Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to King of Spain

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—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 Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2010.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe receives Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 12.15 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Senior General Than Shwe were SPDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, SPDC Secretary-1 Thih Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC Member U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu and heads of department. The goodwill delegation led by Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Apirath Vienravi and officials.

Matters relating to strengthen friendly ties and to promote cooperation between the two nations were frankly discussed at the call.

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Smooth transport: centre stage of regional development

In its bid to sustain national development, the government is in pursuance of short- and long-term projects designed to improve the socio-economic status of local people. In particular, transportation projects are in full swing across the nation.

In the regions on the western bank of the river Ayeyawady are many vast areas of arable lands where edible oil crops and crops of diverse species grow well. In the past, those regions lagged behind other regions in development on the ground of poor transport stemming from natural barriers.

Today, over the Ayeyawady River are several bridges linking the eastern and western banks. Railroad networks are being built in the regions along the western bank.

Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad, 320 miles long, is one of the new railroads to boost trade and economic growth. Seikpyu-Hsinbyukyun section of the railroad was put into service on 9 October.

Traveling by train is cost-effective and huge volumes of goods can be transported by train in a short time, and more and more railroad projects are being implemented with this end in view. The number of passengers transported by train in a year has increased from over 36 million to over 73 million, and the tonnage of commodities, from over one million to over three million.

Previously, national brethren had only distant relations with each other owing to poor transport. Yet, now every region around the nation is easily accessible from any other region else, and friendly relations among national brethren are improving as a result.

With a growing number of roads, bridges and railroads, the nation has the potential for greater development and dramatic increase in trade between one region and another.

**Casting vote demonstration in Bawlake Township**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—**Under the supervision of Bawlake Township subcommission and arrangement of Township subcommission, demonstration on casting vote took place at polling stations in Shanpaung ward and Kayahpaung wards in Bawlake on 6 and 9 September. A total of 150 local residents took part in casting votes.

Chairman of Township subcommission U Ko Giy explained the purpose of holding the demonstration. Secretary U Oo Rai and member U Aung Kyaw Min together with ten voters demonstrated casting votes. After that, member of district subcommission U Khan Saw explained facts about each booth and replied the queries raised by those present.

**Traffic rules clarified in Pobباتhiri Tsp**


His clarification covered root causes, traffic accidents, casualties, traffic signboards and international traffic rules enforcement systems. Educative video films on traffic rules were projected to 75 attendees.

**Maj-Gen Myint Soe inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) construction project**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—**Maj-Gen Myint Soe of the Ministry of Defence met officials and other ranks and their families at Myitkyina Station on 8 October, and presented gifts to them.

He inspected Myitkyina-Dawphoneyan-Momauk-Bhamo road section, plantation on either side of the road and development of townships and villages by car. On arrival at Mongkat Village in Momauk Township, he inspected monsoon paddy plantation.

He cordially greeted local farmers and left necessary instructions. Later, he inspected condition of road section and regional development.

On 9 October, Maj-Gen Myint Soe inspected Bhamo-Lwegel road section, monsoon paddy plantation and development of the villages along the road.

Then, he inspected People’s Hospital and development of Lwegel.

He also inspected Bhamo-Mansi-Sinkhan road section, maintenance of bridges along the road and Sinkhan bridge construction site.

**Foreign Minister felicitates Spanish counterpart**

**NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—**U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2010. —MNA

**Industry-1 Minister visits factories in Kyaukse**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—**Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung yesterday morning visited Kyaukse Cement Plant of Myanmar Ceramic Industries in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region.

The minister also visited plastic factory of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Foodstuff Industries, slipper factory of Household Product Industries, vest factory of Myanmar Textiles in the township and called for meeting target production, interaction and continuous improvement. —MNA
**Baltic Sea ferry not at risk of sinking**

Smoke rises from the empty 650-foot ferry Lisco Gloria in the Baltic Sea, on 10 Oct, 2010, near the island of Langeland in Denmark, after an explosion on its upper deck engulfed the vessel and forced the evacuation of almost 250 people aboard. —INTERNET

**Karzai confirms informal Taleban talks ongoing**

KABUL, 11 Oct—Afghan President Hamid Karzai confirmed his government has been in informal talks with the Taleban on securing peace in war-weary Afghanistan “for quite some time” — the latest in a series of high-level acknowledgments of contacts with the militant group.

Unofficial discussions have been held with Taleban representatives over an extended period. Karzai in an interview to be broadcast Monday. “We have been talking to the Taleban as countryman to countryman,” said Karzai. “Not as a regular official contact with the Taleban with a fixed address, but rather unofficial personal contacts have been going on for quite some time.”

Afghan presidential spokesman Waheed Omar has said previously that the administration was in contact “for the past couple of years” with Karzai. The talks would “different levels of Afghan Taleban wanting to reconnect with the government.” It was not immediately clear if the Karzai interview was the first time the president acknowledged the talks directly. NATO’s top commander in Afghanistan — Gen David Petraeus — has also said the military coalition was aware of overtures made by Taleban militant at the highest levels to the Afghan government.

**Comm Games gets first positive drug test**

NEW DELHI, 11 Oct—The Nigerian sprinter who won the women’s 100 meters has failed a doping test in yet another setback for the Commonwealth Games. In what has become nearly inevitable at multi-sports events, Commonwealth Games Federation president Mike Fennell said Monday that Osayemi Oludamola tested positive for the banned stimulant Methylenamine and could be stripped of her gold medal.

**Large firecracker caused LA harbor blast**

SAN PEDRO, 11 Oct—A large firecracker caused a blast near a Los Angeles-area harbor that sent police scrambling to evacuate the neighbourhood and order bomb squads into a hotel parking garage early Sunday, authorities said.

An M-80 explosive device went off around the same time an SUV was vandalized in the area, said Los Angeles Police Deputy Chief Michael Downing. Investigators initially thought the vehicle was the source of the blast. The bomb squad sent in robots, and officers throughout the area were placed on alert, but investigators now believe it likely was not a bomb that broke the window and created a small hole in the door of an SUV, Los Angeles Police Lt John Romero said.

A caller reported hearing a blast at 7:30 am in a commercial area of San Pedro. A short time later a patrol officer with the Port Police discovered the damaged Lincoln Navigator in the underground garage of the Clarion Inn. Investigators found debris away from the SUV that helped them determine the blast was a firecracker, police said.

“On closer inspection and using their training, bomb squad is confident the damage was caused by something other than a bomb. Based on what we know now, they’re scaling the operation way back,” Romero said.

**Afghanistan battles mental health issues**

KABUL, 11 Oct—Afghanistan is struggling to fight the mental health problems that afflict an estimated two thirds of its population after decades of violence, the country’s health ministry said on Sunday, World Mental Health Day.

Extreme poverty, political instability, weak infrastructure and large gender disparities all contribute to mental problems, which will escalate if they remain untreated, the ministry said in a statement calling for more funding.

“We hope in the future at least one trained (mental health) professional will be working in every health facility and every patient will have the opportunity to be screened and get proper counselling and treatment for the mental health and psychosocial problems,” acting Health Minister Suraya Dalil was quoted as saying.

“We hope that the donor agencies and other Afghanistan Health partners support us to enhance the mental health of those Afghans who have been affected during the war and conflict years.”

Millions have been killed or maimed since the conflicts began, but countless survivors also carry serious mental wounds. “More than 60 percent of Afghans are suffering from stress disorders and mental problems,” the ministry of health said. “If mental health disorders are not treated, they could be seriously disabling,” the statement added. Mental health problems are also rising in neighbouring Pakistan as violence there mounts.

Afghanistan’s health system is basic and overstretched. It has the second worst maternal mortality rate in the world, after Sierra Leone, and is one of just four countries in the world where polio remains endemic.

**Two Nat Park officers dead in S Utah plane crash**

PAGE, 11 Oct—Two National Park Service law enforcement officers have died in the crash of a small plane in southern Utah.

Park Service spokeswoman Michelle Fiddler says the two were on a scouting trip for an upcoming elk hunt when their plane was reported overdue early on 9 Oct, 2010. —INTERNET

This image provided by Garfield County Sheriff’s Office shows the scene of the plane wreck in Garfield County that killed two Glen Canyon Recreation Area Park Rangers on Mount Dutton in southern Utah. Park Service spokesman Michelle Fiddler says the two were on a scouting trip for an upcoming elk hunt when their plane was reported overdue early on 9 Oct, 2010. —INTERNET

The pilot was identified as Dangling Rope District Law Enforcement Ranger Laurie Axelsen. The passenger was Glen Canyon’s Chief Law Enforcement Ranger, Brent McGinn. Their ages were not available.

The Dixie National Forest covers about two million acres of southern Utah near Cedar City. —INTERNET

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**Nigeria’s Osayemi Oludamola poses with her gold medal for the Women’s 100m during the Commonwealth Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, India, 8 Oct, 2010. —INTERNET**

**The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Tuesday, 12 October, 2010**
UAE renewable energy city launch date pushed back

Dubai, 11 Oct—The completion date for Abu Dhabi’s Masdar City, set to be the first in the world powered solely by renewable energy, has been pushed back until between 2020 and 2025, Masdar has said.

Phase one of the renewable energy enclave, including the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency and the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology campus, is now slated for completion in 2015, a statement said.

The renewable energy company Masdar “source” in Arabic had previously said the city, which was begun in early 2008, was “due to be completed by 2016.”

“We’re building (on) take-up of our tenants, and based on what’s happened in the market, the number of tenants has slowed down a little,” Masdar City director Alan Frost said when asked about the delay.

He also said that building over a longer period allows new technologies to be tested and incorporated.

Frost said the estimated cost of Masdar City was now 10 to 15 percent lower than previously, putting it between 18.7 and 19.8 billion dollars, instead of 22 billion dollars.

### Technology

Microsoft readies new phone launch with AT&T

New York, 11 Oct—Microsoft Corp is set to unveil a new line of phones running its Windows software on Monday, as it attempts to pull back market share from Apple Inc’s iPhone and Google Inc’s Android system in the fast-growing market for multi-featured ‘smartphones’.

The world’s largest software company is hoping that the new phones, from handset makers such as Samsung, LG and HTC, will propel it back into the mobile market, which many see as the key to the future of computing.

The new phones, initially available on AT&T Inc’s network, have already been shown off in prototype form, and are much closer in look and feel to Apple’s iPhone, with colorful touch-screens and ‘tiles’ for easy access to e-mail, the web, music and other applications.

Some analysts say they represent Microsoft’s last chance to catch up with rivals, which overtook them in the past few years.

Handsets are not expected to appear in stores for a month, so their success may not be judged until the new year.

Microsoft says the new phones will offer a variety of features not currently available on AT&T’s lineup, including the ability to connect to the company’s Windows Live Hotmail service.

Sales of smaller-screen and cheaper netbook laptops may appear to be slopping off in a mature market like the United States, but analysts in Asia believe this is not the end of the road for the laptop itself.

“Tablet is a secondary device, meant for people who already have a PC and want a device for portable usage,” said Tracy Tsai, a Taipei-based analyst with technology research company Gartner.

“Using the tablet as your only device is rare, as you still need a laptop anytime soon,” say Asian analysts and vendors.

### Science

**Trees planted for global climate campaign**

Berlin, 11 Oct—Environmental campaigners planted trees, collected rubbish and rallied against pollution on Sunday for what organizers aimed to make the world’s biggest day of climate-change activism.

The 10/10/10 event known as the “Global Work Party” kicked off in Australia and New Zealand before spinning its way across the globe via more than 7,000 community events in 188 countries.

“The only countries that aren’t taking part, we think, are Equatorial Guinea, San Marino, North Korea, so it’s clearly the most widespread day of environmental action,” co-founder of the 350.org campaign Bill McKibben said.

And as far as we can tell, the most widespread day of civic engagement on any issue ever in the planet’s history.

The event comes as long-running United Nations efforts to broker a global deal to tackle global warming have stalled, and McKibben said while organizers had feared that people would be disillusioned by this, the opposite was true.

### Google tests cars that can steer without drivers

Washington, 11 Oct—Google Inc is road-testing cars that can steer and stop without a human driver, the company says.

The goal is to “help prevent traffic accidents, free up people’s time and reduce carbon emissions” through ride sharing and “the new ‘highway trains of tomorrow,’” project leader Sebastian Thrun wrote Saturday on Google’s corporate blog.

The cars are never unmanned, Thrun wrote. He said a backup driver is always behind the wheel to monitor the software.

It’s not the first signal that Google wants to change how people get from place to place. In a speech 29 Sept at the TechCrunch “Disrupt” conference, Google CEO Eric Schmidt said “your car should drive itself. It just makes sense.”

“It’s a bug that cars were invented before computers,” Schmidt said.

The cars have traveled a total of 140,000 miles on major California roads without much human intervention, according to Google’s corporate blog.
Tiny East Timor declares war on leprosy

**O-E-CUSSIE ENCLAVE, (East Timor),** 11 Oct—If there really was a place so remote it could be called the end of the earth, Adelino Quelo’s shabby little hut would be a good candidate.

His thatch teepee-shaped home is the last stop in tiny East Timor. It is perched on the side of a rugged emerald mountain with a million-dollar view of neighbouring Indonesia, so close you can almost touch it. As rare visitors holler his name, a slow shuffling comes from the dirt floor inside.

A minute passes and Quelo, 68, appears at the small opening carved out near the ground. He scoots on his rear and grunts while laboriously dragging one leg, then one arm on each side, using a torn pair of mismatched flip flops as his only aid.

His fingers, toes and parts of his hands and feet are missing. Only stubby knobs remain, keeping him from standing, gripping or even bathing himself. But Quelo smiles a toothless grin and motions for his guests to come closer, apologizing for having nothing to offer but his story.

He is just one face of leprosy in a country that has declared war on the age-old scourge. East Timor is one of two places worldwide — the other is Brazil — where the disease is still widespread enough to be considered a public health threat. But for Quelo, the fight comes far too late.

“I myself, already suffer thus, and it’s enough,” he says, a dirty sarong hiked up on his right thigh, exposing a large open sore. “I hope no one else will suffer this.”

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**Health**

Malaysia to carry out landmark GM mosquito trial

**KUALA LUMPUR, 11 Oct**—Malaysia’s health minister Sunday said the country would carry out a landmark field trial by releasing genetically modified mosquitoes designed to combat dengue fever by the end of the year.

He urged the parties to reach an agreement by the time his country hosts the summit meeting on 11-12 November.

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“On my side everything is clear. Now it’s under the ministry of natural resources and environment, who will submit the plan to cabinet for final approval,” he said.

Malaysia’s deidrate from dengue fever has spiralled 53 percent this year and the public is being urged to take action to eradicate the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes which spread dengue from homes and workplaces.

“The last 10 years the number of dengue cases in the world has doubled and the situation this year is significantly worse than last year,” he said. “So we welcome how Malaysia is responding to this threat.”

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**Business**

Oil rises near $83 as investors look to Fed moves

**Gulf Cooperation Council oil ministers meet in Kuwait on 10 October, 2010, ahead of the OPEC meeting in Vienna on 14 October, 2010.**

**SEOUL, 11 Oct**—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak warned that a failure by G20 economies to find a solution soon to disputes about foreign exchange policy could cause significant problems for the world economy.

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“Each country insists on its own interest during the recovery phase, it will bring about trade protectionism and will cause the world economy very big problems,” Lee told foreign media journalists during a lunch meeting at his residence.

Lee did not elaborate.

Foreign exchange policy has emerged as the thorniest topic ahead of a meeting in Seoul by leaders from the Group of 20 developed and leading emerging economies. They aim to put the world economy on a more balanced and sustainable growth pattern. — Reuters

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South Korea’s Lee warns of big trouble if FX accord fails

**HONG KONG, 11 Oct**—The dollar slid to a 15-year low against the yen and Asian stocks rose on Monday as US jobs data boosted the chances of easier US monetary policy and IMF and G7 meetings produced little to ease global currency tension.

Major European stocks opened slightly higher, mirroring gains in Asia and on Wall Street with the FTSEurofirst 300 (.FTEU3) rising 0.2 percent in early trade to 1,072.60.

Finance leaders meeting over the weekend in Washington produced no quick fix for global economic imbalances, suggesting the cheap money trade of selling dollars to buy emerging market assets and commodities looks set to continue for now. That was further spurred by weaker-than-expected jobs data in the United States on Friday that raised the chances the Federal Reserve would inject fresh funds into the economy as soon as its 2-3 November meeting.

Metals rallied with London copper hitting a fresh 27-month peak while Shanghai zinc futures rose 5 percent to its upside limit of 18.875 yuan a metric ton.

The dollar weakened broadly against a basket of currencies (JXY) and against the yen fell as far as 81.37 yen, its lowest level in 15 years. It later recovered to 81.99.

Although Japan is closed for a national holiday on Monday, the dollar’s slide put markets on alert for potential intervention by the Bank of Japan, especially since the G7 and the IMF didn’t produce any overt criticism of Tokyo’s yen selling. — Reuters
Newsweek and the Daily Beast in merger talks

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct—US weekly magazine Newsweek and the Daily Beast news website are exploring possibilities to combine their operations and the likelihood of a deal is increasing, the Wall Street Journal said, citing people familiar with the discussions. A deal would make Daily Beast co-founder and co-owner Tina Brown the editor of Newsweek on top of her existing editorial duties at the website, the Journal said.

Audio equipment magnate Sidney Harman, the founder of Harman International Industries Inc, bought the money-losing Newsweek from The Washington Post Co in August. The Daily Beast publishes news and commentary, and now averages 4.6 million visitors a month, the Journal said, citing data from Omniture, a Web analytics company. The Daily Beast is expected to lose about $10 million this year, a person familiar with the situation said. In India, a newspaper reported on Monday that Sinochem had made no decision on those talks, the person familiar with the situation said. In India, a newspaper reported on Monday that Sinochem had declined to comment on the situation.

The translation of her presentation is as follows—

Esteemed people and national brethren,
Kachin State is a peaceful and pleasant land. It is home to Kachin, Shan, Bamar tribes and many other national races living together through thick and thin. It is one of the states in the Union.

National races in Kachin State form part of the Union. So, they are closest brethren responsible for development, stability, and flourishing of human rights and democracy of Kachin State. That is why Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State was formed with members including townsenders on 2 July 2010. Our party represents Kachin State.

The flag of our party is 9 feet long and 5 feet wide with 3 white stars in the green background. The emblem of our party is a one-inch diameter circle flanked by two paddy ears. Between the two paddy ears is Kachin traditional Manaw pole. Our party’s ultimate goal is to achieve perpetual freedom of religion and will abstain from using religious affairs for political gains. We will never do any activities that may cause racial or religious conflicts. We will encourage literatures, customs, culture and fine arts of various national races. Our party’s stance is to boost unity, mutual friendship and help among national races.

Regarding our party’s work programmes, I am going to present fundamental rights and duties of citizens stated in the constitution for the knowledge of local people. Only then, will they understand well the rights and duties and they will be loyal to the country.

We will focus on better transport of Kachin State. We will take measures for Kachin State to be more easily accessible from other states and regions by car, by train, by water and by air.

For human beings, nothing can be compared with health. So, we will do all possible things for good health and longevity of Kachin State dwellers such as giving talks on health, providing fresh and wholesome food, providing better health care, taking preventive measures against common diseases, and providing modern drugs and treatment.

In order to improve the education standard, we will make sure that every school-age child has access to school education and free primary education. We will sharpen the abilities of the youth, and help the needy and outstanding students complete their school education. In addition, we will provide help for students to apply what they have learnt from school education for their livelihoods, and to continue their studies. Abilities of students much rely on the skills of teachers. So, we will help fulfill the basic needs of teachers and improve their skills.

Esteemed people and national brethren,
Agriculture is in the centre of Kachin State’s economy. Therefore, we will take measures for promulgation of necessary laws to protect the rights of farmers, and to ensure that they will gain reasonable benefits from their farmlands, and enjoy freedom of trade and have easy access to advanced agricultural methods. Kachin State is blessed with favourable climate patterns to grow various species of crops naturally. So, we will help establish green markets through organic farming.

Regarding interests of workers, we will encourage establishment of more factories and workshops to create jobs, give proper salary, and worksite safety. We will give priority to local people over those from other regions in terms of occupation in departments. And we will make sure that Kachin nationals in service in departments will have opportunity to perform duties only in their home state.

We will help develop literatures, languages, traditions, customs, traditional dresses, cultures and fine arts, and encourage and promote the arts of national races.

We will uplift dynamism of patriotic spirit of the youth of Kachin State and make sure that they will not think highly of foreign countries and will have a strong sense of serving the interest of their motherland. In particular, we will seek ways and means in collaboration with the entire people to reduce and eliminate the menace posed by narcotic drugs to youngsters.

Kachin State is rich in natural resources. So, we will ensure that illegal exploitation of natural resources is prohibited in the state. We will conserve aquatic creatures in the rivers, creeks, lakes and fishery lakes, animals on mountain ranges, various species of birds, rare species of butterflies, valuable trees and orchids.

We will expose human traffickers and take punitive action against them in Kachin State. We will encourage all-round development of local women, and take care of children and the aged.

Esteemed people and national brethren,
As the saying goes that “Unity is strength”, we urge all to work hand in hand with our party for further strengthening unity of local people, perpetual peace and development of Kachin State.

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Two teams try lining up Potash Corp bids

MUMBAI, 11 Oct—Rival bidders may be looking to dethrone BHP Billiton’s (BHP.AX) $39 billion bid for Canada’s Potash Corp (POT.TO), with China’s Sinochem and a Canadian pension fund working on plans, according to newspaper reports. Canada’s Ontario Teachers Pension Plan is talking to Singapore investment fund Temasek (TEM.UL) about launching an offer for Potash Corp, possibly with Canadian miner Teck Resources (TCKb.TO), British newspaper The Sunday Times said.

“Everybody is talking to everyone,” said a person familiar with the situation who did not deny that Temasek had been approached. Temasek declined to comment on the report on Monday. Temasek was previously approached by China’s Sinochem (600500.SS) to join a bid as it is wary of BHP taking control over 25 percent of the world’s potash supplies, crucial for boosting food production to feed China’s huge population. Temasek has made no decision on those talks, the person familiar with the situation said. In India, a newspaper reported on Monday that Sinochem had approached Indian state-run miner NMDC Ltd (NMDC.BI) to join a bid.

POLITICAL HURDLES.

—Reuters
Kayin State Democracy and Development Party-KSDDP presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PIT TAW, 11 Oct—Chairman U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party-KSDDP presented party’s policy, stance and work programmes on radio and TV on 11 October.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:

Iam U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw, Chairman of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party-KSDDP headquartered in Hpa-an of Kayin State. I myself will compete as candidate for Kayin State Hluttaw in Hlaingbwe Township Constituency No. 1 in Kayin State. In the 2010 elections, our party will take part in four seats.

The title of our party is Kayin State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP). Our party is established with local national races for uplifting the living standard of the national people residing in Kayin State and improving the democratization process. Our party is constituted through the united strength of Kayin, Bamar, Pa-O, Mon and Shan national races living in Kayin State in line with the correct policy, firm attitude and definite plan.

Upholding the concepts: perpetual existence of the Union, perpetuation of sovereignty, national unity, and perpetual existence of peaceful, modern and developed nation, our party pledges to undertake development of Kayin State, to ensure peace and tranquility across Kayin State and developing it in line with the correct policy, firm attitude and definite plan.

The above-mentioned aims are nothing new. Before formation of Kayin State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP), we under the title of Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBO) have carried out welfare tasks of the state and nation-building tasks to some extent.

Establishment of KSDDP and taking part in the elections are aimed at serving the interest of the national people residing in Kayin State. We believe that our party will have the opportunity to take part in the respective sectors in shaping the future State. We firmly believe that our party will have the capability to fully serve the interest of Kayin State and the local people in the future in line with the genuine patriotic spirit, correct policy and practical work programmes.

I would like to present policies of our party. They are:

(a) With regard to the national policy, we will constantly uphold non-disintegration of the Union including Kayin State, non-disintegration of national solidarity including local national races and perpetuation of sovereignty of Myanmar.

(b) With regard to political policy, we will put in the fore the national interest and the interest of Kayin State in practising the multiparty democracy system.

(c) With regard to economic policy, we will promote market-oriented economic system and strive for availability of necessary investment, technology and market for local national race entrepreneurs.

(d) With regard to policy on human rights, we will guarantee the local people to be able to enjoy rights of citizens in equal term.

(e) With regard to policy on national races, our party deeply accepts that national unity is indispensable and we will strive for enabling all the national races including local people of Kayin State to enjoy the rights to the full.

(f) With regard to policy on religious affairs, we will guarantee all the people to enjoy freedom of religion.

(g) With regard to policy on cooperation, our party will set up friendly relationship with other political parties and national parties as alliances and cooperate with them in the appropriate fields.

(h) With regard to education policy, we will focus on development of human resources for local national children and give encouragement to it for meeting international education standard.

(i) With regard to health policy, we will uplift health and fitness of the local people and health care services.

(j) With regard to cultural policy, our party will work for preservation and improvement of language, literature, culture and national characters of local people.

I would like to continue my presentation on the political work programmes: They are:

(a) In realizing the multiparty democracy system, we will put the national interest and the interest of the state in the fore.

(b) We will make strenuous efforts for flourishing of democratic process to be practised in our society through freedom and participation harmoniously.

(c) Our party will focus on participation of qualified local people in the leading role of legislative, executive and judicial sectors which are three branches of State’s sovereignty.

(d) We will strive for ensuring rights of national races on equal term and flourishing of human rights in political, economic and social sectors. By practising market-oriented economic system, our party will place emphasis on the opportunity for local national entrepreneurs to set up the businesses and development of small- and medium-scale enterprises. Moreover, we will strive for ensuring availability of necessary investment, technology and markets for the local entrepreneurs and protect the local entrepreneurs. We have planned to create job opportunity, increase the individual income and ensure market opening programme for the local national races.

Our party accepts that the local people in Kayin State are valuable main forces. Therefore, our party always put the interest and wish of the local national people in the fore. We will give top priority to the interest of the local people than the party’s interest. We will contribute to construction of new roads and bridges in the less developed areas of Kayin State and upgrading and maintenance of roads and bridges for their durability.

Furthermore, we will place emphasis on local food sufficiency, improvement of social-economic life, generating jobs for growth of local economy and fulfilment of development infrastructures.

All in all, our party, upholding the democratization process, will help flourish genuine democracy in Kayin State and will join hands with the local people with high spirit of democracy in the process for prevailing peace and tranquility across Kayin State and developing it in all aspects. We will try our best for Kayin State to become a developed and prosperous state and then the reliable part of the State and the reliable local people.

May all the citizens and the people of Kayin State enjoy peace and prosperity.

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—Thai delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva who were on a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived here by special flight at 9.30 am today. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, directors-general from MOFA, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi and staff from the Thai embassy.

At 2:45 pm, the delegation paid homage to Uppadathanti Pagoda. At the pagoda, Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu welcomed Thai delegation which offered flowers and water to Buddha Patima Jade Buddha Image and made cash donation for the pagoda. Thai Prime Minister and entourage viewed Bhaddawady white elephant in the precinct of the pagoda and presented cash for foods of the elephant.

Thai Prime Minister then viewed Bo Tree planted by Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn near Malimi Mingala Lake in the precinct of the pagoda and watered the tree. The delegation then looked round the progress of Nay Pyi Taw and flew to Yangon in the evening. They were seen off by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win and departmental personnel.

THAI GOODWILL DELEGATION LED BY PRIME MINISTER MR ABHISIT VEJJAVIVA LEAVES YANGON

YANGON, 11 Oct — The goodwill delegation of Thailand led by Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of the Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw and Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi, arrived here by special flight at 5.5 pm. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and officials and diplomats from Thai Embassy in Yangon.

The Thai prime minister went to the Embassy of Thailand on Pyay Road in Dagon Township at 5.30 pm and met with Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi and staff of the embassy and military attaches and families. In the evening, the goodwill delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda. Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva signed in the visitors’ book and donated cash to the pagoda and the board of trustees of the pagoda presented the mosaic art depicting Shwedagon Pagoda to Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva as a gift. The goodwill delegation left here by special flight at night, and the commander, the mayor and diplomats from the Embassy of Thailand saw them off at Yangon International Airport.

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They inspected the Guard of Honour.

Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva presented his entourage to Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein also presented those present at the ceremony —

- Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win
- Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo
- Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha
- Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein
- Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing
- Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye Myint
- Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo
- Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay
- Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Kyaw Myint
- Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu

Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva taking salute of the Guard of Honour.

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with the visiting Thai goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva at Zeyathiri Beikman at 11.10 am here today.

Also present at the meeting together with Prime Minister U Thein Sein were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Defence U Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and departmental heads.

The Thai Prime Minister was accompanied by Thai Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Kasit Piromya, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi and officials.

PM U Thein Sein, Thai PM Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva hold talks on strengthening bilateral friendship.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters related to promoting and further strengthening friendship between the two countries, promoting bilateral cooperation for the rule of law, stability and development in border areas between the two countries, economy and technology cooperation, boosting bilateral trade and investment, promoting tourism sector and building a deep sea port in Dawei, Myanmar guest workers in Thailand and internal affairs of both countries.—MNA

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosts luncheon in honour of Thai goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein hosted a luncheon in honour of the Thai goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 12.45 pm today.

Also present at the luncheon were ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi and officials.

Before the lunch, the State Band played national anthems of the two countries, and vocalists sang songs to the accompaniment of the modern band of Myanma Radio and Television and artistes of the Fine Arts Department of Ministry of Culture performed traditional dance over the lunch.

After the lunch, Prime Minister U Thein Sein presented the photo album of the goodwill visit to Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva.

Afterwards, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva presented flower baskets to the artistes and had a documentary photo taken together with them.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein hosts a luncheon in honour of the Thai goodwill delegation led by Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein presents a documentary photo album to Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein and Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva have a documentary photo taken together with artistes at luncheon.

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Upgrading of Pathein-Monywa Road in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected by car the upgrading of section (2) of Pathein-Monywa Road from milepost Nos 179/6 to 363/0 in Magway Region on 9 October.

Next, he inspected the laying of rock from milepost Nos 274/6 to 283/0, resurfacing of the road from milepost Nos 288/0 to 300/0, and construction of box culverts.

Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw reported on tasks to upgrade the road from milepost Nos 179/6 to 363/0 in Pathein. The minister called for sooner completion of building road sections, implementation of tasks day and night with effective use of labour and machinery, quality control and completion of the project on schedule.—MNA

U Thant Kyaw presents credentials to Belgian King

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Thant Kyaw, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium, presented his credentials to His Majesty King Albert II, King of the Belgians, on 28 September 2010 in Brussels.—MNA
Hungary says sees emergency dam finished by Tuesday

BUDAPEST, 11 Oct—Hungary said it hopes to finish building an emergency dam by Tuesday to hold back a reservoir of toxic sludge after a breach of the original retaining wall caused a deadly flood of industrial waste.

About one million cubic meters of red mud, a by-product of alumina production, leaked out of an alumina plant reservoir into villages and waterways in western Hungary last Monday, killing seven people, injuring 123 and fouling rivers including a local branch of the Danube.

“We hope to have the dam finished by Tuesday,” Peter Szijjarto, the prime minister’s spokesman told private broadcaster TV2 on Monday.

“We have 4,000 people and 300 machines working at the scene so we are doing our utmost to prevent another tragedy.” One week into the disaster, one person was still missing.

Tibor Dobson, a spokesman for disaster crews, said evacuated residents of the nearby village of Kolontar must remain in emergency accommodation.

“They will not be able to return to their homes today as even though the construction (of the dam) is progressing well, it is roughly 70 percent complete,” Dobson told TV2.—Reuters

Hungarian soldiers wearing protective gear are washed by water jets in Devicer, 164 km southwest of Hungary, on 9 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

Tense final hours ahead for Chilean miners

SAN JOSE MINE, 11 Oct—A smooth-walled path to daylight awaited 33 trapped miners Sunday as they entered the tense final hours of a two-month odyssey christened in the terror of collapsing rock deep under a Chilean mountain.

With the eyes of the world on Chile’s no-expense spared effort to ensure all the men emerge unharmed, the miners’ physical and mental health was being fastidiously monitored. Precautions were taken against all manner of complications — aspirin to prevent blood clots, a special drink to settle the stomach, video monitors to watch for panic attacks.

And officials said the men were so giddy with confidence they were squabbling on Saturday, the day drills broke through to them, over who would get to be chief of explorers in the complex of colossus. Afterwards they hoped to see a celebration of the survival of loved ones. If they have to do it all again, the men are not prepared to repeat such a sight.

A tentative but secret list was drafted of which miners should come out first when the extraction starts on Monday, killing seven people, injuring 123 and fouling rivers including a local branch of the Danube.

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Hanoi throws extravagant 1,000th birthday bash

HANOI, 11 Oct—Draped in red Communist banners and propaganda slogans, Vietnam’s capital turned 1,000 years old Sunday in an extravagant ceremony intended to stoke national pride and show the world that this once war-ravaged country has moved beyond its dark history.

More than 30,000 people marched in Vietnam’s biggest-ever parade, with goose-stepping soldiers, colourful dragon dancers and 10 military helicopters displaying huge Vietnamese and Communist Party flags.

The procession, a third of which was military, started in the capital’s historic Ba Dinh Square where the late President Ho Chi Minh declared independence from the French colonialists 65 years ago.

Ho’s massive granite mausoleum provided the backdrop for the festivities commemorating King Ly Thai To’s decision in 1010 to move Vietnam’s capital 62 miles (100 kilometres) north to Hanoi, then called Thang Long.

“Experiencing 1,000 years of numerous ups and downs, Thang Long—Hanoi, maintains its assured posture and prudence, deserving to be the heart of the country,” President Nguyen Minh Triet said in a speech.

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Bill Gates to attend G20 business summit

SOUTH KOREA, 11 Oct—More than 100 global business leaders including Microsoft founder Bill Gates, pictured, have confirmed they will attend next month’s G20 business summit in Seoul, organizers said Sunday.

They said Gates, who now co-chairs the charitable Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, would be among 112 executives taking part in the 10-11 November event on the sidelines of the G20 leaders’ summit on 11-12 November.

In a statement, organizers said 35 business chiefs are from the manufacturing or IT sectors, 28 from finance, 25 from energy and 24 from logistics, maritime or other sectors.

They said the total sales of companies taking part add up to four trillion dollars and their assets total around 30 trillion dollars.

Companies will include Royal Dutch Shell from the Netherlands, France’s Total, the ING financial group from the Netherlands, Bank of America, Hewlett-Packard and Switzerland’s Nestle.

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New Australia inquest into baby’s ‘death by dingo’
SYDNEY, 10 Oct — Australia will hold a new inquest into the death of baby Azaria Chamberlain to re-examine claims she was snatched and killed by a dingo at Uluru, or Ayers Rock, in 1980, her father said on Monday.
Azaria’s father Michael Chamberlain said he was hoping for “justice” for his daughter, in the latest twist in the sensational case, the most recent of three inquests recorded an open verdict in 1995. “It is unjust for Azaria,” he said, according to public broadcaster ABC. “Her spirit does not rest because the truth was never told about how she actually died.” Chamberlain said he had been informally told that authorities were moving to set up the inquest early next year, and that he was confident of finally proving Azaria was stolen by a dingo. — Internet

Two students shot at US school
CARLSBAD, 11 Oct — Two students were shot at a southern California elementary school, Fox News Channel reported.
The students at Kelly Elementary School in Carlsbad were transported by helicopter to the hospital. One person was reportedly in custody following the 12:00pm local time incident, and police were reportedly searching for another possible suspect.

EuroMillions lottery winner scoops up record $183m
PARIS, 11 Oct — A ticket-holder in Britain has won a record 129 million euros ($183.37 million) on the EuroMillions lottery, organizers France’s la Loterie, announced overnight.
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Drive safely

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This photo taken in August 1980 shows Lindy Chamberlain holding her daughter Azaria on Ayers Rock. Australia will hold a new inquest into the death of baby Azaria to re-examine claims she was snatched and killed by a dingo at Uluru, or Ayers Rock, in 1980, her father said on Monday. — Internet

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**Ambulance stolen with relative inside**

A man with 32 previous arrests has been charged with stealing an ambulance in Chicago while paramedics worked on a relative in the back, officials said.

Jimmy McCoy, 27, “probably thought he was helping” when he took off in the ambulance Saturday.

**Scientists to look for China’s Bigfoot**

A group of Chinese scientists and explorers is looking for international help to mount a new search for the country’s answer to Bigfoot, known locally as the “Yeren,” or “wild man.”

Over the years, more than 400 people have claimed sightings of the half-man, half-ape Yeren in a remote, mountain-taious area of the central province of Hubei, state news agency Xinhua said on Saturday.

Expeditions in the 1970s and 1980s yielded hair, a footprint, excrement and a sleeping nest suspected of belonging to the Yeren, but there has been no conclusive proof, the report added.

Witnesses describe a creature that walks upright, is more than 2 metres (6 ft 7 in) tall and with grey, red or black hair all over its body, Xinhua said.

**Lebanon flags up yet another world record**

Having breezed through several world records in the culinary field Lebanon has now gone for the big one — the world’s largest national flag, and so huge it needed an airfield.

Lebanese military on Sunday released a picture taken from the air of the massive flag, stitched in Kuwait, assembled in Lebanon and covering 65,000 square metres (645,600 square feet) “unfurled.”

Morocco is the current holder of the Guinness world record for the largest flag, at a mere 60,000 square metres, a Lebanese military spokesman said.

Now Lebanon’s bid for the title has been displayed at Rayak air base in the east of the country, in the presence of a representative of the “Guinness World Records” book.

**Three 10s in date equal 33,000 weddings**

Sunday is a 10 for couples, who are marrying by the thousands on the auspicious, and easily remembered, date of 10/10/10.

More than American 32,000 couples are scheduled to marry on this date, said theweddingchannel.com and themat.com, two wedding Web sites cited by The Star-Ledger of Newark, NJ on 10 Oct last year, only around 5,000 couples exchanged vows. Sunday has the most weddings scheduled since 7 July, 2007, which saw roughly 54,000. “We came to the realization that 10/10/10 would probably be the best,” said Adam Polhemus, who is marrying Kristin Wallenstein in Holmek, NJ. “It's definitely an anniversary I can’t forget and screw up.” “The date was the perfect fit for us,” Ming Chan of Queens, NY, who is marrying Holman Lau, said. “I wanted a date that is easy to remember, but 11/11/11 wasn’t going to work for me because I didn’t want to date another year.”

Bollywood flirts with going global

“Raavanan”, along with her husband and co-star Abhishek Bachchan and the film’s director Mani Ratnam.

Talk inevitably turned to the Indian film industry, the world’s largest in terms of annual production numbers with more than 1,000 new films hitting cinemas each year.

The international film industry as a whole has been wondering when some of those lavish productions might be able reach out to the world.

Elton John teams with idol for musical “Union”

Singer Elton John performs during his concert in Paragur.

New York, 11 Oct—Talk to Elton John and it’s likely that, sooner rather than later, he will tell you that Leon Russell is his idol. Which isn’t an unexpected statement to make, considering that the next entry in John’s discography is “The Union,” a duet album with the 68-year-old Russell.

But John doesn’t have to swear on the family Bible that he’s not just blowing celebrity smoke. “Leon Russell is my idol” is like a mantra John recited unprompted during interviews throughout his career. In 1970 and 1971, from Rolling Stone to Melody Maker to Gary Straight, a weekly in Vancouver, British Columbia, it was always “my idol.”

**“Social Network” tops box office for second week**

Los Angeles, 11 Oct—Facebook film “The Social Network” captured the top spot at North American box offices for the second straight weekend in a lacklustre frame that saw ticket sales for all films drop about 15 percent from last year.

A pair of newcomers, romantic comedy “Life As We Know It” and horse racing film “Secretariat,” failed to make strong bids for No. 1, with the former coming in second at $14.6 million while the latter rounded out the top three with $12.6 million, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

“The Social Network,” by contrast, took in $33.5 million with its tale of the popular website’s founding, which has thrilled both critics and audiences and has Hollywood buzzing with awards talk for the David Fincher-directed movie.

The Columbia Pictures release played in just under 2,800 locations for a per-theater average of around $5,600. Ticket sales were down just about 30 percent, a small drop by Hollywood standards from last week’s final haul of $22.4.—Reuters

**Michael Jackson memorabilia fetched $1M in Macau**

Macau, 11 Oct—A auction of some 100 items of Michael Jackson memorabilia has fetched more than $1 million, with a basketball autographed by the late singer and Michael Jordan netting $245,000. Showing the lingering appeal of the “King of Pop,” the sale Saturday in the southern Chinese City of Macau drew bidders from around the world.

An unidentified Internet bidder paid $180,000 for a black crystal-studded glove and an arm brace Jackson wore while filming a promotional video for his 1995 album “History.”
Terry out of Montenegro encounter

London, 11 Oct — Chelsea defender John Terry was forced late Sunday to pull out of England’s Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro at Wembley on Tuesday with a back injury, the Football Association announced.

Terry is the third player to withdraw from Fabio Capello’s squad in three days after Phil Jagielka and Aaron Lennon also had to cry off with injury.

The combative centre back was a near-certain starter against Eastern European opponents who have won all three of their qualifying matches to date to top Group G ahead of England, who have won their opening two games.

Liverpool sale to Red Sox in jeopardy

London, 11 Oct — Liverpool’s takeover by the owners of the Boston Red Sox will not go ahead if the English club is forced to enter a form of bankruptcy protection and gets penalized in the Premier League standings, people with knowledge of the negotiations said on Saturday.

Liverpool is already in the three-team relegation zone after its worst start to a season in more than 50 years and would receive a nine-point penalty from the Premier League if it became insolvent before the Bos-Liverpool Football Club’s Anfield Stadium is seen behind the Paisley Gateway into the soccer stadium. —Internet

Blanc in no rush to decide on permanent captain

Paris, 11 Oct — France coach Laurent Blanc said on Sunday that he would decide on a permanent captain at the end of the Euro 2012 qualifiers.

The 44-year-old was speaking the day after his side had beaten Romania 2-0 to make it two successive wins in the qualifiers after opening with an embarrassing 1-0 home defeat to Belarus.

Blanc — who replaced the disgraced Raymond Domenech when the latter stood down after the catastrophic World Cup finals campaign in June — handed the captain’s armband to Alou Diarra for the Romania clash. —Internet

Nadal beats Monfils to win Japan Open tennis

Tokyo, 11 Oct — World number one Rafael Nadal captured his seventh title of a stellar season on Sunday, outclassing Gael Monfils in straight sets to win the Japan Open tennis tournament.

The 24-year-old Spaniard, who saved two match points against Serbia’s Viktor Troicki in the semi-finals, coasted to a straight-forward 6-1, 7-5 victory over the French fifth seed.

“It’s very important for me to win a title. I want to finish the season well, and it’s a perfect way to finish the season. So I’m happy for that. I enjoy this moment, because winning a title is difficult,” said Nadal. “I won a lot this year, but I know it’s difficult to keep winning. I’m going to try to play my best in Shanghai (next week) and the rest of the season and the Masters Cup in London, the most difficult tournament for me.”

Bayern’s Butt fears repeat of Leverkusen battle

Berlin, 11 Oct — Bayern Munich goalkeeper Hans-Jorg Butt said on Sunday he fears history will repeat itself from his time at Bayer Leverkusen unless the defending champions start winning in the Bundesliga soon.

Bayern have lost their last two league games, have picked up just eight points from their first seven Bundesliga games and are already 13 points behind surprise leaders Mainz.

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Super Bowl hangover, anyone?

GLENDALE, 11 Oct—The Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts, both are 3-2 five weeks into the season. Neither is playing close to its championship form a year ago, and are probably more lucky than good to be over .500. Peyton Manning missed out on a 300-yard passing game, did not throw a touchdown pass and seemed out of sync, but the Colts got a late touchdown run from Mike Hart for a 19-9 win Sunday against the visiting Kansas City Chiefs. Drew Brees threw three interceptions against Arizona and the Cardinals capitalized for a 30-20 victory.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yeziin) (0.79) inch, Paung (3.74) inches, Mogok (3.03) inches, Thaton (2.72) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.55) inches and Bilin (2.40) inches.

**Forecast**

Outlook for subsequent two days: likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar area.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 13th October 2010: one or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-10-2010: some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-10-2010: one or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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**WEATHER**

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The maximum temperature on 10-10-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 11-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-10-2010 was (78%).

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VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
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Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Spanish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2010.—MNA

Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS), Kayin State Democracy and Development Party-KSDDP present their policies, stance and work programmes

Prime Minister U Thein Sein welcomes Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct—A ceremony to welcome Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, who was in Myanmar on a goodwill visit at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, took place in front of Zeyathiri Beikman here at 10.40 am today.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially greeted Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva in front of the Zeyathiri Beikman on the Thai PM’s arrival at the ceremony.

The two Prime Ministers then took position on dais and took salute of the Guard of Honour while the State Band played national anthems of both countries.

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