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Only when governmental organizations, WHO, NGOs, and the people cooperate with added momentum, will Vision 2020 be achieved.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint making a speech at ceremony to mark World Sight Day.—MNA

Tawma Village of Yaw region enjoying development fruits

On arrival at Tawma, Inna, Kinpan and Kazunhtaunt villages in Htilin Township, I gazed at current of Maw Creek and lush and green plantations along the bank of the creek. Therefore, I recited the poem of poet Maung Ni Win (Pakokku) in Htilin Township Magazine.

I had visited Htilin Township of Yaw area for three times. I have toured Thittaga, Letkyat Hill, Kuntheeso, Phetkya Hill, Sethni Creek, Inna, (See page 8)

Maw Creek Bridge in Yaw region seen with hillock and forest in the background.
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**Enhance utilization of farmlands for food security**

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations designated 16th October as World Food Day as part of efforts to acquire food security which is the most fundamental need of people.

The World Food Summit held in 1996 adopted the resolution to strive for reduction of hunger caused by poverty by 2015. Poor health condition, short life span and declining learning ability which are consequences of hunger can harm not only the present human society but also the generations to come.

Myanmar is making all-out efforts for advancement of agriculture and rural economic growth. A total of 70 per cent of the nation’s population is engaged in agriculture, meat, fishery and forestry industries in the rural areas to produce foods.

Food is essential for people to live on. Myanmar has 33.33 million net acres of farmlands and secures 171.1 per cent of utilization of arable land. The nation achieves rice sufficiency not only for the present population but also for the increasing population. The main crops namely maize, mung bean, green gram, pigeon pea, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, long staple cotton and sugarcane are thriving in respective areas. Furthermore, modern technology is being applied in extending livestock breeding sector.

Myanmar is blessed with temperate climate patterns, large areas of arable lands and fertile soil. There will be abundant supply of food much more than sufficiency if the national people work on all cylinders relying on these advantages.

**Myanmar WWW Institute to conduct IT courses in Oct**

**YANGON, 14 Oct—**Myanmar WWW Institute will conduct basic courses on information technology this month at the institute in Myanmar Info-tech in Hline University Camps in Yangon.

Trainees will receive skills for using Microsoft windows, typing in Myanmar and English, power point presentation, graphic design, creating web page and programming during the two-month basic IT course on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Meanwhile, the Professional Multi Designer course will last two and half months. Each course will have a seating capacity of 10. More information are available at Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline University Camps, Ph: 652288; 521125, 652258.

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**Commander provides flood victims with relief aid in Ayadaw Township**

**NAW PYI TAW, 14 Oct—**Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin yesterday inspected overflow of Mu River into Ayadaw Township and attended the ceremony to provide assistance for flood victims, at Basic Education Primary School in Zayit Village.

An official reported on overflow of Mu River in the township.

After comforting the victims, the commander presented foodstuff, household utensils and medicines to the victims.

At the local battalion, the commander visited barracks of servicemen, mess hall and welfare shops and looked into monsoon paddy, long staple cotton and Seintalon mango plantations.

The commander also attended the ceremony to honour the victorious men’s chess team that secured champion in the Inter-State/Region Chess Tournament at the hall of Sagaing Region PDC in Monywa.

The manager of the chess team handed over the championship shields and duplicate shield to the commander.

After delivering an address, the commander hosted a lunch in honour of the chess team. —MNA

**Myanmar National Practitioner Workshop on Reintegration Assistance to Victims of Trafficking kicks off**

**NAW PYI TAW, 14 Oct—**Work Group for Reception, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of trafficked victims under Central Committee for Prevention against Trafficking in Persons organized Myanmar National Practitioner Workshop on Reintegration Assistance to Victims of Trafficking at Thaingha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone here this morning.

Chairman of the work group Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Kyaw Myint, personnel from CCPTP, directors-general and officials from departments under Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Special Group for Prevention against Trafficking in Person, General Administration Department, Immigration and National Registration Department, representatives from Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, UNICEF, World Vision, Save the Children, and UNIAP, Resident Representative Ms Mariko Tomiyama of International Organization of Migration (IOM) and those rehabilitating trafficked victims.

Before the workshop the deputy minister and the resident representative of IOM spoke on the occasion. The workshop runs up to 16 October. —MNA

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Nine killed in US drone attack in NW Pakistan

A US ‘Predator’ drone flies over Kandahar in 2009. Pakistani authorities have reported drone 25 attacks over the past month in North Waziristan a hub for militants fighting in Afghanistan. A US missile strike has killed five people in Pakistan’s tribal northwest home to an alleged European terror plot hours after the Taleban blew up more NATO tankers.—INTERNET

ISLAMABAD, 14 Oct—The death toll has risen to nine following a US drone strike launched late Wednesday night in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

According to local media reports and sources in North Waziristan, the US drones fired six missiles at a residential area in the village of Latakla in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan. Details about the killed are not immediately known. But most of the killed are believed to be militants hiding in the area.

Wednesday’s strike is the eighth of its kind since October. So far a total of 65 people have reportedly been killed in the US drones this month.

The special attention attached by the local media to the US drone strikes is mainly based on the following two reasons: one, such strikes have violated the territory rights of Pakistan; two, many innocent people including children and women have also been mistakenly killed in such strikes.

Australian soldier wounded in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 14 Oct—An Australian soldier has been injured by a single gunshot to the leg while he was on patrol in Afghanistan, Defence Force announced on Thursday. According to the statement released by the Defence Force, the soldier was a member of a joint Afghan and Australian patrol, which was engaged by insurgents with a rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire on Wednesday, in the Baluchi Valley region of the Pakistani tribal northwest.

No other soldiers were wounded.

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A wounded Afghan man is brought to a hospital in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. Three explosions just minutes apart rocked Kandahar, killing at least two Afghan police officers and wounding almost a dozen others, according to the provinces officials. INTERNET

Some 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the PKK for the past over two decades.

A policeman escorts a blindfolded suspected militant after raiding an area west of Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of Baghdad on 7 October, 2010. Police forces arrested three suspected militants and confiscated weapons and an ammunition cache, a police source said on Thursday. INTERNET

Nine wounded in bomb explosions in W Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 Oct—Four roadside bomb explosions on Wednesday ripped through al-Yarmouk neighborhood in western Baghdad, leaving nine people wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.

A bomb detonated at about 2:04 pm local time (1104 GMT) near the Qahtan Square. Four minutes later another roadside bomb exploded when Iraqi police gathered at the site of the first blast, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Two more explosions rocked the neighborhood shortly after, including one near a government bank, the source said.

A total of five civilians and four policemen were wounded by the blasts, the source said citing the first police reports.

The toll could rise as the victims were sent to nearby hospitals and medical centres, it 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.

Three more troops killed in Afghan bomb blast

KABUL, 14 Oct—A bomb blast killed three NATO troops in western Afghanistan on Thursday, a day after six service members died in a spate of attacks by militants in the east and south.

An improvised explosive device killed the three service members Thursday, an alliance statement said, without providing nationalities or giving a specific location where the incident occurred. American, Italian, Spanish, and Lithuanian forces are deployed in western Afghanistan.

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This has been the deadliest year for international troops in the nine-year Afghan conflict. At least 37 NATO service members have been killed so far this month. More than 2,000 have died since the 2001 US-led invasion.

The latest incident came before a debate on the war in Afghanistan when federal parliament sits again next week.

The casualty brings the number of Australians wounded this year to 52, while 152 personnel have been wounded in Afghanistan since 2001.

INTERNET

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Internation
Time to find a second Earth, WWF says

PARIS, 14 Oct—Carbon pollution and over-use of Earth’s natural resources have become so critical that, on current trends, we will need a second planet to meet our needs by 2030, the WWF said.

In 2007, Earth’s 6.8 billion humans were living 50 percent beyond the planet’s threshold of sustainability, according to its report, issued ahead of a UN biodiversity conference.

“Even with modest UN projections for population growth, consumption and climate change, by 2030 humanity will need the capacity of two Earths to absorb CO2 waste and keep up with natural resource consumption,” it warned.

If everyone used resources at the same rate per capita as the United States or the United Arab Emirates, four and a half planets would be needed, it said, highlighting the gap in “ecological footprint” between rich and poor.

The “Living Planet” report, the eighth in the series, is based on figures for 2007, the latest year for which figures are available.

It pointed to 71 countries that were running down their sources of freshwater at a worrying, unsustainable rate.

Nearly two-thirds of these countries experience “moderate to severe” water stress.

“This has profound implications for ecosystem health, food production and human well-being, and is likely to be exacerbated by climate change,” WWF said.

Signatories to the UN’s Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) are to meet in Nagoya, Japan, from October 18-29 to discuss ways of addressing Earth’s dramatic loss of species.

The UN named 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity. Under Target 7b of the Millennium Development Goals, UN members pledged to achieve by 2010 “a significant reduction” in the rate of wildlife loss.

Biologists say many species, especially mammals, birds and amphibians, are in headlong decline, their numbers ravaged by habitat loss, hunting or the likely impact of climate change.

The WWF said biodiversity showed a dramatic loss overall, but one with sharp disparities.—Internet

Why don’t bees have trouble rescheduling biological clocks?

JERUSALEM, 14 Oct—Honeybees, unlike many humans, after switching work shifts, or after a long flight, seem to be able to reschedule their biological clocks without many troubles.

Guy Bloch, professor with the Hebrews University’s Department of Evolution, Ecology and Behaviour is investigating why bees can make that internal switch, and how that ability can help sleep-deprived as we do, as the disturbance of the circadian rhythm can result in depression and similar mood disorders.

Writing in the latest edition of the Journal of Neuroscience, Bloch and his team of researchers have discovered that changes in both the bees’ behaviour and in the “clock genes” that drive their internal biological clocks showed that their social environment strongly affected their behaviour.

While just a few “clock genes” in both humans and honeybees control sleep, eating and drinking, temperature regulation and hormone fluctuations, how that activity ties in with social interactions with other animals is still unknown.

“This flexibility in the bees’ clock is striking, given that humans and most other animals studied cannot sustain long periods of around-the-clock activity without deterioration in performance and an increase in disease.”—Xinhua

Microsoft deepens Facebook ties in Web search battle

MOUNTAIN VIEW, (California), 14 Oct—Microsoft Corp deepened its ties with social networking company Facebook on Wednesday, bolstering its fledgling Bing search engine to catch up with Google Inc.

Starting on Wednesday, Bing will take data posted on Facebook such as users’ “likes” or preferences and use that information to provide more relevant search results.

The tie-up between the world’s largest software company and the largest social network potentially pushes Web searches one of the Internet’s earliest activities in a new direction. It underscores the growing competition between Facebook’s 500-million member service and Google, whose search business has dominated the Web in past years. “Google owned the old Web, the content-centric Web, the social web,” said Ray Valdes, an analyst at industry research firm Gartner. “This is the real long-term conflict. Microsoft in that sense, is a secondary player in this new battle.” Analysts said the new social search features are unlikely to immediately boost Bing’s market share which has been creeping up since launching last year but noted that the deal allows Bing to differentiate itself, with access to information that Google doesn’t currently have.

Facebook executives said they hoped that other search engines would also use the company’s social data in the future, but Chief Technology Officer Bret Taylor said that Facebook was only working with Microsoft for the time being.—Reuters

Boxes of desktop computers are stocked on a shelf at a Best Buy store. Global personal computer sales slowed in the third quarter, notching up growth of just 7.6 percent, well below the previous quarter, technology research firm Gartner said Wednesday.—INTERET

Sony delays launch of latest “Gran Turismo” game

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—Few companies can disrupt an entire industry with a single product launch. But Apple Inc, whose history is filled with such game-changing moments, has done it again with its iPad tablet.

Apple’s iPad has rattled the technology world by causing many consumers to think twice about buying new personal computers, two market-research firms reported Wednesday.

That hesitation was one reason worldwide shipments of new PCs stumbled in the third quarter, growing more slowly than research firms IDC and Gartner Inc had anticipated.

The other big factor was consumers’ dreary outlook on the economy, especially in the US and Europe, which has led them to pinch pennies more, pay off debts and spend less on PCs and some other kinds of electronics.—Internet

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Parenting is a tough job. And to be successful at it, you may need to take a little breather from time to time.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions for new parents:

* Understand that it’s normal to feel frustrated, and sometimes angry, with your child or children.
* When you feel frustrated, put baby in a safe place, such as the crib, and take a few quiet moments to relax.
* Calm yourself with some relaxing music, a cup of coffee, reading, meditating or making a quick phone call to a friend.
* Ask others to help you watch baby from time to time, especially if you stay at home full-time with your little one.

**Health**

**Health Tip: take a break from parenting**

**Danish, US researchers find genetic cause of rare child disease**

**COPENHAGEN, 14 Oct—** Danish and US researchers have identified a genetic mutation that causes a rare disease that affects the normal expansion and contraction of children’s blood vessels, the Danish daily Jyllands-Posten reported.

The disease that John R Oestergaard, a professor of the University Hospital of Aarhus, and his American colleagues had been working on has not been named, but it causes blood vessels in parts of the body to expand and those in other parts to shrink, the newspaper reported Tuesday.

The disease weakens the heart, bladder and gall bladder, while the contraction of cerebral blood vessels will limit the intake of oxygen, causing paralysis and even death.

The discovery of Oestergaard and his colleagues may help save the lives of sick children, as doctors can apply the right treatment in time after understanding the cause of the disease, the report said.

**Countries reaffirm commitment to health security**

**PUTRAJAYA, 14 Oct—** Governments in the Western Pacific Region reaffirmed their commitment here in Malaysia’s federal administration centre to health security by rallying behind the World Health Organization’s call on Wednesday.

They were committed to tackling acute public health emergencies, such as dengue and food contamination, said the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in conjunction with its 61st meeting held here.

The committee also endorsed here on Wednesday the Asia-Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases (2010), or APSED (2010), which provides guidance to help governments better prepare to cope with various health-related emergencies.

The strategy, while continuing to focus on emerging diseases, widens the scope of APSED (2005), giving member states support in strengthening their capability to detect and respond to other acute public health event.

**Business**

**Singapore currency to continue modest and gradual appreciation**

**Gold soars to new record, tops 1,370 dollars**

**CHICAGO, 14 Oct—** Gold futures on the COMEX Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange reached new highs on Wednesday, lifted by a weaker U.S. Dollar and rising inflationary expectations, as investors flocked to the precious metal to hedge the weakening greenback and inflation. Silver and platinum both surged. The most active gold contract for December delivery surged 23.8 dollars, or 1.8 percent, to finish at 1,370.5 dollars per ounce. Earlier, the price reached an all-time high of 1,375.7 dollars per ounce, easily surpassing its previous record of 1,366 dollars.

Although the bullion came under pressure on Tuesday as profit-taking emerged after successive days of gains, it found support and bounced off lows after the minutes of the Federal Reserve meeting emphasized their concerns that an already faltering economy could lose further momentum, indicating that the Fed is set to pump more money into the system.

**S Korea freezes key rate at 2.25%**

**SEOUL, 14 Oct—** South Korea’s central bank on Thursday decided to leave the key interest rate at the current level of 2.25 percent for the third straight month, in contrast with wide market forecasts it would revise up the rate.

In its monthly setting meeting, the Bank of Korea (BOK) reached a decision to keep the rate at the status quo mainly due to lingering concerns on a global recovery and recent turmoil in financial markets.

“The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Korea decided to maintain the Base Rate at its current level (2.25 percent) for the interim meeting period,” the BOK said in a press release.
Apple stock breaks $300 for first time

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—Apple Inc’s shares cruised past $300 for the first time on Wednesday, as investors anticipated another strong earnings report from the iPhone maker next week.

Apple’s stock rose as high as $301.96, another all-time high, in morning trading on the Nasdaq.

The company on Wednesday also announced an October 20 media event for its Mac line of personal computers. Apple promised a sneak peek at the next major version of the Mac operating system.

Analysts have been raising earnings estimates and price targets on the company ahead of its quarterly report due on Monday. The median price target on Apple is now $350.

Apple is expected to show robust growth in iPhones and strong momentum in iPad sales, which should help its quarterly revenue easily top $18 billion for the first time.

Apple’s shares, which have climbed more than 20 percent since the beginning of September, were up 1.1 percent at $301.74.—Reuters

Cancer patients report less sex pleasure

MILAN, 14 Oct—Cancer patients who take drugs that target specific molecular mechanisms report decreased levels of sexual function and satisfaction, French researchers say.

Dr Yohann Loriot and Dr Thomas Besse of the Institut Gustave Roussy in Villejuif, France, and colleagues surveyed 51 patients, 40 men and 11 women, who had been taking molecular targeted therapies — using the drugs sunitinib, sorafenib, temsirolimus, everolimus, bevacizumab, taxreva and cetuximab — for more than three months. The study subjects were asked about changes in their sexual life.

Men completed the International Index of Erectile Function questionnaire, which includes questions on erectile function, intercourse satisfaction, orgasmic function, sexual desire and overall satisfaction.

Women completed the Female Sexual Function Index questionnaire, which includes questions on desire, arousal, lubrication, orgasm, satisfaction and pain.

The median overall IIEF score for men was 40, just 53 percent of the maximum score, while for women, the median FSFI score was 8.4, just 24 percent of the maximum.

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The announcement was made at the third annual conference of the European Enterprise Network, launched in February 2008 by the commission as a key part of the EU’s efforts to encourage competitiveness in European businesses.

The contact points were located in cities such as Guangzhou, Xiamen and Hangzhou to provide practical information and assistance for European SMEs to expand their exports or business presence in China.

The commission provided as an example a Swedish chocolate firm that wanted to expand into China. It was referred by its home office in Sweden to the Network’s contact point in Wuhan, and together they found the right partner to distribute and promote its brand. Now the company is setting up a sales office in China.

Vegetables linked to fewer breast cancers

BOSTON, 14 Oct—African-American women who eat more vegetables are less likely to develop estrogen-receptor-negative breast cancer, US researchers say.

Researchers at Boston University Medical Center tracked 51,928 study participants at the Boston University School of Medicine for 12 years, during which time 1,268 cases of breast cancer developed. Among the breast cancer cases on which hormone receptor status was obtained, 35 percent were estrogen receptor-negative/progesterone receptor-negative breast cancers.—Internet

Tobacco control target needed

BEIJING, 14 Oct—Guaranteeing the country’s 1.3 billion people public security and extending them a longer, healthier and happier life has always served as a primary target in the Chinese government’s campaign to build a moderately well-off society.

However, smoking is one of the most fatal threats to the health of Chinese people. China has the world’s largest smoking population and statistics show that the number of people who die of tobacco-related diseases is more than that of any other individual country. Currently, there are 300 to 350 million smokers in China, 30 percent of the world’s total smoking population.

Of the world’s 6 million people who die of tobacco-related causes every year, 72 percent live in the middle and low-income countries, including 20 percent in China.

In 2000, more than a million people died of smoking-related diseases in China, 12.2 percent of the country’s total number of deaths. The number was greater than the number who died of AIDS, tuberculosis, traffic accidents, and suicide combined. About 100,000 people in the country die from secondhand smoking every year.

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**Rarest fish to dazzle Shanghai residents**

BEIJING, 14 Oct—Some of the rarest species of fish will make a splash this weekend at the 5th Shanghai International Aquatic Animals Expo. The Aqua-Expo is expected to see a stream of family aquarium owners and fish lovers. The event will be held at the city’s International Agriculture Exhibition Center from Friday to Sunday. Spectators will see some 180 types of fish or other aquatic creatures at the expo. Some rare ones include pink jelly fish, the Turquoise Discus from Germany, and Brocaded Carp from Japan.

**Small plane crash kills three in Spain**

MADRID, 14 Oct—A small plane crashed into a mountain in Spain’s northern Navarra region on Tuesday, killing three Frenchmen on board, local authorities said Wednesday. The plane took off from Lezignan-Corbieres, a town in southern France, and was headed for Salamanca, Spain, the first stop in their planned journey to the West African country of Senegal.

**Teen robs elderly roommate at knifepoint**

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—A San Francisco teenager has been accused of attempting to rob an 82-year-old man who also happens to be his roommate, police said. The elderly man, who rents a room in the Oceanview home where the 18-year-old man lives with his family, told cops he feared for his life when the teen allegedly accosted him in the residence late Monday afternoon.

The incident was reported at around 2:45 pm in the 3000 block of San Jose Avenue, police said. Dominic Souse, 18, allegedly “put his arms” around the 82-year-old man who lives with his family, told cops he feared for his life when the teen allegedly accosted him in the residence late Monday afternoon.

The victim, a 29-year-old man, was approached by four males who began to physically assault him near Excelsior Avenue and Edinburgh Street at 2:45 am. One suspect pushed the victim to the ground and another suspect pushed an ice pick against the victim’s torso and took his wallet and cell phone, according to police.

**Car catches fire on Montgomery Street near Market**

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—A man was driving south on Montgomery Street on Tuesday when he began to notice smoke coming from under the hood. After he pulled over, the car was engulfed in flames. The driver was not injured.

**US Federal Reserve: recovery needs help**

BEIJING, 14 Oct—US Federal Reserve officials say the country’s struggling economic recovery, might need another jump start. They’ve discussed several ways to provide support, including the possible adoption of a price-level target. Another focus is on buying additional long-term Treasury securities and ways to nudge the public into expecting higher levels of inflation in the future.

To help shift inflation expectations, policy-makers have debated providing more detailed information, about what rates of inflation they would prefer.
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Resident Repre-
sentative of WHO Dr
H.S.B Tennakoon gave an
account of operations for
elimination of blindness.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint views activities of World Sight
Day.—MNA

The theme for World Sight Day 2010
designated by WHO is
“Count down to 2020”. MNA

KIA mine kills two, injures one

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Oct—A mine blast occurred in Kachin State on 13
October, leaving two dead and one wounded. Five villagers from Pinkyaing
Village, Pinball Village-tract Mogaung Township stepped on a mine planted by
KIA insurgents while climbing Nwalabo Hill in Kachin Special Region-2,
which is about 10 miles to the west of their village, so as to hunt animals. Two
people were killed and one was injured in the blast. The latter was then sent to Pinbaw
Station Hospital for medical treatment. From 1st January to 14th October, 11
men and three women, altogether 14 have fallen to victims of mine attacks by
insurgents across the nation. Figures also show that 52 men and seven women,
altogether 59 were injured in the mine blasts.—MNA

Tawma Village of Yaw
region enjoying...

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Kinpan, Hsatmintaw, Myittha embankment, Maw Creek Bridge and
Kazunhtaunt village.

Maw Creek Bridge and clean water of Maw Creek beautify
Kazunhtaunt Village. Kazunhtaung is located at the border of Hitlin
and Gangaw townships near Chin mountain range and Maw Creek.

Thanks to Myittha embankment, Kazunhtaunt Village enjoys fruits of better trans-
port. In the past, students swam across Maw Creek to attend the school in
Hsaymintaw Village. At present, they can stroll along Maw Creek Bridge to
go to school. Although the local people went to one village to another on
foot or by cart, they now have easy access to various areas by motorbike
or vehicle. Likewise, vil-
lagers of Tawma village
can now travel along
Pauk-Myaing-Htilin-
Gangaw motor road by
car and motorbike to visit
Gangaw and Hitlin.

In the past, the
visitors went to Tawma
along Gangaw-
Yemyetni-Htilin-
Kyaukhtu-Mindat motor
road by car. At present,
they can save the time on
their route to Gangaw and
Hitlin along Myaing-
Letpando-Tawma-
Gangaw motor road.

In the past, the
route from Tawma to
Gangaw was a three-hour
drive. If a visitor goes to
Gangaw from Tawma,
the Myaing-Letpando-
Tawma-Gangaw new
road will be over one hour
drive. The distance be-
tween Gangaw and
Tawma is now only 20
miles long.

Thanks to
Myaing-Letpando-
Tawma-Gangaw new
road, Tawma Village
achieves remarkable
progress. At Tawma
junction, everybody can
call to various regions
by telephone. The local
people have easy access
to Pakokku, Hitlin,
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Winners awarded in Military Code of Conduct Contest

Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than makes a speech in meeting with servicemen and family members from local battalion in Taikkyi Station.—MNA

Nav Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—A ceremony to award winners in the Yangon Command Military Code of Conduct Contest to mark the Armed Forces Day took place at the hall of command headquarters, here, yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than.

Senior military officials presented prizes to winners at Pvt.Cpl and WO levels. The commander gave prizes to the officers. At the hall of the local battalion in Taikkyi Station, the commander met servicemen and family members and presented gifts to them. He viewed vegetable plantations of the local battalion. At the local battalion in Leinnawehlan Village, the commander gave instructions to servicemen and family members and presented gifts to them.

Nav Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—Ten household victims from Bandabrin Village of Daw Nyein Village-tract, in Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Region caused by tidal waves at 6 am on 10 October were temporarily accommodated at Cyclone Shelter. The local authorities, officials and local people repaired some damages of Village Basic Education Primary School.

Heavy rains destroyed a house and a warehouse in Ahtet Kazintaw Village of Yaybaygyi Village-tract in Pantanaw Township at 3.30 pm on 10 October. Local authorities, village officials and social organization members provided necessary assistance for the victims. Due to heavy rains, a wooden bridge linking Talokkon and Taunglaung village-tracts floated into water in Talokkon Village-tract of Kokkokon Station in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Region, from 9.15 pm on 12 October to 5 am on 13 October. Officials, local people and social organization members are making preparations for reconstruction of a new wooden bridge. Heavy rains occurred in Kyaupadagon Township of Mandalay Region at 6 pm on 12 October. The rains eroded the embankment of railroad between Kyaukpadagon and Indaw Kye stations.

Engineers of Myanmar Railways repaired the railroad. Due to overflow of Mu River in Nyaungwun, Kin and Nyaungbintha villages in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region on 12 October morning, some households and over 200 cattle were evacuated to the safe place. Local authorities, village officials and social organization members carried out relief works.

On 12 October, heavy rains pushed a reinforced concrete bridge into water near Letpanhla Village of Singu Township, Mandalay Region. The rains caused the embankment of railroad between Kyaukpadagon and Indaw Kye stations.

Commander looks into inundation areas in Mandalay

Nav Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung yesterday viewed inundation of Mandalay-Mogok Road, maintenance of bridge and flooded areas in Mandalay.

The commander looked into maintenance of Mandalay-Mogok Road at mile post No. 25/2 near Tagnataung Village and participation of Tatmadawmen and locals in repairing Mandalay-Mogok Road at mile post No. 38/6 near Tayawbin Village in Singu Township at mile post No. 47/6 of Mandalay-Mogok Road. The commander inspected progress of reconstruction tasks and left necessary instructions.

In Htonbo Village of Patheingyi Township, the commander viewed sanitation tasks of Tatmadawmen, departmental personnel and social associations along both sides of Mandalay-PyinOoLwin Road.

The commander oversaw health care services of health staff and sanitation tasks for the people in Pyigyidagon Township.

Officials repairing damages of heavy rain regions in some States/Regions

Nav Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Hlay Oo met local farmers at Yawlttaung Village, Leggyigwin Village-tract, Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region on 11 October and called for boosted production of agricultural produce and rural region development. In the evening, the minister visited Kanyin Creek Dam Project in Ingapu Township being implemented by Construction Group-9 of Irrigation Department.

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**Japan launches 1st vessel of future class destroyer**

TOKYO, 14 Oct—The first ship of the “Akizuki” class destroyer, a future destroyer class of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF), was launched on Wednesday at the Nagasaki shipyard of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, local media reported.

Another three ships of the design have been planned by 2014. The ships of this design displace about 5,000 tonnes of water and are able to carry a total of 200 people. They will be equipped with weapons including the type 90 surface to surface missiles and anti-torpedo system. The ship can also carry two helicopters.

The class was known as “19 DD.” The destroyer of this class was an improvement on the Takanami class. The ships would enhance the JMSDF’s performance in battles at sea, analysts said.

**Six Malaysian Chinese killed in road accidents**

IPOH, 14 Oct—Six Malaysian Chinese were killed in a road accident in Kampar, a small town in Perak, a state in the west coast of Peninsula Malaysia, on Thursday.

According to the police, the car was believed to have lost control due to speeding, resulting in it crashing into trees on the roadside of the opposite lane.

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Two vehicles carrying hooded men, who opened fire. The prison officers were returning home from a night shift.

The shooting took place close to a bus station. The police vehicle crashed into an intercity bus belonging to the Omnibus de Mexico bus company that was leaving the station, injuring some passengers, while stray bullets smashed some vehicles’ windows.

The officers were part of a Special Fast Reaction Group (GERI) that was sent to deal with jail conflicts. They had been assigned to one of Mexico’s most violent jails, the Aquiles Serdan Social Readaptation Centre, which has seen nine deaths since the start of last month.

Officials said they were investigating whether the killing was related to a clash between rival gangs for the control of the jail.—Xinhua

**Six prison officers die in northern Mexico ambush**

MEXICO CITY, 14 Oct—Six prison officers died on Wednesday in Chihuahua City in northern Mexico, when gunmen fired at a police vehicle, Mexican broadcaster Milenio reported.

The guards were travelling aboard a state police truck when it was ambushed by two vehicles carrying hooded men, who opened fire. The prison officers were returning home from a night shift.

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**Body of missing Japanese climber found in Nepal**

KATHMANDU, 14 Oct—The body of a Japanese climber who went missing with his guide and two other climbers on a mountain in Nepal last month has been found, the organizer of the expedition said on Wednesday.

According to THT Online report, the four were part of an expedition trying to climb Dhaulagiri, considered as one of the most difficult and dangerous mountains in the world, when an avalanche struck two weeks ago.

“The body of Daisuke Honda was found yesterday (Tuesday) at about 5,100 meters,” said expedition organizer Bijay Sharma.

Sharma said the two surviving Japanese and four sherpas were scouring the 8,167-metre Himalayan peak — the seventh highest in the world — for their fellow climbers and their Nepali guide.

Eight of the world’s 14 peaks over 8,000 metres can climb from Nepal or Nepali side, including the world’s highest, Mt Qomolangma, and attracts hundreds of mountaineers every year. Most come in the spring, when conditions are at their best, but there is also a short climbing season in late September and October after the monsoon rains end.

Ning launches social network tools for any website

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Oct—Bands, politicians, charities and more are turning to Ning to imbue websites with the kinds of social networking features credited with making stars out of Facebook and Twitter.

Ning hopes to create momentum with the Wednesday release of new tools that let even technophobes build websites that create online communities and tap into smartphone applications and software hosted in the Internet “cloud”.

“We focus on network creators who are the people running the campaign; the band, the nonprofit raising money or connecting fans or supporters,” Ning chief executive Jason Rosenthal told on Tuesday.

“It used to be you’d have to hire a whole army of developers, but on Ning it is a drag-and-drop creation process so even someone with no technology skills can get all the features we expect to in a social experience online.”

Ning has grown from 15,000 to 70,000 paid subscribers since it eliminated ad-supported services and slashed staff early this year.

Serial technology entrepreneur Marc Andreessen co-founded Ning with Gina Bianchini in 2004. She left Ning shortly before the startup’s workforce was reduced.

Andreessen is known for founding such company’s as Netscape and is a member of the Facebook board of directors.—Internet
Deals already on offer for Chilean miners’ story

LOS ANGELES, 14 Oct—The Chilean miners’ rescue that is capturing the world’s attention will certainly have a deja-vu effect when the heroic rescue scene is replayed again in the inevitable news programme features and movie and book spin-offs. In fact, even before the last miner was lifted to safety, multiple offers of book, movie and exclusive interview deals were making their way to the families of those who had already been rescued, according to reports by trade magazine Broadcasting & Cable.

One of the first projects to focus on the rescue of more than two dozen workers from a collapsed mine in Copiapo, Chile, is “33 Men, Buried Alive: The Inside Story of the Trapped Chilean Miners,” a book by The Guardian contributor Jonathan Franklin, due for publication in the UK in early 2011. According to Broadcasting & Cable’s reports, industry observers estimate that rights to the miners’ story could fetch several hundred thousand dollars, and TV interviews could bring in $20,000—not a bad deal for the miners, whose annual income ranges from 4 to 9 million pesos ($4,000-$19,000),—Xinhua

Suspects in huge medicare scam charged in New York

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—A total of 44 suspects in a huge medicare fraud scheme were charged on Wednesday in New York, according to the report of the New York Times.

The 44 suspects, including 21 who were arrested in the New York City area, allegedly stole the identities of doctors and thousands of patients in 25 US states to bill medicare for more than 100 million US dollars for treatments that no doctor ever performed and no patient ever received.

Prosecutors said the case represented the largest medicare fraud operation ever carried out in US by a single group that resulted in criminal charges, the report said. “With 118 phantom clinics and over 100 million US dollars in bogus billings, this group of international gangsters allegedly ran a veritable fraud franchise,”Preet Bharara, the US attorney in Manhattan, was quoted as saying.

Among the suspects is Armen Kazarian, whom the authorities identified as a “Vor,” a term that means “thief-in-law” and refers to a member of a select group of high-level criminals from Russia and the countries whose annual income ranges from 4 to 9 million pesos ($4,000-$19,000),—Xinhua

Last trapped Chilean miner rescued, historic rescue completed

SAN JOSE, 14 Oct—The last of the 33 trapped Chilean miners, 54-year-old Luis Urzua, the shift foreman, was rescued on Wednesday after having stayed underground for some 70 days. Before Urzua, no one ever in history has been trapped deep underground for so long and survived.

The atmosphere at the scene exploded when Urzua walked out of the capsule. Waves of horns, sirens and cheers sound for long.

President Sebastian Pinera bear-hugged the foreman in a high spirit, and invited him to stand beside him to join the hundreds of others at the scene to sing the national anthem.

Praising the foreman “a very good leader of the group,” Pinera said: “We’re going to thank everybody from the bottom of our heart.” Urzua responded with thanks to everybody.

A Chilean miner is helped by rescue workers as he exits the Fenix 2 capsule.—INTERNET

As the capsule starts lifting up, great joy was seen from everybody’s face and tens of hundreds of rescuers on the surface could not help singing spontaneously: “Let’s go, miners! Let’s go, miners! Tonight we are going to rescue you.”

The 33 miners, who have been trapped since Aug. 5, were all lifted out to surface after enduring 69 days of ordeal in a hot, humid shelter some 700 meters underground.

After the first miner was pulled out to the ground, Pinera delivered a triumphant speech, saying “This country is capable of great things...We Chileans have shown the best of us.”

Describing the experience as “a wonderful night that Chileans and the whole world will never forget,” Pinera noted that it was unprecedented in the history of the world for its magnitude and complexity.

The president said his government will strive to improve mine workers’ safety.

The miners, who have been trapped since Aug. 5, were confirmed alive on Aug. 22 and it had been estimated that the rescue would take four months.

On 9 Oct, a 624-meter deep rescue tunnel was completed. Chilean Mining Minister Laurence Golborne then declared that the extraction of the miners could begin starting Wednesday.

On early Wednesday, the first miner Florencio Avalos was lifted to surface and then one by one the trapped miners were brought back to safety every half hour or so.

After Urzua’s ascent, Pinera made a televised address to the nation immediately, saying “When the last miner exited the mine, I was moved as every Chilean was.” “They were experiencing a kind of rebirth,” he said.—INTERNET

The last miner to be rescued, Luis Urzua, gestures next to Chilean President Sebastian Pinera (R) at the end of the rescue operation at San Jose mine in Copiapo. —INTERNET

Overseas students take classes at Beijing Foreign Studies University. INTERNET
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A model shows a car at the auto exhibition of the 12th West Lake International Expo held in Hangzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 13 Oct, 2010. —Internet

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An Academy says no big change for 2012 Oscar date

Beverly Hills, 14 Oct—The 2012 Oscars will not be weeks earlier than usual, as had been widely speculated — a move that would have upended Hollywood’s crowded awards season.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said in a statement late Wednesday that its Board of Governors had determined the date of the 84th Academy Awards “will not be significantly earlier than the now-traditional last Sunday in February.”

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NY bike bandits wore gorilla, chicken suits

Police say the thieves who stole a New York teenager’s bicycle were, well, animals. Suffolk County police said two people in gorilla costumes and a third in a chicken suit took the boy’s bike Monday in Rocky Point, on the north shore of Long Island.

Police said the three confronted him while he was riding along Route 25A around 1:15 pm Police said one of the gorilla-suit suspects punched the teen in the head and knocked him off his bike, and the person in a chicken costume rode off on it. The ape-suit duo ran away.

The teen was treated at a hospital for minor injuries. He’s been released.

Detectives are searching for the suspects.

“Spider-Man”’s villain The Lizard is Rhys Ifans

BEIJING, 14 Oct—Rhys Ifans was previously announced by Sony as the villain in the upcoming “Spider-Man” movie. And now it’s unveiled the identity of the villain: Dr Curtis Connors, The Lizard.

TheWrap.com confirms that Venom, played by Topher Grace in Sam Raimi’s “Spider-Man 3,” will not be in the movie and The Lizard is indeed at least one of the primary villains. In the comics, Curtis Connors is a gifted surgeon who loses his arm when he goes to serve in the war to help injured GIs.

He becomes obsessed with reptilian regeneration as a potential cure for his amputated arm and develops a serum that, at first, does indeed re-grow his lost appendage. But soon after — in typical comic book fashion — it turns his creator into a monster. “Spider-Man” is set to begin production in December and will hit theaters in 3-D on 3 July, 2012, according to MTV.com reports.

No plot details have been revealed so far. As for the castmembers: Andrew Garfield stars as Peter Parker, while Emma Stone will play Gwen Stacy, and now Ifans as the Lizard.
Liverpool owners block sale with US court order

LONDON, 14 Oct — Liverpool’s American owners have blocked the sale of the English football giants to the owners of baseball’s Boston Red Sox with a temporary restraining order granted by a US court, their lawyers said.

Tom Hicks and George Gillett revealed the move late Wednesday, just hours after the High Court in Britain ruled against the American duo and in favour of Liverpool’s board. The board has agreed to sell the club to Red Sox owners, New England Sports Ventures (NESV), but Hicks and Gillett contested the proposed deal through the courts in Britain.

Their defeat appeared to pave the way for Liverpool’s board to press ahead with the sale — but the Texas court’s decision to grant the restraining order dashed hopes of a swift conclusion to the saga. News of the injunction emerged as Liverpool’s directors were meeting with the club’s American owners over the running of the club.

Hicks and Gillett are rich American business partners who bought Liverpool in 2004 for £250 million ($487 million) and have agreed to sell the club to NESV. Liverpool fans have been split over the move, with some supporting the sale and some opposed to it.

Blatter impressed by England World Cup bid

LONDON, 14 Oct — FIFA President Sepp Blatter said Wednesday he had been “personally impressed” by England’s bid for the 2018 World Cup and said the country impressed “world,” Blatter said after a meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron in Downing Street.

Blatter and Cameron performed at a reception on Tuesday, just two months before England’s bid for the World Cup will be submitted to FIFA. The Premier League, the top division of English football, announced last week it would offer its support to England’s bid.

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Germany’s striker Miroslav Klose joins Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel on the treatment table following the Euro qualifiers. Bayern are already without star Dutch winger Arjen Robben — who was Bundesliga player of the season last term — and French playmaker Franck Ribery, both of whom are also injured — Internet

Bayern suffer another blow with Klose injury

BERLIN, 14 Oct — Ailing German champions Bayern Munich suffered another blow on Wednesday as it was announced striker Miroslav Klose would miss the next two matches with a left thigh injury. The 32-year-old, who took his international tally to 38 in 103 matches when he scored in the 3-0 Euro 2012 qualifier victory over Kazakhstan on Tuesday, will miss the league match with Hannover on Saturday and next Tuesday’s Champions League clash with Romanian outfit Cluj.

Klose — who has scored six goals in four qualifiers this season but failed to find the net in seven league games —

Former champions into Austrian tennis second round

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Chelsea lose Benayoun for six months

LONDON, 14 Oct — English Premier League champions Chelsea will be without Israeli national captain Yossi Benayoun for virtually the rest of the season after he underwent an operation to repair a torn Achilles tendon.

The 30-year-old faces six months rehabilitation treatment following the operation on the injury which he discovered when he went away for international duty for the recent Euro 2012 qualifiers with Croatia and Greece. “Yossi Benayoun underwent surgery on his Achilles (tendon) on Monday,” read a statement on the club’s website. “The Israeli international returned to the club from international duty last week, and will now be out of action for approximately six months.”

Stuttgart sack Gross after dire Bundesliga start

BERLIN, 14 Oct — Bundesliga club Stuttgart said Wednesday they had released former Spurs coach Christian Gross with immediate effect after a poor start to the season that sees them bottom of the table with three points.

Gross failed to produce the team immediately and supervise the side for the away game at Schalke,” it added.

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Tennis champ Ranganayaki among honourees

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct — Indian tennis player Sania Mirza has joined a list of others from various fields who were awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award, on Wednesday.

Sania was among the 126 people who were awarded the Padma Shri on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and the President presented the awards to them.

As a former world number 1 in women’s doubles, Sania has contributed a lot to Indian tennis. She is currently the world number 5 in doubles and the world number 62 in singles.

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The Chinese delegation of six people was warmly welcomed by Indonesia’s Deputy Research and Technology Minister Syamsa Ardisasmita and Toto Marwanto Kadri, the head of Aerospace Electronics Technology Center at the country’s National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (LAPAN). “We are touched by a new study.

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VOA, BBC—sowing hatred among the people
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World Teachers Day celebrated in Mon State

Yangon, 15 Oct—Mon State celebrated World Teachers Day for 2010 in Mawlamyine on 5 October. At the ceremony held at No.6 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine Township, Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council U Zaw Linn Tun delivered address on behalf of the Chairman of Mon State PDC the Commander of South-East Command. During the ceremony, officials concerned presented prizes to winners of the essay, poem and article competitions to mark the World Teachers Day. The Secretary of Mon State PDC and officials presented gifts to retired teachers.

Knowledge bank library opens in Mawlamyinegyun Tsp

Mawlamyinegyun, 14 Oct—The opening of self-reliant knowledge bank village library was held at Alechaung village Yamutshawchaung village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Region on 28 September. Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Win and head Daw Thida Aung of Township Information and Public Relations Department opened the building. The secretary made a speech. The head explained post-literary campaign and Village Chairman U Ye Lwin, construction of the library. Wellwishers donated books to the library. The library was built at a cost of K 3 million.

Storm news

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Oct—According to the observations at 5.30 hr MST today, the small storm over Central Bay of Bengal moved to northwestern part and then centered at about 300 miles southeast of Gopalpur of India. It is forecast to move to northwest direction. The small storm is now coded at yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar. Under the influence of the small storm, 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.

Photo shows resurfacing being carried out between mile post No.41/1 and No.41/2 of Pyawbwe-Ywamon-Natmauk-Kanbya (Magway) Road.