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Prime Minister U Thein Sein to attend 17th ASEAN Summit
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NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—At the invitation of H.E Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be attending the 17th ASEAN Summit and related Summits scheduled to be held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, in the near future.—MNA

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True patriotism
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* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Abhidhamma Day observed on grand scale across Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Today, being Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut or Abhidhamma Day, Buddhist devotees around the nation spent the whole day performing meritorious deeds.

The second annual ceremony to observe Abhidhamma Day of the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw was held along with the eight non-stop recitation of pathhana at the cave of the pagoda this morning. Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot of Ngwedaung Tawya Monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Panna Siri invested the congregation with the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited parittas. State Ovdacariya Abbot of Maha Visutarama Zaygon Monastery in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara preached Abhidhama discourse.

Well-wishers presented offertories to the venerable monks. Members of SSMNC Abbot of Eastern Inntha Monastery in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, Agga Maha alsaddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panninta delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits for the donation.

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I would like to urge the people to participate in the steps to democratization with a sense of electing reliable and responsible candidates to the hluttaws in the elections in the interest of the nation and the people.

Mya Myinmo (Taunggyi)
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Sunday, 24 October, 2010**

*Let’s vote in free and fair election*

The multi-party democracy general election will be held on 7 November. The Union Election Commission is issuing notifications and directives for the political parties to canvass for votes in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law, Election Law and other existing laws.

The commission and sub-commissions have compiled lists of voters in line with the election bylaws so that all voters who are eligible for the general election in conformity with the prescribed election law can have the voting right. The lists have been displayed on the notice boards of wards and village-tracts concerned.

On the day of the election, polling stations will be opened for the duration in accord with the law. Respective candidates, their representatives, their polling booth agents and assistant agents are allowed to enter the polling stations from the beginning of the polling until the end.

When the casting of ballot papers is over, counting of vote is conducted in the presence of members of the polling booth, the public, representatives of the booth by listing casted ballot papers and advanced ballot papers. The members of at least 10 persons present at the vote counting will also be recorded as witness.

In the counting of votes, candidates, their representatives, their polling booth agents and assistant agents are allowed to view the ballot papers the returning officer has rejected and advance ballot papers.

Hluttaw candidate or his election agents can be present and observe the counting where township election subcommission is counting advance ballot papers, received before 1600 hrs on the day of the election.

These facts prove that the forthcoming election is free and fair and in line with the international standards and norms. As the upcoming election is free and fair and in accord with the law without giving any favour to any political party or any individual, the people are urged to choose those who are capable of serving the best interest of the State.

**Construction Minister meets personnel of Caterpillar**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct**—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received Regional Sales Manager Mr Yves Gaboriault, and General Manager Mr Heinz Ludi of Caterpillar and Myanmar Tractors (Caterpillar Dealer) and party at the ministry on 20 October.

They held discussions about supply of machinery to the ministry for construction projects.—MNA

**Cyclone Giri victims provided with cash and kind**

**YANGON, 23 Oct**—Wellwishers provided cash and kind for cyclone Giri victims in Rakhine State yesterday at Fire Services Department (Headquarters) here.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe accepted US$ 10,000 and 1,000 bags of rice donated by Dr Tha Yin Myat of AWE Company, wife Daw Nwe Nwe Aye, and daughter Ma Chaw Su Myat, and 500 bags of rice by U Maung Sein of NCV social organization.—MNA

**Hospitality Management courses at AKP on 1 Nov**

**YANGON, 23 Oct**—As AKP International Hotel & Tourism Centre is conducting food & beverage courses, front office course, housekeeping course, cuisine preparing course, the centre is also opening a new section on 1 November.

The centre is offering free service for hoteliers to find qualified staff. For details, dial 254541 and 250489.

**New rainfall record**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct**—The amount of rainfall (232) mm (9.13) inches observed at (09:30) hours M.S.T on 23rd October, 2010 in Minkin Station is the (24-hrs) new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of October during the last 25 years. The former record was (101) mm (3.98) inches on 1st October, 2000.
Iraqi deaths higher than US count

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—Military documents laid bare in the biggest leak of secret information in US history suggest that far more Iraqis died than previously acknowledged during the years of sectarian bloodletting and criminal violence unleashed by the 2003 US-led invasion.

The accounts of civilian deaths among nearly 400,000 purported Iraqi war logs released Friday by the WikiLeaks website include deaths unknown or unreported before now as many as 15,000 by the count of one independent research group.

The field reports from US forces and intelligence officers also indicate US forces often failed to follow up on credible evidence that Iraqi forces mistreated, tortured and killed their captives as they battled a violent insurgency. The war logs were made public in defiance of Pentagon insistence that the action puts the lives of US troops and their military partners at risk.

Although the documents appear to be authentic, their origin could not be independently confirmed, and WikiLeaks declined to offer any details about them. The 391,831 documents date from the start of 2004 to 1 Jan, 2010, providing a ground-level view of the war written mostly by low-ranking officers in the field.

Afghans wait to seek compensation for a relative’s death outside Camp Nathan Smith, an ISAF military base in Kandahar City, Afghanistan, on 20 Oct, 2010.

Four killed, ten injured in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 23 Oct—Four people were killed and 10 others were injured Friday in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in northern and central Iraq, the police told Xinhua.

In northern the country, gunmen in their car opened fire on a police checkpoint in Bab al-Toub District in central Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, killing a policeman and wounding another, a provincial police source said on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a civilian was killed and six others were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in the Entisar neighbourhood in southwestern Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, the source said.

The blast apparently missed the patrol and hit civilians at a nearby marketplace instead, the source added. In Baghdad, two soldiers and a policeman were wounded when gunmen in a car opened fire on a checkpoint in Mansour District in western the capital, an Interior Ministry source said on condition of anonymity.

Earlier in the day, an anti-al-Qaeda Awakening Council group member and a gunman were killed in separate bomb explosions in the town of Garma, near the once restive city of Fallujah in Iraq’s western province of Anbar, a local police 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 its parliamentary elections seven months ago.

Pakistan forces kill 14 militants in tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 23 Oct—Pakistan security forces on Saturday killed 14 militants and destroyed several hideouts in a tribal region a day after a roadside bomb killed six soldiers, official sources said.

The security forces targeted the militants in upper Orakzai agency, a stronghold of Pakistani Taleban.

On Friday a roadside bomb hit a vehicle of security forces and killed six soldiers, including an officer, in upper Orakzai agency.

Orakzai, one of Pakistan’s seven regions of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), has become the key stronghold of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

After the Pakistan army and Frontier Corps launched an operation in South Waziristan, militants in large numbers slipped into Orakzai tribal agency.

Heavy damages were inflicted upon them also and their influence in the area was reduced very much.

The army had declared a few months ago an end to the major operation in Orakzai after most of the militants were eliminated or expelled. But the army had stated that target operation will continue time to time.

This resulted in the mass evacuation of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) towards the nearby Kohat and Hangu districts where they were given shelter in camps. The militants also targeted IDPs, mainly Shia Muslims.

Nine Taleban militants killed in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 23 Oct—Nine Taleban fighters, including two commanders, were killed as security forces stormed their hideout in Kandahar Province, south of Afghanistan, Zalmai Ayubi, spokesman for provincial administration, said Saturday.

“Afghan and international troops jointly raided a Taleban hideout in Miansh District late Friday night. As a result two Taleban commanders, namely Mullah Rahim and Mullah Bashir, along with seven armed rebels, were killed,” Ayubi told reporters here.

There were no casualties on the troops and civilians, he said.

Kandahar, the birthplace of Taleban militants, has been the scene of increasing militancy over the past couple of years.

A joint operation involving Afghan and NATO-led troops has been continuing in parts of Kandahar since early September to ensure lasting peace there.

The newly inaugurated Afghan and international forces often failed to follow up on credible evidence that Iraqi forces mistreated, tortured and killed their captives as they battled a violent insurgency.
Science

Gulf corals in oil spill zone appear healthy

**Mexico City, 23 Oct—**Just 20 miles north of where BP’s blown-out well spewed millions of gallons of oil into the sea, life appears bountiful despite initial fears that crude could have wiped out many of these delicate deepwater habitats. Plankton, tiny suspended particles that form the base of the ocean’s food web, float en masse 1,400 feet beneath the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, forming a snowy-like underwater scene as they move with the currents outside the oil’s reach. Crabs, starfish and other deep sea creatures swarm small patches of corals, and tiny sea anemones sprout from the sand like miniature sea anemones sprout from the sand like miniature starfish and other deep sea life appears bountiful in the northern Gulf.

So far, it appears the area dodged a bullet, but more research is needed. Some of the deep sea corals near the spill site were only discovered just last year.

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The skinny on invasive snakes: Florida may be just the start

**New York, 23 Oct—**With thousands of pythons and other giant invasive snakes devastating wildlife in the Florida Everglades, the hottest question on many minds is: How far north could they go? New research shows the snakes can withstand surprisingly cold temperatures, leaving open the possibility that their range could extend hundreds of miles farther north. Pythons have been crawling amok in South Florida since at least the mid-1990s. The population’s forerunners were probably released by pet owners daunted by the prospect of maintaining a predator that can grow to 20 feet (6 meters) long and weigh 200 pounds (90 kilograms). No one knows exactly how many there are now, but estimates put their numbers in the thousands or tens of thousands. The pythons have been devouring local wildlife, indulging in mega-meals like deer, bobcats and alligators, as well as endangered species like the woodstork and the Key Largo woodrat.

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Technology

Build a custom browser with Mozilla Chromeless

**New York, 23 Oct—**No matter how many choices there are in the Web browser arena, it’s a pretty safe bet that many of us would love to tweak some aspect of the interface on our browser of choice. Mozilla Labs yesterday announced “Chromeless,” a new project to create a customizable user interface on the Firefox browser. “Firefoxes is put together in a way that seasoned developers are able to implement features with amazing efficiency,” Mozilla Labs’ Marco Galli wrote on Thursday. “But at the same time, the browser interface in XUL (XML User Interface Language) represents a barrier for potential contributors. “What if the parts of the browser that are most interesting to contributors were implemented in standard Web technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript?” Galli continued. “What kinds of wild-eyed experimentation would we see if a new conception of browser UI could be prototyped in about the same time it takes to write a web page?”

25 finalists in Guggenheim-YouTube creative video biennial

**New York, 23 Oct—**Twenty-five clips from around the world were selected for the first creative video biennial run by the Guggenheim Museum and the YouTube video sharing site, highlighting online video as a popular art form. The finalists of the “YouTube Play, a Biennial of Creative Video” event range from South African rap to Brazilian animation, and were chosen from more than 25,000 submitted entries. They can also be seen on YouTube’s website at youtube.com/play. The famous white facade of the museum, located on New York’s Fifth Avenue in front of Central Park, was transformed into a giant screen late Thursday where the finalists videos were shown. The videos will be broadcast again after sundown Friday, inside the museum and at the museum’s affiliates in Bilbao, Berlin and Venice through 24 October. The event is “the first biennial of online video to be organized by a museum of contemporary art,” said Guggenheim Museum Director Richard Armstrong.

Beware fake microsoft security essentials

**New York, 23 Oct—**Microsoft Security Essentials is fake. Well, it is and it isn’t. Microsoft Security Essentials is a free antimalware protection programme from Microsoft, but a new malware threat identified by security software vendor F-Secure is also masquerading as Microsoft Security Essentials. You want to avoid that one. The new malware attack is distributed through a drive-by download as either hotfix.exe or mssec.exe both reasonably benign and almost legitimate sounding file names that might not raise red flags with some users. Antimalware solutions including all of the top names that users are familiar with such as Trend Micro, McAfee, Panda, and Symantec and identifies those that are capable of detecting and blocking this nefarious threat. The F-Secure blog explains, “Surprisingly, the only products that seem to be capable of handling the infection are AntiSpySafeguard, Major Defence Kit, Peak Protection, Pest Detector and Red Cross. Never heard of these? No wonder. They are all fake products.”

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‘Star Wars’ Planet with 2 Suns

**New York, 23 Oct—**A huge alien planet discovered in a system with two suns akin to the fictional “Star Wars” world of Tatooine is forcing astronomers to rethink their theories about how gas giant planets form. The two stars are close enough together that the leading theory for planet formation that dust and gas circling the stars slowly accrete into such planets’ rocky cores isn’t likely, researchers said. The stars’ gravity would disrupt this process long before it could get very far, they added. Instead, the new findings support an alternative theory, called gravitational collapse, which holds that superdense regions of the dust cloud form planets much more rapidly, pulling together via the force of their own gravity.
**Health**

**Hormone replacement linked to cancer**

AURORA, 23 Oct—Estrogen replacement therapy may spur ovarian cancer growth, US researchers say.

Researchers at the University of Colorado Cancer Centre in Aurora found estrogen caused ovarian cancer to not only grow five times faster in mice modeling estrogen receptor positive or ER+ ovarian cancer, but significantly increased the likelihood of the cancer spreading to the lymph nodes.

The study, published in Cancer Research, also found the estrogen-regulated genes in ovarian cancer reacted differently than ER+ genes found in breast cancer.

“Breast cancer and ovarian cancer are often linked when talking about hormone replacement therapy, but we found that only 10 percent of the ER+ genes overlapped,” Dr Monique Spillman, the study leader, said in a statement.

“We were able to identify estrogen-regulated genes specific to ER+ ovarian cancer that are not shared with ER+ breast cancers. We believe these genes can be specifically targeted with new anti-estrogen therapies that could more effectively treat ER+ ovarian cancers.”

Spillman and her team measured ovarian cancer growth in the abdomen of mice using a novel technique for visualizing the cancer. The cancer cells in mice with ER+ ovarian cancer could be tracked because they were tagged with a firefly-like fluorescent protein.

**Dogs may help children with autism**

MONTREAL, 23 Oct—Man’s best friend the dog may help children with autism lower anxiety, researchers in Canadian suggest.

Researchers at the Universite de Montreal suggest specifically trained service dogs help children with autism, lower anxiety and enhance socialization skills.

The study, published in Psychoneuroendocrinology, found the dogs lowered the children’s levels of cortisol, a hormone produced in response to stress. In addition, parents on average counted 33 problematic behaviors in their child prior to living with the dog and 25 while living with the animal.

“Our findings showed that the dogs had a clear impact on the children’s stress hormone levels. I have seen such a dramatic effect before,” Sonia Lupien said in a statement.

**Brains of new moms actually grow**

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Neuroscientist Pilyoung Kim, now with the National Institute of Mental Health, and colleagues found the brains of new moms grew in volume in areas linked to motivation and behavior.

In addition, mothers who pushed the most about their babies showed the greatest growth in these key parts of the mid-brain, the researchers say.

The brains of the women were measured high-resolution magnetic-resonance imaging on the brains of 19 women who gave birth at Yale–New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

A comparison of images taken before pregnancy and four to six months after birth showed that gray matter volume increased by a small but significant amount in various parts of the brain.

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**Business**

**Honda recalls 528,000 vehicles worldwide for brake defect**

CHICAGO, 23 Oct—Japanese automaker Honda Motor Co announced the recall of nearly 528,000 vehicles worldwide Friday due to a defect with the cylinder that holds brake fluid.—AP

“Since our suppliers have confirmed that there are no accidents or injuries related to the defect, the recall will begin Monday,” Honda spokeswoman Cynthia Ra told AFP.

The recall affects 2005 to 2007 model years of the Acura RL and Honda Odyssey vehicles built at Honda’s Saitama, Japan plant.

The bulk of the affected vehicles nearly 472,000 were exported to the United States. Honda is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to the defect, Ra said.

The recall comes a day after Toyota announced a safety recall of about 1.5 million vehicles worldwide to fix a brake fluid leak that it warned could gradually diminish braking performance. The defective cylinders were built by the same Ohio-based supplier, ADVICS, a Honda spokeswoman said.

**G20 summit moves closer to agreement on currencies**

GYEONGGI, 23 Oct—A summit of the world’s major economies is moving closer to an agreement on policies to reduce currency tensions that threaten the global recovery, a US official said.

But any accord from the meeting of Group of 20 finance ministers and central bank governors is unlikely to include language saying that emerging nations should move toward market-oriented exchange rates and refrain from competitive devaluations of their currencies, a US administration official said.

**India slaps Vodafone with 2.53 bln dollar tax demand**

NEW DELHI, 23 Oct—India slapped a 2.53-billion-dollar tax bill on British phone giant Vodafone on Friday over its 2007 purchase of an Indian mobile company and demanded payment within 30 days.

The formal demand is the latest development in Vodafone’s bitter row with Indian tax authorities over its 11.1-billion-dollar purchase of a 67-percent stake in Hong Kong-based Hutchison Whampoa Ltd’s Indian mobile unit.

Indian tax officials have called the long-running dispute a “test case.”

It is being closely watched by international investors with experts saying the case could have implications for big-ticket purchases of Indian firms by other foreign companies.

“The Income tax department today issued an order raising a tax demand of 112.17 billion rupees (2.53 billion dollars) on Vodafone International Holdings BV,” owned by Vodafone Group Plc., the tax office said in a statement.

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Lupien and colleagues measured cortisol levels in 42 children with autism in three experimental conditions prior to and during the introduction of a service dog to the family, and after the dog was removed.

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Religious verses recitation associations of ministries, regiments and units, and townships in Nay Pyi Taw District recited religious verses in turn from dawn to night. In the evening, lights were lit. At dawn, dawn meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and scents were offered to the Buddha images.

The whole day, the pagoda was teeming with Buddhist devotees observing precepts. Similarly, the pagodas, stupas and monasteries in the townships in Nay Pyi Taw District were lively with charities and religious rites. Pyinmana Township will hold its 92nd Hnakyekhsitsu (28 Buddhas) Festival on a grand scale at Hnakyekhsitsu religious building on Bogyoke Street at 6.30 pm tomorrow. Dawn meals and day meals were offered to the Shwedagon Pagoda, and Abhidhamma Day was observed on a grand scale. Lights were offered to the pagoda at night.

Likewise, Abhidhamma Day was celebrated on a grand scale at such pagodas in Yangon as Sule, Botataung, Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye, Maha Vijaya, Buddha’s Tooth Relic (Yangon), Shweponepwnyi, Kyakwaing, Lawka Chanta, Abhayalabha Muni Buddha Image, Kyaikkan, Melaung, Ngaktetkyi, Chaukhtatkyi, Koeltatkyi, Mogaung, Thanlyin Kyaikkhaung, Okkalapa, Myo U, Kyaikkalo and Kyaikka kale pagodas. Lights were offered to the Buddha images on the pagodas at nights.

Uppatasanti Pagoda teeming with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day).—MNA

Religious associations reciting religious verses at Mahawizaya Pagoda.—MNA

Abhidhamma Day observed at Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw illuminated on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — As today was Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day), a public holiday of Myanmar, the white elephant shed in the precinct of the Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda, where Baddawady White Elephant and Nandawady White Elephant are kept, and the pagoda were packed with visitors from near and far.

Similarly, Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden was crowded with visitors as well as staff families of various ministries. Particularly, the garden with colourful flowers and water fountain dances and waterfall attracted a large number of visitors.

In late evening, the whole Nay Pyi Taw was illuminated and the ministries, Nay Pyi Taw City Hall, General Post Office, Gems Museum, Myoma Market, Thabyaygon Market, Nay Pyi Taw Junction Centre and roundabouts were lighted with colourful bulbs and candles on the great occasion.

Abhidhamma Day observed at Kyakwaing Pagoda.—MNA

Visitors from various places are paying visit to Baddawady and Nandawady on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein opened Myanmar booth in the 7th China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning, Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in the People's Republic of China on 19 October. The minister accompanied by the directors-general of his ministry and the vice-presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry visited Myanmar national booth and booths of Myanmar businessmen. In the afternoon, the minister attended the opening of China-ASEAN Expo in the afternoon. He then attended the opening of the 7th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Expo.

The minister met Vice Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi and the director-general of Yunnan Province Commerce Department for promotion of bilateral trade in the evening. The minister also held discussions with Governor Mr Ma Biao of Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on economic cooperation, agricultural methods collaboration and handover and inauguration of Myanmar trade representative office in Nanning. Altogether 283 entrepreneurs from 103 national companies are displaying agricultural produce, pharmaceuticals, finished products of timber, handicrafts, jades and jewellery in the expo. During their stay in Nanning, Myanmar entrepreneurs visited agricultural machinery industries, electrical appliances industries, and seed-producing farms and also discussed with foreign entrepreneurs for business deals.

MNA
Let’s vote in elections

Mya Myinmo (Taunggyi)

The Union Election Commission has designated 7 November 2010 (Sunday) as the day for elections in order that constituents around the nation can choose people’s representatives.

Since 20 September 2010, the commission has stuck electoral rolls with Electoral Roll Form (1) on notice boards in offices of ward and village sub-commissions in order that citizens, associate citizens, naturalized citizens, and temporary certificate holders, who have attained 18 years of age, can participate in the elections.

Check electoral roll

The people ought to check voter rolls announced on 20 September 2010 to make sure that their roll numbers, names, citizenship scrutinization card numbers, parents’ names, and addresses are correct and their names are on the rolls. If an eligible voter finds his name on the electoral roll, keep the electoral roll number in mind. If he wants to amend or object any of the statements, he shall submit an application paper and objection papers.

If he does not find his name on the electoral roll, he may claim with form (3) to put his name on the roll. Nationals who are abroad or in other regions on duty, on business or to study for more than 180 days have to submit application forms with form (3-A). The sub-commission concerned has to cancel the names of such persons with form (3-B) or in order that the name of a voter is not on two voter rolls. If a voter wants to amend or object to some points in the voter roll, he shall submit an application form with form (4).

If a person who is going to migrate to another region submits Form (4-A) of the Commission along with Form (10) issued by the Immigration Department of his home town, the sub-commission will recommend that his name has been cancelled from the electoral roll with Form (4-B). When he arrives in the township he intends to live in, he has to submit his Form (10) issued by the Immigration Department of his new town to the Immigration Department of the new township. When the department of the new township issues Form (66/6) to him, he has to submit Form (3-A) together with Form (4-B) to ask to put his name on the voter roll. Then, he will get the right to vote.

So, voters need to check voter rolls in advance. Only then, can they do other things they have to do in time.

National Registration/Citizenship Scrutinization Card

If a voter finds that his name is on the voter roll and the statements about him are all correct, he also has to make sure that he has applied for or has got citizenship scrutinization card, or his citizenship scrutinization card is with him. Without citizenship scrutinization card any citizen cannot vote. So, relevant departments are issuing citizenship scrutinization cards to such persons as soon as possible. If it is too late for a person to make a citizenship scrutinization card, he has to make arrangements to vote with a temporary certificate.

Ballot Paper Token

One week to the elections, the ward sub-commission will issue ballot paper tokens after scrutinizing eligible voters of the ward in order to save time in the electoral process. The token states the electoral roll number of the voter on the electoral roll. Tokens are not to be put into the ballot box. The purpose is that the voter roll checker does not need to scrutinize the particulars of voters one by one. A voter just needs to put his signature on Form (1) electoral roll and draw a ballot paper. There are many wards, each of whose electorate number is more than 10,000. Otherwise, facts of 3000 voters are to be checked in a polling station.

Ballot Paper

Candidates who submitted applications to stand for hluttaw seats were scrutinized, and confirmed candidates have been announced constituency-wise since 13 September 2010. The Union Election Commission is now printing ballot papers.

A ballot paper states the hluttaw concerned, the name of the constituency’s candidate, his logo, and a square box, in which a voter can put a tick. According to the number of candidates to hluttaws, a ballot paper states logos and square boxes shown against their names in alphabetical order.

For instance, altogether five candidates compete for a hluttaw, their names and logos are stated in rows. Voters put ticks in boxes shown against the name of the candidate they favour. It is a ballot paper.

Ballot Box

Ballot boxes were made by the Union Election Commission, not by representatives of political parties. A ballot box is a 20” x 14” x 12” plastic container. But, some journals wrongly state that ballot boxes are of green, blue and violet colours.

On each white ballot box is a white paper sheet stating a line of words of one of the four colours.

- Pyithu hluttaw ballot box - green words
- Amyotha hluttaw ballot box - blue words
- Region (or) State hluttaw ballot box - violet words
- Region/State hluttaw (name of national race) nationalities hluttaw representative ballot box - violet words in violet frame

These four types of ballot boxes for four hluttaws will be set on tables separately in the polling booths.

Polling Hours/Date

Electorate may cast votes in respective polling stations from 6 am until 4 pm on 1st Waxing of Tazaungmone 1372 ME (7 November 2010) (Sunday).

Polling Station

The majority of polling stations are schools in wards and villages. Any religious buildings will not be used as polling stations. Based on the population of voters, the number of voters of a polling station ranges from 300 to 3000. A polling station has its compound with an entrance and an exit. Inside a polling station are four separate places: three for three hluttaws, and one for national race. Security members, the returning officer, deputy returning officer, members of ward/village sub-commission, election representative to the hluttaw candidate concerned, and representatives of polling station will be set in front of the entrance wall of the polling station.

At the tables in front of them will be electoral registration checkers and ballot paper distributors. When a voter enters the polling station and presents his ballot paper token to an electoral registration checker, and puts his signature in the box on the right side of Form (1), he will be issued a ballot paper. The first ballot paper he will get is the paper for Pyithu Hluttaw.

Beyond the ballot paper distributors are a ballot box, but not for putting the ballot paper into it. Beyond the ballot box are polling booths or sites in front of the wall opposite the entrance wall to cast votes for hluttaws. Based on the population of wards or villages, there are five polling areas, each of which is thoroughly walled three sides.

Electoral Process

A voter has to draw ballot papers for four hluttaws one after another: first for Pyithu hluttaw; second for Amyotha hluttaw; third for Region (or) State hluttaw; and last for Region/State hluttaw for national race representative. After drawing ballot papers, a voter has to enter a polling booth or area and put a tick in the square box shown against the name of the candidate he favours. Then, he has to fold the ballot paper and put it into the ballot box, in order that the tick he has put is not visible to anyone. No way, he accidentally puts a ballot paper into a wrong box. It is because every voter has to draw a ballot paper and put into the ballot box concerned. Only then will he be issued another ballot paper for another hluttaw.

After drawing a ballot paper, a voter has to check whether his fingers are dirty or not. If he needs to have a fingerprint, he should rub his fingers thoroughly with the piece of cloth the polling station has provided. He then has to take a fingerprint, he should rub his fingers thoroughly with the piece of cloth provided. He then has to take his ballot paper into a wrong box. It is because every voter has to draw a ballot paper and put it into the ballot box concerned. Only then will he be issued another ballot paper for another hluttaw.

According to Article 161 of State Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, in a Region or State, except the national races who have already obtained Region or Self-Administered Area in that Region or State, the national races, each of which is determined by the authorities concerned as having a population which constitutes 0.1 percent (about 57,000) and above of the population of the Union has the right to elect a national race representative.

For instance, Kayin nationals and Rakhine nationals in Yangon Region, Shan nationals in Mandalay Region, Bamar, Kachin, Inntha, Kayan (Padaung), Lahu, Akhbar and Lisu nationals in Shan State are the national races, each of whose population makes up 0.1 percent of the nation’s population. So, each of them will have the right to elect a national race representative.

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Let’s vote in elections

(from page 8)

I would like to amplify that. Kachin nationals have to vote for the ballot box of Kachin national race. Bamar nationals have to vote for the ballot box of Bamar national race.

So, in general, the people have to vote three times for three hluttaws. If a voter is a national of one of the above-mentioned national races, he has to vote four times.

Casting votes in advance

Those who will be occupied on the day of elections may vote in advance. Respective ward, village and township sub-commissions will issue in-advance ballot papers to the aged, severely sick people, hospitalized people, those in custody of police stations or in jails waiting for trial, those citizens who are in other townships or foreign countries on duty, on business or for further studies in order that they can cast votes through Myanmar embassies to those foreign countries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or other regions in Myanmar.

Cancelled votes

Any of the votes will be cancelled if they are not the ballot papers confirmed by the commission, if ballot papers do not have the returning officer’s signature on them, if a voter has voted for more than one candidate, if there is no tick on a ballot paper, if the tick is not clear enough or certain, if a ballot paper is a fake one, if there is a mark on a ballot paper with the intention of making known who the voter is, if a ballot paper has a cut in it, or is torn up.

Counting votes

When voters get into a polling station, it will be made clear in front of the returning officer, those responsible for the polling station, members of ward or village sub-commissions, representatives of candidates, and the people who are already in the polling station that the ballot boxes are empty. Then, the ballot boxes will be closed, taped, and set on the designated tables in sites where the ballot boxes are clearly visible to all.

If all the constituents have cast votes before 4 pm, the polling station can be closed, and the votes will be counted. If the voting process has not been completed yet at 4 pm, those voters in the compound of the polling station will be listed and allowed to cast votes. Those who arrive at the polling station after 4 pm are not allowed to enter the polling station or cast votes.

As soon as the voting process is over, ballot boxes will be opened and votes will be counted in front of all those responsible who have got inside the polling station before opening of the station, and about 10 eyewitnesses. In counting votes, Form (16) is for votes of candidates to hluttaws; Form (17), for cancelled votes; and Form (18), for votes in advance. The numbers of votes for each of the candidates will be recorded on Form (19). The returning officer will have to submit the results to Region or State sub-commissions through ward, township and district sub-commissions. Then, Region or State sub-commissions will announce the successful candidates as representatives-elect in accordance with the Election Rule.

If there is only one candidate in a constituency, measures will be taken for announcing him as the hluttaw representative. In such constituencies, there is no need to set ballot boxes, and local people do not need to cast votes. What is needed is to declare him as the representative-elect.

Notable points in casting votes

Every voter has to make sure that his fingers are not dirty while drawing ballot papers and casting votes; ballot papers are not stained, tick is to be put in the box shown against favoured candidate, there is no other marks or words in the ballot paper, the ballot paper is not to be torn up in folding it, the ballot paper is folded only in half, and ballot paper is not torn up in putting it into the ballot box.

Electoral crimes and punishments

Anyone who tears up the electoral rolls, destroys ballot paper and polling station, casts a vote pretending himself as other person, votes more than one time, puts a fake ballot paper into the ballot box, disturbs candidates, makes loud noises with an amplifier or shouts loud in the area 500 yards radius of the polling station, canvases for votes, and urges others to vote for the person he favours is liable for one year’s prison term, a fine of up to 100,000 kyats or both under Election Law. Anyone who makes a complaint against someone about those crimes is, if found guilty of making the complaint on purpose, liable to three years’ prison term or a fine of up to 300,000 kyats or both.

Conclusion

Therefore, I would like to urge the people to participate in the steps to democratization with a sense of electing reliable and responsible candidates to the hluttaws in the elections in the interest of the nation and the people.

Translation: MS

Let’s vote

* In the annals of history
  Goes down this promising age
  Votes we cast for candidates
  Chosen by ourselves

Beginning from here
  Shaping our own future
  Ushering us into
  A new democratic country

* Approved the great majority
  A new constitution
  Bonds of love
  Strong among Union brethren
  Undivided they are always
  In togetherness to future
  Enjoying rights
  Greater than ever

* The way is paved
  To have self determination
  For our nation
  And our cause
  Yowling together the saboteurs
  Trying to bar people from voting
  But always with correct conviction
  And in all seriousness and in harmony
  For national cause
  Let’s vote countrymen!

Maung Sein Naung-Lewe (Trns)
**Inland storm centred near Butalim likely to weaken**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct** — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 12.30 pm today, the inland storm crossing the central regions of Myanmar has abated into a moderate inland storm and is centered near Butalin, lower Sagaing Region. The inland storm continued to move northeastwards and is forecast to become less strong within 12 hours from this afternoon.

The inland storm is now at brown level and moving towards northeastwards from the central regions of Myanmar.

The wind speed in those regions is 60 mph and heavy rains are likely to be isolated. Squalls will be widespread along Rakhine coast and offshore areas with strong waves. Meanwhile, surface wind is 50 mph. — MNA

**Transport Minister receives personnel from Daewoo International Corporation**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct** — Minister for Transport U Thein Swe received Senior Vice President Mr Si Bo Joo of Daewoo International Corporation and party at the ministry here on 21 October.

The minister and the vice president frankly discussed transportation services of the two nations. — MNA

**Cyclone Giri centred near Salin Township, Magway Region**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct** — The severe cyclone Giri that crossed Rakhine coast continues to move northeastwards as an inland storm and is centred in a land (near Salin Township, Magway Region) about 100 miles northeast of Kyaukpyu at 3.30 am today. The inland storm is moving northeastwards and it is forecast to abate into a moderate storm within 12 hours from this morning.

The inland storm now is at brown level, moving towards Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Regions.

The wind speed in those regions is 60 mph and heavy rains are likely to be isolated. Squalls will be widespread along Rakhine coast and offshore areas with strong waves. Meanwhile, surface wind is 50 mph. — MNA

**Inland storm centred near Myaung southeast of Monywa**

**NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct** — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations recorded at 9.30 am today, the inland storm crossing the central regions of Myanmar is still centred near Myaung about 30 miles southeast of Monywa. It is moving northeastwards and it is forecast to abate into a moderate storm within 12 hours from this morning.

The inland storm now is at brown level, moving towards the central regions of Myanmar.

Under the influence of the inland storm, the wind speed in Kachin State, northern Shan State, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region is 50 mph. There is likelihood of strong wind with torrential rain. Therefore, ships and trawlers in storm-hit regions are warned to avert possible dangers of the natural disaster.

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**Public warning about possible landslide**

**Signs of landslide**

1. Windows and doors of the house are getting tight
2. Cracks appear in brick walls of the house
3. Cracks appear in concrete foundations of the house
4. Fences of the house move or turn down on one side
5. Cracks appear in concrete/hard roads
6. Cracks leak water that have not leaked water before
7. Brick walls, fences, lamp posts and trees come to sway and move
8. Faint sound at the beginning and the sound is louder when the landslide gets close to you

**Preparedness measures to be taken against landslide**

1. Listen to public warnings on radio and TV in order to know a possible landslide in advance
2. To seek knowledge signs of landslides
3. If signs of a landslide are noticed, go to a safe place in advance
4. If signs of a landslide are noticed, inform it to those in authority as soon as possible
5. If signs of a landslide are noticed, inform neighbour as soon as possible

**Measures to be taken after landslide**

1. Not to stay near the landslide
2. To take care as there might be another landslide in the scene
3. To cooperate with rescue teams to rescue victims
4. To give first aid to victims and rush them to nearest hospital or health centre as soon as possible
5. To remove rubbles and wreckage as soon as possible
6. Not to touch electric power lines on the ground

**Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 kicks off on 29 Oct**

**YANGON, 23 Oct** — Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 will be held from 29 to 31 October at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

Under the supervision of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association organized the first exhibition in 1999, hoping that it would somewhat contributed to development of IT in Myanmar.

PCs, accessories, latest electronics, communication devices and software will be on display at the exhibition. — MNA

**Minister for Transport U Thein Swe receives Senior Vice President Mr Si Bo Joo of Daewoo International Corporation and party.** — MNA

With Pyinnya Yaungchi Library opened on 15 October in the village, Yezin villagers in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District finally find intellectual nourishment. The library building was erected by A-1 Construction Company, District Peace and Development Council and donors from Yezin Village. — MNA
however, the town will be aided by the provincial assessed the damages caused by the tornado, said. 
Thursday noon, destroying houses, Rodriguez said that among the deaths there are one elder citizen, a 23-year-old woman, three youngsters and a baby. 

Among the injured people, 10 of them are in central Beijing 23 October, 2010. China’s daily crude steel output rose by 0.6 percent in early October from the previous month, industry data showed on Friday, as mills resumed production after state-enforced power curbs.

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Meanwhile, Pozo del Tigre’s Mayor Reinaldo Castillo said that to the moment they have not assessed the damages caused by the tornado, however, the town will be aided by the provincial government.
South Korean warning on eating octopus heads

SEOUL, 23 Oct — Authorities in the South Korean capital are trying to un-tangle themselves from a slimy row: how many octopus heads is it safe to eat? The dish is a firm favourite on the peninsula – for its apparent aphrodisiac qualities.

In September, the Seoul city government enraged restaurateurs and the fishing industry when it announced octopus heads contained hazardous amounts of cadmium, a carcinogen that poisons the liver and kidneys.

It advised against eating more than two heads a day.

Enraged fishermen threatened to sue the government and their cause caught the imagination of the public when MPs representing their constituents took an octopus into a national assembly session, causing laughter as it tried to escape the jar. Lee Wan-boom, a fisherman from the county of Muan, told the Korea JoongAng Daily that prices for octopus had halved since the government’s warning.

Octopus is popular in South Korea for its apparent aphrodisiac qualities. — Internet

Loose crocodile caused plane crash

KINSHASA, 23 Oct — A passenger plane crashed in the Democratic Republic of Congo in August when a crocodile escaped from a smuggler’s bag, causing a panic, the lone survivor says. The Daily Telegraph reported on Thursday the Czech-made LET L-410 Turbolet was on a flight from Kinshasa to Bandundu on 25 Aug when the reptile got out of the sports bag where it had been secreted.

“The terrified air hostess hurried towards the cockpit, followed by the passengers,” the investigation report stated. The stampede caused the plane to be sent off-balance “despite the desperate efforts of the pilot”, the report said. The aircraft plunged into a house near the Bandundu airport where it was heading. Twenty people on board died. The British newspaper said the crocodile survived the impact but was killed by someone with a machete.

Heart doctor sues hospital for millions

BALTIMORE, 23 Oct — A Maryland cardiologist, accused of performing unnecessary heart procedures, is suing the hospital where he worked for millions of dollars. Mark G Midei, 53, sued St Joseph Medical Centre in Towson and its parent organization, Catholic Health Initiatives, saying they inflicted “irreparable damage” to his medical practice through a “campaign of corporate deception, trickery and fraud,” The Baltimore Sun reported on Thursday.

Midei, who helped build the hospital’s reputation as a top cardiology center, but was removed from duty last year, says he was made a “decoy” by hospital administrators anxious to deflect the attention of federal regulators investigating the hospital’s relationship with Midei’s former employer, the Sun reported. — Internet

Women who dare to bare face fines of £500 in Italian town

NAPLES, 23 Oct — Women who wear skirts that are too short or who show too much cleavage face fines of up to £500 under new rules to be introduced by an Italian town mayor.

Ex-husband cared more about money, says heirress

LONDON, 23 Oct — The £100m (€112m) heirress who won a landmark ruling over her divorce claimed on Thursday that her ex-husband was motivated by money. Katrin Radmacher made legal history this week when the British Supreme Court recognised the validity of a prenuptial agreement between her and Nicolas Granatino. Before getting married in 1998, they had agreed not to seek a penny from each other if the relationship collapsed, but on their separation six years later he sought a financial deal.

On Thursday, Miss Radmacher, (41) who is German, said she was relieved that the “nightmare” was over. “Looking back, I don’t think he would have married me if I didn’t have a penny,” she said. “I think he cared a lot more about the money and that motivated him much more than it did me. I didn’t see the truth at the time, but it is obviously very painful. “I fell head over heels with him. I was madly in love and we married too quickly, before I had really got to know him.”

Israel’s new prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, took his 525 opponents simultaneously on Thursday in an attempt to break the Guinness world record, currently held by arch foes Iran. — Internet

Briton kidnapped and tortured in Portugal over ‘unpaid debts’

LISBON, 23 Oct — A British man had an ear, two fingers and three toes cut off after being kidnapped in Portugal and tortured for 13 days over an alleged debt. James Ross, from Wick in the Scottish Highlands, was allegedly kept captive in a cage after being lured to the Algarve on 5 October. Reports in Portugal suggested that the 26-year-old owed his captors £10,000 and had been told he could pay it off by working for them. But he was kidnapped upon arrival at Faro airport.

According to one local newspaper, Correio da Manha, Mr Ross escaped from his prison – hidden in a villa in the village of Boliqueime, near the town of Loule – on Monday, and was found bleeding in the street by a local man, Carlos Pereira. Mr Pereira told the newspaper: “He came staggering towards me asking me to stop, waving his arms in the air.”

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Woman drove around with body for months

A California woman who befriended a homeless woman and let her sleep in her car told police she didn’t know where to turn when the woman unexpectedly died — so she drove the body around for months along with a box of baking soda to hide the smell, authorities said Thursday.

Officers with the Costa Mesa police found the unidentified body Monday after getting a call about a car partially blocking a driveway, Sgt Ed Everett told The Associated Press. When officers arrived, they noticed a stench and saw a leg poking out from a blanket and some clothes, he said.

The partially mummified remains consisted of mostly skin and bones and weighed about 30 pounds, he said.

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World’s longest cat — Stewie measures 4 feet

The world’s longest cat, a five-year-old Maine Coon named Stewie, was certified as the new Guinness World Record holder when it measured 48 1/2 inches from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail bone.

That’s a little more than 4 feet long. The record was previously held by another Maine Coon that measured 48 inches.

Stewie’s owners, Robin Hendrickson and Erik Brandness, say they decided to try for the record after hearing countless people say they were amazed by Stewie’s length.

1,810-pound Wis pumpkin named world’s heaviest

Guinness World Records has confirmed that a massive pumpkin grown in Wisconsin is officially the world’s heaviest.

The gourd grown this year by Chris Stevens of New Richmond tips the scales at 1,810.5 pounds. That’s 85 pounds heavier than the previous record, a 1,725-pound pumpkin grown last year in Ohio.

Stevens’ pumpkin has a circumference of 186.5 inches, or more than 15 feet. When turned on its side, the pumpkin is more than waist-high to an average-size person.

Stevies unveiled his pumpkin earlier this month at the Stillwater Harvest Fest in Minnesota.

He said at the time his secret is a precise mixture of sunshine, rain, cow manure, fish emulsion and seaweed.

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Victim takes fake weapon and beats would-be robber

Police said a man using a fake gun in a San Fernando Valley stickup was beaten with the prop weapon when the would-be victim took it from him.

Los Angeles police Sgt Jeff Collado told City News Service on Thursday that the attempted robbery suspect was bloodied and he was hospitalized. His name hasn’t been released.

The sergeant said the man confronted the would-be victim at 11:40 pm Wednesday in the valley’s Winnetka area 25 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. The intended victim, whose name is being withheld, disarmed him and used the fake weapon to beat him.

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**Chelsea 2-0 Wolverhampton Wanderers**

LONDON, 23 Oct—Chelsea moved five points clear at the top of the table with victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Florent Malouda put Chelsea in front in the 23rd minute when he finished off a cross from Yury Zhirkov.

**Wigan Athletic 1-1 Bolton Wanderers**

Wigan Athletic's Jordi Gomez shields the ball from Bolton Wanderers' Chung Yong Lee. Internet

LONDON, 23 Oct—Honours ended even between Wigan Athletic and Bolton Wanderers at the DW Stadium.

Wigan and Bolton both extended their unbeaten Barclays Premier League runs as they had to settle for a point apiece.

After a first half notable mainly for a serious-looking injury to James McCarthy, it was the hosts who took the lead with 59 minutes gone as a lovely move involving Charles N'Zogbia and Franco Di Santo ended with Hugo Rodallega beating Jussi Jaaskelainen.

But Bolton took only seven minutes to get back on level terms. Johan Elmander netting his fifth goal of the season, as the Trotters made it five matches unbeaten and Wigan four.

Internet

**Howard’s howler rescues Spurs against Everton**

LONDON, 23 Oct—A Tim Howard blunder helped Tottenham grab a 1-1 draw against Everton and move up to third place in the Premier League standings.

Everton, buoyed by their victory over Liverpool in the Merseyside derby last week, got off to a dream start after 17 minutes when Leighton Baines curled in a superb 25-yard free-kick to silence the White Hart Lane crowd.

There appeared to be little danger when Spurs fullback Alan Hutton swung in an innocuous-looking cross from the right.

Howard advanced off his line but instead of punching to safety could only graze the ball onto Peter Crouch, who guided back across the face of goal for in-form Dutchman Rafael Van der Vaart who hammered home the equaliser.

Yet despite enjoying plenty of possession for the remainder of the game, Harry Redknapp’s men were unable to penetrate a well-organised Everton line-up.

“They’re a good side. You don’t get an easy game with Everton, you never do,” Redknapp told Sky Sports afterwards.

“We had the better of the chances but I’m happy with a point … to come back from 1-0 down again shows tremendous character.” Internet

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**Benzema confident he will shine at Real**

MADRID, 23 Oct—Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema is confident he will get the chance to shine at the Spanish giants and has dismissed reports that he does not get along with new coach Jose Mourinho.

“I am working hard to earn more playing time. Once I play people will see what I am capable of. I am sure I will succeed with Real Madrid. I don’t have a single doubt,” he said in comments published Friday on Real’s website.

“If I have to defend and run, I will. That is fine. I will work harder to play more and to prove to everyone that I am a good forward that can score a lot of goals and play pretty football.

“Mourinho is a great coach and he has faith in me. He has told me that I need to run more. What I like most about him is that he is daring. He is one of the best coaches I have had,” he added. Internet

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**Federer fights into Stockholm semis**

STOCKHOLM, 23 Oct—Crowd-pleaser Roger Federer staged an heroic recovery from a set and a break down against fellow Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka to reach the semi-finals of the Stockholm Open 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 as home favourite Robin Soderling crashed out. Hopes of a potential elite final between the tournament’s top two evapo- rated as Soderling went down to defeat against German outsider Florian Mayer 7-6 (10/8), 6-1.

Federer’s patchy game in the first set was unrecognisable from the powerhouse comeback which suddenly snapped into place as he trailed a set and 0-2 and which carried him to victory in just under two hours. “It was looking pretty bad,” said Federer. “Stan was looking really good. Things were going quickly for me, I had no timing and was shanking balls.

“He was dominating, it was tough for me to stay in it. But I tried, I got lucky and all of a sudden I was back in the match. I fought my way out of this and I’m excited to be in the semis.” Internet
Grounded UK nuclear submarine towed free

LONDON, 23 Oct—A new British nuclear-powered submarine was towed free after running aground off the coast of northwest Scotland on Friday.

 HMS Astute, the first of a new class of nuclear-powered submarines that was undergoing sea trials, became snagged on rocks off the Isle of Skye in an embarrassing incident for the Royal Navy. The Navy had to wait for hours for high tide before tugs could tow the advanced submarine to deeper water. “Two tugs attached lines to her and pulled her free at high tide,” a Royal Navy spokesman said. The submarine will be closely examined for any damage, he said.

 HMS Astute, commissioned into the Navy in August, is nuclear-powered but does not carry nuclear weapons. Britain’s nuclear missiles are carried aboard four Vanguard-class submarines.

“This is not a nuclear incident,” a Ministry of Defence spokesman said earlier. “There are no injuries to personnel and the submarine is watertight.” The submarine got stuck, for unknown reasons, during a routine exchange of crew members.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (22:00) hrs MST Yesterday, very Severe the Cyclonic storm “GIRI” over East Bay, Central Bay of Bengal and adjoining Northeast crossed Rakhine Coast near Kyaukpyu and downgraded into storm over land. According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, Storm over Central of Myanmar has moved to Northeast ward and downgraded into a land depression centered near Batalin. It is continued to moved Northeastwards and gradually weaken within (12)hrs commencing this afternoon. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North and East Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 24th October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of locally heavy falls in Rakhine State Lower Sagarin, Mandalay, Magway Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional Squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (45-50) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-10-2010: Some rain or thunderstorms at times heavy rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-10-2010: Some rain or thunderstorms at times heavy rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

WEATHER

Saturday, 23rd October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hr. MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan States and Taninthayi Region and Widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and Magway Region and isolated heavy falls and Chin and Mon States, Lower Sagarin Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.76) inches, Kyaukpyu (13.54) inches, Myitkyina (9.13) inches, Myitkyina (7.44) inches, Pyin (7.17) inches, Kyaukhto (6.28) inches, Paung (5.59) inches Saw (3.35) inches, Htilin (3.31) inches, Kyekedaw (3.99) inches, Haka (2.32) inches, Monywa (1.69) inches and Pookhla (1.06) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 22-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-10-2010 was (106%). Rainfall on 23-10-2010 was (Tr). Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 22-10-2010 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 23-10-2010 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-10-2010 was (82%). Total sunshine on 22-10-2010 was (06) hours.

Rainfall on 23-10-2010 was (0.31) inch at Mingladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 22-10-2010.

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Low pressure area clears

Mandalay Region sub-commission coordinates electoral process

Inland storm reduced to green level, abating

Due to influence of the low pressure area, torrential rains are likely to be widespread in Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Regions and there is likelihood of isolated heavy rains. Squalls are likely to be widespread along Rakhine State and offshore areas with likelihood of moderate to strong waves. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 mph.

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — Mandalay Region Subcommission held a work coordination meeting on electoral process at its office on 21 October. Chairman of the subcommission U Aung Htut delivered a speech and dealt with matters for drawing a work programme for preparedness measures against natural disaster for successful holding of multi-party democracy general elections, scrutinizing work in distributing ballot papers district-wise, and holding elections under supervision of members of the sub-commission. The members reported on work progress district-wise. The chairman responded to the reports and gave concluding remarks.

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