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Development of transport sector goes hand in hand with other economic, education, health and social sectors

Senior General Than Shwe on inspection tour of Bogale, Pyapon and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected development of Bogale, Pyapon and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, ministers, and departmental heads, left Yangon for Bogale of Ayeyawady Region at 9:30 am by helicopter.

The Senior General and party welcomed there by Ayeyawady Region PDC Chairman Commander of South-West Command Brig-officials. The Senior General and party arrived at the briefing hall of Bogale township hospital (100-bed) construction project. There, the Senior General heard a report by Chairman of Htoo Trading Co., Ltd U Tay Za on facts about the hospital and construction of four main wards.

In response to the reports, the Senior General instructed them to build the new hospital systematically and renovate the old hospital so as to use it as outpatient ward.

After that, the Senior General and party looked into the construction site of Bogale Township Hospital (100-bed) and scale model of the hospital. The hospital is located on 31.9 acres of land and its floor area is 57,440 square feet. It has four main wards—Outpatient Department, General Medical Ward, OG and Paediatric Ward and Osteopathy Ward and Operation Theater. Its main ward is 222 feet x 62 feet and its patient wards are 222 feet x 52 feet each.

In meeting with town elders and departmental officials from Bogale, the Senior General and party asked them of social and economic conditions, and cordially greeted them. The Senior General and party inspected development of Bogale in a motor cade. They then proceeded to Bogale River-crossing Bridge construction project, which is being implemented by Special Bridge Construction Group (5) of Public Works.

At the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported to the Senior General on facts about the construction project. Bogale river-crossing bridge will link Bogale-Setsan-Huwpaing-Ahma road and Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road, which include in Ayeyawady Region road network project.

Thanks to the bridge, people will have easy access to Mawlamyinegyun, Kyonemange and Myaungmya through Bogale.

The bridge is on Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road. It is 3766 feet in length and 28 feet in width and can withstand 75 tons of load. (See page 6)

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

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

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

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects Bogale river-crossing bridge construction project.—MNA
**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Do not waste unique opportunity to vote**

Multiparty democracy general elections are drawing near. The government has to take a long time to put into reality the State’s seven-point Road Map it has laid down for democratization, coping with a large variety of challenges and disturbances. The people have long waited to enjoy the fruits of the process.

Now, Myanmar is poised to become a democracy as a result of harmonious efforts of the government and the people.

Certain foreign media and organizations that have not contributed towards the democratization and cannot bear the thought of the potential for successful transformation into democracy system are dissuading the people from casting votes in elections.

Voting right is bestowed upon every citizen, so disrupting elections is nothing more than anti-democratization activists.

The people are to remain cohesive at the beginning of democratization and vigilant against schemes to undermine national unity.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are therefore to collectively ward off any attempts to deal a shattering blow to the elections.

In the elections, the people have to make their choice for their future. Each and every eligible voter is urged to elect trustworthy candidates with a sense of serving national interest, instead of wasting the golden opportunity to vote.

**Fire at oil spill in Pakokku Tsp leaves 14 dead**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Oct**—A fire broke out in Pakokku Township, Magway Region yesterday evening, killing 14 and burning 107. The pipeline carrying crude oil from Thagyitaung oilfield to Ayedaw oilfield broke off and oil spilled out at the mile post no. 22/4 on Myitkye-Seikpyu road near Ayadaw oilfield carrying crude oil from Thagyitaung oilfield to Ayadaw oilfield broke off and oil spilled out at the mile post no. 22/4 on Myitkye-Seikpyu road near Nyaunghla Village. Nyaunghla Village-tract at about 8 pm yesterday.

A fire broke out while about 200 villagers from such nearby villages as Nyaunghla, Nyaunghnbin, Theintaw and Aigyi villages were from such nearby villages as Nyaunghla, Nyaunghnbin, Theintaw and Aigyi villages were putting off the fire. A total of 121 were burnt from serious burns and others are still receiving treatment.—MNA

**Myanmar Arts and Science Academy holds paper reading session**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Oct**—Myanmar Arts and Science Academy held paper reading session, the tenth of the academy at Yangon University this morning.

Present were chairman and executive members of MASA, personnel from Myanmar Medical Academy, Myanmar Science Association, Myanmar Agriculture, Forest and Livestock Association, rectors, professors, faculty heads, scholars, lecturers and enthusiasts.

**Commander inspects rubber and teak plantations**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Oct**—Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win, accompanied by officials concerned, inspected rubber, teak and ironwood plantations along Pathein-Thalakthaw-Mawtison Road on 19 October.

The commander then inspected the site chosen for construction of a bridge across Hmanggyi Creek. He then visited local military headquarters of Hainggyikyun Township and met officials, other ranks and their families.

The commander inspected monsoon paddy farm of the military headquarters and cultivation and livestock breeding of families of the Tatmadawmen. On 20 October, the commander inspected conditions of roads and bridges on Labutta-Thongwa-Ottwin-Haikzun road section and development of Ottwin, Go nthaya, Kyaukkalek, Zichang and Pyithaya villages.

**WFP Representative presents entrustment and accreditation letter to FM**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Oct**—Mr. Carlos Alberto Lopes Veloso, newly-appointed Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to Myanmar paid a courtesy call on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

He presented to the minister the entrustment and accreditation letter from the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP).

**Giri victims provided with cash and kind**

**Yangon, 25 Oct**—Wellwishers donated cash and kind for Giri victims through the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at Fire Services Department on Ouakponeseik Street, Yangon Township here today.

**Earthquake jolts**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 25 Oct**—A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about (10) miles Southwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (22) hrs (23) min (02) sec M.S.T. on 24th October, 2010.—MNA
Bomb kills five people in Pakistan

Shrines in Pakistan. Militants often target Sufis, whose mystical practices clash with their hardline interpretations of Islam.

The dead from Monday’s attack included at least one woman, said Maher Aslam Hayat, a senior government official in the Pak Pattan district where the shrine is located. At least 13 others were wounded in the explosion, he said.

The blast damaged several shops outside the shrine, said Hayat. But the shrine itself, which is dedicated to a 12th century Sufi saint, was largely unscathed, he said.

After the attack, a top Sufi scholar, Mufti Muneebur Rehman, criticized the government for not doing enough to protect the Sufi population. Pakistan is 95 percent Muslim, and the majority practice Sufi-influenced Islam.

“Our rulers are too busy serving foreign masters and have not prioritized protecting the people and sacred places from terrorists,” said Rehman.

Earlier this month, two suspected suicide bombers attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan’s largest city, Karachi, killing at least eight people and wounding 65 others.

Gunbattle in northern Mexico kills three bystanders

Ciudad Juarez, 25 Oct—Three bystanders died in the crossfire of a shootout between gunmen, police and soldiers in northern Mexico on Sunday.

The victims were a 14-year-old boy and two women aged 18 and 47, according to a statement by the prosecutors’ office in northern Coahuila state.

The statement said gunman traveling in two vehicles opened fire on a convoy of federal police and soldiers in the city of Saltillo, Coahuila. The officers and soldiers returned fire.

It was not clear who fired the shots that killed the bystanders, but the state attorney general’s office said it was investigating and expressed condolences to the victims’ families.

“They are civilians who unfortunately died in the exchange of gunfire,” it said, describing a running series of confrontations between police and assailants who allegedly fired shots into the air to clear bystanders from their path at one point.

China paper slams US after WikiLeaks claims

BEIJING, 25 Oct—China’s state media on Monday said the revelations in Iraq war documents published by WikiLeaks has tarnished the credibility of the United States as a protector of human rights.

The comments in the China Daily came after Beijing criticised a report by a commission of US lawmakers and government officials that condemned an “increasingly harsh” crackdown by Beijing on rights activists and lawyers.

The documents published by the whistleblowing website WikiLeaks appear to show that the US military turned a blind eye to evidence of torture and abuse of civilians by the Iraqi authorities.

“The magnitude of the crimes should make every righteous person angry. It again puts big question mark against the US self-proclaimed image as the world human rights champion,” the China Daily said in a commentary.

“For years, the US has been wielding the banner of human rights to criticize others, especially developing countries,” it said.

“However, the US refuses to either clarify or rectify its own human rights violations as recorded by the WikiLeaks documents,” it said, adding the documents let the world see through US “unilateralism and double standards”.

Service member killed in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Oct—NATO says that an militant attack in eastern Afghanistan has killed one of its service members.

Monday’s statement did not provide further details of the death that occurred a day earlier.

The Afghan militia has traditionally been fiercest in the country’s south and east, along the border with Pakistan. NATO and Afghan troops have been trying to wrest back control of the southern provinces from the Taliban since July, but attacks and roadside bombs are still daily occurrences.

The death brings the number of international service members killed this month to 50.
China welcomes WTO ruling on US regulation

BEIJING, 25 Oct—China welcomed the World Trade Organization’s (WTO) ruling that United States imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties on four types of Chinese imports was inconsistent with WTO regulations, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said Saturday.

The four categories of Chinese imports include standard steel pipe, rectangular steel pipe, laminated woven sacks, and off-road tires, according to an online statement posted on the MOC’s website. In a report released Friday, the WTO’s dispute settlement body found that the US department of Commerce had acted inconsistently with WTO rules on five elements of the case, which China filed to the WTO in 2008.

The US should conduct trade remedy investigations strictly in accordance with the WTO regulations, an unnamed official from the MOC’s Department of Treaty and Law said in the statement.

Australia to assess Iraq Wikileaks papers

CANBERRA, 25 Oct—A defence task force will investigate the impacts of the latest leaked military documents to have on Australia, Defence Force announced on Sunday.

The leak added more than 15,000 unreported civilian deaths in previously unknown incidents, taking the overall civilian death toll in Iraq war to more than 150,000.

According to Australian Defence Minister Stephen Smith, the task force would be tasked with going through the latest leaked documents.

“The great danger of releasing such unauthorized information is that it does prejudice the security of our operations. It enables people to have an insight into them,” he told the Nine Network on Sunday.

China finishes Mars orbiter technical plan

BEIJING, 25 Oct—China has drawn up a technical plan for an independent Mars orbiter exploration project, according to China’s space technology expert.

The project will launch in 2007, the expert said.

The technologies likely to be used including ones to boost the satellite’s payload capability and exploration accuracy were already quite advanced, according to the expert.

The earliest possible launch date for the orbiter was 2013, Huang Jiangchuan, scientist with the CAST, told China’s state broadcaster China Central Television on Thursday.

Massive solar plant to start construction in California

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct—Ground is to be broken for a massive solar thermal plant in California Mojave Desert of the United States next week, it was reported on Saturday.

The nearly two-billion-dollar project is the first of its kind to be built on federal land and also the first to have slogged through myriad environmental, financial and technical issues that future solar projects are likely to face as well, the Los Angeles Times said.

“There are so many precedents being set, since we’re the first ones through the hoop on this,” said Todd Stewart, the development manager for the project, known as the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System.

Spanning about 3,600 acres (about 1,458 hectares) and involving 346,000 mirrors, each about the size of a billboard, the project represents the clean energy and employment bonanza that California needs, the paper noted. Construction of the facility will start next Wednesday and is expected to be completed in 2013.

The installation will be in three phases, each with roughly 116,000 mirrors arranged in circles around a 460-foot-tall “power tower.” The mirrors, or heliostats, focus the sun’s rays onto the tower. The heat turns fluid inside the tower into steam, powering a turbine. The plant is expected to produce 370 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 140,000 homes. The power will be sold to Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Canada launches scholarships initiative to aid quake-hit Haiti

OTTAWA, 25 Oct—Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Saturday the launch of the Canada-Haiti Scholarships Initiative in an effort to help Haitian students resume studies in the aftermath of the earthquake that occurred in January.

In a statement issued in Montreux, Switzerland, where he is attending the 13th Francophonie Summit, Harper said Canada has played an important role in contributing to an effective and coordinated response to the earthquake. “Today’s initiative will help promote education in Haiti, contributing to the country’s long-term development and prosperity,” he added.

Following the 12 January earthquake that struck Haiti with a profound effect on its education system, academic institutions, students, faculty and administration, the government of Canada, as part of its response to this natural disaster, developed the scholarships initiative.

These scholarships will give 85 students and faculty members the opportunity to study in Canada for one or two semesters. An additional 30 students will have the opportunity to pursue a certificate programme through distance education. The initiative will also fund 20 innovative projects offering vocational and academic training to Haitian students and faculty.

HAIKOU, 25 Oct—The world’s smallest teapot was installed on the beach in Haidiandao Island, Haikou City, south China’s Hainan Province, 25 October.

Friendship transcends species.

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A man drives a vintage car alongside the Rio de la Plata, or Silver River, in the historic quarters of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay, Saturday, 23 Oct, 2010. Colonia del Sacramento is one of Uruguay’s popular tourist destinations and was founded in 1680 by Portuguese colonizers.——INTERNET
India, Japan PMs to confirm trade pact

Tokyo, 25 Oct—India’s prime minister on Monday kicked off talks in Japan where the population giant and the high-tech nation planned to confirm a trade pact and push efforts for civilian nuclear cooperation.

The two premiers were due to declare the completion of talks on an economic partnership agreement (EPA), with a formal signing expected early next year, under which most tariffs would be phased out within a decade.

Another key agreement long sought by New Delhi, on civilian nuclear cooperation, is however a little further off, and not expected to be signed during Singh’s three-day visit or the next few months.

Japan and India launched talks in June on a pact that would allow Tokyo to export its cutting-edge nuclear power technology to the energy-hungry South Asian nation, a hotly contested market for atomic plants.

But Japan — the only country to have suffered atomic bombings and a key voice in global denuclearisation efforts — is worried by the fact that nuclear-armed India has not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The start of talks on civilian nuclear cooperation brought cries of protest in Japan from survivors of the US atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the final days of World War II.

However, Japan’s energy industry is keen to help build nuclear plants for India, a huge market where it is competing with US and French suppliers.

HP unveils ‘Slate 500’ tablet computer for professionals

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—Hewlett-Packard unveiled a Windows-powered touchscreen tablet computer on Friday aimed at professionals, the latest entry into a growing market dominated by Apple’s iPad.

The “HP Slate 500,” which features an 8.9-inch (22.6-centimetre) screen, slightly smaller than the iPad’s 9.7-inch (24.6-cm) display, costs 800 dollars, about the same price as the top-of-the-line iPad.

While the iPad is aimed more at consumers, HP is targeting its device at business customers and touting its ability to handle document spreadsheets and applications from Microsoft.

HP described the Slate 500 as the “ideal PC for professionals who don’t usually work at a traditional desk, yet need to stay productive in a secure, familiar Windows environment.”

“The ability to easily incorporate custom business applications differentiates this product and ultimately enhances the user experience and saves time for HP’s business and enterprise customers,” it said in a statement.

The Slate 500 weighs 1.5 pounds (0.68 kilos), the same as the iPad, and runs Windows 7, the latest version of Microsoft’s computer operating system. It has two cameras — one still and one video — and a USB port that allows a user to connect a keyboard, mouse or printer.

The Slate 500 offers Wi-Fi connectivity to the Internet but does not have 3G cellular access. It will be available only in the United States for the time being.

Boy in custody after 2 joyrides in 2 days

MARIAN, 25 Oct—An 11-year-old boy led a dozen police cars in pursuit as he “drove in circles” around this small South Carolina town on a joy ride, the first of two this week that landed him in juvenile jail, police said Thursday.

The youngster, a fourth-grade student, was not identified because of his age. Marion Police Lt. Farmer Blue said the boy is accused of driving off Monday evening in a fire department pickup truck that had been parked after an exercise near a training area.

“He put us on a real chase,” Blue said in a telephone interview. “We had a line of cars after him.”

Blue said the youngster led officers on a 45-minute chase around the city Monday evening, never exceeding 45 mph during a pursuit that stayed within Marion limits.

“He blew through stop signs. He drove in circles,” Blue said. The boy stopped only after he’d driven by his home several times and his mother recognized him when she came out to see what was going on, according to the officer.

“He stopped after his mother jumped in front of the truck,” Blue added.

Adobe launches Project Rome

LOS ANGELES, 25 Oct—Adobe has launched Project Rome, a new all-in-one content creation and publishing application targeted to consumers, small businesses, and educators. Designed as an easy-to-use tool for non-professionals, it provides a way for the general public to create rich multimedia documents without having to purchase or learn complicated desktop publishing, design, Web creation, or multimedia applications.

This product lets users produce printed, electronic, and Web-based documents featuring integrated graphics, photos, text, video, audio, animation, and interactivity. The cross-platform application is available both as an Adobe AIR desktop programme and as a browser-based Web service. Project Rome offers output in formats such as PDF, SWF, JPG, PNG, SVG, or FXG or Web files for either Adobe or third-party-hosted Website.

Users can create projects ranging from printed materials like flyers, business cards, and reports to interactive documents, basic Websites, and animations. Adobe envisions Rome being used in the workplace for presentations, marketing materials, online advertising, and Websites. Individuals and families can use Project Rome for vacation updates, family Websites, party invitations, digital scrapbooks, CD and DVD covers, and other personal projects.

Educators can use a special version of Project Rome in classroom settings to help convey complex topics visually.
Development of transport sector goes hand ...

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In his reports on road and bridge construction of 11 roads included in Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project, the Construction Minister said that the Head of State gave guidance on implementation of Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project due to loss and damages caused by cyclone Nargis on 2 May, 2008 in Ayeyawady Delta Region.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction started construction of three roads on 9 June, 2008. Now, 11 roads are under construction in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State on construction of another eight roads during his inspection tours, he added.


Of 508 bridges, 456 have been built on the roads. 48 bridges are under construction and four are left to be done.

Altogether 24 construction groups are implementing the project in cooperation with 25 companies.

The Senior General said that transport sector of Ayeyawady Region is on the right track to development as the road network project being built by the State in Ayeyawady Region and bridge construction on the road network is nearing cent per cent completion. The Senior General instructed to upgrade the roads to become all-weather roads, to choose a road with hard base in order to build a concrete road as an example for building of concrete roads that can contribute to better transport in a short time in place of tarred roads.

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction site of hospital (100-bed) in Bogale.—MNA

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Next, the Senior General observed the charts showing work progress of road network project and gave necessary instructions.

Then the Head of State and party inspected the worksite of construction of Bogale river crossing bridge from the view deck.

The Senior General and party then flew to Pyapon where they were welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Col Khin Maung Win of local station and officials.

The Senior General and party looked into progress of Pyapon People’s Hospital (annex) in Pyapon District for 2010-11 and opening of basic education schools and construction of cyclone shelters.

Next, the Head of State put some questions for his knowledge and gave guidance.

Although Ayeyawady Region was hit by storm Nargis in May of 2008 experiencing loss and damage, the local people’s businesses such as farming, marine and salt could be regenerated in the shortest time and all the situations had been returned to normal thanks to the efforts of the entire people.

The government fulfilled the basic needs of the people living in this region. The local people themselves are to work hard for improvement of their socioeconomy. It is easy for this region to earn income as it has already had enough natural resources to tap.

The important point is that they only need to spend the income they earn in a beneficial way by avoiding squandering. Only then will they improve their socioeconomy.

Global climatic conditions have changed and they are no longer normal like in the past. So, it is necessary to continue taking preparedness and preventive measures against natural disaster. For example, measures need to be taken to maintain the houses built by the State for their long-term durability.

Better transport plays a fundamental role in regional development. In other words, better transport is the basic requirement for progress. Development of the transport sector goes hand in hand with other economic, education, health and social sectors.

For the better road transport of Ayeyawady delta region, 11 major roads of 520 miles and 7 furlongs have been built. Furthermore, a total of 508 small and large bridges are being built along the roads and they are now nearing completion.

The government is trying for the betterment of road transport by spending a huge sum of money with the aim of improving the socioeconomic life of the locals day by day. Therefore, the people on their part are urged to continue to work hard for achieving success and progress from the time of present generation to posterity. —MNA

Tatmadaw (Navy) rescues two storm-hit foreign vessels

According to the investigation, the fishing vessel, based in Malaysia, is owned by MTO Co Ltd doing joint-venture business with Myanmar.

According to the second message, another ship conducted a search and found cargo ship MV Phuchaingmon owned by a Vietnamese company with Panama registration on a rock. The Tatmadaw naval ship rescued the 26 crew members who sustained no injuries. Measures are being taken to hand over the crew members of the two vessels to the organizations concerned and necessary assistance is being rendered to them. —MNA
Uncle Phyo: Hi Maung Deh Doe! I am expecting you. As you know the elections are drawing nearer and scores of remarks from various angles are appearing, we like ordinary people are getting confused. I have some questions concerning the elections.

Maung Deh Doe: Yes, Uncle Phyo, what do you want to know?

Phyo: So many! There are calls to stay away from casting votes or to boycott certain parties. There are many independent candidates in addition to a large number of parties. There are so many candidates. We even don’t know the names of Hluttaws (parliaments) and their exact number. Besides, we will have to cast votes for… ah… nationalities candidates? Or… ah… minorities? I have no idea how to call them. There will be a number of ballot boxes. Some are totally perplexed deciding to stay at home on the elections day. So, my first question is “Why do we have to cast vote? Will the elections make all the difference to us?”

Doe: Yes, maybe a bit confusing. Actually, it is the first-ever multiparty democracy election. In fact, we will have to choose members of the three legislative Hluttaws—the Region or the State Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. In general, voters will have to choose two members for each township at the Region or the State Hluttaw level. For every national race whose population is 0.1 percent (1/1000) and above of the national population and who have no self-administered area in the Region or State concerned will have to elect one representative of their own race. Voters will have to elect one member of the Pyithu Hluttaw for each of the townships, and 12 members of the Amyotha Hluttaw from every Region or State. Equality is ensured for all regions and states regardless of their sizes. Tatmadaw representatives numbering one third of the elected members will also be participating in hluttaws at different levels. They will be elected by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Phyo: What will be the functions of those hluttaws and what are the elected members going to do for us?

Doe: Hluttaws will present bills concerning the national affairs and discuss whether to pass them or not. After the discussions, decisions will be made through voting. An approved bill becomes a law and it comes into force after the President has signed it. The Chief Minister will have to sign the bill in a Region or a State Hluttaw. As these hluttaws make laws, they are called legislative hluttaws. A Region or a State Hluttaw deals with its own legislative affairs. Self-administered areas have been designated for the national races with sizable populations in the respective localities. Leading bodies of the self-administered areas are entrusted with legislative power. The legislative power is entrusted from the Union level to Region or State, self-administered division and self-administered area.

Go away! Don’t disturb. We won’t allow you to destroy democracy which is now within reach. Don’t attempt to puncture the big drum as you stand no chance to play the leading role.

The public

Destructionist

Ye Htet

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Pirates seize two ships off Kenya

BERLIN, 25 Oct—Somali pirates seized a German freight ship off the coast of Kenya on Sunday the second commercial vessel to be captured in the region in as many days, officials said.

The pirates took control of the German freight ship Beluga Fortune about 1,200 miles (1,930 kilometers) east of Mombasa, Kenya, a spokesman for the German army said on condition of anonymity, in keeping with military regulations.

The German shipping company Beluga-Reederei, which owns the vessel, said Sunday night that Somali pirates were behind the attack and that the ship was on its way from the United Arab Emirates to South Africa.

Verena Beckhusen, a spokeswoman for the Bremen-based company, declined to give further details regarding the crew or the cargo, but the German news agency dapd said the vessel was carrying at least two German citizens.

On Saturday night, pirates seized a liquefied gas tanker 105 miles (165 kilometers) off the coast of Kenya in the Somali Basin, said officials in Singapore, where the ship is registered.

The MV York was traveling from Mombasa to Mahe in the Seychelles with 17 crew when pirates commandeered it, the Singapore Maritime and Port Authority said in a statement.

The authority said Sunday it was working with the ship's owner, York Maritime Co., and government agencies to recover the ship. A Turkish warship sent a helicopter to investigate the attack, and its crew members saw pirates armed with weapons aboard the MV York, the European Union Naval Force said Sunday. The 5,076-ton MV York had one German, two Ukrainians and 14 Filipinos aboard, the EU force said in a statement.

In this undated photo released on 24 Oct, 2010, by Interunity Management Corporation SA, (IMC) showing the MV York merchant vessel which was boarded by suspected Somali pirates approximately 90 nautical miles from Mombasa, Kenya, on 23 Oct, 2010. A distress signal from the vessel was received Saturday as the York sailed between Mombasa and Mahe, Seychelles, with 17 crew aboard, and it is now believed to be headed towards Somalia under the control of pirates.

INTERNET
Myanmar’s food supply enough for its population of far future

Maung Win Naing

Records show that Myanmar monarchs and rulers till 1962 constructed only 69 dams for irrigating 853,284 acres of farmlands in arid regions. And the rulers from 1962 to 1988 could build only 69 dams that could benefit 482,915.

It means the total number of dams across the nation in 1988 stood at 138. At that time, the dams were only small ones, and there were no river pumping stations. As a result, the total irrigated acreage of farmlands was only 1.3 million.

In 1988, Myanmar’s total sown acreage was only 23.8 million, and remaining over 26 million acres of vacant lands could not be utilized effectively. At that time, paddy sown acreage was only over 11 million, indicating that the nation’s utilization of arable lands was deemed to be at the bottom. In addition, annual paddy output never exceeded over 630 million baskets. Being convinced well of the conditions, the government turned to adoption of necessary plans to boost land utilization.

In its bid to achieve the motto “Exploit water sources to boost land utilization” for food security of the nation’s growing population, boosting national economy through export of surpluses of crops, and improving the living standard of local people, the government sought all possible ways and means to boost land utilization.

The government put the agricultural sector in the centre of its drive for all-round development other sectors. It has been constructing dam and river water pumping station and sinking tube-wells with the aim of improving the agricultural sector. Long ago, farmers mainly relied on rains for agricultural purposes. Farmers in arid zones depended on small amount of irrigation water from small dams and low rainfalls. So, local farmers of arid regions said “We want water rather than jewelry”. At that time, single-cropping pattern was common.

In some regions in lower Myanmar, there were many inundate areas due to floods triggered by heavy rains. In such areas, local farmers could begin their farming only after the rainy season. In consequence, agricultural farming in those regions was not successful. And there was a great gap of paddy output between one region and another based on availability of amount of irrigation water.

In order to remedy the situations, the government had to put a lot of attention to supply of adequate irrigation water and maintenance of water sources. In that regard, it tried to open dams at the rate of one dam a month in the regions where clusters of dams could be established. It took measures for sinking tube-wells in the regions where construction of dams was not possible. It built sluice gates to control natural water volume for agricultural success in low-lying areas and inundate areas.

From 1988 to date, the government has built 233 dams in total benefiting 2,827,255 acres of farmlands: two in Kayah State; one in Kayin State; one in Chin State; 27 in Sagaing Region; one in Taninthayi Region; 48 in Bago Region; 47 in Magway Region; 55 in Mandalay Region; 11 in Mon State; six in Rakhine State; 19 in Yangon Region; six in Shan State, and nine in Ayeyawady Region.

Moreover, the government started construction of river water pumping stations in the regions where dam projects were not possible. So far, it has built 136 river water pumping stations that can irrigate 381,608 acres of farmlands. Furthermore, the number of diesel-fired river water pumping stations has touched 191, thereby benefiting 115,198 acres of arable lands. So, the nation has seen 327 water pumping stations with the irrigated area of 496,905 acres.

More than that, the government has sunk 8137 tube-wells and deep tube-wells that benefit 99,834 acres of farmlands. The damming of small creeks and drains, digging of manual pumps, and sinking of artesian wells benefit 184,570 acres of arable lands. The total acreage of farmlands irrigated by dams, sluice gates, river pumping stations and tube-wells has reached more than 3.8 million.

At the same time, more and more vacant lands were being reclaimed. The nation’s sown acreage has increased from over 23.8 million to 53.1 million, accounting for progress of over 29.3 million. Reclamation of virgin lands brought to emergence of 11.5 million more acres of farmlands.

Increased cultivation of paddy has yielded increased paddy output. Paddy output is now more than 1560 million baskets, compared with only over 630 million baskets previously. As a result, regional food sufficiency has surged from 102 to 173 percent.

Irrigated acreage has also mounted from 1.3 million to 3.8 million, denoting an increase by over two million acres. Increasing irrigation has brought total acreage of mixed- and multiple-cropping farmlands to about 16 million from 3.8 million.

Besides, acreage of highland crop fields has crept to over 26,000.

If compared with the conditions in 1988, the nation has seen incredible progress in the agricultural sector. So, the nation’s food production is increasing faster than demand, and food supply will still meet...
The local demand in far future. Now, surpluses of crops are exported. In order to sustain the agricultural development, 26 more dam projects are now ongoing.

They are one in Shwegu, Kachin State; one in Hlinebwe, Kayin State; six in Kalay, Ayadaw, Budalin and Kanbalu in Sagaing Region; one in Dawei, Taninthayi Region; three in Pyu, Bago and Wa of Bago Region; five in Pwintbyu, Gangaw, Sedoktara and Myaing of Magway Region; five in Madaya, Pyinnmana, PyinOoLwin and Wundwin of Mandalay Region; one in Kyakko, Mon State; two in Ywangan and Yaksawk of Shan State; and one in Ingapu, Ayeyawady Region. On completion, the project will be able to benefit 1,236,990 acres of farmlands.

Now, plans are underway to achieve the target of 100 more dams in the near future. At the first phase, thirteen dams are going to be built. Feasibility study is being carried out to build the remaining 87 dams, which, on completion, will be able to irrigate 357,380 acres of arable lands. Dam projects are being implemented by national engineers with huge funds, manpower, and a great deal of heavy machinery. Now, there have emerged many clusters of dams across the nation.

With firm resolution, correct concepts and hard work, the government has proved that double-cropping pattern of paddy is possible. A couple of two decades into the rule of the government, Myanmar has become a leading rice producing country and the leading pears producing country in ASEAN. The fruitful result is largely due to the combined efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been making in concert to meet the food supply for the nation’s population of 100 million in future.

In conclusion, there have been so many tangible results owing to the fact that the government has been putting strenuous efforts into the drive for construction projects designed to improve the agricultural sector, such as per capita income of farmers is growing and socio-economic status of local people is improving significantly. Marked increase in producing monsoon and summer paddy and crops reflects the benevolent attitude the government shows to the entire people.

Photo shows Bawditataung Dam near Khatetkan Village in Monywa Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region.

### Agricultural development

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Nankyán Dam will contribute to greening of Lashio providing drinking and irrigation water for locals.
Giri leaves some destruction and casualities along its path
Responsible people carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in cyclone-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct – Severe cyclone Giri crossed over Myanmar on 22 and 23 October, causing damage to buildings and casualties in its path.

Rakhine State and some townships in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay Regions came to abate near Budalin. Due to the cyclone, 22 people were killed, 15 went missing, 597 houses, three office buildings, four schools damaged in Minbya Township; and 1035 houses, 40 office buildings and two schools in Myebon Township; five people killed, 80 motorboats sank in two bridges, 2088 houses, eight monasteries, 34 office buildings and 13 schools damaged and 80 motorboats sank in damaged and the roofs of some buildings in the path of the cyclone blown off in Kyaukpyu Township. Chairman of Rakhine

State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Disaster Preparedness Central Committee members Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe, regional authorities and members of social organizations visited Kyaukpyu of Rakhine State on 23 October morning and saw the loss and damage. In late evening, they met with responsible people, discussed relief and rehabilitation tasks for the victims and fulfilled the needs.

The commander and committee members went round the town centre areas and the wards to inspect clearing of the debris. Next, they presented clothing, foodstuffs, bottled water, CI sheets and construction materials to the victims at the temporary and comforted them. Similarly, responsible persons are in other cyclone-hit areas and carrying out relief and rehabilitation work and donating cash and kind to the cyclone victims.

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology constantly issued storm news that, according to the observations recorded at 5 pm on 19 October, there had been a depression in Bay of Bengal, and it intensified further and moved towards northeastwards as severe cyclonic storm. Moreover, the Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee issued storm reports and warnings systematically.

Local people making review of the event are saying that if they strictly follow the warnings aired on TV and radio and issued in dailies in future, they will be able to protect themselves against possible dangers of natural disaster.

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 CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1052)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1052) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.10.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S HARTMANN ASIA CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/37316/376797

Faberge wine taster sold for £3,800
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, 25 Oct — A wine taster thought to have been made by coveted designer Faberge fetched £3,800 when it went under the hammer, an auctioneer has said. The wine taster, who owned the 19th century piece originally asked auction house J P Humbert Auctioneers if it was worth anything at all, then they spotted the famous Faberge mark. The wine taster, made of silver and silver gilt and decorated with rubies and amethysts, sold on Friday night for £3,800 at J P Humbert’s sale room in Towcester, Northamptonshire. Auctioneer Jonathan Humbert said the item, which is only 4in long, was listed as being worth £2-3,000 but was confident it would fetch a good price. “Just the name Faberge is enough to generate a wide amount of interest,” he said. — Internet

Gold rush brings wealth but kills 400 children in Nigeria
ZAMAN GIRA, 25 Oct — Ibrahim Bello says extracting gold from the ground can earn him $23 (£15) in two hours – more than subsistence farmers hereabouts make in two months. Such are the sums to be made in northern Nigeria’s “gold rush”, with impoverished villagers digging up rocks by hand in open mines – but many are in denial about its devastating consequences. At least 400 children have died from poisoning caused by illegal gold mining since March because the ore being unearthed around their villages contains high concentrations of lead, contaminating the air, soil and water. International agencies including the UN, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention have working for months to try to contain the pollution. — Internet

US swimmer dies during event in United Arab Emirates
FUJAIRAH, 25 Oct — A 26-year-old member of the US national swimming team died Saturday during an open-water race in the United Arab Emirates, according to event officials. Fran Crippen died during the last leg of the 10-kilometre Marathon Swimming World Cup in Fujairah, said the International Swimming Federation, or FINA. The cause of death is under investigation, FINA said. Swimming World magazine reported that Crippen fell unconscious during the event and was found by deep-sea divers two hours later near the race’s final buoy. — Internet

Deaths feared in N Ireland helicopter crash
DOWNPATRICK, 25 Oct — An unknown number of people were feared dead after a helicopter crashed Saturday in Northern Ireland’s Mourne Mountains, police said. The medium-sized helicopter, with a capacity of eight people, departed St Angelo Airport in Enniskillen, the BBC reported. It went down in an area known as Leitrim Lodge between Hilltown and Rostrevor, witness Jim Wells said. — Internet
Man Utd French player Patrice Evra (L) tackles Stoke City's Icelandic player Eidur Gudjohnsen (C) during the Premiership football match at The Britannia Stadium in Stoke on 24 Oct, 2010.— Internet

Fergie hails Manchester United spirit after win

STOKE-ON-TRENT, 25 Oct—Sir Alex Ferguson saluted Manchester United's spirit as his side snatched a crucial 2-1 win against Stoke. Ferguson's side moved to within points of league leaders Chelsea after two preatory finishes from Javier Hernandez at the Britannia Stadium on Sunday. The Mexico international—standing in for the injured Wayne Rooney—struck in the 27th minute with an impudent header, before Tuncay Sanli levelled nine minutes from time.

But Hernandez pounded in the 86th minute to finally—as Ferguson put it—"get the show on the road" for United. With a League Cup tie against Wolves on Tuesday and a Premier League encounter with Tottenham at the weekend, Ferguson believes this victory could prove pivotal. He said: "When their goal went in you start to say to yourself it is going to be one of those seasons.— Internet

Gordon, Busch not too chummy after Martinsville

Martinsville, 25 Oct—Jeff Gordon said earlier in the week his chances of getting back into contention for a fifth series championship were pretty much gone. On Sunday, Kurt Busch helped make sure there was no doubt, burying Gordon coming out of the fourth turn and sending him slamming into the front-stretch wall and out of contention. Turns out, Busch holds a grudge. For a long time: "He shoved me in there and I shoved him back in Turn 4," Busch said before detailing a history of discontent with Gordon at Martinsville. "I didn’t mean to get into him that hard, but over the years with Gordon here, back in the 97 (car), wrecking the 2 car, whether you’re a current Kurt fan or ex-Rusty (Wallace) fan, he’s wrecked the 2 car a lot here," Wallace, now a television announcer, drove the No. 2 car before Busch.— Internet

Lazio surge clear as Inter held at home in Italian league

Rome, 25 Oct—Lazio went four points clear at the top of Serie A with a 2-1 home win against Cagliari as champions Inter Milan were held 1-1 at home to Sampdoria on Sunday. AC Milan can close the gap to two points if they win away to Napoli on Monday night. Inter came close to losing their first home league match in three years as Stefano Guberti gave the visitors the lead but Samuel Eto’s 15th goal in 13 games in all competitions earned a share of the spoils.

Argentine centre-back Walter Samuel said he was unconcerned by Lazio’s flying start. “We didn’t lack anything, we played well and created many chances,” he said. “There’s a long way to go, Lazio are doing well but we’re confident.”

Sampa coach Domenico Di Carlo was happy with the point as his side moved towards the European qualification places.— Internet

Hodgson hopes Torres can fire Liverpool out of trouble

LIVERPOOL, 25 Oct—Roy Hodgson hopes Fernando Torres’ first Premier League goal since August can kick-start Liverpool’s stuttering season. Torres bagged only his second goal this term to secure a 2-1 win over Blackburn at Anfield on Sunday that eased the pressure on Reds boss Hodgson. The Spanish striker, who has been the subject of criticism following his sluggish form, was rewarded for an improved display with the second half match-winner. The Reds remain rooted in the bottom three, despite an improved display seeing them claim only their second league win of a miserable season.

And Hodgson hopes this could be the catalyst for Torres to rediscover the form that once him Europe’s most feared striker. He said: “He played an awful lot better and looked likely to score on so any occasions.”

Villarreal down Atletico to go second in Spanish league

Madrid, 25 Oct—Villarreal made it a perfect four league home wins at El Madrigal defeating visitors Atletico Madrid 2-0 on Sunday to move above Barcelona on goal difference into second a point behind league leaders Real Madrid.

Goals from Ruben Carlos Garrido’s team have a flawless four wins but their momentum is fading after their first loss of the campaign Saturday, 1-0 at home to Montpellier.

Loic Remy was Marseille’s inspiration as he netted twice against a Lille side who have now lost two on a roll to slide out of the top six. Substitutes Antoine Conte and Lloyd Dyer put the hosts on 26 minutes but Marseille roared back and Remy, played in by Mathieu Valbuena, fired in the equaliser eight minutes after the break before Argentine Lacho put the visitors ahead with a deflected effort on 71 minutes. Remy then wrapped up the points nine minutes from time with a majestic header.— Internet

Real routed Racing Santander 6-1 at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday to reclaim top spot from Barcelona with Ronaldo scoring a best ever quadruple to make it eight goals in his last three league outings."I am really happy because I have never scored four goals before,” said Ronaldo. “However, the most important thing is the team and it wouldn’t have been possible to score without the help of my teammates. I must congratulate the team.“

Roger Federer of Switzerland holds up the champion trophy after defeating Florian Mayer of Germany in the final of the 2010 ATP Stockholm Open tennis tournament in Stockholm, Sweden.— Internet

Federer level with Sampras on 64 titles with Swedish success

Stockholm, 25 Oct—Roger Federer won the 64th trophy of his glittering career Sunday, leveling with Pete Sampras in the title Pantheon after a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Florian Mayer at the Stockholm Open. The victory in 63 minutes was particularly pleasing for the Swiss world number two, who now has a few days off before tackling the outside duties which come with his position as top seed from November 1 at his home Swiss Indoors in Basel.

“It feels great winning any event, but it’s especially nice to do it where I’ve never had a chance before,” said Federer, whose only other Stockholm visit was a decade ago. “There is such a great tennis heritage here with all the greats. “I knew I’d have a chance here, this
UK’s Cameron to switch focus to growth

LONDON, 25 Oct—Britain’s Prime Minister David Cameron will seek to switch the focus to boosting economic growth on Monday after unveiling deep spending cuts that some economists fear could plunge Britain back into recession.

Cameron’s speech to the Confederation of British Industry, a leading business group, comes a day before third quarter growth figures and other data this week expected to point to further housing market weakness and a drop in consumer confidence. That could raise fears of a return to recession and give ammunition to critics of last week’s spending review.

Cameron’s coalition government slashed public spending by 81 billion pounds (127 billion US dollars) to tackle a record budget deficit of almost 11 per cent of national output. The government is looking to the private sector to grow and replace the near 500,000 public sector jobs expected to disappear because of the spending cuts.

Cameron is due to announce a 200-million-pound investment in the next four years in Technology Innovation Centres, bringing together university researchers and business. He will also give further details of a national infrastructure plan and how to unlock 200 billion pounds worth of public and private sector investment.

Cameron, who leads the Conservative party in the coalition with junior partner the Liberal Democrats, will say he wants to “bridge the gap” between innovation and commercial success.

“The fact is that we are not as good as some of our competitors in turning great ideas on the drawing board into prototypes in a laboratory and actual goods and services people can buy”, he will say, — MNA/Reuters
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Myanmar’s food supply enough for its population of far future

Myanmar is blessed with fertile soil, temperate climate patterns and rich natural resources. According to its geographical features, Myanmar has a lot of favourable conditions to boost its agrarian economy. In olden days, Myanmar’s agricultural pattern was conventional farming just designed to meet the food demand of the people.

Rural people who make up 70 per cent of the nation’s population are engaged in agricultural farming for their living. In the process, they relied on rains in growing crops.

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