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Better relations between one region and another due to smooth transport will further cement friendly ties between national races and help expand the horizons of local people.

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected development of Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Pyinsalu and Pathein in Ayeyawady Region yesterday morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by SPDC Secretary-1 Tha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, ministers and departmental heads, left Yangon for Mawlamyinegyun in Labutta District, Ayeyawady Region at 9.45 am yesterday by helicopter.

There, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt and departmental heads.

The Senior General and party inspected development of Mawlamyinegyun by helicopter.

On arrival at Mawlamyinegyun Township General Hospital (100-bed) which is under construction, the Senior General and party were welcomed by medical superintendent Dr Myo Thant and health staff.

After that, the Senior General and party inspected construction of OG Ward and Paediatric Wards, and left necessary instructions.

(See page 6)
Choose a representative capable of serving public interest by yourself

The multi-party democracy general election will be held on 7 November. Candidates will compete for the three legislative hluttaws, namely the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and Region/State Hluttaw.

In the Pyithu Hluttaw, a hluttaw representative has to be chosen for a township and in the Amyotha Hluttaw, 12 representatives each must be elected from a State or a Region. All must be equal irrespective of their sizes.

At Region or State Hluttaw level, a township has to choose two representatives. For the national races who have no self-administered area in the Regions and States, they will be entitled to choose one person for one national race if they have a population which constitutes 0.1 percent (one thousandth) and above of the population of the Union.

Those who are included in the three hluttaws will have to serve the interests of the State and the people.

Now, some media and people are instigating the people to refrain from voting. If the people are swayed by such instigation, they will lose their voting right.

As the people have to choose the representatives serving the public interest of their own accord, each and every citizen is urged to go to the polling stations to choose the persons representing their country and themselves and being capable of serving the public interest without losing the opportunity to embrace the voting right.

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Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Oct—Chairman of Rakhsne State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein, Minister for Transport U Maung Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs U Phone Swe met storm victims at makeshift clinic by Ministry of Defence and rescue services of the Ministry of Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence and rescue.
**Situation in Afghanistan**

**KABUL, 26 Oct—** Following are security developments in Afghanistan at 0900 GMT on Monday:

Kabul - A service member from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) died after an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, ISAF said.

It was the 600th foreign military death in Afghanistan this year, a figure likely to weigh heavily on Western leaders amid declining support for the war. No further details of the incident were available.

Baghan-A suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a foreign troop convoy in Pol-e-Khomri, capital of Baghan Province, north of Kabul, the Afghan Interior Ministry said. The bomber was killed in the explosion but there were no other casualties, it said in a statement.

Paktika- Afghan and coalition forces killed a Taliban commander and two other insurgents in an overnight raid in eastern Paktika province, ISAF said.

**Situation in Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, 26 Oct—** Following are security developments in Iraq as of 0900 GMT on Monday.

Baghdad- Gunmen in a speeding car shot dead an employee at the Electricity Ministry in Baghdad’s southern district of Saidiya, an Interior Ministry source said.

A sticky bomb attached to the car of an employee at the Electricity Ministry in Baghdad’s southern Doura district, an Interior Ministry source said.

**Afghan President says “firm” on private security ban**

**KABUL, 26 Oct—** Afghan President Hamid Karzai said on Sunday he was committed to disbanding private security companies, but signalled he may consider exceptions for some development projects after Washington asked for more discussions.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called Karzai on Saturday and recommended the United States and Afghanistan develop a plan to replace private security guards gradually, rather than enforce a ban that could threaten millions of dollars in aid work.

A spokesman for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said the president had ISAF support but the disbanding should not hinder development work. Karzai issued a decree in August banning all private security contractors in Afghanistan by the end of the year, with an exception for those guarding embassies, military installations, diplomatic residences and the transport of diplomatic personnel.

The move caught US-led military forces by surprise, and some US funded aid companies have reported they are already scaling back projects to be ready should the ban come into force in December as scheduled.

This has spurred concern in Washington that aid work may already be starting to suffer. At a meeting of Karzai’s security council, to which top diplomats in Kabul and the head of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan General David Petraeus were also invited, the president repeated his commitment to banning the companies.

But he also suggested he might consider exceptions on security provisions for major development work. “The President of the Republic of Afghanistan thanked the international community for development projects,” Karzai’s palace said in a statement about the meeting.

**Indonesia tsunami kills 113; scores more missing**

**JAKARTA, 26 Oct—** A powerful earthquake triggered a 10-foot (three-meter) tsunami that pounded remote island villages in western Indonesia, killing at least 113 people and leaving scores more missing, an official said Tuesday.

A day after the quake struck 13 miles (20 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor, rescuers were still struggling to get to the Caribbean, which is rich in such natural wonders.

**Air strike kills 15 militants in Afghanistan**

**KABUL, 26 Oct—** At least 15 militants were killed in a NATO air strike overnight in southern Helmand province, a spokesman for the alliance said on Monday.

**Afghan children internally displaced by war sit outside their tent in Kabul recently.**

INTERNET
Russia plans to build up Black Sea Fleet

MOSCOW, 26 Oct—Russia plans to add 18 new vessels to its Black Sea Fleet within the next decade after a landmark deal with Ukraine to extend the lease of the fleet’s base, a navy source was quoted by Interfax as saying on Monday.

Ukraine agreed in April to extend the Russian fleet’s Sevastopol base lease by 25 years in return for a 30 per cent cut in gas prices, a step that underlined Kiev’s shift back towards Moscow after the election of President Viktor Yanukovich.

The fleet has fallen into disrepair in recent years, but Russia plans to add 18 new vessels, including at least six frigates and six diesel-powered submarines, Interfax news agency cited a source in Russia’s naval command as saying.

A spokesman for the navy declined to comment on the Interfax report.

Top climber missing in Himalayan expedition

KATHMANDU, 26 Oct—A leading Nepali climber, who has scaled Mount Everest 19 times, has gone missing after an avalanche hit members of an expedition to the Himalayas in eastern Nepal, his hiking agency said on Sunday.

Chuwang Nima, 43, was part of an expedition which included British climbers trying to summit the 7,129-metre (23,389-feet) Mount Baruntse. The avalanche struck on Saturday while he was fixing ropes at an altitude of about 7,045 metres (23,114 feet).

“It was a big avalanche that swept him in windy weather conditions,” said Jeevan Ghimire of the Sherpa Shangrila Trek and Expedition agency.

“A search and rescue operation will be carried out by a helicopter on Monday,” Ghimire told Reuters. The other climbers are safe, he said.

The only other climber to top Nima’s ascents to Mount Everest is Apa Sherpa, who has climbed the world’s tallest peak 20 times. Hundreds of mountaineers go to dozens of Himalayan mountains in Nepal, home to eight of the world’s 14 highest peaks, including Mount Everest, every year.

Japan provides assistance for flood relief in Vietnam

TOKYO, 26 Oct—The Japanese Government has decided to extend emergency relief goods worth 20 million yen (about 213,000 US dollars) to Vietnam, officials with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here on Friday.

The goods include blankets, electric generators, water purifiers and portable jerry cans, officials with the ministry told Xinhua.

“The move is a response to the large-scaled flood disaster caused by a series of typhoons which have hit the coastal areas of central Vietnam since early October,” they said.

The government hoped the assistance will contribute to the improvement of living conditions of the flood-affected people, officials said.

Spain’s Gamesa to build offshore wind factory in UK

LONDON, 26 Oct—Spain’s Gamesa will open an offshore wind turbine factory and research centre in Britain, creating more than 1,000 direct jobs, the company said on Monday.

It will invest 150 million euros (210.6 million US dollars) until 2014 and base the global headquarters of its offshore division in London, Gamesa said, confirming a report from Reuters earlier this month.

More than 1,000 people will be directly employed at the facilities and another 800 jobs could be created for local suppliers.

“The commitment shown by companies like Gamesa who want to come to the UK and invest is good news for jobs and growth and good news for our clean energy future,” British Prime Minister David Cameron said.

Britain plans to build up to 32 gigawatts of offshore wind power capacity to meet legally binding renewable energy goals.

Gamesa will operate its port logistics and turbine maintenance services from different ports in Britain.

The company’s new type of 5-megawatts (MW) offshore wind turbines will be rolled out to the market in 2013, with first tests due in the fourth quarter of 2012, Gamesa said—MNA/Reuters

Egypt arrests 55 Sudanese headed to Israel

CAIRO, 26 Oct—Egyptian police found 55 Sudanese migrants hidden in a container on a truck heading into the Sinai region, where they planned to cross the border into Israel, security sources said on Sunday.

The migrants, 40 men, nine women and six children aged as young as four, were arrested at a checkpoint near the entrance to a tunnel under the Suez Canal separating Sinai from the rest of Egypt, the sources said.

The driver told police he had smuggled them from a mountain area in Egypt’s eastern Red Sea region after striking a deal with a people trafficker in Sinai.

The migrants were exhausted after three days on the road and the children were taken to a hospital in the city of Suez, the sources said.

The route through Sinai to Israel is a common target for African migrants fleeing poverty or conflict and seeking work or asylum in Israel.

At least 34 migrants have been shot dead this year trying to cross Egypt’s heavily-guarded border with Israel, up from 19 last year.

Iran says some academic courses too “Western”

TEHERAN, 26 Oct—Iran will not allow its universities to begin teaching certain disciplines it deems too “Western”, and existing courses will be revised, a senior Education Ministry was quoted as saying on Sunday.

“Expansions of 12 disciplines in the social sciences like law, women’s studies, human rights, management, sociology, philosophy...psychology and political sciences will be reviewed,” Abolfazl Hassani was quoted as saying in the Arman newspaper. “These sciences’ contents are based on Western culture. The review will be the intention of making them compatible with Islamic teachings”.

Hassani said Iranian universities will not be allowed to open new departments in these disciplines and the curricula for existing departments would be revised.

Iran’s hard-line rulers accuse the West of trying to harm the Islamic state by influencing the country’s young generation with “decadent” culture. Pointing to the enrolment of some 2 million out of a total of 3.5 million university students in the humanities, in August Iran’s most powerful figure Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called for modification of these studies.

A resident cooks during the cooking section of the 5th neighbourhood festival in a community in Yixing city, of east China’s Jiangsu Province recently.

A doctor examines a patient before prescribing her depression medicine at a free medical clinic in 2009. Scientists in the United States said on Sunday they had found a gene that appears to play a key role in the onset of depression, a finding that could unlock new avenues for drug engineers.

Internet
Haiti cholera toll tops 250, but some slowing seen

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 26 Oct—A multinational medical response has slowed deaths in a Haitian cholera epidemic that has killed more than 250 people so far, but the outbreak is likely to widen, a senior UN official said on Sunday.

“We must gear up for a serious epidemic, even though we hope it won’t happen,” Nigel Fisher, the United Nations humanitarian coordinator in Haiti, told Reuters.

More than 3,000 cholera cases have been reported so far, earthquake-hit Caribbean nation, which is experiencing its second humanitarian crisis since a catastrophic earthquake on 12 January.

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This involved setting up cholera treatment centres to isolate patients in the two worst affected central provinces, Artibonite and Centre, and in the capital Port-au-Prince. The main outbreak areas straddle the Artibonite River watershed, suspected of being the main propagator of the deadly disease.

“We have registered a diminishing in numbers of deaths and of hospitalized people in the most critical areas. The tendency is that it is stabilizing, without being able to say that we have reached a peak,” Gabriel Thimote, director-general of Haiti’s Health Department, told a news conference.

MADUOUI, 26 Oct—Suspected members of a radical sect in northern Nigeria firebombed a police station over the weekend, leading to a gunfight in which at least one person was killed, police said on Monday.

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“The Boko Haram members numbering six riding on motorbikes went to Bara ... and threw a petrol bomb into the police station,” Yobe state police commissioner Mamman Sule said.

“The policemen who were on duty engaged the suspects in a shoot-out, wounding one person who later died in the bush,” he told reporters.

Nigeria’s security services in neighbouring Borno state said last week they were beefing up efforts to contain attacks by Boko Haram, launching joint army and police exercises and using attack helicopters to help with patrols.

The unrest has raised fears of a repeat of last year’s uprising, which began in the restive northeast and killed more than 250 people so far, but the outbreak is likely to widen, a senior UN official said on Sunday.

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Workers fix up railway track on Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway in Cangzhou City, east China’s Hebei Province recently. The track laying operation of Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway will be completed by the end of this October.

BP CEO slams media, rivals for boostingspill fears

LONDON, 26 Oct—BP’s new chief executive said its rivals and the media had helped cause a climate of fear during the summer when the oil giant’s blown-out Gulf of Mexico well caused the worst ever oil spill in the United States.

The comments represented the latest volley in BP’s battle to rebuild its battered reputation by taking a harder line with those who have blamed the disaster on a safety culture at BP that, they said, put cost-saving before safety.

In an address to the annual conference of British business lobby group, the CBI, Dudley said there had been: “A great rush to judgment by a fair number of observers before the full facts could possibly be known, even from some in our industry.”

“I watched graphic projections of oil swirling around the gulf, around Florida, across and around Bermuda to England—these appeared authoritative and inevitable. The public fear was everywhere,” he said. BP said in late July that Dudley would take over as chief executive on 1 October, succeeding Tony Hayward who had come under fire for his handling of the oil spill.

Cold winter ahead for west Europe

LONDON, 26 Oct—Temperatures are likely to average lower than normal in western Europe from November to January, Weather Services International (WSI) said on Monday.

Scandinavia and eastern Europe are likely to average warmer than normal, WSI said.

“Based on all of the available evidence, we expect another winter with below-normal tem-peratures across the UK and the western half of the mainland, although not nearly as severe as last winter,” said WSI Chief Meteorologist Todd Crawford. “We expect the coldest weather to be early and late in the winter, with the potential for a very mild spell during the heart of winter.”

US-based WSI which in October 2009 accurately predicted Britain would see a very cold start to 2010 said that an unusually strong negative phase of the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) was the main reason why it expects another cold winter this year.

New malaria estimate says 205, 000 die in India

SINGAPORE, 26 Oct—Malaria kills around 205,000 people in India each year, more than 13 times the estimate made by the World Health Organization, researchers said recently.

WHO, the public health arm of the United Nations, estimates that approximately 15,000 people a year die from malaria in India, and 100,000 adults worldwide. The researchers called for both figures to be urgently revised so they do not hurt funding for prevention, rapid diagnosis and treatment.

“If you do not know the disease in any area, your requirement of drugs and all that (will not) be correct. Your control programme will suffer, it’s really important to know these figures correctly,” Vinod Sharma of India’s National Institute of Malaria Research said in a telephone interview.

Suspected Nigeria sect firebombs police station

About 1,000 Nigerian refugees in camps near the land border with Cameroon were set alight in the early hours of Saturday in a suspected attack by a sect that has carried out suicide bombings in the north.

Some 200 military troops were sent to Bara on the outskirts of the town of Jalingo, the capital of the state of Adamawa, to help police and army forces_nr to deal with a suspected attack by fighters from the Islamic sect, the Nigerian military said.

Photo shows sheep flock walking in snow at the foot of Tienshan Mountain in Hami, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. A cold front hit Xinjiang since last Friday, bringing snow and plunging the temperature.
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Then, the Senior General and party oversaw Yazudaing Bridge (2) and (1) and then proceeded to briefing hall of Yazudaing Bridge (1) project.

There, the Senior General heard the reports by Minister U Thein Nyunt on rehabilitation of Mawlamyinegyun Township after being hit by Storm Nargis. The minister said that the Head of State went to Mawlamyinegyun after the storm. He carried out tasks of education, health, social, economic and transport sectors heart and soul, and gave guidance on creating better, more perfect conditions than before.

In line with the guidance of the Head of State, model villages such as Kyetshar, Ngwezinyaw, Haine phone and Danichaung were established after the scattered small villages had been combined. In addition, the State fulfilled the basic needs of their education, health and economic sectors. Damaged schools, hospitals, and religious buildings have been repaired and rebuilt. And some of the schools and religious buildings can be used as cyclone shelters.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State on the opening of vocational training course for women in storm-hit regions, the course had been opened for four times with 60 trainees in each course, enabling the trainees to earn a living well.

Similarly, carpentry, masonry and steel fixer courses for the youths in storm-stricken regions was conducted for three times, and local youths are at work.

The construction of Mawlamyinegyun Township 100-bed People’s Hospital is nearing completion and plans are underway to inaugurate the hospital soon.

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General Hospital, Minister U Thein Nyunt reported to the Senior General on progress of Labutta.

The minister said that 4,548 rural houses, and seven cyclone shelters, each of which is equipped with eight 15,000-gallon capacity rain-water storage tanks, totaling 120,000-gallon storage capacity were erected. 228 basic education schools, 58 hospitals and health centres, and 675 religious buildings were reconstructed.

50 trainees each time. Lands were reclaimed, houses, roads and bridges were constructed to set up new wards in new Labutta. A wharf was built and water supply and electricity supply tasks were also carried out. Departmental buildings, cold storages and private dwellings were under construction. Ayeyawady Bank donated one ambulance for new Labutta General Hospital, and one fire engine for Labutta.

In response to the request of Labutta to set up one fire engine. With improvement of transportation so as to help Labutta catch up with other regions in development. Smooth transport will contribute to convenience in traveling from one place to another along Labutta.

Labutta is a wide and populous coastal region blessed with abundant natural resources. From administrative point of view, we designated Labutta as district level town in order to closely supervise for rapid growth of the region.

The Senior General reiterated that four outlooks, namely political, economic, administrative and defense outlook are pivotal in administration of a nation. We improved transportation of the region from administrative point of view. Moreover, there were so, priority was given to improvement of transportation in order that they can switch over to new career.

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Moreover, there were
so, priority was given
to improvement of trans-
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they can switch over to
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then urged locals to work
for male youths in
carpentry, masonry and
steel works courses have
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and bridges were con-
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wards in new Labutta.

A wharf was built and
water supply and el-
electricity supply tasks
were also carried out.
Departmental buildings,
cold storages and pri-
vate dwellings were
under construction. Aye-
ayawady Bank donated
one ambulance for new
Labutta General Hospital,
and one fire engine for
Labutta.

In response to the re-
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Inaugurate the new democratic state with correct voting

Kyaw Min Lu (Shwepyitha)

The democracy general election to which the people are looking forward will take place on 7 November, 2010. It is drawing nearer and nearer. Surely all eligible voters across the nation will be able to vote freely for candidates they favour at the polling stations concerned on the day of election.

The election commission is making systematic preparations for holding free and fair election in accord with prescribed Election Law and Rules. Educatives talks on electoral work and demonstration of voting process are being conducted in all corners of the nation. It is heartening to see that all pre-election tasks are on the right track for successful and smooth holding of elections.

Political parties, candidates to Hluttaws and independent candidates are competing each other in canvassing for votes. It can be witnessed that there are radio and TV broadcasts and that election manifestos, party bulletins and pamphlets including papers that carry party policy, stance and work programmes are being distributed legally. It can be seen that canvassing for votes is in progress nationwide. So it is obvious that party politics and election process are going well together.

People are taking more interest in election as the day draws near. The nearer election draws, the more attention they are paying. Their interest will reach a climax when results come out. So taking consideration into which party they will have to vote and whom they will have to choose is the centre of attention of everyone while making preparations for the climax. It is apparent that the 2010 election process nationwide is becoming lively and advancing. And the nation is marching towards a free and fair election. A grand and successful election will go down in the annals.

But an old political party that has been null and void automatically in accord with the existing laws and internal and external destructive elements are instigating the people to boycott and protest against the upcoming elections. Likewise, we have frequently heard that foreign broadcasting stations are inciting the people to protest against the elections, to refrain from voting by boycotting the elections and to disrupt the elections. These acts reveal that they are attempting to tarnish the image of the elections and to disrupt the realization of State’s seven-step Road Map by persuading the people to protest against the elections. In other words, they are insulting and underestimating our Myanmar people by indirectly saying that Myanmars are not qualified to cast votes.

In fact, the right to cast vote and the right not to cast vote are prescribed in Hluttaw election law. Everyone has the right to enjoy such rights, but those concerned should pay special attention to such act of preventing the people from exercising the voting right by boycotting the elections amounts to violating Article 57 of Hluttaw election law by using undue influence to prevent the voters from enjoying the voting right.

In reality, we the people have been waiting for many years to embrace the right of voting. For us, the upcoming elections give us the opportunity to enjoy the right to cast vote for the first time during the period of 20 years. So I believe that everyone should not miss the national opportunity.

Voting is a fundamental right as well as a fundamental duty of every citizen. We all have the right to choose the party and candidate we favour by casting votes freely. Moreover, every citizen is responsible for casting votes. Refraining from casting vote despite having the voting right is tantamount to neglecting the responsibility of a citizen. In other words, it is an irresponsible act.

You have to plant a tree by yourself if you want to have fruit. If there is a person who wants to have others’ fruit without exerting any efforts, one and all will know what kind of a person he is.

Moreover, rights and duties always go together in the democratic system. It is not possible to shirk the duty by expecting rights and privileges only. Every citizen has not only the right to enjoy democratic rights but also the responsibility to discharge democratic duties. Every citizen should vote freely without being swayed by incitement of anti-government organizations as casting vote is one of the duties of a citizen to express his wish for the nation.

However, there are some people who assume that it would not affect the election at all whether or not he votes. That is right. A ballot of an individual may not possibly produce a dramatic change and result instantly. However, when the vote of each individual is combined, there would emerge a massive force for sure. The outcome of these forces as a whole can give the definite answer to the question of what the nation looks like in the future. Every Myanmar citizen understands that a grain of sesame cannot produce oil but a significant number of sesame grains can. All national people have an obligation to combine forces as democracy is a system that can only be established through concerted effort of each individual.

As far as I am concerned, each individual in a certain society should be imbued with philanthropic attitude, only then can that society grow and succeed. You go to polling station and cast a vote. Not difficult work this is, nor tiring one. That every one of millions of national people casts vote in his country’s election is a national indication of political aspiration and profound political awareness of national people. Every citizen should keep in mind that it is the prestigious index of Myanmar people with which we can show off our political aspiration to the entire world.

So, each and every eligible voter is to cast ballot without fail. They should not shirk it thinking others will do so even if they do not. Moreover, they are to resolutely oppose the incitement of the lackeys of neo-colonialists. For the benefit of the country, for the people and for the majority, they should show a sense of responsibility and duty by voting freely.

Now, the day on which we are to cast vote is drawing nearer and nearer. We have aspired to democracy which is now within our reach. So, we have to cast vote with a sense of responsibility to show to the world that we deserve democracy.
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As everybody knows, the upcoming election is the fifth step of seven-step Road Map which is being implemented in response to aspiration of the people for democracy. Representatives elected by the people will become candidates in respective Hluttaws, which is the sixth step. Then, these candidates will be able to freely discuss legislation and political, economic and social issues of the nation in the Hluttaws and make decisions democratically. Then, executive organs and judiciary bodies will be set up and implementation of the final step, which is the establishment of a peaceful, modern, developed, democratic nation can be carried on with these legislative, executive, and judiciary bodies.

Suppose we are voting now. Then, there comes a question—What kind of party or what kind of person we vote for? To put it simply, one can vote any party or person one prefers. But, here they should bear in mind that it is important to choose the right parties and persons that can shape our future and promote our interests.

I would like national people to make the right decision, that is to say the party they choose should have strong political background and sufficient management experience so as to enhance prevailing stability, development, unity and democratization process of the nation. Likewise candidates should have capabilities to carry out wishes of national people, putting national interest in the fore. Only then, would the future of the entire nation including the voter himself be pleasant and prosperous. On the other hand, all the national people should bear in mind that the future of the nation would become bed of thorns or even doom and gloom if they make decision just with superficial analysis of what political parties are talking at the moment.

Assess, decide and choose

That’s quite right.

So, let us assess, decide and choose the candidates who’ll be working for the nation without making any mistake.

Kyaw Thu Hein

The forthcoming elections are free, fair and clean. Every Myanmar has been permitted to set up party during the designated period and stand for election. Well...

...they are free and fair and thus all inclusive, indeed.

Be proud to vote

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  Written with all-inclusiveness
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Aung Khant Min (Trns)
Road and bridge networks across the nation

Arkar Hein

2915 bridges, whose length ranges between 100 and 180 feet, and 247 bridges, 180 feet long and above. Now, five bridges spanning the Ayeyawady River are under construction: four, each of which has a two-lane motorway and a railroad on them, and one that has a two-lane motorway on it.

Among the five, Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) linking Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region is a rail-cum-road bridge. Its motorway is 9382 feet long and 28 feet wide; its railroad, 10,377 feet long and 14 feet wide; and either pedestrian lane, three feet wide. That makes considerable contribute towards the region’s transport of people and commodity flow.

Next one is Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) close to Pahtanag and Malun that is intended to link Pathein and Sagaing Region and Kachin and Shan States. It is designed to link Letpanhla feeder road of Mandalay-Mada-Mogok Road on the eastern bank; to the northern regions along Mandalay-Shwebo; Ayeyawady Road on the western bank, and to Mandalay through Sagaing on the southern part of the nation. So, it is an important bridge.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), 11,431 feet long, is designed to link Letpanchapel Village in NyaungU Township on the eastern bank and Pakokku on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River. It has a 4695 feet long two-lane motorway and a 5510 feet long railroad on it. Due to the bridge, the regions on the western bank will be able to enjoy greater development. Upon completion, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanar Theinga) will be a 2841 feet and four inches long facility, linking Sagaing Region and Kachin and Shan States.

It is designed to link Letpanhla feeder road of Mandalay-Mada-Mogok Road on the eastern bank of the river and Singu. And people will be able to travel to Singu from Letpanhla feeder road of Mandalay-Mada-Mogok Road on the eastern bank; to the northern regions along Mandalay-Shwebo; Ayeyawady Road on the western bank; and to Mandalay through Sagaing on the southern part of the nation. So, it is an important bridge.

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In addition to the five Ayeyawady River spanning bridges, the government is constructing 15 new bridges. More bridge projects to be launched soon are Shweili Bridge (Myitson) in Shan State, Yetpha Creek Bridge in Sagaing Region, Kyunpyathet Bridge in Kyomanye Township, Myeik in Taninthayi Region, and with Kyauktaw and Sittway in Rakhine State through Minbu-An Road. In addition, it will help complete a Union railroad by linking regional railroads with those in Kalay through Yangon-Pathein section and Pathein-Hinthada-Kyangan-Pakokku section, and with those in Moyay and Kyegaung through Lashio. So, local people can travel by train to other regions through the bridge.

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Concrete road on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon road section of Yangon-Mandalay Highway, which is in line with the norms of ASEAN road standard.
Road and bridge networks across the nation

Major roads under construction

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<td>Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago (Taikkyi-10th Mile section)</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Mintha-Seinkantlant-Myocharung-Phado-Peinzalok-Banbweong-Penwgon</td>
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<td>Koebin-Thagaya</td>
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<td>Magway-Canbya-Myothit-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw</td>
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<td>PyinOoLwin-Megok</td>
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<td>Katha-Sinkhan</td>
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<td>Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Thetekying-Phaungbyin-Hkamti</td>
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<td>Nay Pyi Taw-Myitma-Pinlaung</td>
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<td>Ponnagyun-Yatheingay</td>
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Bridges, above 180 feet long, from 1988 to date

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Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence inspects regional development tasks

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence inspects foundry in Ayethaya Industrial Zone, Taunggyi.—MNA

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Together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut visited Aungban Station Military Hospital and inspected condition of Aungban-Taunggyi road section and tasks for keeping Aungban neat and clean.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut in company with commander and personnel inspected roadworks on Taunggyi-Yaksawk road section, progress of villages along the road, cultivation of monsoon paddy, perennial trees and crops on both sides of the road, and progress of Yaksawk by car.

He inspected mango plantation and cow farm of the station and gave necessary instructions. He oversaw roadworks on Shwenyaung-Yaksawk road. At foundry at Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut heard reports on works of the foundry and stressed the needs.

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Instructions to be followed in voting process

1. Try to know your serial number of ballot list in order to cast vote without any delay.
2. Voting process can be quick by giving your serial number of ballot list to the ballot list inspector.
3. Put a tick in the box next to the candidate and the symbol you want to choose on your ballot paper.
4. Do not sketch anything impossible to decide whether it is a tick or cross on your ballot paper.
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6. Make sure that your ballot paper is not torn.
7. Put the ballot paper you have put a tick on into the ballot box concerned.

Notable points to avert having votes cancelled

Election Rule 66 (c) states that the following types of ballot papers shall be cancelled.

1. A ballot paper that does not have the seal of the commission.
2. A ballot paper that does not have the signature of the returning officer.
3. A ballot paper with more than one tick to favour more than one candidate.
4. A ballot paper with no tick.
5. A ballot paper with an unclear tick.
6. A ballot paper the returning officer decides to be a fake one.
7. A ballot paper with a mark designed to hint serial number of ballot list to the ballot list inspector.
8. A torn-up ballot paper.

To amplify the provisions on cancelled votes for the knowledge of voters,

1. A voter must put a tick in the square box shown against the name of the candidate he favours.
2. If a voter puts at least two ticks or crosses in square boxes shown against candidates, the ballot paper is cancelled.
3. A vote with no tick is cancelled.
4. If a ballot paper carries only one mark in a box, but the mark is not clear enough to decide whether it is a tick or cross, it is cancelled.
5. However, if a vote is cast with one tick to favour only one candidate, it can be deemed to be a firm vote even if the tick is in the square box, or it passes through the line of the square box, or it is put diagonally or horizontally, or it has a bent line at its end or not.

To decide whether a ballot paper is valid or invalid is up to the returning officer.

Australia’s Chinook helicopters, crews return from Afghanistan

Canberra, 26 Oct—Two Australian CH-47 Chinook helicopters, their crew members and support team on Sunday returned from Afghanistan after an eight-month deployment.

The two Chinosks, operating from the main coalition base at Kandahar in south Afghanistan, chalked up 860 sorties, transported more than 4,700 troops.

The helicopters also moved in excess of 691,000 kilograms of supplies and equipment during 737 hours of flying assisting the efforts of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

According to task group commander Lieutenant Colonel David Lynch, the effort of the team was highly commendable.

“On just about all the missions we flew this year supporting our coalition partners, our crews were fulfilling the role of air mission commander, taking the lead and providing direction to the other coalition aircraft involved in the missions,” he said in a statement.—Internet

Fire preventive measures inspected

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 Oct—Director of the Fire Services Department (Nay Pyi Taw) U Than Kyaw inspected preventive measures against fire in Myoma Market in Lewe, Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday.

He also supervised daily inspection by those in charge and elders of the market, and storage of water for fire prevention, and viewed a fire drill.—MNA

Japan, Vietnam reach nuclear cooperation deal

Tokyo, 26 Oct—Japan said on Friday it had agreed with Vietnam to cooperate on nuclear power plant technologies and materials, as Tokyo competes with nuclear exporters such as France and South Korea.

“We’ve reached a substantial agreement. Both sides hope to work together towards a quick signing and conclusion of the deal,” Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara told a news conference.

He added that leaders from the two nations would confirm the deal when Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan visits Vietnam at the end of the month.—MNA/Reuters
Attempted bomb attacks exposed due to public cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—The government is working hard for successful completion of upcoming 2010 multiparty general elections that will take place soon, while striving in cooperation with the people for national development, peace and stability of the State and the rule of law. But insurgents and minions of alien countries are committing terrorist attacks in the country with the intention of undermining State’s peace and stability and disrupting the elections.

Acting on the information given by the public, security force members questioned a suspect Aung Myo Thu, 29, of Hlegu Township, who was found near a PCO in front of Bago Degree College at 10 am on 14 October. The investigations revealed that he was sent by Min Min Tun to take explosives buried near Sacred Heart Church in Ward-8 of Oktha Myothit, Bago. Min Min Tun (a) Lapyae (a) Khin Zaw was arrested at Hardaya tea house at 7.30 am the following day in Zaingkanine (South) ward of Bago with the help of local people.

Further investigation led to the arrest of Win Myint who stayed in Sacred Heart Church in Ward-8 of Oktha Myothit, Bago and had the explosives, Tun Oo who attended a terrorist course in the other country and planted a mine and hid the explosives, Tun Oo and Win Myint show the place where explosives were hidden.

Tun Oo and Win Myint show the place where explosives were hidden.

Arrested terrorist Min Min Tun (a) Lapyae (a) Khin Zaw had a contact with ABSDF terrorist Win Lin Zin with the rank of Lt-Col of ABSDF and Khin Kyaw and gave them to Win Myint. When the explosives were sent to Win Myint for the third time, people’s guerilla Kyaw Zay Lin (a) Ko Hla together with Aung Win Naing took out those explosives and planted seven time bombs near Myanmar John A Garment Factory in Shwepanakkhin Myothit and in the compound of Asia Optical Factory in Mingaladon Township, Yangon, at 10 pm on 22 January, 2010. The search of the book shop and its home led to the seizure of a Spanish-made Austra .32 pistol, time bombs, detonators and accessories and the arrest of 11 persons. In connection with the case, the news release of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 27 January 2010 was carried in the January 28 issues of the dailies.

By using some of the explosives sent to the country for the fourth and fifteenthimes, a group of people led by Tun Oo blew up the office of Ward-8 Peace and Development Council in Bago with a remote control at 9.50 pm on 29 September, 2010. Min Min Tun and Aung Myo Thu were arrested by security force members while they were asking for the remaining explosives.

If those terrorist plots had not been exposed and stopped by security force members in time, the innocent people going peacefully around Yangon International Airport, 10th Mile Ward area and in public places of Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw would have ended tragically.

Besides committing brutal killings, terrorists are resorting to various ways to speed up their subversive acts in order to disrupt the forthcoming multi-party democracy general election, harm the peace and stability and progress of the State and cause public panic. The people have assumed that the incident has been committed by the anti-government groups attempting to disrupt the elections in league with external destructionist groups. That incident was one of their terrorist plots but it has been stopped by the security force members in cooperation with the public. As a result, unwanted tragic events could have been prevented in time.

MNA
Eleven fall from window of building in Paris suburb

PARIS, 26 Oct — Eleven people, including several children, were injured when they jumped from the third-story window of a suburban Paris apartment building on Saturday, an official said.

It wasn’t known if they jumped on purpose or were forced to, the judicial official said. There was no emergency in the building at the time, such as a fire. The victims are of African origin, possibly from Angola, and an initial investigation suggested they jumped after one of the women involved became hysterical and started shouting she’d seen the devil, the official said.

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Newcastle striker Carroll admits club assault

LONDON, 26 Oct—Newcastle United striker Andy Carroll was fined 1,000 pounds on Monday after admitting he had assualted a man in a nightclub. The 21-year-old pleaded guilty to common assault over the incident at the Blue Bambu club in Newcastle city centre in December last year which left the victim with a head injury which required hospital treatment. Carroll had denied assault occasioning actual bodily harm, a more serious charge that was dropped after his guilty plea.

However he was ordered to pay the victim 2,500 pounds compensation during the hearing at Newcastle Crown Court, the Press Association reported.

On Saturday, Carroll scored the winner in Newcastle’s 2-1 win over West Ham, his fifth Premier League goal this season.

Saudi payout eases Palestinian funding crisis

RAMALLAH, 26 Oct—A pledge of 100 million US dollars from Saudi Arabia and other international aid is easing the Palestinian Authority’s (PA) financial crisis, Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad said on Sunday.

The PA is relying on help from foreign backers to plug a budget deficit projected at 1.2 billion US dollars for 2010. The slow arrival of funds, especially from Arab states, has forced Fayyad to take austerity measures.

At a September 20 donors’ meeting in New York, Fayyad said the PA needed 500 million US dollars to meet its funding shortfall for the year. Speaking to Reuters on Sunday, he said there had recently been progress, including a 40 million US dollars World Bank grant.

WEATHER
Tuesday, 26th October, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Yangon Region, isolated in Shan and Mon States, Sagain and Mandalay Regions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.83) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 25-10-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-10-2010 was (85%). Rainfall on 26-10-2010 was (Nil) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 25-10-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-10-2010 was (75%). Total sunshine hours on 25-10-2010 was (4.7) hours. Rainfall on 26-10-2010 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.83) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (81.42) inches at Mingaladon, (95.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.27) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 25-10-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the West central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 27th October 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Region, scattered in Kayin and Shan States, Yangon Region and isolated in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-10-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-10-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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

Road and bridge networks across the nation

After I had read and watched news stories on construction of roads and bridges stated in newspapers and on TV these days, I came to witness that those in authority had been working hard day in, day out to improve the infrastructures for national development.

Regarding roads and bridges in Myanmar, up to 1988, it was very challenging to travel between Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State. It took three to four days to travel due to that fact that there are so many rivers, creeks and mountain ranges in the distance. At that time, the total length of tarred, gravel and laterite roads across the nation stood at only over 20,000 miles. And there were only 198 above 180 feet long and only 3305 under 180 feet long bridges. Today, the nation has seen many new roads and bridges, which is amazing. Among them are six-lane and four-lane facilities, and Union highways such as Mandalay-Myitkyina.

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