill nine in Pakistan tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 9 Oct— Two suspected US missile strikes have killed nine people in a northwestern Pakistan tribal region along the Afghan border, Pakistani intelligence officials said Friday.

One evening strike in the town of Mohammad Khel killed four people and a second in Datta Khel killed five, two officials said.

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NATO tankers torched in new Pakistan attack

QUETTA, 9 Oct—Gunmen Saturday torched at least 29 oil tankers in southwest Pakistan, the sixth attack in just over a week as militants continue to target a NATO supply route into Afghanistan.

Two police officers were wounded in the attack in the remote Mitri area, 180 kilometres (112 miles) southeast of Quetta, the capital of oil and gas rich Baluchistan province, which borders Iran and Afghanistan.

Taliban militants have launched a series of similar attacks to avenge a new wave of US drone strikes targeting rebels in the rugged border region of northwest Pakistan.

“Some 30 gunmen attacked the tankers, which were parked outside a roadside hotel and opened fire early Saturday morning, injuring two local police officials,” Abdul Mateen, a senior administration official in Mitri, said.

He said the fire engulfed 29 tankers, adding that firefighters were called in from the nearby town of Sibi to extinguish the blaze.

“We will be able to have a precise idea about the losses only after the fire is brought under control.”

Four Italian soldiers killed in Afghanistan

ROME, 9 Oct—Four Italian soldiers were killed in Afghanistan on Saturday, the defence ministry said, taking to 34 the number of troops from Italy to lose their lives in the war-torn country since 2004.

Italian media reported that the four were killed and another wounded in an ambush in the Gulistan Valley in the western province of Farah as they were returning from a mission.

The ministry confirmed the deaths but did not give details. A spokesman did not confirm that a fifth soldier was wounded in the attack.

Italy has about 3,400 soldiers in Afghanistan, most of them in the west of the country. The deployment is set to grow to 4,000 soldiers by the end of the year.

Gunmen dressed as Iraqi soldiers kill three guards

BAGHDAD, 9 Oct—Iraqi police officials say a hit squad disguised in military uniforms has killed three brothers who worked as bodyguards for the government.

The attack early on Saturday occurred near Fallujah, a former militant stronghold about 40 miles (65 kilometres) west of Baghdad.

Suspected Sunni militants are blamed for a recent wave of killings targeting security personnel and government workers in Baghdad and elsewhere. Police officials say the gunmen hauled the brothers from their home in the village of Karmah and shot them execution style. One man worked as a guard for the minister of higher education and the other two for the immigration minister. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.—Internet
Amateur astronomer first to see supernova

DUBLIN, (IRELAND), 9 Oct—An amateur Irish astronomer scanning the skies from his backyard observatory was the first human to spot a new supernova, experts said.

A supernova is a catastrophic explosion during which a star self-destructs with incredible force, and while they are spotted reasonably frequently from Earth, this is the first ever identified from Ireland, Britain’s The Independent said.

Dave Grennan of Dublin, a 39-year-old software developer who devotes many hours to astronomy, said it was “mind-boggling” to be the first person to witness something that happened in the time of the dinosaurs. “We are watching an event as it unfolds, yet that event happened nearly 300 million years ago,” he said.

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The far-away exploding star has been designated “2010ik” after its supernova status was confirmed this week by international astronomy institutions. Grennan made his discovery while poring over photographs he had taken of a galaxy called UGC 112 from his compact but well-equipped backyard observatory. The signs were tiny but his long experience helped him spot them. He’s examined thousands of galaxies over the past decade and in recent years has also identified two asteroids.

“I find myself wondering if there were some poor souls living on planets surrounding the star when it exploded,” he said. “We’ll never know.”

Little progress seen in climate talks in China

TIANJIN, (CHINA), 9 Oct—Hopes dimmed for progress at climate talks in China as negotiators moved into their final day Saturday with little consensus.

Marred by an atmosphere of mistrust, negotiations have made little headway as China and the United States, the world’s two largest emitters of greenhouse gases, hardened their positions and traded recriminations, said Wendel Trio, international climate policy director for Greenpeace. “What we’ve seen is that both opponents have kind of elaborated their opposition further, rather than trying to come together,” he said. The UN-sponsored talks aim to secure a binding deal to curb greenhouse gases that cause global warming, but countries disagree on the pace of transforming their electricity and transportation infrastructures and who should pay for developing countries’ investments into the expensive cleaner-burning technology. Since a global treaty is largely out of reach for this year, the focus had turned to finding areas of agreement on essential components, including financing, technology transfer and deforestation.

Scientists have warned that global warming could lead to widespread drought, floods, higher sea levels and worsening storms. Even a 3.6-degree-Fahrenheit (2-degree-Celsius) temperature rise could subject up to 2 billion people to water shortages by 2050, according to a 2007 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a UN network of 2,000 scientists.

Men, women sweat differently

OSAKA, (JAPAN), 9 Oct—Women need to work much harder than men to build up a sweat when exercising, Japanese researchers say.

Men are more efficient at sweating, meaning their bodies are working more effectively, while women required a much higher body temperature before they started losing moisture, the researchers said.

One researcher said there may be an evolutionary reason why men and women have evolved to sweat differently.

“Women generally have less body fluid than men and may become dehydrated more easily,” study coordinator Dr. Yoshimitsu Inoue said.

Therefore the lower sweat loss in women may be an adaptation strategy that attaches importance to survival in a hot environment, while the higher sweat rate in men may be a strategy for greater efficiency of action or labor.”—Internet

Panasonic developing handheld games console

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TOKYO, 9 Oct—Panasonic is to return to the videogame business it abandoned more than a decade ago with a new handheld game system, a report said on Thursday. The new device will aim to challenge traditional console makers Nintendo and Sony and a growing set of smartphones and tablet computers.

Panasonic released a home console in the early 1990s called the 3DO Interactive Multiplayer, but the machine flopped with a 700 dollar price tag considered too expensive and it was discontinued.

Algae blooms said to be coral killers

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Oct—Algae blooms in the Gulf of Oman destroyed a coral reef in just three weeks, showing the threat such events can present, UN researchers say. Scientists from the UN University Institute for Water, Environment and Health said around 95 percent of the hard coral under the rapidly growing patches of microscopic marine plants died off and 70 percent fewer fishes were observed in the area, the BBC reported.

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In recent times, the increased occurrence of rapidly growing areas or “blooms” of algae have been attributed to human activity, the researchers said.

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“There’s been a long history of virus scares related to specific dates, and it’s not that surprising to hear people whispering about the possible risks looming on 10 October 2010,” Cluley said. “But with more than 60,000 new pieces of malware (malicious software) being discovered every day you should realize that you need to be careful about attacks every day of the year.”

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Health

New breast cancer drug described

MILAN, 9 Oct—A new type of treatment for metastatic breast cancer has shown encouraging activity as a first-line therapy, US researchers say.

Principal investigator Edith Perez of the Mayo Clinic in Florida presented the results of the first ever randomized trial of the drug trastuzumab-DM1 to the 35th Congress of the European Society for Medical Oncology in Milan, Italy, an ESMO release said Friday.

T-DM1 is the first of a new type of cancer medicine known as antibody-drug conjugates that bind two existing cancer drugs with the aim of delivering both drugs specifically to cancer cells that overproduce the protein HER2.

“This is the first ever presentation of an anti-HER2 antibody-drug conjugate used as first-line therapy for patients with advanced breast cancer,” Perez said.

“We are encouraged by the results. The study demonstrated that T-DM1 has very good anti-tumor activity as well as much lower toxicity when evaluated side by side to the older ‘standard.’ Clinical trials have shown it to be effective in patients whose advanced cancer has not responded to other treatments, she said.

“This trial represents the logical step — moving the drug up to patients with newly diagnosed HER2-positive metastases,” Perez said.

Explanation for diabetics’ kidney-failure

BRISTOL, 9 Oct—British researchers say they have a new explanation for why people with diabetes seem prone to kidney disease.

The study, published in Cell Metabolism, suggests insulin has a significant influence on the structure and proper function of a particular group of very specialized cells — known as podocytes — that are integral to the kidney’s ability to do its job filtering blood.

“We’ve found that when you lose insulin signaling in the podocytes, the filter is not maintained,” Richard Coward of the University of Bristol in England says in a statement. “Insulin action on the podocyte is really important to kidney function.”

Coward explains the toxic effects of high blood sugar may still play a role in diabetic kidney failure but the new findings suggest insulin resistance of podocytes is key.

15 percent of middle-age women depressed

NEW YORK, 9 Oct—Fifteen percent of US women between the ages of 45 and 64 experience frequent depression, a US researcher says.

Katherine Muller, director of Psychological Training at Montefiore Medical Center, says recent research suggests the odds of being diagnosed with depression peak for women at age 44.

“When you’re tense, levels of stress hormone cortisol go up,” Muller tells Women’s Day. “Cortisol affects the balance of mood chemicals in the brain in such a way that you’re more susceptible to depression.”

At this stage of a woman’s life she is usually experiencing transitions and wholesale changes including having children leave for college, doubts about relationships, juggling careers, marriage, aging parents and over analyzing and concerns about “life so far,” Muller says.

“Genetics is a major risk factor for developing a psychiatric disorder” so people with a family history should pay special attention to their behavior, Muller advises.

Business

Japan says G7 agreed excessive FX moves undesirable

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct—Japanese Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda said on Friday that finance leaders from the Group of Seven nations agreed at a meeting that excessive and disorderly foreign exchange movements are undesirable. Noda added that he believed he had gained the understanding of his G7 counterparts regarding Japan’s stance on currency market intervention during an informal dinner meeting.

“We did not discuss anything about the future, but I believe we’ve gained understanding on our basic stance,” Noda told reporters after the meeting.

Tokyo intervened in the currency market for the first time in six years on 15 September as the yen’s steady rise against the dollar threatened to derail Japan’s export-driven economic recovery.

The United States and the European Union accuse China of keeping its currency artificially weak to promote exports, undermining jobs and economic growth in the West.

Tesla Motors recalls Roadsters

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct—California niche automaker Tesla Motors Inc. announced it was recalling 439 Roadsters due to a fire hazard, regulators in Washington said. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Tesla would recall 2010 model Roadster 2 and 2.5 vehicles with 12V auxiliary cables that may be improperly routed.

The cables, if routed incorrectly, could rub against a wheel cover, which would wear through the insulation and expose bare wire, leading to a short circuit or electrical arching.

The problem involves wiring in the area of the right headlamp, the NHTSA said. Tesla said it would inspect the cars and install a protective plastic sleeve over wires that were incorrectly routed.

Daihatsu to recall 900,000 mini-cars in Japan

A model poses in front of a Daihatsu vehicle at an auto show in Frankfurt, Germany. Daihatsu Motor, a subsidiary of Japan’s Toyota Motor, said on Thursday it would recall almost 900,000 mini-cars in Japan due to defective door mirrors.

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Japan’s small car specialist is to inform customers of a problem with some of its Toyota Mirrors, which may detach.

A registered nurse treats a patient suffering from obesity-related illnesses while performing a home health care visit in Denver, Colorado. Obese workers cost US employers $73.1 billion a year, much of it due to “presenteeism,” or being less productive on the job due to health problems, a study published on Friday shows.

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BofA US-wide foreclosure halt draws calls for more

CHARLOTTE, 9 Oct—US lawmakers pushed for the country’s largest mortgage lenders to suspend foreclosures in all 50 states after Bank of America Corp announced on Friday it would temporarily halt evictions nationwide. BofA, the largest US mortgage servicer, is the first US bank to institute a nationwide freeze on foreclosures, expanding on a 23-state suspension announced last week while it conducts a review of its procedures.

Disclosures that some big US mortgage processors filed false affidavits in thousands of foreclosure cases is drawing fresh scrutiny to an industry already in the sights of regulators and lawmakers for its role in the financial crisis.

The US Senate Banking Committee announced on Friday it would hold a November 16 hearing into allegations of improper and fraudulent mortgage servicing and foreclosure processing. —Reuters

Opel talks with Chinese investors on Antwerp plant

BRUSSELS, 9 Oct—German automaker Opel, owned by US car giant General Motors, has agreed to discuss with Chinese interests the future of its Antwerp plant, slated to close this year, a union official said Friday.

“Talks are going to get underway immediately with Chinese investors,” said Rudi Kennes of the FGTB union after a meeting between the plant’s works council and Opel head Nick Reilly.

Kennes did not want to identify the Chinese investors involved but did say that Geely, which recently bought Volvo Cars from Ford Motor for 1.5 billion euros, was not a party to the talks. Geely officials visited the Antwerp site earlier this week, indicating an interest in its future, as the Chinese company embarks on an ambitious global expansion drive.

Opel declined to comment on the matter when asked. A source close to the matter, however, said that discussions on the future of the Antwerp plant would temporarily halt evictions nationwide.

Mexico opens probe into reported lake shooting

ZAPATA, 9 Oct—The Mexican government said Friday it has opened a federal investigation into the reported shooting of an American tourist on a border lake plagued by Mexican pirates and strongly plagues by Mexican Pirates, as reported lake shooting continued.

A statement from Mexico’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs “categorically rejects claims to the effect that Mexican authorities are not doing enough to find” David Hartley. Hartley’s wife, Tiffany, says she and her husband were riding Jet Skis back from Mexico on 30 Sept when they were attacked by Mexican pirates in speedboats who opened fire and shot David Hartley in the back of the head. Tiffany Hartley has said she tried to rescue him when he fell into Falcon Lake, but that she fled to US waters as the pirates continued shooting.

Brazil hopes China will okay bigger Embraer planes

BRASILIA, 9 Oct—Brazil remains hopeful that Beijing will give aerospace firm Embraer the nod to build bigger passenger planes in China, the office of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Friday.

Embraer currently makes a 50-seat commercial jet in China with Aviation Industries of China (AVIC), and wants to build a 120-seat model but has not been able to get a permit from the government.

Lula has sent Chinese authorities two letters, one at the end of 2009 and the other in May of this year, pressing for the permits, an official in his office said. “The response was that it’s still being analyzed,” the official said. Embraer’s executive vice president, Paulo Souza y Silva, was quoted in O Estado de Sao Paulo Friday as saying that the Chinese wanted to build their own larger passenger planes and saw the Brazilians as competitors.

Orthopedic surgery patients need vitamin D

NEW YORK, 9 Oct—A US physician says orthopedic surgery patients need their vitamin D deficiencies corrected.

Dr Joseph Lane of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York says patients undergoing bone surgery need vitamin D for bone remodeling or bone tissue formation—a part of the healing process that occurs about two to four weeks after surgery.

However, Lane and colleagues find vitamin D essential for bone healing and muscle function deficient in almost 50 percent of patients undergoing orthopedic surgery. The study, published in The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, advises doctors of the implications of low vitamin D in terms of muscle and fracture healing, but suggests the deficiency is eminently correctable.

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WASHINGTON, 9 Oct—The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and USA Today are among news organizations planning to offer news applications for Samsung’s Galaxy tablet computer, an iPad rival, the Journal said Friday.

The newspaper said the news organizations are seeking to line up behind a new tablet device in order to broaden readership beyond owners of the popular Apple product.

Samsung said last month that US wireless carriers AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon will begin selling the Galaxy Tab later this year.

The Journal quoted executives from Pearson’s Financial Times as saying they were also in talks with tablet makers about similar arrangements.

The New York Times will have an application for the Galaxy that will be preloaded on certain devices, depending on the carrier, the Journal said.

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WSJ, NY Times, USA Today developing Galaxy applications

A picture is taken with Samsung’s latest tablet device the “Galaxy tab” is on display at the 50th edition of the “IFA” on September 2 in Berlin. The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and USA Today are among news organizations planning to offer news applications for Samsung’s Galaxy tablet computer, an iPad rival, the Journal said Friday.
Esteemed voter people,

I am U Tin Hlaing Win, General Secretary of Kaman National Progressive Party. Our party is one of the parties of national races to compete in the multiparty democracy general election to be held on 7 November 2010.

The aim of the party is mentioned in the preamble of our party’s constitution that as parties representing the citizens and national races of the Union of Myanmar were established in accord with the State constitution for taking part in the multiparty democracy general election, our Kaman ethnic people set up the Kaman National Progressive Party to be able to march onward to the modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic new nation by joining hands with other national races and citizens.

The Kaman National Progressive Party was founded with the title of Kaman ethnic people with the aim of participating in the political, economic, social and education fields of the nation together with national brethren of Myanmar.

Thus, the constitution of the party states that anybody may submit application to our party as members except those who were prohibited by the State not to join the political parties under the law. As our party set the aim to form itself on a wider scale with other national brethren in addition to Kaman people, I would like to explain that our party does not put racial affairs in the fore.

Esteemed voter people,

Everybody in Myanmar knows distinct national groups such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan national races residing in the Union of Myanmar. I would like to introduce Kaman ethnic people among other national races, who have been living in the Union through thick and thin.

Kaman ethnic group is one of the national races in Rakhine State. It is added in the list of national races officially recognized by the government. Rakhine race is made up of seven ethnic groups namely Rakhine, Kaman, Khamwi, Daingnet, Maramargyi, Mro and Thet.

Kaman means archers of ancient Rakhine Royal Army.

According to the sayings of Rakhine researchers, Kaman means archer.

The paragraphs 33-34 for the classical poem of Rakhine princess prescribed as the syllabus of Myanmar language subject for the fourth year students from University of Distance Education of the Ministry of Education mentions that Kaman means skillful archer. They were servicemen of archery troops of ancient Rakhine kings’ armies.

The culture, characters, costume and language of Kaman nationals are similar to that of Rakhine nationals.

Kaman nationals served Rakhine kings as archers and they lived in groups. The book entitled “History of Kaman Ethnic Group” compiled by writer Maung Hsanda (Lewe) published by Naingngan Gonyi Literary House stands witness to the fact that they were loyal to the State and the people and they had never betrayed the country.

Esteemed voter people,

The second point that I would like to present is the party’s objectives and work programmes.

Objectives

(a) With the collaborative efforts of all national brethren in the Union of Myanmar to build the nation to become a peaceful, modern and developed democratic one
(b) to strive for all national brethren to fully enjoy the genuine democracy and inborn rights
(c) to make efforts for every citizen to be able to equally enjoy rights of citizens prescribed in the constitution and the existing laws

Work programmes

(a) With mutual respects we will work together with the parties that share objective, concept and idea with us and with them.
(b) We will strive for all national brethren in the Union to enjoy deserving rights regardless of places they live.
(c) We will try to guarantee that every citizen shall have the rights of settlement, trading and doing their businesses freely wherever they reside in the country in accord with the constitution and existing laws.

Thus, our Kaman National Progressive Party aims to try to secure opportunities for the people in the Union of Myanmar to enjoy human rights in equal term in economic and education sectors at the hlutaws in joining hands with any party that share the same view with us.

Policy

(a) We will strive for emergence of modern and developed democratic nation in the future joining hands with Union brethren and parties who adhere to non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty and basic rights fundamental on worldly values.
(b) We will oppose terrorism and other extremism.
(c) We will support the drive for building friendship based on principles of peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries as well as global nations.
(d) We will strive for all-round development of the nation.
(e) We will organize people to discard ideology and concept that will not benefit Myanmar society.

Esteemed voter people,

Finally, I would like to urge you to choose and cast vote for candidates who would be capable of shaping modern and developed democratic nation by sizing the candidates up whether they would be able to work for the people to enjoy the fruits of transport, education and economy, or whether they disguise themselves as democracy activists and whether they adhere to the constitution.

Our party will compete in the six constituencies in elections—four in Sittway, one in Thandwe and one in Yanbye.

Being a national race party, we will give top priority to having equal rights for all national races without putting narrow-minded concepts in the fore.

Our party’s symbol is arrow and bow. By choosing the candidates of our party with the symbol of arrow and bow, our party will help solve difficulties in social, economic, education and health sectors of national races they encounter. In conclusion, we pledge ourselves to strive for emergence of a modern and developed democratic nation in accord with the wishes of the people.

May citizens of the Union of Myanmar enjoy health and happiness.
Chairman of Sagaing Region PDC Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, the chairman of Magway Region PDC, departmental heads, officials of Myanma Railways and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister U Thein Sein said that thanks to Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun railroad section, passengers and commodities can be transported between Seikpyu Township and Hsinbyukyun by minimizing expense. As such, the local people along the railroad sector will enjoy the fruits of education, health and socio-economic sectors.

He said that concerted efforts are being made to inaugurate Hsinbyukyun-Pwintbyu railroad section by the end of this year. If Pwintbyu-Minbu railroad section and Kyunchaung-Yawchaung railroad section are opened, trains can run along the route from Kalay to Pathein and Yangon (Hlinethaya) of lower Myanmar via Gangaw, Pakokku and Minbu in parallel with Yangon-Mandalay-Myyikyina railroad. Moreover, a railroad is under construction to link Minbu and Sittway of Rakine State via An, and some parts of the railroad have been completed.

He continued to say that better transport is a basic need not only for the respective area but also for the State. The areas with better transport achieve rapid development and the areas with poor transport are lack of development. In the past, the transport difficulties were less than the eastern parts in development. Due to transport difficulties, some areas in same region were not equal in terms of development. The Head of State gave guidance that emphasis is to be placed on construction of transport infrastructures for rapid development of western areas of Ayeyawady River. In accord with the goodwill of the Head of State that soonest completion and opening of railroads and bridges will benefit the people, he added.

The Prime Minister said that rail transportation can save expense and transport a large number of passengers and commodities the government gears up construction of railroads in all parts of the nation. So far, the government has constructed over 3000 miles of railroads including today’s facility by extending over 1500 miles long railroads. Although there were 487 railway stations in the past, the number of stations stood at 893 extending 406 more stations. In the past, over 36 million passengers and more than one million tons of commodities could be transported by rail yearly. At present, over 73 million passengers and three million tons of commodities are transported. In the past, the country had only one railroad stretching from Myitkyina in the north of the nation to Yangon and Ye in the south, Lashio in the east and Pyay in the west. Nowadays, many railroads have emerged in the nation stretching from the north to the south, and more railroads stretching (See page 9)
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from Sittway in the west to Kengtung in the east and from Myeik in the southernmost tip area have been constructed. In addition, the railroads passing over mountain ranges and those from the east to the west are under construction.

Railroads being constructed by the government were —

(a) Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad
(b) Katha-Bhamo Railroad
(c) Mongmai-Kengtung Railroad
(d) Pyay-Loikaw Railroad
(e) Dawei-Myeik Railroad
(f) Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad
(g) Pathein (Bagret)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon Railroad
(h) Pyay-Shwedagon-Toungoo-Kyedaw-Nay Pyi Taw Railroad
(i) Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon Railroad
(j) Nay Pyi Taw-Hsintwe (Tetkon)-Pinlaung Railroad
(k) Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme-Hsipaw-Leikha-Namhsan Railroad
(l) Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa-Kalay Railroad
(m) Toungoo-Yatho-Lokaw Railroad

Out of the 13 railroad projects being implemented in parallel, some completed railroad sections had been opened. Upon completion, the national railroad network, which will emerge the length and breadth of the country as the railroad corridor, will contribute to progress in socio-economic status of the national brethren.

Beside the construction of railroads, a cluster of motor road network including strategic roads, inter-village roads and border roads are also being translated into reality by the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Development Affairs and other related ministries for the realization of infrastructures for next generations falls into the hands of all citizens. The generation is now on the verge of development as it has been facilitated with sound infrastructures elsewhere on hilly regions or in plain regions. Using effectively the valuable infrastructures, it is needed to strive for development of socio-economic status.

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A train running on Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun Railroad section.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils commemorative stone plaque at the opening of Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun Railroad section.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein presents gifts to local people who take the special train running on Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun Railroad section.—MNA

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As the State has set the transport sector as priority and developed the infrastructures, the objective to make the nation developed must be adopted.

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He called on local people to make concerted efforts for further development of their regions in recognition of the government’s goodwill.

Minister U Aung Min said that the Ministry of Rail Transportation is building the national railway network in compliance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as part of the drive for equitable development of all parts of the nation.

He said that the ministry is improving the transport infrastructure for comfort and convenience of the people in terms of transport.

He pledged that the ministry will keep doing its bit in serving the interest of the nation and the people.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the attendees.

The commanders and ministers formally opened the railroad section.

The Prime Minister had documentary photos taken together with the attendees.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque.

The Prime Minister and party presented gifts to local people who took the train running along the section.

Taking the train up to Chintaung Station, the Prime Minister inspected the railroad section, receiving hearty welcome from local people along the section.

Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun Railroad Section, 23.08 miles long, is part of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad designed for development of the regions on the western bank of the river Ayeyawady.

The railroad section has 79 bridges including 744 feet long Myaynu Creek Bridge along with four stations and two halts.

As a gesture of marking the launch of the section, a train will ply in the railroad section free of charge for three days from 10 to 12 October.—MNA

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut meets officers, other ranks, families in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct—Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, met with officers and other ranks and their families from Bahtoo, Heho and Aungban stations at the respective stations yesterday and presented gifts to them.

During the tour of Shan State, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and the commander also inspected Aungban Station Hospital and comforted the patients receiving treatment there and presented cash assistance to them.

Afterwards, they went to Aungban Station and met with officers and other ranks and their families and presented gifts to them.—MNA

FM sends message of felicitations to Fijian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct — On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Fiji Islands, which falls on 10th October 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji Islands. —MNA
Commonwealth Games free drug, so far

Federation president Mike Fennell told a scheduled news conference Saturday that 1,500 doping tests were planned during the games period, “and that target remains.” He said all tests conducted up to Thursday had come back negative, “and that is a positive result.”

The federation is responsible for testing the athletes and the World Anti-Doping Agency is observing. Fennell said that the number of tests will increase in pace with the number of finals — under the testing regime, all medal winners are tested and some are done randomly. It was good news for the games, which have been plagued by stomach illnesses affecting some swimmers, near-empty stadiums, construction delays and filthy conditions in the athletes’ village before the games began.—Internet

Chemical tanker being towed toward French coast

Researchers say the amount of current needed was a fraction used in controversial electric shock treatment on mentally ill patients.

In the study, a current of 1 to 2 milliamps was delivered via electrodes on the scalp of volunteers to stimulate the anterior temporal lobes of the brain, which deal with the memory of proper names.

The subjects were shown photos of famous faces to look at and were tested before, during and after the process. Internet

Low-cost airline Ryanair may quit its base in Marseille because of a case filed by French prosecutors for illegal working practices, the company’s boss said, according to a newspaper report Saturday.

Internet

Tiny electrical shock can improve memory

Researchers say the treatment stimulates certain neurons in the brain so when a person tries to remember a name they suddenly start working, Britain’s Daily Telegraph reported.

The findings could lead to treatments for stroke victims and others who suffer memory loss from ailments or from old age, the newspaper said.

“We know a lot about how to make people’s memory worse, but we don’t know very much about how to make people’s memory better,” Ingrid Olson, a psychologist who led the study, said.

WANSHADE, 9 Oct— A tiny electrical shock administered to certain parts of the brain can improve memory recall, US researchers say. A study at Temple University in Philadelphia found the treatment stimulates brain activity in the temporal lobes of the scalp of volunteers to deliver an electric shock of 1 to 2 milliamps. Internet

5.9-magnitude earthquake shakes Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 9 Oct— Authorities say a 5.9-magnitude earthquake has shaken Costa Rica. There are no immediate reports of casualties or serious damage. The US Geological Survey says the quake’s epicenter was 26 miles (41 kilometres) north of the capital, San Jose. Its depth was 61 miles (98 kilometers). The Costa Rica Seismological and Volcanic Observatory says people across the country reported feeling Friday’s quake, especially in the north.

The Red Cross in San Carlos, one of the main cities in northern Costa Rica, says it received no emergency calls. The only apparent damage was the interruption of cellular phone service and goods falling off shelves. On 8 Jan, 2009, a 6.1 quake in central Costa Rica killed at least 20 people. Internet

Floods claim 62 in Vietnam, 20 still missing

HANOI, 9 Oct— The death toll in devastating floods in central Vietnam rose to 62 as authorities rushed aid to about 100,000 people facing food shortages, officials said Saturday.

Fourteen additional bodies were recovered over two days, and authorities were searching for 20 people still missing, the national floods and storms control committee said on its website.

The floods have caused an estimated damage of 2.2 trillion dong ($110 million) to crops and infrastructure, the committee said. In the worst-hit province of Quang Binh, where 42 people died and another 17 remain missing, authorities were scurrying to deliver aid to victims, disaster official Nguyen Ngoc Giai said.—Internet

Ministers seek way to strengthen economic recovery

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct— Global finance ministers are looking for ways to strengthen a fragile recovery and ease friction over currencies.

They also want to preserve the close international coordination that brought them together in 2008 to prevent the looming threat of the worst recession since the end of World War II, and to avert a return to narrow domestic-oriented policies. Ministers headed Saturday into steering committee sessions for the 187-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending institution, the World Bank.

The Group of Seven major industrialized countries and rising powerhouses in the G-20, such as India, China and Brazil, held informal sideline meetings over the weekend in the run-up to a G-20 summit in South Korea. At the meeting in Seoul, leaders are expected to try to resolve many of the issues that the finance ministers are grappling with.—Internet

Handout picture released by French Navy regional images production CPAR-Brest shows the 120-metre (400-foot) Maltese-flagged YM Uranus sinking off the French Atlantic coast.

INTERNET

A boy looks for cooking wood swept in the Gianh river near flooded houses in the central province of Quang Binh on 5 October. The death toll from floods that devastated central Vietnam in recent days has jumped to 49, disaster officials said Wednesday.—INTERNET
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 bona fide 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

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Tender application form (including tender documents and detailed technical specifications) will be purchased in FEC 500.00 (or) equivalent USS per set. The Payment for tender application must be paid to Account No. SEE, 01015, Myanmar 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 Telephone No. 067-407076, 407176 & 407173.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (009)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (009) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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The Roman bronze helmet up for auction at Christie’s dates from the late 1st-2nd century AD.—INTERNET

Ancient Roman helmet sells for 10 times estimated amount

LONDON, 9 Oct — A detailed and well-preserved Roman parade helmet — complete with fine facial features on its face mask, tight curly hair, and a griffin-topped cap — sold at auction on Thursday for 10 times its estimated amount. The helmet sold at Christie’s auction house in London for 2.28 million pounds ($3.6 million). It had been estimated at 200,000 to 300,000 pounds (about $316,000 to $475,000). The buyer of the helmet was not immediately known.

The Tullie House Museum in Carlisle, near where the helmet was found in May by a person who is doing the cleaning, has an online presence. Thanks to the ubiquity of photo-sharing websites like Facebook, 82 percent of children in 10 Western countries have a digital footprint before the age of 2, according to a study by internet security firm AVG. The US led, with 92 percent of American children under 2 having an online presence.

Mother told on live TV uncle strangled her girl

ROME, 9 Oct — An Italian mother whose anguish over her missing daughter gripped the nation for weeks was told on live TV that the teenager had been slain, alleg-edly by the girl’s uncle. A shocked Concetta Serrano murmured “my brother-in-law is innocent,” and “I can’t believe it” as she sat in the dining room of the uncle’s house, where the show was being shot.

The TV anchor of a popular show about missing persons cases on RAI state TV told her late on Wednesday night the breaking news that “one of the persons being in-terrogated by police in Taranto, southern Italy, had allegedly confessed to killing Sarah Scazzi, 15, and that the body had been found. While much of the nation watched, calls were made to the mobile phone of the uncle, Michele Misseri, who, along with his wife, Serrano’s sister, had been interrogated for hours and was still being ques-tioned.

Study: 82 percent of kids under 2 have an online presence

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — Children can’t change their DNA, and now it seems they’re inheriting another permanent feature from their families — an online presence. Thanks to the ubiquity of photo-sharing websites like Facebook, 82 percent of children in 10 Western countries have a digital footprint before the age of 2, according to a study by internet security firm AVG.

The US led, with 92 percent of American children under 2 appearing in online pictures, the report said. New Zealand was a close second with 91 percent, followed by Canada and Australia with 84 percent. The study also covered the UK, France, Germany, Spain and Italy. Japan was the only country where less than half of 2-year-olds had an online presence. AVG’s report indicates that it’s not nec-essarily a child’s mother who is doing the uploading.

Lion attack caught on video

LIVV, 9 Oct — An American family attending a circus in Ukraine recorded lions attacking a trainer while the audience watched in horror, officials say. The video shot by Doug Shepard on Saturday recorded the initial attack on lion tamer Oleksie Pinko who was using a steel rod to keep one lion at bay, CBS News reported.

In the video, the lion is roaring, lunging and striking Pinko before another lion joins in the attack, biting the trainer’s left arm. Circus workers at tempted to hose down the angry lions and move them away from Pinko.

Eurostar unveils £700m train deal

LONDON, 9 Oct — Eurostar has unveiled an order for new trains worth more than £700m. The Channel Tunnel rail firm, which runs high-speed services from London to Paris and Brussels, is buying 10 trains from German firm Siemens and overhauling its existing fleet.

France had been pressing for the new trains to be built by French firm Alstom. But Eurostar said the decision had been made in the best interest of customers after a “rigorous” process. The new Eurostar e320 trains would be able to carry more than 900 passengers and their luggage, and reach speeds of 320km per hour (200mph), the firm said. The 28 existing Eurostar trains can carry up to 750 travellers at up to 300km/h. Eurostar said the new fleet would be equipped with wi-fi and on-board services including real-time travel and destination information and interactive entertainment.
Zebra crossing’ turns heads on S African highway

A zebra crosses the road at the Tala Game Reserve park in Capperdown, South Africa in June 2010.

An escaped zebra turned motorists’ heads on a busy Johannesburg highway as it strolled down the road at rush hour. The Star newspaper reported Friday. The 20-year-old zebra named Archie found its way to the busy N12 highway Thursday after bypassing security at a gated residential estate and escaping through a gate, the paper said. Astonished commuters called local radio stations to report their sighting of a lone zebra walking along the highway. Police gave chase and eventually managed to herd the animal into a fenced yard at the Johannesburg Water Depot. But security guards at the depot said it was not an easy operation. “The police were chasing the zebra and they must have gone up and down the road three times,” a guard told The Star.

Senior hits wrench-wielding robber with broomstick

A 75-year-old gas station employee used a broomstick to fight off a robber at Cave Junction. Dan McLeod told The Oregonian he thought it was a joke when a masked man walked in early Wednesday and demanded cash. When the robber threatened to kill him, McLeod said he was scared. But when the robber pulled out his weapon — a small wrench, McLeod thought he could take him. He grabbed a broomstick and hit the man several times, backing him out of the station. Fellow employee Ray Wood said McLeod is an old-timer but says he’s “pretty salty.”

Next ‘Potter’ flick won’t be in 3D


Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 1’ in 2D, in both conventional and IMAX theaters, as we will not have a completed 3D version of the film within our release date window,” the studio said in a statement Friday. “Despite everyone’s best efforts, we were unable to convert the film in its entirety and meet the highest standards of quality. We do not want to disappoint fans who have long anticipated the conclusion of this extraordinary journey, and to that end, we are releasing our film day-and-date on 19 Nov, 2010, as planned. We, in alignment with our filmmakers, believe this is the best course to take in order to ensure that our audiences enjoy the consummate ‘Harry Potter’ experience.”

US mailed stimulus money to the deceased and prisoners

The US Treasury mistakenly sent more than 20 million dollars in stimulus payments to dead people and prisoners as part of an effort to jolt the US economy out of recession, an investigation has found. The 2009 American Recovery and Investment Act authorized one-time 250 dollar payments to about 52 million people, totalling 13 billion dollars. But an inspector general’s investigation found that more than 71,000 of the checks — worth 18 million dollars — went out to people who had died. Another 4.3 million dollars were sent to more than 17,000 people who were in prison and were either ineligible for the payment or were not supposed to receive them until after they were out of prison.

Indian group likely to bid for Hollywood icon MGM

MUMBAI, 9 Oct—India’s Reliance Entertainment is likely to bid for US film group Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM), the Hollywood studio behind classics such as James Bond and the Pink Panther, a report said Friday. The Economic Times, citing an unnamed person familiar with the deal, said Reliance could be one of a dozen potential bidders in the running for MGM, which has been put up for sale. The revered studio was bought by a group of investors, including private equity groups, in 2004 for around five billion dollars. It faces crushing debt repayment obligations stemming from the buyout and has been put on the block.

Michelle Williams to play Marilyn Monroe in movie

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct—Michelle Williams will play Marilyn Monroe in a new movie based around the iconic actress’s 1956 film shoot in London opposite Sir Laurence Olivier, producers said Friday. Williams, 30, who earned an Oscar nomination for her 2005 role in “Brokeback Mountain” and also appeared in “Shutter Island,” stars as Monroe alongside a British cast that sees Kenneth Branagh as Olivier, Julia Ormond playing actress Vivien Leigh and Judi Dench in the role of British screen veteran Dame Sybil Thorndike. “My Week with Marilyn” chronicles a week in the life of Monroe as she escapes her Hollywood routine and is introduced to the pleasures of 1950s Britain by an assistant on the set of “The Prince and the Showgirl.” —Reuters
Spain beats Lithuania 3-1 in Euro qualifier

SAIMANCA, 9 Oct — Fernando Llorente scored twice to help world champion Spain beat Lithuania 3-1 Friday in a 2012 European Championship qualifier.

Spain struggled to break down the visitors’ defense until Llorente scored his fifth international goal in the 47th minute with a header from a perfectly placed cross from defender Sergio Ramos. —Internet

England defender Jagielka ruled out of Euro clash

LONDON, 9 Oct — England defender Phil Jagielka has been ruled out of Tuesday’s Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro after suffering a hamstring injury in training on Friday.

Jagielka, who has been replaced by Bolton centre-back Gary Cahill, had been in contention to start the match at Wembley after impressive displays in England’s last two matches against Bulgaria and Switzerland.

But the Everton star missed a training game at Arsenal’s London Colney complex on Friday after experiencing tightness in his hamstring during the previous session. —Internet

Russians edge Irish in five-goal thriller

DUBLIN, 9 Oct — Russia roared back into contention in European Championship qualifying Group B with a thrilling 3-2 win over Ireland in Dublin on Friday night.

First half goals from Alexander Kerzhakov and Alan Dzagoev and a second half strike by Roman Shirokov stunned Ireland, but a late home rally that brought goals from Robbie Keane and Shane Long ensured a tense finale.

Despite a dramatic final flurry, Ireland ultimately left themselves too much to do, and the defeat, just Ireland’s second competitive loss under Giovanni Trapattoni, is a blow to their hopes of qualifying for Euro 2012, increasing the pressure to get a result from Tuesday’s trip to Slovakia. —Internet

Japan beats Argentina for 1st time in exhibition

SAITAMA, 9 Oct — Japan defeated Argentina for the first time in an exhibition, 1-0 Friday night for its first win under new coach Alberto Zaccheroni.

Shinji Okazaki scored in the 19th minute for Japan, which had been 0-6 against the Albiceleste.

Argentina was at full strength, with a lineup that included Lionel Messi, Carlos Tevez and Diego Milito.

The 57-year-old Zaccheroni, a former coach AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus, took over as Japan’s coach from Takeshi Okada following the nation’s second-round loss to Paraguay at the World Cup. —Internet

Premier League approves Liverpool takeover

LONDON, 9 Oct — The English Premier League confirmed Friday it has approved the bitterly contested takeover of Liverpool by US-based New England Sports Ventures.

A statement from the Premier League said the body had given the go-ahead to the deal, meaning only a pending legal challenge to the takeover by owners Tom Hicks and George Gillett stands in the way of the sale.

The Premier League said it gave its approval after receiving details of the company which would control Liverpool and the make-up of the new board. —Internet

Newcastle striker Carroll signs five-year contract

LONDON, 9 Oct — Newcastle striker Andy Carroll signed a new five-year contract with the Premier League club on Friday.

Carroll has been reWARDED for his impressive form over the past 12 months, which included scoring 19 goals as Newcastle won promotion from the Championship and netting four times, including a hat-trick against Aston Villa, since the start of this season. —Internet

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Euro 2010 results on 8 October

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- Kazakhstan 0 - 2 Belgium
- Austria 3 - 0 Azerbaijan
- Germany 3 - 0 Turkey

Euro 2010 - Group B (qualifiers)
- Armenia 1 - 0 Slovakia
- Andorra 2 - 2 Rep. of Macedonia
- Rep. of Ireland 2 - 3 Russia

Euro 2010 - Group C (qualifiers)
- Serbia 1 - 3 Estonia
- Northern Ireland 0 - 0 Italy
- Slovenia 5 - 1 Faroe Islands

Euro 2010 - Group D (qualifiers)
- Luxembourg 0 - 0 Belarus
- Albania 1 - 1 Bosnia-Herzegovina

Euro 2010 - Group E (qualifiers)
- Hungary 3 - 0 San Marino
- Moldova 0 - 1 Holland

Euro 2010 - Group F (qualifiers)
- Georgia 0 - 0 Malta
- Greece 0 - 0 Latvia

Euro 2010 - Group G (qualifiers)
- Montenegro 1 - 0 Switzerland
- Wales 0 - 1 Bulgaria

Euro 2010 - Group H (qualifiers)
- Cyprus 1 - 2 Norway
- Portugal 1 - 1 Denmark

Euro 2010 - Group I (qualifiers)
- Czech Republic 1 - 0 Scotland
- Spain 3 - 1 Lithuania

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- Portugal 1 - 1 Denmark

Euro 2010 - Group I (qualifiers)
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- Spain 3 - 1 Lithuania
Ankiel’s splash HR lifts Braves over Giants in 11

SANFRANCISCO, 9 Oct—Two of the newest Braves produced the key plays to keep Atlanta from the brink of playoff elimination. Kyle Farnsworth induced a double play in the 10th inning to thwart a rally, Rick Ankiel splashed a home run into McCovey Cove in the 11th for his first postseason clout, and the Braves rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the San Francisco Giants 5-4 on Friday night. The best-of-five NL division series is tied 1-1. Farnsworth and Ankiel joined Atlanta together at his first postseason clout, and the Braves rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the San Francisco Giants 5-4 on Friday night. The best-of-five NL division series is tied 1-1. Farnsworth and Ankiel joined Atlanta together at

Atlanta Braves Rick Ankiel hits a solo home run in the eleventh inning of Game 2 of the National League Division Series baseball game against the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco, on 9 Oct, 2010.

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

The opening of Ruby Mart (Yangon) jointly run by Myawady Trading Ltd, Asia Hline Kyaw Family Trading Co Ltd, Khit Thit Oo Trading Co Ltd and Ngwe Zagawa Trading Co Ltd took place at the mart at the junction of Pansodan Street and Bogyoke Aung San Street in Kyauktada Township, here, this morning.

Deputy Managing Director U Myint Aung of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, Managing Director U Nay Win of Ruby Mart (Yangon) formally opened the mart.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye unveiled the signboard of the mart.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of UMEHL, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Managing Director of UMEHL Maj-Gen Win Than, and Brig-Gen Zarni Win of the Ministry of Defence were also present on the occasion.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye and party and guests viewed around the mart.

With a car parking that can hold about 78 cars along with restaurants and a game centre, Ruby Mart (Yangon) is a shopper’s paradise. — MNA

Traffic rules talks given at Ottarathiri Tsp

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Oct—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force organized talks on traffic rules under the arrangements of Nay Pyi Taw Supervisory Committee for Traffic Rules Enforcement at No. 124 BEPS in Shwenantha Village, Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, on 7 October.

Head of Traffic Rules Enforcement Unit (2) of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Capt Win Maung said that so far in 2010, the nation has seen 241 traffic accidents, leaving 129 people dead and 382 injured; and despite LED Boards stating traffic rules and warnings, traffic signs and directions along roads for public knowledge, many motorists and pedestrians fail to follow traffic rules.

Video plays on traffic accidents were screened and pamphlets distributed to attendees. — MNA