Survey shows commercial-scale oil and gas in Gangaw Township
Pale Township has potential for large oil and gas deposits

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—With a view to fulfilling the requirements of energy sector, technicians of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy are striving for exploration of oil and natural gas with the use of State-owned drilling machines. In addition, the Ministry of Energy is carrying out joint ventures in cooperation with foreign companies by signing production sharing contracts (PSC).

Of them, Sinopec International Petroleum (Myanmar) Co Ltd launched its tasks to produce oil and natural gas in inland Block-D (Mahu Hill region) in Gangaw Township of Magway Region and Pale, Yinnabin, Kani and Mingin townships of Sagaing Region in 2007. According to the seismic observations, about 43 oil and natural gas traps were discovered at 11 geological structures.

Among 11 geological structures, four test-wells were drilled in Pahtolon, Yagyi, Thingadon and Padaukgon geological structures. After the drilling tasks, No. 1 Pahtolon test-well in Gangaw Township produced 60 barrels of crude oil and over 5 million cubic feet of natural gas per day and No. 2 Pahtolon test-well, 30 barrels of crude oil and over 3.5 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. According to the exploration results, the trap of Pahtolon Structure contains 909 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 7.16 million barrels of condensate. As such, oil and natural gas can be produced on a commercial scale in Pahtolon geological structure.

Moreover, drilling continued at No. 3 Padaukgon test-well and No. 1 Thingadon test-well in Pale Township. Potential of oil and natural gas storage is the best at the sand layers at 5000/6000 feet underground.

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Achieve democracy goal through voting

The day the people have been expecting has arrived. Today is the day the multiparty general election, which will go down in the annals of Myanmar’s history, is held and the first step towards the emergence of a democratic nation. The national brethren are going to polling stations to cast their votes.

They have had the opportunity to decide their own fate with a ballot paper. They are choosing their candidates who are capable of promoting the prevailing peace and stability, unity and development of the State. Qualified candidates capable of serving the national interest and fulfilling the people’s desires are being chosen through a ballot paper.

Every voter has the right to vote for the party and the persons they like. By voting en masse, the election will meet with its success and we will reach the era we have expected. As the people are casting their votes with nationalistic fervour, they will soon be on the road to democracy.

Voting is a basic right of a citizen. Anyone cannot bar not suppress that right. Any Myanmar citizen has the full right to vote freely. All the national people have to cast their votes in the multiparty democracy general election with a sense of duty.

As voting means the success of the election, the system change and the emergence of democracy and democratic rule in a peaceful way, the results emerging from the public voting will surely achieve the goal of democracy.

Myeik Township sees regional development

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A ceremony to stake drives for construction of war veterans housing in Myeik of Taninthayi Region was held at the housing on 26 October.

Chairman of Taninthayi Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Maung Htay and officials drove stakes at the designated places.

The commander looked into installation of traffic lights in Myeik and construction of special care unit of Township Hospital.

At Yuzana Oil Palm Co Ltd in Khamaukkyi Township, the commander oversaw progress in construction of the roads and preparations for jetty construction.

He viewed nurturing of saplings at Chaungphygyi oil palm camp.

At Yuzana Co Ltd’s Crude Palm Oil Mill, responsible persons conducted the commander round the worksite.

On 27 October, the commander viewed thriving oil palm plantations of Yuzana Co and Pokaung Co.

At the hall of the local battalion in Santhida Station, the commander met servicemen and family members and attended to the needs.

Dr Ba Maung and party inspected preparations for holding elections at four polling stations in the urban area and fulfilled the requirements of the polling station members.

Accompanied by member of Chin Subcommission U Khwa Ht Fo and Secretary of Falam District Subcommission U Thant Zin on 4 November inspected preparations for the election at polling stations in villages of Haka Township and met members of ward and village subcommissions.

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Taunggyi hosts Electronics and Personal Goods Exhibition

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—The opening of Electronics and Personal Goods Exhibition took place at the town hall of Taunggyi on 29 October.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Hsan Oo, senior military officers, departmental officials and members of the organizing committee attended the ceremony.

Officials formally opened the exhibition.

The commander visited the pavilions of the exhibition.

On 31 October, the commander addressed the conclusion of 6th teachership diploma course at Taunggyi Education College.

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Proceeds of 4 paintings go to social organizations

YANGON, 6 Nov—Artist U Lun Kywe and family donated the proceeds from the paintings to social organizations at Sakura Tower here on 3 November.

Four paintings were auctioned at Artist U Lun Kywe and family’s Third Arts Show mainly sponsored by MDG Co Ltd (Royal Myanmar Teamix) and co-sponsored by Cannon and The Myanmar Times.

At Artist U Lun Kywe explained the purpose of the donation, and presented US$ 10,250 each to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital and Parahita Tiger School, and US$ 4700 to Mary Chapman’s School for the Deaf.

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Myanmar Kowa International introduces Rinnai gas cookers

YANGON, 6 Nov—Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd Executive Director U Wai Lwin of Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd making speech at the ceremony.

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Executive Director U Wai Lwin of Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd introduced Rinnai Gas Cookers imported from Japan at Central Hotel on 20 October.

Executive Director U Wai Lwin of the company made a speech and General Manager U Win Maw gave account of gas cooker, gas oven and grill, and Rinnai water heater.

Rinnai Gas Cookers

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which agree with modern life style are adorned with beautiful design and new technology. The products are available at Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd at No. 199, 34th street (upper block) in Kyauktada Township of Yangon (Ph: 01-245925, 246304 and 73017773).

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Charter plane crash kills 21 in Pakistan

KARACHI, 6 Nov.—A small plane chartered to international oil company ENI crashed after taking off from Pakistan’s Karachi Airport on Friday, killing all 21 on board, officials said. The aircraft, a Beech 1900C twin-engine turboprop operated by the private JS Air, crashed inside a military ordnance compound close to Karachi’s Jinnah International Airport. JS Air spokesman Nadeem Hanif said 17 ENI passengers were onboard, along with two pilots, a technician and a security guard. Italian oil company ENI, one of the largest foreign producers in Pakistan’s energy sector, said in a statement in Milan that 15 of its passengers were ENI employees while the two worked for a contractor. Neither company gave details of the nationalities of the dead, but the Italian Foreign Office in Rome said one Italian was killed. Aviation officials in Karachi had earlier said there was at least one foreigner on board. Pervez George, a spokesman for Pakistan’s Civil Aviation Authority, said the aircraft was on route to an oil field near Bhit Shah in Sindh province, some 190 km (118 miles) northeast of Karachi and crashed due to a technical fault soon after take-off.

Blasts in Pakistan’s N-W kills at least 71

PESHAWAR, 6 Nov.—Two explosions killed at least 71 people in mosques in Pakistan’s northwest on Friday, officials said, after a relative lull in militant violence. In one attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up as Friday prayers were ending, killing at least 66 people, provincial government officials said. The attack occurred in Darra Adam Khel, a suburb of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province capital Peshawar. “Now the death toll is 66. It may rise further because several injured are in critical condition,” Shahid Ullah, a senior provincial government official, told Reuters. He said 80 people were wounded. Some 300 people had gathered just after prayers when the bomber walked into the Waali Mosque’s main hall and detonated himself, witnesses said. “I had just finished the prayers when there was a big explosion. It was very terrifying. I don’t know what happened later. I just fell down,” 15-year-old Mohib Ullah said. Ullah said guards at the mosque gates tried to stop the bomber, but he managed to get in. Officials at the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar said two children were among the dead.

In the second attack, hand grenades were thrown into a mosque on the outskirts of Peshawar during evening prayers, killing at least five people and wounding 11, officials said.—MNA/Reuters

Villagers carry a woman as they flee their homes following another eruption of Mount Merapi in Klaten, Indonesia.

Suicide bombing kills five in west Afghanistan

KHUL, 6 Nov.—Afghan President Hamid Karzai says a suicide bombing in western Afghanistan has killed five civilians and wounded more than 20 others. Karzai says Mullah Rahmatullah Turkistani, the head of the provincial council, was among those wounded when a man blew himself up in a bazaar on Friday. Local authorities said Turkistani was the apparent target of the bombing. Karzai called the bombing an “anti-Islamic” act, but said it would not halt the government’s efforts to promote peace and stability in Afghanistan.

Blast from Indonesia volcano raises deaths to 122

MOUNT MERAPI, 6 Nov.—Searing gas avalanched down an Indonesian volcano with a thunderous roar, tearing houses and trees and incinerating villagers as they fled Mount Merapi’s worst eruption in a century. Dozens of bodies found Friday raised the death toll to 122. The injured—with clothes, blankets and even mattresses fused to their skin by the 1,400 degree Fahrenheit (750 degree Celsius) heat — were carried away on stretchers following the first big explosion just before midnight. Soldiers joined rescue operations in hardest-hit Bronggeng, a village nine miles (15 kilometres) from the crater, pulling at least 78 bodies from homes and streets blanketed by ash up to one-foot (30-centimetres) deep.

Crumpled roofs, charred carcasses of cattle, and broken chairs — all layered in white soot — dotted the smoldering landscape. The volcano, in the heart of densely populated Java island, has erupted scores of times, killing more than 1,500 people in the last century alone. But tens of thousands of people live on its rolling slopes, drawn to soil made fertile by molten lava and volcanic debris.

Gunmen ‘kidnap Latvia helicopter crew’ in Darfur

KHARTOUM, 6 Nov.—Gunmen kidnapped three Latvian helicopter crew members working for the World Food Programme in the troubled Sudanese state of South Darfur, the United Nations agency said on Friday. The WFP said the three were abducted in the state capital of Nyala, confirming a statement issued earlier by the South Darfur governorate following reports that the trio were Russians.

“I can only confirm that three crew members working for the UN humanitarian air service, contracted to the WFP, were abducted in Nyala town on Thursday,” WFP spokesman Amor Almagro said. “All three of them are Latvian nationals. They are helicopter crew.” Almagro later also said.—Internet
**Village ravaged by cancer in Turkey’s Cappadocia**

Turkish farmer Muharrem Sevim, centre, is helped by his wife Naciye, left, as they feed their animals in front of an abandoned house in Tuzkoy, a poor village in Nevsehir Province, Turkey.

**INTERNET**

T uz koy, 6 Nov—The caves, rock houses, and fantastical stone formations in Turkey’s Cappadocia draw tourists from around the world. Nestled among the natural wonders, however, lies a village where the earth is believed to deliver death rather than rewards.

Nearly half the deaths in this impoverished village and two others nearby are from a rare cancer known as mesothelioma—which can be caused by a mineral that’s found in abundance in the area. Local authorities are so alarmed that a relocation of all residents is under way.

“The plan is to demolish the old village, bury it in 1 1/2 metres (yards) of earth and plant over it,” Mayor Umit Bilak said. The Turkish government, however, hasn’t made a final decision on whether to bury Tuzkoy under dirt, pave over it with asphalt, or just try to keep people away. Dubbed “cancer village” in the media, Tuzkoy was declared a hazardous zone in 2004 and about 250 families have moved to new housing one mile (1.6 kilometres) away. The rest of the population of 2,350 is expected to move when additional homes are ready. The move is subsidized by the state.—**INTERNET**

**Study finds good conversation can boost brain power**

**NEW YORK, 6 Nov**—Friendly discussions with other people can help you solve common life challenges, but conversations that are competitive in tone aren’t helpful, finds a new study. “This study shows that simply talking to other people, the way you do when you’re making friends, can provide mental benefits,” lead author Oscar Ybarra, a psychologist and researcher at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, said in a university news release.

In this study of 192 undergraduates, the researchers examined the effect that brief episodes of social contact had on a type of cognition called executive function, which includes working memory, self-monitoring, and the ability to suppress external and internal distractions. These mental processes are essential in dealing with day-to-day problems.—**INTERNET**

**Toyota profit quadruples to $1.2b despite recalls**

**TOKYO, 6 Nov**—Toyota’s second-quarter profit more than quadrupled despite lingering worries about the safety of its cars after massive recalls that are still dogging its sales in the US Toyota reported July-September profit of 98.7 billion yen ($1.2 billion) on Friday, up dramatically from 21.8 billion yen profit a year earlier but lower than analysts expected. Quarterly sales rose 5.8 percent to 4,807 trillion yen ($59.5 billion). Toyota Motor Corp is the only major automaker whose US sales have been sluggish despite a recent onslaught of incentives that have boosted other automakers’ results—underlining how its once sterling image continues to be tarnished in that crucial market.

Like other Japanese exporters, Toyota is also fighting damage from a strong yen that erodes the value of overseas earnings. The world’s top automaker by vehicle sales raised its profit forecast for the year through March 2011, albeit modestly, to 350 billion yen ($4.3 billion) from an earlier forecast (340 billion yen [$4.2 billion]) profit.

**ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNEARTH 3,400 PHARAOH STATUE**

**CAIRO, 6 Nov**—Egypt’s antiquities chief says archaeologists have unearthed the upper half of a red granite statue of a powerful pharaoh who ruled nearly 3,400 years ago. Zahi Hawass says the statue was discovered on Thursday at the site of the funerary temple of Amenhotep III, one of the largest on the west bank of the Nile in the southern temple city of Luxor.

The statue portrays Amenhotep III with the falcon-headed sun god Re-Horakhti and exhibits the expert craftsmanship of ancient Egyptian artisans. Hawass said in a statement Thursday the statue was found during a routine excavation carried out by an Egyptian team of archaeologists. Amenhotep III was the grandfather of the famed boy-Pharaoh Tutankhamun.—**INTERNET**

**Space shuttle springs fuel leak, may delay launch**

**CAPE CANAVERAL, 6 Nov**—Space shuttle Discovery has a fuel leak that threatens to delay Friday’s planned launch. Hydrogen fuel began leaking Friday morning, midway through the fueling process. NASA says it’s the same type of problem that prevented a space shuttle from flying last year. It’s considered a serious problem.

Launch controllers are considering their options as the countdown continues toward a 3:04 pm EST (1100 GMT) launch. The six astronauts have yet to board. The weather, meanwhile, is holding at 70 percent “go.” Discovery’s final mission is already running four days late because of technical and weather problems. NASA has until Sunday to send the shuttle to the International Space Station. Otherwise, the flight will be off until December because of unacceptable solar angles.—**INTERNET**

**CT scans modestly cut lung cancer deaths**

**WASHINGTON, 6 Nov**—A major study shows giving heavy smokers special CT scans can detect lung cancer early enough to modestly lower their risk of death—the first clear evidence that a screening test may help fight the nation’s top cancer killer.

Now the hurdle is deciding who should get these spiral CT scans and how often, because the tests carry their own risks, including repeated radiation exposure and a lot of false alarms that trigger unnecessary repeat testing and even surgery. “This finding has important implications for public health, with the potential to save many lives among those at greatest risk for lung cancer,” said National Cancer Institute Director Dr Harold Varmus, who released the study results Thursday. But, “we don’t know the ideal way yet to do this screening.”

Specialists with the American Cancer Society which hadn’t recommended the screening because of lack of evidence planned to evaluate the findings when the full data is published in a few months. Until then, “the best advice we can give is to encourage people to have conversations with their doctors about whether lung cancer screening is right for them,” said chief medical officer Dr Otis Brawley.

Standard chest X-ray screenings haven’t proved powerful enough to reduce lung cancer deaths, so researchers turned to spiral CTs, where a rotating scanner views the lungs at various angles to spot growths when they’re about half the size that regular X-ray can. But previous small studies have produced mixed results about whether the CTs work.

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**NASA employees walk near Space Shuttle Discovery at the Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral, Fla on 4 Nov, 2010.—**INTERNET

**CAIBRO , 6 Nov**—The flight is scrubbed because of weather and hydraulic pressure problems.—**INTERNET

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Global markets jittery ahead of US jobs data

LONDON, 6 Nov — European stock markets traded lower Friday ahead of key US jobs data, following a big stock market rally around the world in the wake of the Federal Reserve’s decision to pump $600 billion into newly-created money the US economy.

In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was down 2.04 points, or 0.4 percent, at 5,842.32, a day after it had closed at its highest level since June 2008, while France’s CAC-40 was down 17.74 points, or 0.5 percent, at 3,899.04. Germany’s DAX was down 16.22 points, or 0.2 percent, at 6,718.47, a day after it joined the FTSE to close at a 28 month high.

Wall Street was also poised for a modest retreat at the open following Thursday’s big gains, which had sent the Dow Jones industrial average up to its highest level since just before US investment bank Lehman Brothers collapsed September 2008 and the broader Standard & Poor’s 500 index up to a 2010 high Dow futures were down 24 points, or 0.2 percent, at 11,360 while the S&P 500 futures fell 3 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,215.60.

How stocks perform over the rest of the day though will likely hinge on the Labor Department’s nonfarm payrolls data for October the jobs figures often set the tone in all markets for a week or two after their release.

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Earthquake camps bet on Tomas missing capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 6 Nov – Mud up to their ankles and a steady rain falling on their tents, residents of Haiti’s earthquake camps ignored warnings to leave their makeshift homes as Hurricane Tomas bore down on their deforested and flood-prone nation early Friday.

Tomas’ maximum sustained winds were near 80 mph (130 kph) Friday, said the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami, which predicted dangerous storm surges along the coast and possible flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas.

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Arteries of obese kids aging prematurely

Vancouver, 6 Nov—The arteries of obese children have a degree of stiffness normally seen in adults with heart disease, according to a new study. Canadian researchers evaluated 63 obese children, average age 13, and 55 normal weight children. The obese children had abnormal results on an ultrasound test of the heart and blood vessels that measured how fast blood flowed through the body.

Of special note was stiffness of the aorta—the body’s largest artery, which carries oxygen-rich blood to all the other arteries.

“The normal aorta has elastic qualities that buffer the flow of blood. When that elasticity is lost, aortic stiffness results—a sign of developing cardiovascular disease,” said study author Dr Kevin Harris, from BC Children’s Hospital in Vancouver, in a Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada news release. “Aortic stiffness is associated with cardiovascular events and early death.”

It’s as if the aging process has been accelerated in the aortas of obese children, he added.

Middle-age smoking doubles Alzheimer’s risk

Washington, 6 Nov—People who smoke heavily in middle age could more than double their risk for Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia 20 years later, according to research by Finnish experts published in a US journal.

It has been documented that smoking increases the risk of most diseases and mortality, but some studies have shown that smoking can reduce the chances of developing Parkinson’s disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.

“The link between smoking and risk of Alzheimer’s disease, the most common subtype of dementia, has been somewhat controversial, with some studies suggesting that smoking reduces the risk of cognitive impairment,” the authors wrote in the report, posted online on Monday in the Archives of Internal Medicine, published by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Minna Rusanen from the University of Eastern Finland and Kuopio University Hospital in Kuopio, Finland, analyzed data with colleagues from 21,123 members of a healthcare system who participated in a survey between 1978 and 1985, when they were between the ages of 50 and 60.

Without driver or map, vans go from Italy to China

Shanghai, 6 Nov—Across Eastern Europe, Russia, Kazakhstan and the Gobi Desert it certainly was a long way to go without getting lost. Four driverless electric vans successfully ended an 8,000-mile (13,000-kilometer) test drive from Italy to China a modern-day version of Marco Polo’s journey around the world with their arrival at the Shanghai Expo on Thursday.

The vehicles, equipped with four solar-powered laser scanners and seven video cameras that work together to detect and avoid obstacles, are part of an experiment aimed at improving road safety and advancing automotive technology. The sensors on the vehicles enabled them to navigate through wide extremes in road, traffic and weather conditions, while collecting data to be analyzed for further research, in a study sponsored by the European Research Council.

“We didn’t know the route, I mean what the roads would have been and if we would have found nice roads, traffic, lots of traffic, medium traffic, crazy drivers or regular drivers, so we encountered the lot,” said Isabella Fredriga, a research engineer for the project. Though the vans were driverless and mapless, they did carry researchers as passengers just in case of emergencies. The experimenters did have to intervene a few times when the vehicles got snarled in a Moscow traffic jam and to handle toll stations.

“The 11” exercises to reduce soccer injuries

New York, 6 Nov—Soccer is one of the world’s most popular sports, enjoyed by millions around the globe—and resulting in millions of injuries each year. But a set of 11 low-impact exercises incorporated into warm-ups can reduce soccer injuries by up to 12 percent in matches and 25 percent in training sessions, said a study by researchers working with the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and published in The American Journal of Sports Medicine. “The injury prevention programme, dubbed “The 11” and now updated to “The 11+”, is a series of exercises focusing on stability, balance, flexibility and strength, and designed specifically to prevent soccer injuries.

During the study, carried out in Switzerland, the programme was integrated into a course required for coaches. A thousand coaches were asked about injuries among their players, then asked again four years later. They were also asked if they were using “The 11” programme.

Those who said 12.6 percent of their players had been injured in matches over the previous month, compared to 14.2 percent of players of coaches who hadn’t been using the programme. —MNA/Reuters
Iwo Jima mementos bring closure to Japanese family

Tokyo, 6 Nov—For decades, the faded photograph of a baby Japanese girl and a child’s colourful drawing hung on a wall in the home of Franklin Hobbs III in America. As a 21-year-old US soldier fighting on Iwo Jima, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, Hobbs found them in the pocket of a fallen Japanese soldier and took them as a souvenir.

Until recently, he tried not to think too much about the battle or the photo and drawing. Then, a few years ago, at his wife’s suggestion, he decided to try to give them back. For the girl in the photo and her sister, they meant the world.

Hobbs, now 86, returned to Japan this week for the first time since the war and met with one of the daughters whose life he changed by returning the items. Chie Takekawa had drawn the picture of an air raid drill that Hobbs found on her father a man she barely knew and whose remains have never been found.—Internet

Christina Ricci, Kanye West Among Honorees at 2010 ACE Awards

honouring the year’s top contributors to the accessories industry, from brands to individual style makers. Celebrities like Christina Ricci, wearing a glam leopard print strapless dress, her hair sleek and glossy, and the ever-dapper Kanye West, accepted awards for their iconic style. Ricci took home the “Style Evolution” award, while West won the “Verage Stylemaker of the Year” award.

Lauren Bush was given the “Humanitarian” award for her FEED Project tote bag, which to date has provided close to 55 million meals for children through the United Nations World Food Programme through sales of over $300,000 bags.

Hollywood doctors face fallout from Smith case

Los Angeles, 6 Nov—In hospitals, medical offices and pharmacies, Anna Nicole Smith was routinely registered under pseudonyms to protect her privacy.

But in the wake of the convictions of her psychiatrist and lawyer-boyfriend for using false names on her drug prescriptions, the Hollywood medical community awoke to the realization Friday that the practice might be off limits and some doctors could avoid treating celebrity clients rather than risk criminal charges.

“This is a shocker,” criminal defense attorney Harland Braun, who has represented celebrities and doctors, said of Thursday’s verdicts.

He said the convictions of Dr. Kristine Eroshevich and Howard K. Stern for obtaining drug prescriptions for Smith under false names contradicts common practice.—Internet

UK tuberculosis rates highest in 30 years

London, 6 Nov—Cases of tuberculosis in Britain reached their highest level for 30 years in 2009 with 9,040 cases and the number of new drug-resistant TB cases has almost doubled in the past decade, government data showed on Thursday.

An annual tuberculosis (TB) report from the government’s Health Protection Agency also said the number of multi-drug resistant cases of the disease had also doubled in the last decade, although the proportion of these extremely difficult to treat cases remains low at around 1.2 percent.

Treatment for non drug-resistant TB requires a six month course of multiple antibiotics. But for drug-resistant TB, the treatment is even more complicated and prolonged and for multi-drug resistant TB, treatment may be required for 18 months or even longer.

“We are concerned to see cases of TB at their highest levels since the 1970s. TB is a preventable and treatable condition but, if left untreated, can be life-threatening,” said Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar, head of TB surveillance at the HPA.

He said that while TB can affect anyone, cases are more common among people in urban areas, as with many other infectious diseases, and in immigrant communities and vulnerable populations such as drug users or the homeless.—MNA/Reuters

Iwo Jima mementos bring closure to Japanese family

Tokyo, 6 Nov—For decades, the faded photograph of a baby Japanese girl and a child’s colourful drawing hung on a wall in the home of Franklin Hobbs III in America. As a 21-year-old US soldier fighting on Iwo Jima, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, Hobbs found them in the pocket of a fallen Japanese soldier and took them as a souvenir.

Until recently, he tried not to think too much about the battle or the photo and drawing. Then, a few years ago, at his wife’s suggestion, he decided to try to give them back. For the girl in the photo and her sister, they meant the world.

Hobbs, now 86, returned to Japan this week for the first time since the war and met with one of the daughters whose life he changed by returning the items. Chie Takekawa had drawn the picture of an air raid drill that Hobbs found on her father a man she barely knew and whose remains have never been found.—Internet

Christina Ricci, Kanye West Among Honorees at 2010 ACE Awards

honouring the year’s top contributors to the accessories industry, from brands to individual style makers. Celebrities like Christina Ricci, wearing a glam leopard print strapless dress, her hair sleek and glossy, and the ever-dapper Kanye West, accepted awards for their iconic style. Ricci took home the “Style Evolution” award, while West won the “Verage Stylemaker of the Year” award.

Lauren Bush was given the “Humanitarian” award for her FEED Project tote bag, which to date has provided close to 55 million meals for children through the United Nations World Food Programme through sales of over $300,000 bags.

Hollywood doctors face fallout from Smith case

Los Angeles, 6 Nov—In hospitals, medical offices and pharmacies, Anna Nicole Smith was routinely registered under pseudonyms to protect her privacy.

But in the wake of the convictions of her psychiatrist and lawyer-boyfriend for using false names on her drug prescriptions, the Hollywood medical community awoke to the realization Friday that the practice might be off limits and some doctors could avoid treating celebrity clients rather than risk criminal charges.

“This is a shocker,” criminal defense attorney Harland Braun, who has represented celebrities and doctors, said of Thursday’s verdicts.

He said the convictions of Dr. Kristine Eroshevich and Howard K. Stern for obtaining drug prescriptions for Smith under false names contradicts common practice.—Internet

UK tuberculosis rates highest in 30 years

London, 6 Nov—Cases of tuberculosis in Britain reached their highest level for 30 years in 2009 with 9,040 cases and the number of new drug-resistant TB cases has almost doubled in the past decade, government data showed on Thursday.

An annual tuberculosis (TB) report from the government’s Health Protection Agency also said the number of multi-drug resistant cases of the disease had also doubled in the last decade, although the proportion of these extremely difficult to treat cases remains low at around 1.2 percent.

Treatment for non drug-resistant TB requires a six month course of multiple antibiotics. But for drug-resistant TB, the treatment is even more complicated and prolonged and for multi-drug resistant TB, treatment may be required for 18 months or even longer.

“We are concerned to see cases of TB at their highest levels since the 1970s. TB is a preventable and treatable condition but, if left untreated, can be life-threatening,” said Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar, head of TB surveillance at the HPA.

He said that while TB can affect anyone, cases are more common among people in urban areas, as with many other infectious diseases, and in immigrant communities and vulnerable populations such as drug users or the homeless.—MNA/Reuters
Survey shows commercial-scale oil and... (from page 1)

Today, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Deputy Minister U Than Hay and responsible persons of SIPC Company made a field trip to No. 2 Pahtolon well at inland Block-D to inspect the conditions of successful exploration of oil and natural gas. At the briefing hall, Manager Mr Li Yuzhan and responsible persons of SIPC Co reported on progress of work and future tasks.

The minister stressed the need to survey the reserve of the natural gas deposit. He added that as natural gas produced from the block will be used in industries of Upper Myanmar, it is necessary to provide assistance for development of natural gas field for enhancement of State economy and development of industrial sector. Next, he presented fruit basket to foreign technicians and workers of MOGE.

After visiting the worksite, the minister gave words of encouragement to the workers. At present, seismic survey and exploration tasks are being undertaken with momentum to measure the exact volume of oil and natural gas at 42 traps and 10 geological structures in the inland block-D including Pahtolon geological structure.

Yangon Mayor upgrades roads with concrete

YANGON, 6 Nov—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected progress of paving Yegyaw road in Pazundaung Township with concrete for smooth flow of traffic, being constructed by Yangon City Development Committee, of digging a 2-inch diameter pipe tube-well and making a tank that can store 800 gallons of water for supply of water to local people at Pazundaung Garden Estate. From there, he looked around progress of paving concrete on roads at Anawrahta Housing Complex, No 2 Ward in Kamayut Township and left necessary instructions.

Korean Film Festival 2010 at Thamada Cinema on 26 Nov

YANGON, 5 Nov—The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar is going to host “Korean Film Festival 2010” in Yangon at Thamada Cinema from 26 to 29 November, with a view to promoting cultural film festivals have been held in Myanmar for four times—in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. A total of 4 films will be presented this year and each film will be screened twice. The titles of the films are “Le Grand Chef (Drama)”, “Le Grand Chef 2 (Drama)”, “Scandal Makers (Comedy)” and “My Girlfriend is an Agent (Comedy Action)”. Ms. Lee Ha Na, the leading actress of the film “Le Grand Chef” and Mr. Song Ei Gook, who is the hero of the well-known Korean TV Drama, “Jumong” will be present on the opening ceremony of the Festival on 26 November in Yangon. The film festival is open to the public and free of charge.

Further information such as admission tickets can be inquired at Korean embassy from 15 November 2010 onwards.

EP-2 Minister visits Namkham Township Electrical Engineer’s office

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint this afternoon visited the office of Namkham Township Electrical Engineer.

First 390-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw Cycling Race 27-30 Nov

YANGON, 5 Nov—With the assistance of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Cycling Federation will organize the first 390-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw Men’s and Women’s Cycling Contest from 27 to 30 November.

On 27 November morning, the 100-mile long men’s contest will start in front of the Nay Pyi Taw City Hall and its finishing line will be located in Meiktila. The same day, the 26-mile women’s contest will be held from Pyawbwe to Meiktila.

On 28 November, the 95-mile men’s event will be held from Meiktila to Mandalay and the 30-mile women’s event from Meiktila to Mandalay.

On 29 November, the 95-mile men’s event will be arranged from Mandalay to Meiktila and the women’s event from Wundwin to Meiktila.

Those wishing to participate in the contest may enlist MCF at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) in Yangon not later than 25 November, dialing 01-73056710 and 01561336 of MCF, 02-33619 of Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department, 064-23221 of Meiktila District SPED and 067-22082 of Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports Ground.
Yangon Region Inter-Township Basic Education Schools Football Festival concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A ceremony to award winning teams in the Yangon Region Inter-Township Basic Education Schools (District and Central Level) Football Festival was held at Aung San Stadium, here, on 4 November.

Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Region Brig-Gen Tun Than presented championship trophies to Thaungyin Township team of Yangon East District (B) team in the U-10 boys’ event, Dagon Myothit (South) Township team in the U-12 event and Mingala Taungnyunt Township (team of Yangon East District) (B) team in the U-10 event.

President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials gave championship trophies to respective township teams.—MNA

Body beauty and physical culture contest, pageant held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—The awarding ceremony for Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Chairman Trophy Body Beauty and Physical Culture Contest and Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation President Trophy Beauty Contest took place at Chanayethazan Township on 1 November.

Among the enthusiasts were Chairman of Mandalay Region PDC Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han and senior military officers.

The mayor and officials presented medals and cash awards to the winners of the contests.—MNA

BEHS in Phettaw Village-tract of Taungtha Tsp get upgrade

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—A ceremony to open upgraded Basic Education High School in Phettaw Village-tract in Taungtha Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region was held at the school yesterday.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung unveiled the stone inscription.

The Mandalay Region Education Officer (Inspection) reported on the purpose of upgrading the school and handed over the relevant documents to teacher Dsw Nyunt Nyunt Aung, on behalf of the Taungtha Township Education Officer. The headmaster presented commemorative logo to mark upgrading the school to the minister and officials. Member of the School Board of Trustees U Maung Kaung spoke words of thanks.—MNA

New stamp for 2010 multiparty democracy general election on sale

YANGON, 6 Nov—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will sell a new stamp worth K 500 in commemoration of the 2010 multiparty democracy general election at State/Region/District/Township post offices beginning 9.30 am on 7 November (Sunday).—MNA

Commander performs relief work in Giri storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Thein visited Thandwe Airport in Thandwe on 4 November.

The commander provided foodstuffs and relief aids for storm victims in Ngapathong Village, Myebon Township at the village Basic Education Primary School. The commander then inspected students learning at the school and clinic at rural health centre.

At Kyaukpyu Airport in Kyaukpyu Township, the commander inspected loading of relief aids into choppers. The commander handed over foodstuffs, household goods and medicines for storm victims to personnel at Myebon Township PDC office.

The commander then went to Lepwe Port of Myanma Port Authority in Kyaukpyu and inspected unloading of relief aids, medicines, foodstuffs, household goods, and building materials from Thawda Deiwy cargo vessel and gave necessary instructions to personnel. The commander inspected Tatmadawmen, members of social organizations and local people collectively constructing embankments in East Ward of Kyaukpyu and Pyinpyumaw Village-tract. The commander inspected reconstruction work in Kyaukpyu Education College.

The commander went to Nyaiyichaing Village of Pauktaw Township where he provided storm victims with construction materials, foodstuffs, medicines, CDMA mobile telephone and accessories.

“Pyinnyar Alin Pya” Library newly-opened in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 6 Nov—An opening ceremony of “Pyinnyar Alin Pya” Library took place in No 10 Ward, Thakayta Township on 31 October.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kansaw Hlaing, Head of District Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Ko and Chairman of Library Committee U Min Min Tun formally opened the library.

Head of District Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Ko explained the purpose of opening the library and donated cash for the library and provided relief aids for storm victims in Pyinpyumaw and Pyinpyumaw Village.

Opening ceremony of “Pyinnyar Alin Pya” Library in progress.—MNA
Yatanarpon Cyber City…
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The university is constituted with four faculties namely the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, the Faculty of Precision Engineering, the Faculty of Electronic Engineering, and the Faculty of Advanced Materials Engineering. The faculties control 15 research departments that will conduct the research works. As such, the Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) under the Ministry of Science and Technology will play the most important role in the ICT field in the future.

The launching of Yatanarpon Internet Exchange Point-IXP, Yatanarpon Web Portal and Triple Play Soft Switch is fulfilling the basic requirements of IP services for its development.

Yatanarpon IXP (Internet Exchange Point) has been installed with necessary Internet machines for ISP (Internet Service Provider) that will give Internet service to the people. As such, various types of Internet services will rely on the Yatanarpon IXP to create interconnection among them.

Yatanarpon Web Portal is a new service already established in the nation. Although IT enthusiasts and Internet users visited the website of their choice by applying search engines of IP companies of foreign countries in the past, they can now apply the own search engine of the State thanks to construction of Yatanarpon Web Portal.

Triple Play which is the latest ICT technology in the world is a service combined with Internet, Information and Communication services. Triple Play Service will give the services of Internet, telephone, video IPTV to the users through communication media such as fibre or wireless or satellite. VoIP (Voice over IP) system included in the Triple Play service will be realized through the already-launched Soft Switch.

Yatanarpon Cyber City is located at the milepost No. 27/0 on Mandalay-PyinOoLwin Road in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region. The project of the city is located on an area of 10,000 acres. Of the area, the first phase of the project is being implemented on 2200 acres of land. At present, the Teleport Building and seven Incubation build-
Realizing the work programmes for development of IT human resources, MCC Group established the MCC Training Institute (Yatanarpon) in June 2009 and is training IT enthusiast youths from all parts of the nation in cooperation with the organizations at home and abroad to be able to turn out international level software engineers. In 2010, the second year students are pursuing higher technology at the institute. In 2011, the students will be turned out as international level IT technicians.

MCC Group is providing the On-Job Training Course to the students at the International Software Development Centre to enable them to have experience on creation of computer systems of MCC for departments and organizations.

Soft-based Factories of investment companies are manufacturing machines for information and communication works and ICT equipment in Yatanarpon Cyber City. The factory of Elite Tech Manufacturing Co Ltd is producing CDMA-800 and CDMA-450 Top-up Cards worth K 10,000 and K 30,000, FWT (Fixed Wireless Terminal ETS 2222+) to be used in CDMA-800 MHz, and BBU 3900 (Baseband Unit of BTS), BTS 360 CE (CDMA-450 MHz)- 4th Generation; the factory of Yatanarpon Fiber Co Ltd, fibre cables and accessories; and the factory of Asia Mega Link Co Ltd, solar plates, solar controllers and exchange equipment.

The Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd, entrepreneurs, intellectuals and intelligentsia are making all-out efforts for undertaking Yatanarpon Information and Technology production, training and services of Yatanarpon Cyber City meeting the international standards.

At present, Yatanarpon Cyber City being built in accord with the guidance of the Head of State has taken a step for development of ICT technology of the State. In fact, the ICT sector will be a drive for contributing much to enhancement of education, economic, social and other sectors for the people and for shaping a peaceful, modern and developed industrialized nation in the near future.
Nissan quarterly profit surges, raises forecast

Tokyo, 6 Nov — Japan’s Nissan Motor on Thursday said its quarterly profit increased fourfold in the three months ended September, and raised its forecast in defiance of the strengthening yen. The July-to-September net profit of 101.7 billion yen — or 1.18 billion dollars according to Nissan’s currency conversions — was four times higher than the year-ago figure of 25.5 billion yen.

The automaker raised its full-year profit outlook to 270 billion yen from 150 billion yen in July. It followed rival automakers Honda and Mazda in reporting strong quarterly profits and upwardly revised profit outlooks, suggesting the industry is weathering the impact of a strong yen better than expected.

For many firms, the yen’s 14 percent rise against the dollar and near 16 percent rise versus the euro this year has dented a post-crisis demand revival and undermined the benefits of earlier cost cuts and restructuring.

Nissan last week spoke of “a sense of crisis” in the industry. — Internet

World’s oldest person dies at 114 in St Barthelemy

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NY trial opens for accused stalker of TV actress

NEW YORK, 6 Nov—A fan of “Law & Order: Criminal Intent” relentlessly harassed one of the television show’s stars, approaching her on filming locations and composing creepy missives about her on the Internet, a federal prosecutor said Tuesday in opening statements at his trial.

Charles Nagel of Philadelphia is charged with interstate stalking, stemming from his “obsession” with actress Kathryn Erbe, Assistant US Attorney Allon Lifshitz told jurors in federal court in Brooklyn.

When Erbe tried to ignore Nagel, he grew angry and tried to confront her, the prosecutor said.

Defence attorney Robert Datner called his client “an interesting character” who meant no harm. Nagel, who has pleaded not guilty, merely “went to a public place seeking autographs and photographs,” the lawyer said.

Erbe, 44, has starred for nine seasons as Detective Alexandra Eames on the crime series.

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South Africa to build world’s largest solar park

JOHANNESBURG, 6 Nov—South Africa has tabled its plans to build what could be the world’s biggest solar park project to hundreds of investors from around the globe at a recent two-day conference, which was organized to generate funds for the multi-billion dollars project set to be financed mainly by private investors.

The two-day Solar Park Investors Conference, organized by the South African Department of Energy, saw more than 400 investors from South Africa and other foreign countries including France, Spain, India as well as the United States make way to the small town of Upington, situated in the country’s Northern Cape Province, to learn more about the Solar Park project.

“If we have a great pleasure to be afforded the opportunity to address the Solar Park Investors Conference. This is one of the memorable days in our calendar as it marks the beginning of a progressive shift towards clean renewable en-ergy technologies in our country,’ South Africa’s Minister of Energy Dipuo Peters said at the opening of the conference.

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People fly kites during the Fifth Dameisha International Kite Festival at the Dameisha beach in Shenzhen, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 30 Oct, 2010. The festival kicked off on Saturday, attracting more than 200 participants from 18 countries and regions.

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Fire erupts at historic Majestic Theater in Ohio

CHILLICOTHE, 6 Nov—Officials say a fire during a gospel performance forced the evacuation of the historic Majestic Theater in Chillicothe (chi-li-kah’ thee), Ohio. The Chillicothe Gazette reports that a curtain caught fire Thursday night in the theater that dates to the 1850s. Aaron Crisler, spokesman for Nashville, Tenn.-based gospel singers The Nelons, says the group had just begun its first song when a fire alarm sounded.

Crisler says Kelly Nelton Clark, her husband Jason Clark and daughter Amber Nelton Thompson credited members of the group beyond the ashes for helping them to escape. He says the three members of The Nelons, three singers from beyond the ashes and a member of their management team were treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation and released. The Majestic Theater has hosted many legendary entertainers, including Laurel and Hardy, Milton Berle and Sophie Tucker.

‘Dude, it’s a whale’, says boy who rode sea giant

SYDNEY, 6 Nov—An Australian teenager who climbed onto a whale and rode on its back has said he never intended to hurt the animal and had been acting instinctively when he put his arms around the massive sea creature. Sam Matheson, 14, said he was with a friend at Middleton Beach in Albany south of Perth when he saw the animal not far off the Western Australian coast and decided to take a closer look.

“I swam out to it and put my arms on it, sort of laid against it for about 20 or 30 seconds,” he said. “I was out of the water from the waist up,” the keen surfer told Perth’s Sunday Times. “It was like a leather texture, like a really smooth leather, really soft. It wasn’t even scary, it was like, ‘Dude, it’s a whale’.”

The teen said the whale, which he estimated to be about 14 metres (46 feet) long, did not even notice him until he laid it on.

“Then it lifted up its tail, it went under and it pulled me down at bit, but I was fine and I swam back to the rocks,” he said. Matheson said he did not realise that it was illegal or dangerous to swim within 30 metres of a whale and that he now regretted his actions. “If I had known it was illegal I wouldn’t have done it,” he told the paper.

INTERNET

Toxic chemicals found deep at BP oil spill site

WASHINGTON, 6 Nov—Toxic chemicals at levels high enough to kill sea animals extended deep underwater soon after the BP oil spill, US researchers reported here.

They found evidence of the chemicals as deep as 3,300 feet (1,000 metres) and as far away as 8 miles (13 kilometres) in May, and said the spread likely worsened as more oil spilled. The chemicals, called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAHs, can kill animals right away in high enough concentrations and can cause cancer over time.

“From the time that these observations were made, there was an extensive release of additional oil and dispersants at the site. Therefore, the effects on the deep sea ecosystem may be considerably more severe than supported by the observations reported here,” the researchers wrote in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

Environmental experts were most worried about the PAHs because they are so toxic, but not much was known about how long they could last in the water or how long it would take them to dissipate. The initial tests showed they were at high levels very deep under the water, the report shows.

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**Beleaguered Rooney to spend week training in US**

**LONDON, 6 Nov** — Wayne Rooney has been lambasted by the British media, jeered by fans and this weekend will be buried in effigy in a south-east English town.

No wonder the Manchester United striker is moving to the United States to recover from his latest injury.

Rooney was voted England’s player of the year last season but has been out with an ankle injury that has kept him out for three weeks.

“We feel it’s in the best interests of him and the club to have a change of scenery for a while,” United assistant manager Mike Phelan said Friday. “He’s had a lot of attention recently. We want to create an environment for him that will give him the best opportunity to be fit in a short space of time.

**Nagasa of US wins short programme at Cup of China**

**BEIJING, 6 Nov** — American skater Mirai Nagasu won the women’s short programme on Friday at the Cup of China in her return from a fractured foot.

Nagasa started the performance with a solid triple lutz and double toe loop before following with a wobbly triple flip. She quickly recovered with a smoothly executed layback spin and change foot combination spin to earn 58.76 points.

“Today wasn’t my best performance, but I feel I good about it, because I did the best I could under the circumstances,” said Nagasu, referring to the stress fracture in her foot.

**Westwood 1 shot back of Molinari at HSBC Champions**

**SHANGHAI, 6 Nov** — In his first tournament at No. 1 in the world and having played only one event in three months, Lee Westwood was not sure what to expect out of his game at the HSBC Champions.

Being one shot behind Francesco Molinari going into the weekend was a pleasant surprise.

Molinari built a big lead early before stumbling to a couple of bogeys, then held on for a 2-under 70 that gave him a one-shot lead over Westwood after two rounds of this World Golf Championship.
New Michael Jackson album due out next month
NEW YORK, 6 Nov — Get ready for more Michael Jackson music. Sony Records and Jackson’s estate announced Thursday that they’ll be releasing “Michael” on 14 Dec. The album is billed as “newly completed recordings” from the pop legend who died last year.

The first single is called “Breaking News” and will be streamed on http://www.michael-jackson.com starting Monday for one week. A teaser of the song will appear on the site Friday. Jackson recorded “Breaking News” in 2007. The statement says it was “recently brought to completion.” Jackson was known for recording dozens of tracks for his album entitled ‘Michael,’ is shown. The CD will be released on 14 Dec.— INTERNET

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WEATHER
Saturday, 6th November, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in Kachin and Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperature in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Regions, (5°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, (7°C) below November average temperature in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and (4°C) above November average temperature in Kachin State and about November average temperature in the remaining States and Regions. The significant night temperatures were Namshans, Heho, Loilem, Mindat and Haka (8°C) each.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 5-11-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 6-11-2010 was 64°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-11-2010 was (83%).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 5-11-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 6-11-2010 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-11-2010 was (67%).

Total sunshine hours on 5-11-2010 was (9.7) hours.

Rainfall on 6-11-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from east at (16:30) hours MST on 5-11-2010.

Bay Influence: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the cyclonic storm (Jal) over the Southwest Bay has intensified into a severe cyclonic storm and is centered at about (340) miles Southeast of Chennai (India). It is forecast to move Northeastwards. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Southwest and West Central Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until afternoon of the 7th November 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-11-2010: Generally cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

In this CD cover image released by Epic Records, newly completed recordings from Michael Jackson entitled ‘Michael,’ is shown. The CD will be released on 14 Dec.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule
(7-11-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions Times
Local - (09:00am – 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (7-11-10 09:30 am – 8-11-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
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  * News
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  * The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
  * News
  * The Elephant Dance Festival: Myanmar’s Pride and Devotion
  * News
  * Topic on Journal 'Significant Tourist Sights in Myanmar'
  * Healthy Dragon Fruit for Beneficial Investment

Oversea Transmission
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  * Music Gallery
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  * News
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  * Healthy Dragon Fruit for Beneficial Investment
  * "Be A Typical Myanmar Lady (Fashionable Myanmar Traditional Wedding Dresses)
  * News
  * Working & Living in Myanmar (Tourism)
  * Song for You
  * News
  * Beautiful Gem Stones Picture
  * News
  * Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
  * Myanmar Mantes "The True Life"

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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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

Yatanarpon Cyber City striving for enhancement of ICT standard in Myanmar

The significant ceremonies for enhancing standards of Myanmar Information and Communication Technology took place at Yatanarpon Cyber City in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, on 17 October 2010. They were the inauguration ceremony of the Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) under the Ministry of Science and Technology and the launching ceremony of Yatanarpon Internet Exchange Point-IXP, Yatanarpon Web Portal and Tripple Play Soft Switch of Yatanarpon Teleport Co Ltd.

The launching of Yatanarpon Internet Exchange Point-IXP, Yatanarpon Web Portal and Tripple Play Soft Switch was the most prestigious for contributing to improvement of Technological University (Cyber City) and Information and Communication Technology in the milestone of the Union of Myanmar.

Technological University (Yatanarpon Cyber City) is a research-based university to train the students to be able to take innovative measures for manufacturing of new products by conducting research with the subjects on modern information and communication technology, production of precision machinery and manufacturing of advanced materials which are top priority subjects at the international universities.

The university will turn out the skilled IT technicians who are essential for the State, today, communication and modern machinery controlling electronic technicians, advanced machinery and quality control technicians, and Nano technology-applied advanced material production and quality improving technicians.

Sereve cyclonic storm “Jal” is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Nov—The Department of Meterology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observations at 17:30 hrs today, sereve cyclonic storm “Jal” over southwest Bay of Bengal has centered at about 290 miles southeast of Chennai (India). It is likely to move further northwesterwards.

The percentage of the storm is coded yellow stage and it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts. Under the influence of the storm, squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 mph.—MNA