Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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

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

Local people in storm-hit areas enjoy better living conditions than that previously

Prime Minister addresses ceremony to mark International Day for Disaster Reduction

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement marked the International Day for Disaster Reduction at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri Township here this morning, with an address by Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, deputy ministers, members of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and work committee, ambassadors and officials from foreign embassies to Myanmar, heads of department, International NGOs and distinguished guests.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that the United Nations General Assembly on 22 December 1989 designated Wednesday of the second week of October as International Day for Disaster Reduction and urged the countries to hold commemorative ceremonies yearly. So, world countries including Myanmar hold commemorative ceremonies.

Due to causes such as global warming and world climate change, the world sees strong earthquakes, storms, volcanic eruptions, floods, forest fires, tidal waves like tsunami, and landslides almost every day, thus claiming a large number of lives and a great deal of property, buildings and houses.

According to the statistics, in 2009, altogether 10,655 people died and 119 million people fall victim to 335 natural disasters around the world, and that damaged property worth 41.3 billion US dollars.

And in 2010, Haiti, Chile and New Zealand saw strong earthquakes; Russia, Greece and western America, large forest fires; Pakistan, India and China, floods; the Philippines and Indonesia, landslides and storms; and Iceland, volcanic ashes. The number of natural disasters around the world doubled from 1995 to 2005.

Occurrence of such natural disasters is largely due to world climate change and global warming. The impact on natural ecology resulting from excessive emission of greenhouse gases from factories in industrialized countries, increased amounts of carbon dioxide in the air and human activities.

Developing countries are more vulnerable to climate changes and natural disasters than developed countries. So, world countries are to be harmonious in reducing natural disasters.

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Improve quality and production of goods

Enhancement of the industrial sector contributes much to modernization and development of the nation. All-out efforts are being made for transforming the nation into an industrialized one by applying strengths of natural resources and human resources of the nation. Thus, industrial regions and industrial zones have been established across the country.

The government has opened a large number of factories and workshops including import-substitute factories. As many factories applying advanced technology have been set up in respective industrial regions, multi-purpose diesel engines, hydropower turbines and generators are being manufactured there. In addition, personal goods, pharmaceuticals, foodstuffs and textiles are also produced on a wider scale.

Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) and Myanmar Farming Machinery Factory (Ingon) in Kyaukse Township, Cement Plant, Plastic Factory, Hepatitis (B) Vaccine Factory and Tyre and Rubber Product Factory in Factories Region (Kyaukse) are manufacturing import-substitute products.

Thanks to establishment of industrial regions and industrial zones, manufacturing of products are gaining momentum. Emphasis is to be placed on manufacturing the quality products meeting set standards to be able to compete with foreign products in the market. Strenuous efforts are to be made for gearing up for constant production of high-demand goods and those accepted by customers.

The government is providing necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs in order to successfully operate the industries. Extending and opening modern and import-substitute factories and workshops reflect development of industrial sector. Therefore, all the factories and workshops have to focus on running their factories at full capacity and improvement of quality and production of goods in line with the market demand.

Some traffic routes to be temporarily closed for White Cane Day Walking Race

YANGON, 13 Oct — The 19th Yangon Mayor’s Cup Walking Race to mark International White Cane Day will be held on 15 October 2010 on a grand scale.

The route is from People’s square and People’s Park on Pyay Road, to Phoneygi Street, and then to the City Hall on Mahabandoola Street.

Therefore, the said route will be temporarily closed from 5 am to 8 am on that day. — MNA

F&R Minister attends IMF, WB meetings

YANGON, 13 Oct — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun attended the annual meetings 2010 of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank in Washington DC in the United States of America from 8 to 10 October.

The opening of IMF and WB annual meetings and related meetings was held at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington DC on 8 October morning, attended by ministers for finance and revenue, delegation members, advisers, economists and chairmen of financial and monetary boards and managing directors.

Minister of Finance of Nigeria Mr Olusegun Aganga extended greetings.

IMF Managing Director Mr Dominique Strauss-Khan of IMF and Chairman of WB explained their endeavours in solving world economic crisis.

The Southeast Asian voting governors meeting was held at the IMF office in Washington DC.

Minister U Hla Tun reviewed development of Myanmar economy and achievement in solving world economic crisis.

The financial ministers of SEA voting member countries explained progress of their economy.

On 9 October, the meetings of international monetary and financial committee were held at IMF office, attended by the Myanmar delegation.

The Myanmar delegation also attended the development committee meeting at the same venue. On 10 October, the world monetary system reformation meeting took place at the WB office in Washington DC.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here this evening on 11 October. Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyin arrived back here on the same flight. — MNA

Crocodile captured four days after attacking man

Photo shows a crocodile captured alive in Maelanpyaw Wetland, Pantanaw Township.

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — A crocodile which attacked a man in Pantanaw Township was captured by a crocodile capturing group on 11 October.

The reptile jumped into the boat and attacked a resident in Sitgaing East Creek on 7 October. U Win Nyein of Maelanpyaw Village, Sitgaing Village-tract in Pantanaw Township, got two inches long and one inch deep cut on his right thigh and three inches long cut on his right kneel in the fight. He is now in good condition at the People’s Hospital in Pantanaw.

The group of crocodile hunters from Meinmahla Island Crocodile Sanctuary hunted the reptile the next day and captured it in Maelanpyaw Wetland on 11 October. The crocodile will be brought to the sanctuary to prevent it from attacking people. — MNA
**Kandahar shows signs of deteriorating security situation**

**GENEVA, 13 Oct—** Soaring weapons-related injuries suggested deteriorating security recently in southern Afghanistan, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Tuesday.

The number of such injuries registered at the organization’s Mirwais Regional Hospital in Kandahar had doubled from August to September over the same period last year, reaching a record high of nearly 1,000 cases, the ICRC said at a press conference here.

However, the ICRC was worried the registered injuries were merely a “tip of the iceberg.”

It said many more people with diseases and various injuries could not get access to medical treatment in time, because they or their relatives were “afraid to travel” on the deadly route or “held up by road blocks.”

The ICRC also noted an “increase in the number of armed groups” also indicated a worsening of the security situation in that part of the country.

The humanitarian organization said it had been engaging in talks with various “new actors in the field of Afghanistan” to maintain access to the areas hit hardest by the fighting. But it refused to identify any of the these groups.—**Xinhua**

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**Five policemen wounded in bomb attack in Baghdad**

**BAGHDAD, 13 Oct—** A roadside bomb explosion wounded five policemen in central Baghdad on Wednesday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

The bomb detonated when a police patrol came near the al-Wathiq Square in Karrada District, damaging a police vehicle and wounding five policemen aboard, the source told **Xinhua** on condition of anonymity. 

Iraqi security forces sealed off the area as ambulances evacuated the wounded to a hospital in Baghdad, the source said.

Violence and sporadic high-profile attacks are still common in Iraqi cities, shaping a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country after violence-torn Iraq held parliamentary elections about seven months ago.—**Xinhua**

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**US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people**

**BAGHDAD, 13 Oct—** There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 13 Oct reached 703,751 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 127,378, according to the news on the Internet.

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**KABUL, 13 Oct—** The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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**KABUL, 13 Oct—** Six civilians were killed Tuesday as a rocket fired by militants struck their vehicle in Afghanistan’s eastern Paktika Province, a statement of Interior Ministry said.

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An investigation is initiated to probe the bloody incident, it added.

Taliban militants have yet to make comments.

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In large portions of the world, soils are now becoming drier than they used to be, releasing less water and offsetting some moisture increases elsewhere, said the study published in the Oct. issue of the journal Nature.

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A farmer drives his farm animal through a rice field in Imarura, Madagascar in preparation for the planting of rice.

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EPA expected to OK more ethanol in gas

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to raise the maximum amount of ethanol that can be blended with gasoline for vehicles manufactured since 2007.

According to people with knowledge of the announcement, the EPA may say as soon as Wednesday that the newer vehicles are able to handle 15 percent ethanol, up from the current maximum of 10 percent for the corn-based fuel. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the decision.

The ethanol industry has maintained that there is sufficient evidence to show that a 15 percent ethanol blend in motor fuel will not harm engine performance. Environmentalists and a broad coalition of other groups have argued against an increase and called for more testing.

Opponents argue that the increase in production of corn and its diversion into ethanol is making animal feed more expensive, raising prices at the grocery store and tearing up the land. Manufacturers of smaller engines — used in everything from lawn mowers to boats — also oppose increasing the use of the fuel, saying those engines are not designed for the higher concentrations.

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Intel’s 3Q offers upbeat outlook for PC industry

In this 8 Oct, 2010 photo, Intel chips are displayed at a computer store in Santa Clara, Calif. Intel Corp. is scheduled to report its third-quarter financial results on 12 Oct, after the market closes.

San Francisco, 13 Oct — Investors were hoping for a sign from Intel Corp. that the bottom didn’t fall out of the consumer personal computer market in the third quarter. The company showed Tuesday that the market held up reasonably well and should stay steady into the all-important holiday shopping season.

Intel shares rose slightly after the world’s biggest maker of microprocessors, the “brains” of PCs, reported that its net income leaped 59 percent and revenue rose 18 percent. The results topped analysts’ expectations and showed that economic jitters didn’t ruin consumers’ appetite for new computers during the back-to-school crush.

Intel’s fourth-quarter forecast suggests that demand is expected to stay solid. It was what many anxious investors had hoped to see, since the fall quarter was widely considered a bust for PC makers, and some feared the winter period would also be bleak.

Intel shares rose 19 cents, about 1 percent, to $19.96 in extended trading. Before the release of results, they closed the regular trading session up 21 cents, or 1.1 percent, at $19.77.

Internet

14 Chilean miners emerge in problem-free rescue

San Jose Mine, (Chile) 13 Oct — One by one, the miners trapped for 69 days in a dungeon that could have been their tomb climbed into a rescue capsule and made a smooth ascent to the surface Wednesday, greeted by the embraces of loved ones, cheered by joyous Chileans and watched by a captivated world.

The anxiety that had accompanied the careful final days of preparation broke at 12:11 a.m., when the stoutest of the men, Florencio Avalos, emerged from the missile-like chamber and smiled broadly after his half-mile journey to fresh air.

By late morning, 14 men had been pulled from the mine in roughly 11 hours, including the oldest and youngest among the trapped. The effort was methodical and free of any significant problems, and on track to finish before sunrise Thursday.

“I think I had extraordinary luck. I was with God and with the devil. And I reached out for God,” Sepulveda said as he awaited the air force helicopter ride to a nearby hospital where all the miners were to spend 48 hours under medical observation.

Internet

FCC rules seek to avoid surprise wireless bills

Washington, 13 Oct — Federal regulators want to stop cell phone “bill shock” by requiring wireless companies to alert subscribers before they run out of minutes, hit data usage or text messaging caps or start racking up international roaming charges.

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to vote Thursday to seek public comment on such rules, which are on the table after a flood of consumer complaints about unexpected and costly overage fees.

The proposed regulations would require wireless companies to send voice or text alerts to customers as they approach monthly usage limits on their plans and when they reach those limits. The rules would also mandate that carriers notify customers who travel overseas if they are displaying charges at a foreign carrier’s network.

Internet

Miner Alex Vega arrives as the tenth to be rescued in Copiapo October 13, 2010. Chile’s 33 trapped miners are set to travel nearly half a mile through solid rock in a shaft just wider than a man’s shoulders on Tuesday night.

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**Health**

**Health Tip: Teach Kids playground Safety**

The playground is a place for fun and a good time, but your kids can get hurt if they don’t practice basic playground safety. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offers these suggestions:

- Children should only play on the playground when equipment is dry, and while wearing sturdy, well-fitted shoes.
- When playing on a slide, children should slide down one at a time, and always feet first. Move away from the slide as soon as they reach the bottom.
- Kids should grab onto hand rails for support, and take care when climbing stairs.
- Children should be cautious around swings to avoid getting hit, and never stand up while swinging. Wait until the swing stops before getting off.—INTERNET

Stacks of seized heroin.

**Certain healthy habits help reduce breast cancer risk**

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—US researchers have identified three healthy habits which may be helpful in reducing breast cancer risk for women.

Postmenopausal women who engage in regular physical activity, maintain a healthy weight and drink moderate alcohol, if at all, may face a lower risk of breast cancer, according to the study by researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Centre.

Even postmenopausal women with a family history of breast cancer may benefit from the three habits, said the study published online Tuesday in the journal Breast Cancer Research.

The findings were based on an analysis of data on US women aged 50 to 79 from the Women’s Health Initiative study starting in 1993. During 5.4 years of follow-up, 1,997 women were diagnosed with invasive breast cancer.—Xinhua

**Siblings of autistic children may also have subtle traits**

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct—As many as one in five siblings of children with autism may have subtle problems with language and speech, according to new research involving nearly 3,000 children. What isn’t yet clear is if these problems indicate a milder form of an autism spectrum disorder, or exactly what type of intervention, if any, might be needed to help these youngsters. “Smaller studies have reported that in families with children with autism, many children who don’t have an autism diagnosis have had a language delay,” said the study’s lead author, Dr John Constantino, professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis.

Mo “When we looked at this huge sample, we saw the same thing about 20 percent of children presumed to be non-autistic had language delays and autistic qualities in their speech. In the general population, the prevalence of these traits is only about 7 percent,” he said.—INTERNET

**Business**

**S Korea to invest $36 bln in renewable energy**

SEOUL, 13 Oct—South Korea will pour a total of 40 trillion won (36 billion US dollars) into renewable energy development by injecting up to 33 trillion won (30 billion US dollars), while the government is to invest 7 trillion won (6.3 billion US dollars).

Under the plan, the government will focus on solar and wind power, seeking to nurture them as the next-generation memory chip and shipbuilding industry, respectively, expecting they will take up around 15 percent of the global market share, the ministry said.

As part of the plan, 1.5 trillion won (1.3 billion US dollars) will be invested in developing fundamental technologies, including next-generation solar cells and offshore wind power.

A total of 3 trillion won (2.6 billion U. dollars) will be spent on R&D, the ministry said, as it seeks to construct technology infrastructure in the country.

According to the government, its goal is to stand among the world’s top-five players in the renewable energy sector by 2015.

**Australia consumer confidence rises 3.3% in October**

SYDNEY, 13 Oct—Australian consumer confidence rebounded in October after the Reserve Bank of Australia’s (RBA) extended a pause on interest rate increases earlier in the month, a survey showed on Wednesday.

The Westpac Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Sentiment Index rose 3.3 percent in October from 113.2 points in September to 117.0 points, well above the 100 level that separates optimists from pessimists.

“There were many reasons to expect the index to bounce back from the surprise five percent fall in September,” Australian major bank Westpac chief economist Bill Evans said in a statement.—Xinhua

**Resident seen in the shantytown community of Boa Vista in Luanda, the Angolan Capital.**

**China’s yuan hits new high at 6.6693 against US dollar**

BEIJING, 13 Oct—The value of yuan, China’s currency Renminbi, hit a new high against US dollar Wednesday as the central parity rate of the yuan was set at 6.6693 per US dollar, according to the data released by the China Foreign Exchange Trading System.

Wednesday’s central parity rate beat the previous record of 6.6732 on 11 Oct.

The yuan has picked up its strength against the US dollars and seen increased volatility in the trading days since the People’s Bank of China (PBOC), the central bank, announced on June 19 this year to increase exchange rate flexibility.
Non-Prescription ‘Fashion’ contacts can harm your eyes

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct—Halloween is a popular time to buy over-the-counter decorative contact lenses, but they pose a number of potential risks to your eyes, including pain, infection and permanent vision loss, warns the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

“Many people believe that decorative lenses don’t require the same level of care or consideration because they can be purchased over-the-counter or on the Internet,” Dr. Thomas Steinemann, a professor of ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and a clinical correspondent for the American Academy of Ophthalmology, said in an academy news release.

“This is far from the truth. In fact, permanent eye damage can occur from using over-the-counter lenses. Any type of contact lens is a medical device that requires a prescription and proper fitting by an eye-care professional.”

Decorative lenses are often advertised as if they were cosmetics, fashion accessories or toys. Advertising claims such as “one size fits all” or there’s “no need to see an eye specialist” are false, Steinemann said.

“Personally, I have seen far too many serious cases in both children and adults from using decorative lenses. My most recent case was a patient who was only 12 years old,” he stated in the news release.

Bacteria may signal through nanowires

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—Some bacteria can grow electrical “hair” that allows them to link up in biological circuits and create large cooperating colonies, US researchers say.

The finding by a University of Southern California biophysicist suggests microbial colonies can grow, communicate and share energy through electrically conducting hairs known as nanowires, ScienceDaily.com reported Monday.

“This is the first measurement of electron transport along biological nanowires produced by bacteria,” Mohamed El-Naggar, assistant professor of physics and astronomy at USC, said.

Understanding how such microbial colonies survive could be a step in discovering ways to destroy harmful communities, such as biofilms on teeth, that have proven highly resistant to antibiotics.

Such understanding could also be used to promote beneficial colonies such as those in bacterial fuel cells under development at many institutions. “The flow of electrons in various directions is intimately tied to the metabolic status of different parts of the biofilm.” El-Naggar said. “Bacterial nanowires can provide the necessary links for the survival of a microbial circuit.”

Men and women have equal math skills

MADISON, 13 Oct—Men and women have equal skills in math, something widely accepted among social scientists, but not by parents and teachers, US researchers said.

Chief author Janet Hyde, a professor of psychology and women’s studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, says the meta-analysis involved looked systematically at 242 articles that assessed the math skills of 1,286,350 people from 1990 to 2007.

Hyde and colleagues looked at students in grade school to college and beyond. A second portion examined the results of several large, long-term scientific studies, including the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The meta-analysis, published in the journal Psychological Bulletin, finds in both cases, the difference in math skills between the two sexes was so small as to be meaningless.

A visitor looks at stuffed toys displayed at the Museum of Broken Relationships in Zagreb. The exhibition features over 700 material remnants of failed romances from the mundane and sad to bizarre and even downright kinky.

Potatoes can be part of weight-loss diet

DAVIS, 13 Oct—Some avoid potatoes when trying to lose weight because of their high glycemic index but US researchers say people can eat potatoes and still lose weight.

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, and the National Centre for Food Safety and Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology studied 86 overweight men and women for a 12-week period to measure the effects of a reduced-calorie modified glycemic index diet with the addition of potatoes. The study subjects were randomly assigned to three groups and each had a diet that included five to seven servings of potatoes per week.
Myanmar Women

Princess Thanbyin was a learned woman — so learned that she had to teach scriptures to monks! But as it was improper for women to be in close sight of monks, a curtain was drawn between her and the monds during the teaching sessions. One young monk was so attracted by her voice that he resorted to a stratagem to see her face: he added six apocryphal words to his text and read them out during one teaching session. The princess remarked from behind the curtain that those words were not in the text. The young monk insisted that they were and asked her to see them for herself. She fell for the ruse and lifted the curtain to investigate his text. Thus he had a good view of her at close quarters and fell madly in love with her. In consequence, he refused to take any food and water but kept muttering her name all the time — droopily, no doubt! When the princess heard about it, she eventually agreed to marry him to save a life.

Most Myanmar women have been kind-hearted like her to this day. The story of Princess Thanbyin wasn’t a myth but a true story that took place in the Bagan Era several hundred years ago.

Queen Saw, the chief queen of King Narathihapate, the King who ran away from the Chinese, was the most trusted and valued adviser to her husband. Things went well when he took her advice and when he ignored it for the very first time, he was assassinated. When the new king failed to seek her advice or pay attention to her, she masterminded his downfall!

Queen Sunphaya, the queen of the last Myanmar King — Thibaw — was the most powerful figure at the court of Mandalay just before its downfall — even more powerful than her husband! The King was in love with Daing Khin Khin, a beautiful young lady of noble birth, but he dared not take her to be a lesser queen, so great was his respect for his queen. Of course, there are now some women who wear a circular slab of stone. It is the secret of Myanmar women’s smooth and blemish-free skin. Most women apply it to their face at one time or another. Some girls wear it in circular patches on their cheeks. Some old women wear it from head to foot! No wonder — it has a fragrant smell and it gives a cool and soothing feeling to the skin. Besides, it is most probably the best facial protection against the sun in these days of the holey ozone layer.

Another scent you might get from a Myanmar woman — especially an elderly one — is that of coconut oil, a traditional hair-oil of Myanmar women. It is said to be very good for the hair. To be sure, some sophisticated women have discarded thanakhar in favour of foreign-made make-ups and very few apply coconut oil to their hair these days.

Traditionally, Myanmar women show deference to their husbands, regarding them as “gods of the anterior of the house”. The implication may be that they look upon themselves as “goddesses of the posterior party!” Of course, there is another side to the story, which is the most probable explanation for the fact that they look upon themselves as “goddesses of the posterior” and not as “goddesses of the anterior.” The conventional wisdom is that women are not taught to look upon themselves as “goddesses of the anterior,” but are taught to look upon themselves as “goddesses of the posterior.” Of course, there is a great difference between the two concepts.

When such times — in most cases — the man plays the second fiddle willingly, considering himself to be in a cushy position to have found a rice-winning wife! The marital division of labor in Myanmar is this simple: those who can work hard, lead; those who can’t, follow! OK? There is no battle of the sexes here. That’s why our divorce rates are so low compared to those of highly sophisticated societies.

Another reason is that we Myanmars are not obsessed with sex, especially the women most of whom consider it their bounden duty to be spread even if they are not obsessed with it. Romantic relationships are formed, to be sure, but both sides mostly hope for them to be fulfilled. The field is never the intention of most young people here. Most young lovers go steady as long as they can — until he leads her to the altar, in most cases. Many women remain virgins until their wedding nights because, to most men and women here, virginity is the most highly prized gift a woman can present to her husband.

Our religion and upbringing have a lot to do with this attitude of ours. Buddhism teaches that sex is something to be repressed. Doesn’t it lie at the root of many a crime? Abstinence from adultery is one of the five basic percepts that Buddha taught. The book is not a cenotaph of the women here imbue their daughters with a sense of modesty. The general understanding here is that good girls don’t flirt or date promiscuously. Is there any wonder that there are so many virgins here?

Most Myanmar women are religious. Their daily chores include offering alms-food, water, flowers, lights and incense before the image of the Buddha at home, offering rice and curry to monks and novices on their alms-receiving rounds, and praying. Women invariably comprise the majority of all congregations urged to keep. When Buddhists observe Sabbath on Sabbath days which occur once a week, they have to abstain from sex totally! Adultery by a woman or unfaithfulness to her husband is considered to be the most heinous social crime. Besides, the people here are not bombarded with reminder of sex by advertising, as in many other parts of the world. So they seem to have little use for women’s Lib Movement that has raged in some advanced countries.
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In this regard, policies on disaster reduction are to be laid down such as systematic construction of buildings, identifying possible causes of natural disasters, establishment of warning systems, giving talks on preparedness against natural disasters for public knowledge and improving transport routes in addition to reduction of greenhouse gases, environmental conservation, systematic land utilization and maintenance of rivers and streams.

If compared with rural areas, urban areas are populous with high-rise buildings, industries, factories and State-owned infrastructural buildings and suffer heavy loss in the face of natural disasters. UN disaster reduction strategy department is taking measures for establishment of disaster resilient cities in 2010 and 2011. The theme of the movement is “My City is Getting Ready”.

So, it called for building disaster resilient cities.

Taking lessons from sufferings faced by Indonesia, Thailand, eastern India and Sri Lanka due to tsunami tidal waves that occurred in December 2004, Myanmar formed the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and 10 sub-committees with the Prime Minister at the helm along with ministers and departmental heads and laid down work programmes systematically.

Cyclone “Nargis” hit hard Ayeyawady Region and Yangon Region on 2 and 3 May 2008. The catastrophe affected 2.4 million people and claimed over 130,000 lives and destroyed over 800,000 buildings and houses. The total loss was worth about 11.7 trillion kyats. The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and subcommittees entered the storm-hit areas as soon as possible and started rescue, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks, and long-term natural disaster preparedness measures in cooperation with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. We received relief supplies from the UN, ASEAN countries and world countries and worked with might and main. So, we managed to avert deaths and epidemics in the aftermath of the disaster, and carry out tasks to fulfill the basic needs of the victims effectively in a short time.

Now, the storm-hit areas have cyclone shelters, raised hillocks, roads, substantial school buildings, hospitals, health centres and houses. In addition, such businesses as agricultural farming, fishing and salt farming are in full swing, and so local people have enjoyed better living conditions than that previously.

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Local people in storm-hit areas enjoy better...

(from page 8) In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on all to take preparedness measures effectively against natural disasters due to global warming and world climate change.

Commander presents aid to flood victims of Sagaing, Myinmu townships

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin yesterday attended the ceremony to provide relief aid to flood victims of Nyaynghinwun Village in Myinmu Township.

It was also attended by departmental officials, members of social organizations, flood victims and guests. The commander comforted the victims.

Officials explained relief tasks. The commander presented food stuff and medicines to the victims and cordially greeted them. At Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kywepon Village of Sagaing Township, the commander comforted the flood victims and presented foodstuff, clothes and medicines to them.

The commander attended the road and bridge maintenance coordination meeting at the hall of Region PDC in Monywa.

Officials reported on progress of maintenance works. The commander attended to the needs.

Korea EPS system resumes

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—It is learnt that EPS System which has been suspended since November 2009 will be resumed after Ministry of Labour’s coordination with Korea.

The results of EPS-KLT exam held in November, 2008 are valid till 2 November 2010 according to lifespan of EPS-KLT (now EPS-TOPIK). Those who passed the 2008 exam and are on EPS System Roster will have to re-submit applications and register again.

Application forms will be issued between 14 and 20 October at Government Overseas Employment Agency, No. 8(1), Nagayon Pagoda Road, No. (5) Ward, Mayangon Township, Yangon. The roster of EPS-KLT will be extended one year from expiration date on 2 November if application is re-submitted, otherwise it will become invalid after 2 November.

Applicants are to have medical test at Nine Star Poly Clinic on Bo Aung Kyaw Street and Thamadaw Clinic in 8th Mile, Mayagon as directed in application forms. After registration, Government Overseas Employment Agency will further examine health conditions of applicants according to job specifications. Applicants will be selected by Korean employer depending on their health condition and skills.

According to EPS System of Korea, Government Overseas Employment Agency is the sole agent for sending Myanmar workers to Korea. Except from described tax to be paid to Labour Ministry of Korea, job seekers do not have to pay extra money to any particular person, company or organization.

It will be the fault of job seekers himself if he believes persuasion form other unrelated sources and gives money to them. Persuading and deceiving money from job seekers is against the law, it is warned.

MAC to hold prize-presenting ceremony on 20 Nov

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—The 8th concluding and prize-presenting ceremony of Certified Public Accountant and Diploma in Accounting (D.A) by Myanma Accountancy Council (MAC) will be held at Auditor-General’s Office (Yangon Training School), No. 1/19, Thakhin Mya Park Road, Ahlon Township at 9.30 pm on 20 November.

At the ceremony, certificates will be presented to those who passed C.P.A part II exam held in March (No.31) and in August (No.32) in 2010 and D.A part II held in February 2010.

In addition, cash awards will go to those who stand first, second and third in C.P.A part I (Nos.33 and 34) exams held in February and May 2010 and D.A part I held in January 2010 and those who got good marks. MAC has invited those to attend the ceremony. Those wishing to attend the ceremony may take out admission tickets in advance after sending admission fees K 4000 and one passport size photo to Auditor-General’s Office from 18 October till 10 November. The list of the winners will be announced above address.
Flooding and inundation occur in some areas

Authorities provide necessary assistance for flood victims

Nav Pyi Taw, 13 Oct—Due to heavy rains from 7 to 9 October, floods and damages of motor roads and railroads occurred in some States and Regions. Flood victims were evacuated to the safe places. Local authorities, officials and social organizations provided necessary assistance for the victims.

Due to heavy rains, a total of 25 households from staff quarters of Myana Railways in Shweyinmon of Kankauk Township were evacuated to the safe place, and local authorities provided assistance for them.

Likewise, over 6,000 flood victims households from Htunton, Aungpinle, Kanthaya and Myayinanda wards along Channayathazi Township were moved to the temporarily relief camps. Officials presented food, bottles of purified drinking water and biscuits to the victims. Social organizations and welfare associations assisted the older persons and ailing persons. Head of Mandalay Region Health Department Dr Khin Maung Tun and party inspected the relief camps and provided sanitation facilities to them. Social organizations gave clothes and dehydrolysis packets to the victims. A total of 23 relief camps have been made for some 3000 flood victims in Pyigyidagon Township. Local authorities and social organizations presented instant noodle packets, breads, snacks, bottles of purified drinking water and food to them.

In Pathanngyi, Amarapura, Kyaukmya, Myittha, Wundwin and Natogyi townships, officials distributed packets of foods and health care services to the flood victims.

Due to heavy rains, flood victims were evacuated to the safe places in Dabayin, Indaw, Ayadaw, Ye, MyMMu and Monywa townships, and the victims were provided with food, bags of rice and bottles of purified drinking water. As some parts of Monywa-Shwebo Road were inundated, maintenance tasks are being carried out. Heavy rains flowed water into the wards and caused landslides in Sags of Minbu Township in Magway Region, Pyapon, Bogale and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region, Phakant and Waingaw township in Kachin State, Matupi Township in Chin State, Hsipaw and Namsang townships in Shan State (north), Maun UK, Minbya, Maungtaw, Yanbye, Taungp and Thandwe townships in Rakhine State, Thongwa and Kayan townships in Yangon Region. Thus, landslides are being removed. Local authorities, officials and social organizations provided necessary assistance for the flood victims.

Kyaikmaraw Township enjoying…

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Kyaikmaraw Township lies 18 miles between east and west and 40 miles from south and north. It has an area of 516.04 square miles. It is bounded by Kawkareik Township and Kya-in Seikkyi Township in the east, by Mudon Township in the west, and by Kya-in Seikkyi Township and Hpa-an Township in the south. Our township is easily accessible at any time. In 2009-2010, the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs built and repaired laterite roads, gravel roads and earthen roads for 80 miles and six furlongs. And Public Works built and repaired tarred roads, gravel roads and laterite roads for nine miles and 3.8 furlongs, said Chairman of the Township PDC U Aung Naing to the Myanmar Alin.

Deputy Director of the Township Development Affairs Committee U Thant Zin conducted us around the township. He said that Kyaikmaraw Township was constituted with two wards, 44 village-tracts and 166 villages; that from 2009 to 2010, their committee had built and rebuilt 18 tarred roads (three miles and 0.71 furlong in total), 10 gravel roads (one mile and seven furlongs), 30 laterite roads (10 miles and 3.64 furlongs), two wooden bridges, 29 concrete bridges, and one culvert bridge and one other-type bridge totaling 33 bridges in urban areas, four tarred roads (eight miles and 3.22 furlongs), five gravel roads (16 miles and 2.63 furlongs), 20 laterite roads (69 miles and 0.66 furlong), and 21 earthen roads (49 miles and 0.9 furlong), 48 wooden bridges, 58 concrete bridges and eight culvert bridges totaling 114 in rural areas.

We observed Kyaikmaraw-Kyunywa Road, six inches thick, 12 feet wide and 10.300 feet long, and the laterite road, nine inches thick, 12 feet wide and six miles long linking Chaunghnakha and Zathabyin through Kyonkwe Village-tract; reinforced concrete Shwe Wah Creek bridge on Chaunghnakha-Zathabyin Road in Gadonzi Village-tract; and reinforced concrete bridge over Kayit Kyeemalaik Creek in Kyonkwe Village-tract. With the transport getting smooth and commodity flow getting swift between urban and rural areas in the region thanks to the new roads and bridges in Kyaikmaraw Township, the socioeconomic status of local people is improving dramatically.

It is, therefore, fair to say that the newly-built roads and bridges reflecting the benevolent attitude the government shows to local national races and the goodwill of the Development Affairs Department indicate the cumulative development of rural areas.

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The archway to Kyaikmaraw Township is decorated with flower beds.

Photo shows 10,300 feet long Kyaikmaraw-Kyunywa road.

Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung presents relief supplies to flood victims in Channayathazi Township of Mandalay. (News Reported) — MNA
12 Peruvians book tickets for space trip

LIMA, 13 Oct—Twelve Peruvian citizens booked tickets of 200,000 U.S. dollars each for a space trip, a Peruvian agent of the British company Virgin Galactic said.

The Peruvians, whose identities are undisclosed, will enjoy the space experience and see the Earth from above, local daily El Comercio de Lima reported on Monday, quoting sources from Virgin Galactic.

To purchase these tickets, a down payment of 20,000 dollars should be paid first, it said.

Virgin Galactic, owned by British multimillionaire Richard Branson, is expected to launch the first space trip for tourists in coming months.

About 330 people have booked for the trip with this company, bringing in a total income of some 45 million dollars.

Chinese Middle East envoy discusses regional peace with Jordanian FM

AMMAN, 13 Oct—Chinese Middle East envoy Wu Sike on Tuesday discussed regional peace with Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh in Amman, stressing the importance of collective efforts of all concerned parties.

Wu said China is concerned about the direct Palestinian-Israeli talks which are suspended now, adding China hopes that all parties could proceed from long-term interests and work together to help direct talks to resume and to achieve positive results as soon as possible.

He also urged Israel to respond actively to the settlement issue to create the atmosphere for the resumption of direct talks.

Judeh highlighted Beijing’s role in the Middle East peace process and expressed Jordan’s willingness to strengthen cooperation between the two countries to save the peace process.

Jordan is the first stop of Wu’s Middle East trip, which also includes the Palestinian territories, Israel, Turkey and Egypt.

Five new rotating members elected to UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, 13 Oct—Colombia, Germany, India, Portugal and South Africa were elected on Tuesday to the UN Security Council as the non-permanent members of the most powerful UN body.

The 192-member UN General Assembly elected the five countries to serve two-year terms starting 1 Jan.

Like the most previous Security Council elections, Canada, Germany and Portugal were in a heated race for two seats on the 15-nation Security Council even hours before the beginning of the UN members cast their secret ballots.

Colombia, India, Germany and South Africa gained the uncontested seats as they have no opposition and won easily on the first ballot.

Colombia received 186 votes, India won 187 votes, South Africa got 182 votes and Germany won 128 votes in the first round of ballots.

Portugal won 150 votes in the third round of ballots to emerge as the winner for the non-permanent seat on the 15-nation Security Council as Canada withdrew its candidacy for the seat.

Even after the Canadian withdrawal, “Portugal still has to be elected by the two-third votes,” said Joseph Deiss, the president of the 65th General Assembly session who chaired the elections.

China to boost ties with Uganda

BEIJING, 10 Oct—China will boost cooperation with Uganda in various fields to push bilateral ties to a new high, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said Tuesday.

During a meeting with Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa, Yang hailed bilateral cooperation in economics and trade.

China will work with Uganda and other African countries to fulfill the agreements of the fourth ministerial meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Yang said.

Kutesa thanked China for its support of Uganda’s economic and social development and expressed his satisfaction with bilateral cooperation.

He added Uganda hopes to enhance cooperation with China in fields such as infrastructure, energy, tourism and agriculture.
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Seals nurtured by humans are back home

VANCOUVER, 13 Oct—Fourteen orphan harbour seal pups rescued from a beach in Victoria, British Columbia, in July have been released back into the wild. Three-month-old Fuji, the first to go, was set free at Port aux Cove in Vancouver by volunteers of the Vancouver Aquarium’s Marine Mammal Rescue Centre on Saturday morning, the Vancouver Sun reported. Fuji was found July 25, abandoned by his mother in Ross Bay in Victoria. At the time, the 2-week-old pup weighed about 8 kilograms (17.6 pounds), just two-thirds of his normal body weight. Seventy-six days later, weighing a healthy 23 kilograms (50.7 pounds), he was carried off an aquarium truck and released by 20-year-old volunteer Nicole Read. The rehabilitation program has taken in 158 seal pups so far this year and with Saturday’s release has sent 69 of them back into the wild. The programme is run by nine staff members and about 150 volunteers. Read said part of a volunteer’s job is to make fish milkshakes consisting of herring, water, vitamins and salmon oil.—INTERNET

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Local officials said that the catastrophe has destroyed most of infrastructure in Wasior town, including bridges, houses, and health facilities. “As many as 7,809 people have sought refuge in Manokwari, Teluk Wondama and Nabire,” Saputra, head of rescue in West Papua Muhammad Arifin said. The government said that extreme weather triggered consecutive days of downpours which then caused floods.

Dying girl taunted by ‘devil’ neighbours

LONDON, 13 Oct — A husband and wife have been branded the most heartless couple in the US after taunting the family of a seven-year-old girl who is dying from an incurable disease. Scott and Jennifer Petkov’s behaviour has caused outrage across the country after they posted a photo of their terminally-ill schoolgirl Kathleen Edwards on Facebook above a set of crossed bones.

Kathleen is in the final stages of Huntington’s disease the same wasting illness from which her mother, Laura, died last year at the age of 24.

Other cruel taunts include posting online a picture of the girl’s dead mother in the arms of the Grim Reaper, and allegedly driving their truck, which bears the message Death Machine and has a coffin, attached down the street and honking the horn. —INTERNET

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New York family discovers lost Michelangelo painting

A family in New York may have had an unfinished Michelangelo painting hanging on their living room wall for a year.

In their home outside Buffalo in upstate New York, the Kobler family once displayed an unfinished panel painting of a Pietà or a scene of Mary holding Jesus after his crucifixion. But when the kids knocked the artwork off its perch with an errant tennis ball in the mid-1970s, the family wrapped it up and tucked it away behind a sofa, the New York Post reports.

There it remained for 27 years, until Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Martin Kobler retired in 2003 and had some time on his hands. His father gave him a task: research the family lore that the painting was actually created by Michelangelo.

Sri Lanka brews world’s largest cup of tea

One of the world’s leading tea-producing nations, Sri Lanka, has just become the scene for a new world record — the largest cup of tea.

A giant red mug was filled with 1,000 gallons (4,546 liters) of water, 1,411b (64kg) of tea, 1,929lb (875kg) of malted milk powder and 353lb (160kg) of sugar.

It was almost 33% bigger than the previous record, set last year. The tea was later driven around the Sri Lankan Capital, Colombo, and handed out to locals in small plastic cups. The tea came from Sri Lanka’s famed estates, and was brewed for hours in 44-gallon (2001) urns in a way that is popular in South Asia with sugar and malted milk power, says the BBC’s Charles Haviland in Colombo.

The mixture was then slowly pumped into the mug which had a capacity of about 32,000 normal cups.

David Schwimmer weds girlfriend in secret

BEIJING, 13 Oct—Former “Friends” star David Schwimmer was married to his long-time girlfriend Zoe Buckman in a private ceremony this past June, according to Reuters reports Wednesday.

David has kept the courtship low key including the announcement of their engagement in March this year.

The couple reportedly met in London where Schwimmer was directing his 2007 comedy “Run Fat Boy, Run.”

Then Zoe Buckman, who is a British photographer, followed David to the States, and they began dating.

The happy news was released the same day that fellow “Friend” Courtney announced her separation.

Oprah “disappointed” at school abuse case verdict

BEIJING, 13 Oct—US talk show host Oprah Winfrey said Monday she was “profoundly disappointed” after a woman accused of abusing students at her school for girls in South Africa was acquitted.

Tiny Virginia Makopo, 30, was found not guilty of 14 charges including trying to kiss and fondle the girls when she was a matron at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls after it opened in 2007 outside Johannesburg.

David Arquette with “another woman”

BEIJING, 13 Oct—“American Idol” star Crystal Bowersox has already found love with another woman.

David Arquette called in to Howard Stern’s Sirius show and confronted him, saying that he did sleep with another woman in the past couple months.

The “another woman” is 28-year-old bartender Jasmine Wallin. The pair started seeing each other when David and Courtney separated weeks ago.

“The part of us our separation was that I was allowed to see other people and so was she,” David explained.

David also said that he and his estranged wife hadn’t been intimate in quite some time. “We’re not having sex, and I completely understand,” he told the Sirius host. “She’s an emotional being If it doesn’t feel right, she doesn’t feel like bonding in that way.”

Wanted woman flags down police

Police in suburban Cincinnati arrested a woman after she flagged an officer down and asked if there were any warrants out for her arrest. The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Friday that after Lockland police officer Dan Lyons informed 44-year-old Selma Elnoro she did have an outstanding warrant, the woman ran off. The chase ended when Elnoro pushed Lyons into a building, injuring his elbow.

Other officers responding to a call for backup later apprehended the woman. Elnoro, wanted for allegedly failing to pay a fine as a result of a drug conviction, now faces a charge of resisting arrest. Hamilton County Jail records did not list an attorney for Elnoro.

“American Idol” star Crystal Bowersox gets married

BEIJING, 13 Oct—“American Idol” star Crystal Bowersox married musician Brian Walker in a Chicago club on Sunday, according to media reports.

Bowersox, 25, and her longtime friend Walker got married in the nightclub where they first met each other six years ago. She and Walker announced their engagement in September. Sixty friends and family members attended their wedding ceremony at the club.

Oprah WinfreyPremieres a new talk show called “American Idol” winner Lee DeWyze performs with finalist Crystal Bowersox (R) on NBC’s “Today” show in New York, on 3 June, 2010.
Germany confirm lead with routine win in Kazakhstan

**Astana, 13 Oct**—World Cup bronze medalists Germany confirmed their leadership of Euro 2012 qualifying Group A with a confident 3-0 win over hosts Kazakhstan here on Tuesday.

Miroslav Klose, second-half substitute Mario Gomez and Lukas Podolski scored one apiece to maintain Germany’s perfect record: 12 points from four matches, six points ahead of second-placed Austria, who were playing Belgium later on Tuesday.

Turkey, who suffered a shock 1-0 defeat at Azerbaijan sit third also on six points. German coach Joachim Loew was delighted to negotiate a long trip into the unknown.—INTERNET

Spainish forward Fernando Llorente (R) celebrates after scoring the third goal during their Euro 2012. INTERNET

France grind out Luxembourg win to top group

**Metz, 13 Oct**—France consolidated their spot atop Group D of Euro 2012 qualifiers with a facile 2-0 victory over Luxembourg here on Tuesday.

Goals in either half from Karim Benzema and Yoann Gourcuff, in a game that often took on the air of a training ground session, sealed a victory that now sees Les Bleus with nine points after their 2-0 win over Albania.

“It’s important to have more points than your rivals,” said France coach Laurent Blanc.

“It’s good. We started badly with a second defeat at home. In Bosnia, we

Huntelaar and Afellay braces maintain Dutch record

**Amsterdam, 13 Oct**—Two goals apiece from Klaas-Jan Huntelaar and Ibrahim Afellay saw World Cup finalists the Netherlands to an impressive 4-1 victory over previously unbeaten Sweden in their Euro 2012 qualifier here on Tuesday.

The victory sees the Dutch maintain their perfect start to the qualifiers with four wins from four matches with the only black spot of the night an ankle injury to winger Dirk Kuyt that saw him taken to hospital.

Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk said that he was worried the injury to Kuyt

Llorente strikes as Spain see off battling Scots

**Glasgow, 13 Oct**—A late goal from substitute Fernando Llorente helped world champions Spain preserve their flawless record on Tuesday in Group I with a narrow 3-2 win over ten-man Scotland, who briefly threatened an upset at Hampden.

A David Villa penalty put Spain ahead on the stroke of halftime and Andres Iniesta doubled their lead ten minutes into the second-half.

By not playing, and through a gradual reduction of points, he will have a higher average than Woods in the ranking published Nov. 1.

But that doesn’t guarantee Westwood will be atop the world ranking for the first time in his career.

Martin Kaymer moved to No. 4 with his fourth win of the year at the Dunhill Links, and the 25-year-old German can go to No 1 if he wins the Andalucia Masters at Valderrama the last weekend in October.

England’s Wayne Rooney (L) vies for the ball against Montenegro’s Miodrag Dzudovic (R) during Euro qualifier. INTERNET

England, Wayne Rooney 0-0 draw by football minnows Montenegro.

In a result that is certain to see renewed calls for England coach Fabio Capello to be replaced, Montenegro dug in to earn a precious point and remain top of Group G with 10 points from four games.

England, forced to field a third choice strikerforce comprising Wayne Rooney and Peter Crouch following injuries to Jermain Defoe and Darren Bent, paid the price for failing to turn possession into goalscoring opportunities.—INTERNET

Italy-Serbia called off following crowd trouble

**Genoa, 13 Oct**—The Italy-Serbia Euro 2012 Group C clash here on Tuesday was called off following crowd trouble, an Italian official said.

Serb fans had thrown flares and bongos onto the pitch and at rival Italy fans.

The referee stopped the encounter just six minutes in after a flare appeared to hit Italian goalkeeper Emiliano Viviano.

The kick-off for the highly-charged match had earlier been delayed by more than 30 minutes due to crowd trouble as police struggled to maintain order at the Marassi stadium.

Officials took almost an hour to formally call off the game following protracted meetings between UEFA, the Italy and Serbia Football Associations and referee Craig Thomson from Scotland.—INTERNET

Italy’s goalkeeper Emiliano Viviano runs away from a flare thrown by a Serbia supporter during Euro qualifier. INTERNET

World ranking debates reaches the top

**St Andrews, 13 Oct**—By not playing, and through a gradual reduction of points, he will have a higher average than Woods in the ranking published Nov. 1.

But that doesn’t guarantee Westwood will be atop the world ranking for the first time in his career.

Martin Kaymer moved to No. 4 with his fourth win of the year at the Dunhill Links, and the 25-year-old German can go to No 1 if he wins the Andalucia Masters at Valderrama the last weekend in October.

Results of Euro 2012 qualifiers on 12 October

**Euro 2012 - Group A (qualifiers)**
- Azerbaijan 1 - 0 Turkey
- Kazakhstan 0 - 3 Germany
- Belgium 4 - 4 Austria

**Euro 2012 - Group B (qualifiers)**
- Armenia 4 - 0 Andorra
- Rep. of Macedonia 0 - 1 Russia
- Slovakia 1 - 1 Rep. of Ireland

**Euro 2012 - Group C (qualifiers)**
- Faroe Islands 1 - 1 Northern Ireland
- Estonia 0 - 1 Slovenia

**Euro 2012 - Group D (qualifiers)**
- Belarus 2 - 0 Albania
- France 2 - 0 Luxembourg

**Euro 2012 - Group E (qualifiers)**
- Finland 1 - 2 Hungary
- Holland 4 - 1 Sweden
- San Marino 0 - 2 Moldova

**Euro 2012 - Group F (qualifiers)**
- Latvia 1 - 1 Georgia
- Greece 2 - 1 Israel

**Euro 2012 - Group G (qualifiers)**
- Switzerland 4 - 1 Wales
- England 0 - 0 Montenegro

**Euro 2012 - Group H (qualifiers)**
- Denmark 2 - 0 Cyprus
- Iceland 1 - 3 Portugal

**Euro 2012 - Group I (qualifiers)**
- Liechtenstein 0 - 2 Czech Republic
- Scotland 2 - 3 Spain

France forward Guillaume Hoarau (R) vies with Luxembourg’s forward Charles Leweck (C) during their Euro qualifier match.—INTERNET

Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk was delighted with the manner of his side’s victory.

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England’s Martin Kaymer poses with the trophy after his victory during the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at St Andrews Golf Course, Scotland, on 10 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

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Lacklustre England held by minnows Montenegro

**London, 13 Oct**—England’s Euro 2012 qualifying campaign suffered an embarrassing setback here Tuesday as they were held to a lacklustre 0-0 draw by football minnows Montenegro.

In a result that is certain to see renewed calls for England coach Fabio Capello to be replaced, Montenegro dug in to earn a precious point and remain top of Group G with 10 points from four games.

England, forced to field a third choice strikerforce comprising Wayne Rooney and Peter Crouch following injuries to Jermain Defoe and Darren Bent, paid the price for failing to turn possession into goalscoring opportunities.—INTERNET
Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

US airlines slash tarmac delays sharply

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct.—US airline delays leaving

passengers stranded on runways dropped sharply in

August compared to a year ago, the Department of

Transportation said. In August 2009, there were 66

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more than 3 hours, the DOT said. In August 2010, there

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The lone flight delay that left passengers stranded

past the DOT maximum was a United Airlines flight

leaving San Juan, Puerto Rico, that was a diverted

flight. The new rule mandating passengers be allowed

off the plane if delayed for 3 hours or more on a runway

went into effect on 29 April. “These numbers who that

the tarmac delay rule is protecting passengers from

being trapped indefinitely aboard an airplane with

little or no increase in canceled flights,” US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 13th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and upper Sagaing Region, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, lower Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay and Magway Regions and isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Nay Pyi Taw (71.77) inches, Chank (2.06) inches, Kawthoung (2.06) inches, Amglang and Zaung (1.97) inches, each, Kanbalu (1.89) inches and PyinOoWin (1.85) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 12-10-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 13-10-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-10-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 13-10-2010 was (0.27) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 12-10-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 13-10-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-10-2010 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 12-10-2010 was (4.8) hours.

Rainfall on 13-10-2010 was (0.3) inch at KabaAye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (73.23) inches at Mingaladon.

(85.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.03) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 12-10-2010.

Bay Influence: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the Central Bay persists and may intensify further into a depression. Weather in partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 14th October 2010:

Rain or thundershower will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Magway Region, fairly widespread in Kachin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State, Sagaing and Tanintharyi Regions. 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.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (90%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-10-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (90%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Kyaikmaraw Township enjoying cumulative development

Getting to the entrance of Kyaikmaraw through the road flanked by neat rows of toddy palms, we felt relaxed and refreshed, seeing the archway that says “Welcome to Kyaikmaraw” and is decorated with beds of colourful flowers and landscaping plants. The scene and beauty of the township somewhat denote the image of the residents. There, I could not take my eyes off the beautiful scene.

Storm news

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Oct — According to the observations at (17:00) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Central Bay of Bengal has intensified into a depression and centered at about (350) miles Southeast of Gopalpur (India). It is forecast to move initially Northwest direction. The present stage of the Depression is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar Coasts. Under the influence of the Depression, squalls with moderate to rough seas are at times likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.—MNA

Water level at Dokhtawady

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Oct — According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge is (908) cm. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced.—MNA

Talks on traffic rules given in Zeyathiri Tsp

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Oct—Under the arrangement of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force, Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee organized educative talks on traffic rules in Pyi San Aung ward, Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District on 11 October. Commanding Officer of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement unit (1) Police Captain Aung Myint Kyaw gave traffic rule educative talks, screening videoclips. The committee handed out leaflets to the attendee.—MNA

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Having a gaze at fine buildings and houses through the window of the car along the main road, we reached the office of the Township Peace and Development Council.

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