Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing cast votes in Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar

A total of 17 polling stations were opened at designated places in Anawrahta ward of Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District.

Before the opening of the polling stations, returning officers and members inspected the building of the stations, lists of eligible voters, ballot boxes and ballots.

Directors of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers, officers, other ranks, and their families from the Ministry of Defence cast votes as the polling stations were opened at 6 am today. Respectable returning officers and polling station members help the voters cast their votes well.

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Leinli Bridge to link hilly and plain regions

Leinli Bridge spanning Paunglaung Creek on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road was opened on 5 November. It has been built in place of the old bailey bridge that could withstand 13 tons only. The new bridge with 1760 feet in length can bear 75 tons of loads.

In the past, one had to use 200-mile Pynmana-Melktal-Aungban-Pinlaung Road to travel from Nay Pyi Taw to Pinlaung. Now, the trip is just over 70 miles.

With the advent of Leinli Bridge, there can be links between Shan State (South), Kayah State and Nay Pyi Taw. And commodities can quickly be transported to Yangon and Mandalay Regions, Mon and Kayin States and border areas.

It is the 6th 180-foot and above bridge in Shan State (South) and the 249th in the whole country.

The government is building networks of motor roads, railroads and bridges for better transport that is fundamental to development of the State. All the national brethren had to live afar as the creeks and mountains posed a barrier in the past. But now they have further strengthened the unity as there has been easy access to every region.

Sound foundations are being built for the future state with the united strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. We can see tangible progress in all sectors. So, the entire national people are to continue to work hard for the nation to stand tall among the international community.

Nepalese Ambassador Ms Guna Laymi Sharma, diplomats and journalists also observed casting votes at the polling station in No. 6 BEHS in Lashio.

Commander’s championship shield volleyball tournament concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig Gen Soe Lwin attended the prize-giving ceremony of Commander’s Championship Shield (Men’s and Women’s) Volleyball Tournament on 1 November.

The commander and spectators enjoyed the final match of men’s volleyball tournament.

Officials presented medals, cash awards and gifts to winning teams and outstanding players.

The commander presented championship shields to winning teams. — MNA

Foreign diplomats, UN representatives and journalists observe casting votes

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Eligible voters chose the candidates for respective hluttaws at Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar held at respective constituencies of the States and the Regions starting from 6 am today.

Ambassadors to the Union of Myanmar, charge d’affaires as and officials, resident representatives under the UN agencies, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff and reporters of local journals and magazines visited the polling stations.

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov—Eligible voters cast votes at the Multiparty Democracy General Elections of the Union of Myanmar held at the respective polling stations in the townships of Kachin State at 6 am today.

Second Secretary of the Embassy of Australia to the Union of Myanmar Mr Rhys Thompson and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprates of the Thai Embassy, together with Chairman of Kachin State Subcommission U Min Shwe, member U Thein Tin and secretary of Myitkyina District Subcommission U Kyaw Min Khaing, observed casting votes at respective polling stations and counting of votes.

Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and the UN agencies and journalists studied casting votes for the candidates freely and systematically at polling station in Nay Pyi Taw and the State/Region and counting of votes by polling station officers and members.

And officials conducted them round. — MNA

Diplomats observe casting votes in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov—Eligible voters cast votes at the Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar took place at designated constituencies in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, Sagaing Region at 6 pm this morning.

Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi, Acting Minister Counsellor Deputy Chief of Mission Ms Chan Yuen Ying Vanessa Elisabeth of Singaporean Embassy, Protocol Officer Economic and Political Assistant & Attaché Ms Marchelle F Manlangit of Philippines Embassy, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and journalists observed voting process at Polling stations in Yonegyi Ward, No. 2 Basic Education High School in Dawngay Ward, No. 3 BEHS in Sulegon Village, No. 2 BEMS in Ayethaya Ward, No. 1 BEHS in Aloe Ward, No. 1 BEHS in Ahlone Ward, No. 19 BEPS in Aungchantha Ward in Monywa Township.

The diplomats and journalists also observed counting of votes at polling stations in No. 4 BEMS in Aungmingala Ward, Nyaungbinsaik BEMS (branch) in Natluhteikpan Ward, No. 29 BEPPS in Nyoawtau Ward in the evening.

Secretary U Tin Maung Kyi of Sagaing Region Election Subcommission and members, chairmen of Monywa District and Monywa Township and members and officials conducted them round the polling stations.

There are 125 constituencies, 3,307 polling stations and 3,114,222 eligible voters in Sagaing Region.

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Personnel counting ballots at the polling station at No. 7 BEHS in Dhana Theikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District.

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Diplomats and journalists observe voting process in Monywa Tsp

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Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr
Afghan Taleban threaten death to all talking peace

KABUL, 7 Nov—Scribbled notes from Taleban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar have surfaced in mosques all over Afghanistan’s ethnic Pashtun heartland, threatening death to anyone who takes up a government offer to negotiate for peace, according to a longtime Taleban member.

Try to squash rumors of a break in their ranks, the Taleban also have vehemently denied reports — including one by The Associated Press — that representatives of the militant group were involved in negotiations with the Afghan government. The leadership could be worried that commanders might strike separate deals that would threaten to undermine the militancy and erode the morale of their rank-and-file fighters.

President Hamid Karzai has made reconciliation a top priority and recently formed a 70-member High Peace Council to find a political solution to the militancy. At the same time, the US-led coalition has ramped up its military campaign in an effort to pound Taleban commanders to the negotiating table. There are no signs that either strategy is having much effect on the senior Taleban leadership.

A veteran Taleban member who recently visited the powerful shura — or council — in the Pakistani city of Quetta and controlled by Mullah Omar said there was no talk of negotiation among those who control the militancy.

Al-Qaeda group takes responsibility for mail bombs

DUBAI, 7 Nov—A Yemen-based al-Qaeda group on Friday claimed responsibility for the international mail bomb plot uncovered late last week as well as the crash of a United Parcel Service cargo plane in September.

A week after authorities intercepted packages in Dubai and Britain that were bound for the US, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula issued a statement taking credit for the plot and saying it would continue to strike American and Western interests. The group specifically said it would target civilian and cargo aircraft.

“We have struck three blows at your airplanes in a single year. And God willing, we will continue to strike our blows against American interests and the interests of America’s allies,” the group said in a message posted on a militant website.

The authenticity of Friday’s claim could not be immediately verified. A US intelligence official said authorities are not surprised to see this claim now.

China, France join forces for world monetary reform

NICE, 7 Nov—China and France joined forces Friday to push for reform of the global monetary system when France takes the helm of the G20 economic grouping next week.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy (C) and Chinese President Hu Jintao (L).

They reached a “true convergence of views” on France’s reform plans in talks between President Nicolas Sarkozy and his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao in the Mediterranean city of Nice, as enmity between

Haiti dodges storm disaster, cholera toll rises

PORT-AU-PHANE, 7 Nov—Earthquake-hit Haiti escaped a fresh disaster threatened by Hurricane Tomas, but the storm caused flooding that killed eight people and increased the contagion threat from a deadly cholera epidemic, the government and aid workers said on Saturday.

Amid widespread relief that the hurricane largely spared crowded camps in the Haitian capital housing 1.3 million quake survivors, the international humanitarian operation was turning its attention back to the two-week-old epidemic, which has killed just over 500 people and sickened more than 7,000.

“We do expect the infection rate to jump up due to the flooding and to the bad sanitation conditions in many areas,” Christian Lindmeier, spokesman in Haiti for the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization, told Reuters.

“Cholera is a water-borne disease and so additional water means additional risk,” said Lindmeier. Tomas skirted Haiti on Friday, flooding some coastal towns, forcing thousands from their homes and soaking camps for displaced people in the capital Port-au-Prince with rain. Eight people died as a result of the hurricane, the government said on Saturday, and about 10,000 people left their homes voluntarily to escape floodwaters.

Abducted ex-prosecutor’s brother found dead in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 7 Nov—The brother of an ex-attorney general was found dead after being abducted and forced to confess to links to a drug gang in a video released on YouTube, and eight suspects were detained, Mexican police said Friday.

The suspects worked for the powerful Sinaloa drug gang and were allegedly linked to the disappearance and killing of Mario Gonzalez Rodriguez, federal police commissioner Facundo Rosas told a news conference.

Police found the body Thursday, half-buried and bearing signs of torture in an abandoned house on a road between the cities of Chihuahua and Ciudad Juarez.

Gonzalez Rodriguez, a lawyer, last week appeared handcuffed and surrounded by five men aiming weapons at him in the video released on YouTube.

He said at gunpoint that he and his sister were linked to the Juarez drug gang, which is fighting fierce turf battles with the Sinaloa gang around Mexico’s most violent city of Ciudad Juarez.

The abduction, two weeks ago, occurred shortly after his sister, Patricia Gonzalez, stepped down as attorney general of northern Chihuahua state.

Abducted ex-prosecutor’s brother found dead in Mexico

Situation in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Nov—Following are security developments in Afghanistan at 0630 GMT on Sunday.

HELMAND—A roadside bomb killed five Afghan civilians travelling in a vehicle in southern Helmand Province on Sunday, a spokesman for the provincial governor said. Six more civilians were wounded in the blast, spokesman Dawud Ahmad said.

GHAZNI—A security force comprising Afghan and NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) troops shot dead a man when he charged them during an overnight operation, ISAF said in a statement. The force was targeting a Taleban senior leader heading about 20 fighters in Ghazni and Andar Districts, ISAF said.

MNA/Reuters

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**Scientists find damage to coral near BP well**

New Orleans, 7 Nov—For the first time, federal scientists have found damage to deep sea coral and other marine life on the ocean floor several miles from the blown-out BP well—a strong indication that damage from the spill could be significantly greater than officials had previously acknowledged.

Tests are needed to verify that the coral died from oil that spewed into the Gulf of Mexico after the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion, but the chief scientist who led the government-funded expedition said Friday he was convinced it was related.

“What we have at this point is the smoking gun,” said Charles Fisher, a biologist with Penn State University who led the expedition aboard the Ronald Brown, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel.

“There is an abundance of circumstantial data that suggests that what happened is related to the recent oil spill,” Fisher said.

For the government, the findings were a departure from earlier statements. Until now, federal teams have painted relatively rosy pictures about the spill’s effect on the sea and its ecosystem, saying they had not found any damage on the ocean floor.—Internet

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**World’s oldest axe found in Australia**

Sydney, 7 Nov—Archaeologists revealed Friday that they have found a piece of a stone axe dated as 35,500 years old on sacred Aboriginal land in Australia, the oldest object of its type ever found.

“The shard of stone, found in Australia’s lush and remote far northern reaches in May, has marks that prove it comes from a ground-edge stone axe, Monash University’s Bruno David said on Friday.

“We could see with the angled light that the rock itself has all these marks on it from people having rubbed it in order to create the ground-edge axe,” he said.

“The person who was using the axe was grinding it against a sandstone surface in order to make it a smoother surface.”

David said the previous oldest ground-edge axes were 20,000 to 30,000 years old, and the conventional belief was that the tool first emerged in Europe when populations grew and forests flourished at the end of the last Ice Age. —Internet

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**Recession hitting pets along with people**

Washington, 7 Nov—Stray animals are becoming victims of the economy as shelters have to cut back, animal welfare advocates say. More private shelters are forced to reject stray cats since they are filled with pets abandoned by owners who cannot afford to keep them, Pam Burney, vice president for community initiatives at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, told USA Today.

“Non-profit shelters are looking at the resources they have available,” she said. The shelters are reaching capacity as people who have lost their jobs or homes give up their cats and dogs, Burney said. Inga Fricke, director of sheltering initiatives at the Humane Society of the United States, said some shelters have stopped accepting strays to avoid euthanizing more animals.

Shelters are also canceling contracts with municipalities to take strays off the streets. Cities, also under budget stress, must find other places for them, said Debbie Dawson, senior animal control officer in Edmonds, Washington, who is president of the National Animal Control Association.—Internet

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**Bing Bang launches Poland’s first science centre**

Warsaw, 7 Nov—A state-of-the-art science centre co-financed by the European Union opened its doors in Warsaw Friday with a spectacular multi-media “Big Bang” extravaganza by British film director Peter Greenaway.

“It’s a great day for Polish science and may this Big Bang be the only kind of explosion we have on Earth, in Poland and Warsaw,” Poland’s Prime Minister Donald Tusk said at the start of the hour-long event detailing the origins of the universe and the great minds of science that inaugurated the Copernicus Science Centre. “I’m moved because like all big kids, and we’re all big kids, we’ve all dreamt about a place like this where science becomes fun and dreams turn into science,” he added.

With a total 454 exhibitions, the centre’s facilities include hands-on chemistry, physics and biology laboratories and a state-of-the-art robotics lab boasting a robot able to compose poetry.—Internet

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**Cancun talks cannot afford to fail: EU climate chief**

MEXICO CITY, 7 Nov—The European Union’s top climate official warned Friday that international climate talks in Cancun this month were likely to be tough, but that failure could threaten the whole UN process.

“If we do not keep momentum in Cancun and build on what was achieved in Copenhagen, then there is a risk that some key parties will start to simply lose interest in the international UN process,” said European Commissioner for Climate Action Connie Hedegaard at a press summit meeting in Mexico City.

The UN-backed 29 November -10 December talks in Cancun follow an acrimonious summit in the Danish capital one year ago on pushing back the threat of climate change after 2012.

“It’s probably going to be tough” in Cancun, Hedegaard said, acknowledging that the goal of an internationally binding deal had slipped given theunchanging positions of China and the United States.

The two giants clashed at a UN climate meeting in China in October, accusing each other of blocking progress ahead of Cancun.—Internet

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**Climate change hurting China’s grain crop**

Beijing, 7 Nov—Climate change could trigger a 10 percent drop in China’s grain harvest over the next 20 years, threatening the country’s food security, a leading agriculture expert warned in comments published Friday.

Tang Huajun, deputy dean of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, warned crop production could fall by five to 10 percent by 2030 if climate change continues unchecked, in an interview with the official China Daily.

“The output of the country’s three main foods — rice, wheat and corn — may suffer a 37 percent decline in the latter part of this century if the government fails to take effective measures to address the impact of climate change,” Tang was quoted as saying.

China, which produced 530.8 million tonnes of grain in 2009, plans to increase output to 550 million tons by 2020 to ensure food security for the world’s most populous country of more than 1.3 billion, the paper said.

The environmental watchdog Greenpeace said in a recent report that China’s food supply would be insufficient by 2030 and its overall food production could fall by 23 percent by 2050.—Internet

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**A farmer bundles dried stalks of wheat in a field in Cangzhou.** Internet
**Study says electric brain stimulation can improve maths**

**LONDON, 7 Nov—** Stimulating the brain with a very low electric current can enhance a person’s maths ability for up to six months, British neuroscientists said here.

Researchers at Britain’s Oxford University studied 15 volunteers and demonstrated for the first time that electrical stimulation of the brain improved their performance in a series of maths assessments, and continued to do so half a year later. “We’re not advising people to go around giving themselves electric shocks, but we are extremely excited by the potential of our findings and are now looking into the underlying brain changes,” said Oxford’s Cohen Kadosh, who led the study.

“Electrical stimulation is unlikely to turn you into the next Einstein, but if we’re lucky it might ... help some people to cope better with maths.” Scientists said last month they found that using electrodes to stimulate areas deep within the brain might be able to help patients with severe obsessive compulsive disorder who do not respond to other treatment.

For this study, 15 student volunteers aged 20 and 21 were taught symbols that represented different numerical values, and then timed to see how quickly and accurately they could complete a series of maths puzzles based on those symbols.

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**Bernanke defends Fed from global critics**

**JACKSONVILLE, 7 Nov—**Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Friday defended the US central bank’s bond-buying against beggar-thy-neighbour criticism, saying it was “critical” for global stability that the US economy regain its strength.

Doing so, he suggested, would bolster a dollar whose weakness has sparked cries of foul from Bogota to Beijing.

The US central bank’s decision to buy $600 billion of government debt has drawn scathing comments from a host of nations who contend it is generating global instability by ramping up their currencies against the dollar, inflating asset bubbles and stoking inflation in their economies.

“With all due respect, US policy is clueless,” German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble said in Berlin.

Bernanke, answering questions from college students, stressed that Fed policies aimed at giving a boost to the weak US recovery would pay dividends around the world.

“I think it’s important to emphasize ... that a strong US economy, a recovering economy, is critical, not just for Americans but it’s also critical for the global recovery,” Bernanke said.

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**New Kan gov eyes income tax cuts**

**TOPEKA, 7 Nov—** Kansas Gov-elect Sam Brownback discusses budget and tax issues during an interview with The Associated Press.

Kansas Gov-elect Sam Brownback said Friday he’s looking for bold action on taxes next year and sees lowering the state’s individual income taxes as crucial for economic growth.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the incoming governor said he’s convinced the state’s income tax rates impede job creation and discourage people from moving to Kansas.

“The individual income tax is, probably of any thing, the most sensitive area to growth,” Brownback said. “What I’m interested in is reducing those taxes that hinder growth in Kansas, and not all tax cuts are created equal when it comes to growth policies.”

He said while Kansas draws people from states with higher income rates, it loses far more and he wants to reverse the trend, “to attract people and their capital and the chance at creating jobs.”

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**Jobs crisis eases, but economy has long way to go**

**WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—** The jobs crisis eased just a bit last month as the American economy added 151,000 jobs, its best showing since April — yet still not enough to make a significant dent in unemployment.

In fact, the pace of job creation is still only about half of what it would take to have a noticeable effect on the jobless rate. So the big question remains: What will it take for businesses to hire that vigorously again, and when will that be? The unemployment rate held steady for the third straight month at 9.6 percent in October, the government said Friday.

With Congress facing gridlock, some economists say it will be at least a year before companies gain enough confidence to start adding 300,000 new jobs a month, a sort of economic sweet spot. That’s what it would take to reduce the unemployment rate by a full percentage point over a year.

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**Stocks post meager gains despite strong jobs news**

**NEW YORK, 7 Nov—** Stocks struggled to end barely higher Friday after a blowout report on job creation failed to extend a powerful rally this week driven by the Federal Reserve’s latest plan to pump up the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average wafted between gains and losses for much of the day before ending with a gain of just 9 points. Earlier in the week the Dow reached its highest level since September 2008, just before the peak of the financial crisis, over enthusiasm about the Fed’s $600 billion bond-buying programme announced Wednesday.

Stocks rapidly lost momentum Friday, despite a report from the Labour Department showing that employers added 151,000 jobs last month, the first gain since May and far more than analysts had anticipated.

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**Boeing signals 787 delays up to 10 months**

A Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft does a flyby at the Farnborough Airshow, Hampshire, on July 2010.

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov—US aerospace giant Boeing has warned some customers its new 787 Dreamliner will face delays of up to 10 months, Aviation Week reported Friday, citing industry sources.

According to people familiar with the situation, Korean Air is the airline hardest hit so far, the industry magazine said on its website.

Korean will get its first 787 in August 2012, 10 months later than previously planned.

Air India now is believed to be scheduled to receive its first 787 in September or October 2011 instead of April, a delay of around five months.

And Japan Airlines will take delivery of its first 787 in June 2011 at the earliest, Aviation Week said. That compares to a previous March delivery date.

None of the airlines was available for comment, it said.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win cast ballots at No.1 polling station of Zeyatheikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District opened at 9.15 am.

As the polling stations opened at 6 am, voters from Zabuthiri Township cast votes systematically with the help of respective polling station officers and members.

SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin cast ballots at the polling station opened at Basic Education Primary School in Nyaungbinkyisu Village in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District.

Residents of Pobbathiri Township cast votes systematically with the help of respective polling station officers and members as the polling stations were opened at 6 am.

Residents of Pynnana, Leve, Tatkon, Dekhinathiri, and Ottarathiri Townships in Nay Pyi Taw District went to the respective polling stations and cast votes.

Polling station officers and members opened the ballot boxes, counted the votes and put the lists on record systematically after all the eligible voters completed voting.—MNA

As the Multi-party Democracy General elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar opened at 6 am today throughout the country, constituents in Nay Pyi Taw District cast their votes for respective Hluttaw representatives freely.

To observe the voting, Laotian Ambassador Mr. Kouily A. Souphakhet, Counsellor Mr. Mitsuji Suzuka of Japanese Embassy, Counsellor Mr. Alexey Filimonov of Russian Embassy and officials visited polling stations at Basic Education High School in Dekhinathiri ward of Dekhinathiri Township, at No (5) BEHS in Zeyatheikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township, at No (159) BEPS in Nyaungbinkyisu Village in Pobbathiri Township, at No (57) BEPS in Ottarathiri Ward of Ottarathiri Township, at No (122) BEPS in Aungthaya Ward of Pobbathiri Township and at No (14) BEHS in Shwekyarpin Ward of Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District and viewed the balloting of voters this morning.

Members of Myanmar foreign Correspondents Club and local journalists observed the constituents casting votes and officials counting of ballots and putting on records in Nay Pyi Taw District.—MNA

To observe the voting, Laotian Ambassador Mr. Kouily A. Souphakhet, Foreign Diplomats, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local journalists observe polling stations at No. 5 Basic Education High School in Zeyatheikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District.—MNA

Laotian Ambassador Mr. Kouily A. Souphakhet, Foreign Diplomats, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local journalists observe polling station at No. 5 Basic Education High School in Zeyatheikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw District.—MNA
YANGON, 7 NOV — The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar took place simultaneously at respective constituencies in states and regions starting from 6 am today.

Eligible voters cast votes for hluttaw candidates in accord with their own volition.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence and wife balloted at the polling station No. 4 of constituency No (2) at Konmyintha in Ward-7 in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Likewise, Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and wife cast votes for candidates for respective hluttaws at the same polling station this morning.

Similarly, servicemen and their families in Yangon Station voted at respective polling stations.

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — As Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar was commenced at 6 am in designated constituencies across the country simultaneously, Voters in Ayeyawady Region cast ballots at polling stations freely.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Tun cast votes at polling station No. 2 in No. 7 Basic Education High School of Camp Commandant Office of South-West Command in Pathein.

Likewise, Tatmadawmen and their families from Pathein Station of the command casted ballots at polling stations in respective constituencies.

Malaysian Ambassador Mr Dato Mazlan Muhammad, diplomats, foreign correspondents and journalists observing casting ballots in Pathein.

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — As Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar was commenced at 6 am in designated constituencies across the country simultaneously, Voters in Bago Region cast ballots at polling stations freely.

Charge d’ affaires ai of the embassy of Brunei Darussalam in Myanmar Mrs Fadzllyani Binti Haji Annuar, Third Secretary of the embassy of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Mr Md Khaled, Additional Diplomat of the embassy of Singapore Ms Ling Pei-Shan and Third Secretary of the embassy of Indonesia Mr Djamara Supriyadi, together with Bago Region Election Subcommission Member U Khin Maung, Chairman of Bago District Election Subcommission U Soe Thein, Chairman of Bago Township Election Subcommission U Thaung Han, observed the voting process and counting of ballots at No. 1 polling station in Myodwingyi Ward, No. 1 polling station in Shin Saw Pu Ward, No. 1 polling station in Hintharkon Ward, No. 2 polling station in Leikpyakan Ward and No. 1 polling station in Oktha (4) Ward.

There were 1251 polling stations and 1057656 voters in Bago District.

Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, editors and reporters from local journals and magazines also observed the voting process.

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The diplomats led by Nepalese Ambassador, correspondents of MFCC and reporters of journals view casting votes and counting ballots in Lashio

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov — The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar took place at respective constituencies across the nation at 6 am today simultaneously.

Voters systematically went to polling stations in Shan State (North) and cast votes for candidates of respective hluttaw.

At 8 am, Nepalese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Guna Laxmi Sharma, Consul of the Embassy of Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Mr Kim Kwang Chol and Deputy Military Attaché Major Dao Van Duy of the Vietnamese Embassy, accompanied by members of Shan State (North) Election Subcommission U Myint Ko Ko and U Kyaw Htin, and officials, visited polling station No. 5 in constituency No. 2 at Basic Education High School No. 6 in No. 5 Aungmingala Ward of Lashio Township, polling station No. 5 in constituency No. 2 at Cultural Hall in Lashioyi Ward, polling station No. 1 in constituency No. 2 at Post-Primary School in Hopeik Village-tract, polling station No. 2 at No. 4 BEHS in No 10 Myowun Ward and polling station No. 1 in constituency No. 1 at BEMS in Medhan Village.

The diplomats cordially greeted officials. The diplomats observed casting votes of the people, systematic counting ballots and putting on records with the use of designated forms. The diplomats viewed the free and happy casting votes of the people.

Shan State (North) has 1268 polling stations in five districts. 19 townships and 839 wards/villages and there were 1,060,807 eligible voters.


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Ambassadors, correspondents observe voting process in Mandalay Region

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov — Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar was simultaneously held at the designated polling stations in Mandalay District of Mandalay Region at 6 am today.

Ambassador of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sok Chol, Consul of Malaysian Embassy Mr Sammang Subramaniam, Assistant Diplomatic Officer of Embassy of the Russian Federation Mr Vsevolot V Baghkeev studied the casting of votes at the polling stations.

Before the opening of polling stations, polling station officers and officials of polling stations inspected the ballot boxes and sealed them in the presence of voters, township subcommission chairman and members, and the representatives assigned by Hluttaw candidates.

The responsible persons of the polling stations provided all necessary requirements for the voters.

Chairman of Mandalay Region Subcommission and party viewed the casting of votes and fulfilled the requirements.

Ambassadors led by Ambassador of the DPRK observed the casting of votes in Aungmyethazan, Chanayethazan, Pyigyi-dagan and Chammyazaz township in Mandalay Region.

Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local media men observed and covered news on voting process.

There were 653 polling stations where more than 85,500 eligible voters cast their votes.

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Diplomats observe casting votes in Pyay

Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov — The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar took place at the designated constituencies across the country starting from 6 am today.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar Chakma, First Secretary of Vietnamese Embassy Mr Tran Van Hoang, Military Attaché from the Embassy of Malaysia Col Gan Seng Lock, Counsellor of embassy of the Republic of Singapore Mr Lim Lai Chai, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and reporters of local journals and magazines observed casting the votes by eligible voters and arrangements made for the convenience of voters in casting votes at respective polling stations in Pyay Township, Pyay District, Bago Region (West).

Members of Bago Region Subcommission replied the queries raised by the foreign diplomats.

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Diplomats, media men observe casting votes in Sittway Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar took place at polling stations of the constituencies in Sittway Township of Sittway District, Rakhine State at 6 am today.

Filipino Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Ms. Maria Hellen M Barber, Thai Minister Counsellor Mr. Thanat Poonsawat, Laotion Deputy Military Attaché Lt. Col. Feuangxay Milakong, members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local media men observed casting votes by public voters at the polling station No (2) at Basic Education Primary School No (15) in Pyidawtha Ward and the polling station No (1) at Basic Education Middle School No (7) in Kyaeingyi Ward in Sittway Township this morning.

Next, the diplomats met Member of Union Election Commission (Rakhine In-charge) U Maung Tha Hla and members of Rakhine State subcommission at the hall of Rakhine State subcommission. U Maung Tha Hla and members answered the questions raised by diplomats.

At the meeting hall of the state subcommission, diplomats and media men studied gathering electoral information of four districts and 17 townships in Rakhine State by subcommission members.

In the afternoon, they visited the polling station No (1) at BEPS No (5) in Oldan Ward, the polling station No (1) at BEMS No (2) in Mauleik Ward, the polling station No (1) at Danyawady Ward BEPS, the polling station No (3) at Aung Mingala Village BEPS and the polling station No (1) at Maung Nibyin Village-tract BEPS and studied counting of votes. The UEC member and party conducted them round the polling stations.

There are 2824 polling stations and over 1769000 eligible voters in 17 townships in Rakhine State, 1267 polling stations and over 863000 eligible voters in Sittway District and 139 polling stations and over 146000 eligible voters in Sittway Township.

MNA

Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 held in Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar was simultaneously held at the polling stations in designated constituencies, Shan State (East) at 6 am today. National races voters freely cast the votes for Hluttaw candidates of respective constituencies and count votes. The UEC member and party conducted them round the polling stations.

There were 506 polling stations and 331,448 eligible voters in Shan State (East).

MNA

Korean Ambassador Mr Cho Byungjae and party observing voters casting ballots at Kengtung Township.—MNA

Foreign diplomats visit voting in Taunggyi

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar took place at polling stations in Taunggyi, Taunggyi District, Shan State starting from 6 am today.

Ambassador Mr Qazi Mohammad Khalilivllah from the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, First Secretary Mrs Li Xiaoyan from the Chinese Embassy and staff Mr Krishna Kumar Subedi from the Nepalese Embassy, together with chairman of Shan State subcommission U Pwint, secretary U Myint Than, member Daw May Ni and chair-man of Taunggyi District subcommission U TinOo, viewed casting votes freely and systematically by voters at respective constituencies and counting of votes.

Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff and reporters of local journals and magazines also observed it. Altogether 908,030 eligible voters cast votes at 975 polling stations freely and systematically.

MNA
**Diplomats, journalists visit polling stations in Yangon Region**

**Yangon, 7 Nov**—Led by Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer, a diplomat group comprising Charge d’Affaires ai Mrs. Nirmala Indumathie Dias Parvanartrana of Sri Lanka Embassy, Deputy Chief of Mission Mrs. Danella Orlege de Paiva of Brazilian Embassy, Second Secretary Mr. Shimon Oz of Israeli Embassy, First Secretary Mr. Lee Yang Chew of Singaporean Embassy, Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong, Minister Counselor Mr Totok Priamario of Indonesian Embassy and Assistant Military Attaché Major Wu Jun of the embassy of the People’s Republic of China together with Chairman of Taninthayi Region Election Subcommission U Tin Aung Win and members viewed casting votes and counting ballots at the polling stations in Myeik Township.

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At 6 am, they observed announcement on opening of the polling station by the polling station at Pale Yadana Hall in Seikng Ward of Myeik, security measures at the polling station, drawing ballots by voters, systematic arrangements for quickly casting votes and activities of voters at the Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, Region/State Hluttaw and national race candidate for the Region Hluttaw.

The diplomats visited polling station No. 1 and No. 2 at the gymnasium in Kanpyha Ward of Myeik Township, polling station No. 1 at Pyinnya Beikman Hall in Myitnge Ward, polling station No. 3 at Basic Education High School No. 4 and polling station No. 1 at the corner of B Street in Kanyi Ward, polling station No. 2 at BEPS No. 50 in Kyaukphya Village, polling station No. 8 in BEPS in Shwedu Village, polling stations No. 13 and No. 14 in REMS (Branch) in Shewpy Village.

Member of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and reporters of journals covered the news on casting votes.

In the evening, the diplomats visited the polling station at Pale Yadana Hall in Seikng Ward. At the closing of the polling station, they viewed systematic counting of ballots by the polling station officers and members in the presence of the chairman of Region Subcommission, representatives of candidates, voters, the chairman and members of Ward Subcommission.

In realizing the seven-step Road Map of the State for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the multiparty democracy general elections held today were the implementation of the fifth step of the Road Map. Accepting the concept that casting vote is the national duty, the public voters took the positions in the queue before opening the polling stations. All the eligible voters freely chose the parties and candidates of their choice by enjoying the fundamental rights of citizen to cast votes for the first time in 20 years.

A total of 1030 polling stations were opened in 12 constituencies of Taninthayi Region. Over 690,000 eligible voters cast votes for hluttaw candidates. Myeik Township opened 239 polling stations in two constituencies where over 149,400 voters chose the candidates for respective Hluttaws.

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Nay Pyi Taw
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Announcement on list of Amyotha Hluttaw representatives-elect

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No. Name CSC Number Constituency Party/Independent candidate
Kayin State
1. U Saw Aye Myaing 3/KaYaYa(N) 046040 No. 8 Union Solidarity and Development Party
2. U Saw Mya Win 3/KaHsaKa(N) 013270 No. 11 USDP
Taninthayi Region
4. U Kyar Maung (a) U 6/MaHsYa(N) 031332 No. 8 USDP
5. U Than Myint 6/TaYaYa(N) 019075 No. 10 USDP
Shan State
6. U Nay Win Tun 13/TaKaNa(N) 044190 No. 9 Pa-O National Organization
7. U Tun Kyaw 13/NaHsYa(N) 003080 No. 10 Taung (Palaung) National Party
8. U Hlyu Kwe Shi 13/MaHsTa(N) 031834 No. 11 USDP

Sd/Thein Soe Chairman
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In the Multiparty Democracy General Elections held today, Region and State Subcommissions concerned announced that the following persons as Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect shown against the Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies according to the provisions of Article 49 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.

No. Name CSC Number Constituency Party/Independent candidate
1. U Aye Pe 6/PaLaNa(N) 003528 Cocogyun Union Solidarity and Development Party
2. Dr Nay Lin 12/ThaGhYa(N) 012504 Sreekkan

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UEC issues Announcement on list of representatives-elect for Region or State Hluttaw
Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 120/2010 today.

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No. Name CSC Number Constituency Party/Independent candidate
1. U Khin Mung Oo 12/YaKaNa(N) 014374 Bawlake (1)
2. U Saw Win Hsein 3/PaPaNa(N) 000932 Pa-Pa (1)
3. U Saw Hsa Hlaw 3/KaYaYa(N) 020844 Kayin-seikyi (1)
4. U Tha Tun Oo 5/BaTaNa(N) 001982 Bulanin (1)
5. U Sein Win Hlaing 14/HaYaTa(N) 013119 Bulanin (2)
6. U Tha Aye 5/KaTaNa(N) 004520 Lahe (1)
7. U Wa Hla 5/LaHaNa(N) 004025 Lahe (2)
8. U Thein Lwin 6/KaSaNa(N) 037651 KyunSu (1)
9. U Tin Soe 6/KaSaNa(N) 005854 KyunSu (2)
10. U Aung Hsan Lwin 6/TaYaYa(N) 008870 Taunhdi (1)
11. U Thet Naing 6/TaYaYa(N) 024089 Taunhdi (2)
12. U Nyan Win 8/MaKaNa(N) 014282 Zigon (1)
13. U Sein Hlaing 8/NaTaTa(N) 003788 Sedoktara (1)
14. U Than Aung 9/ThaPaNa(N) 001343 Thabeikkyin (1)
15. U Tin Tun 9/ThaPaNa(N) 014963 Thabeikkyin (2)
16. U Aung Naing 12/KaYaNa(N) 006611 Cocogyun (1)
17. U San Lwin 13/TaYaNa(N) 146133 Hopong (2)
18. U Khun Aung Naing Oo 3/PaLaNa(N) 038927 Pinaung (2)
19. U Maung Kyaw (a) U 13/NaHsYa(N) 001742 Namsang (1)
20. U Tun Kyaw 13/NaHsYa(N) 001750 Namsang (2)
21. U Aung Tun 13/NaHsYa(N) 001750 Namsang (2)
22. U Mai Ohn Khaing 13/KaMaNa(N) 005669 Mantung (1)
23. U Aik Kha 13/NaMaTa(N) 019440 Mantung (2)
24. U Khin Tun Lu (a) U 13/LaYaNa(N) 015271 Hpon (1)
25. U Tun Lu 13/HaPaNa(N) 001804 Hpon (2)
26. U Pei Sack Chein 13/KaLeTa(N) 020764 Lunkkkai (1)
27. U Myin Shaw Chan (a) U 13/KaLeTa(N) 022697 Lunkkkai (2)
28. U Wai Shauk Tin 13/KaLaYa(N) 025594 Lunkkkai (2)
29. U Kyauk Aung (a) U 13/NaHsYa(N) 003080 Taung (Palaung) National Party
30. U Khin Tun 13/NaHsYa(N) 003080 Taung (Palaung) National Party
31. U Hsan Hsint 12/DaGaNa(N) 001343 Ingap (1)
32. U Thein Aung 14/KaYaNa(N) 005854 KyunSu (1)
33. U Thein Tun 14/KaYaNa(N) 005854 KyunSu (2)
34. U Ni Pun 5/YaLaNa(N) 017119 Shwebo (1)
35. U Sein Oo 13/TaYaNa(N) 005614 Bamar national for Kayah State Hluttaw
36. U Ko Ko Naing 11/MaPaTa(N) 001600 Chin national for Rakhngei State Hluttaw
37. U Ba Kyu 12/YaKaNa(N) 021310 Chin national for Rakhngei Region Hluttaw

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BlackBerry’s corporate dominance seen eroding

OKOTO, 7 Nov — Shares in Research In Motion slipped more than 3 percent on Friday morning as investors fretted the Blackberry smartphone’s staranglehold on corporate communications was being eroded by rival devices.

Bank of America and Citigroup have joined a growing throng of financial institutions eyeing alternatives to the Blackberry for corporate email. The banks are testing software designed to make Apple’s iPhone secure enough for company messages, Bloomberg said, citing three people familiar with the plan.

China says its car boom is ruining air quality

SHANGHAI, 7 Nov — China’s booming car sales have had a devastating effect on the environment, the national environmental watchdog has warned in its first-ever report on pollution caused by vehicle emissions.

About a third of 113 cities surveyed failed national air standards last year as the number of vehicles swelled to 170 million, up 9.3 percent on year and 25 times the number on the roads in 1980, the ministry of environmental protection said.

“All the problems are closely related to vehicle exhaust emissions,” said the government report, which was published on Thursday.

Vehicle exhaust emissions exceeded 51 million tonnes in 2009, including more than 40 million tonnes of carbon monoxide, nearly five million tonnes of hydrocarbons and about six million tonnes of nitrogen oxide, the report said.

China’s auto sales hit 13.64 million units in 2009, up 46 percent on-year, and are expected to rise by a further 25 percent this year to 17 million.

EU wants tighter online privacy

BRUSSELS, 7 Nov — The European Union wants companies such as Google Inc. or Facebook Inc. to give people more control over how their online habits are tracked, requirements that could crimp Internet firms’ ability to target advertising.

Internet companies, privacy activists and the EU’s executive commission are likely to wrestle over the specifics of the rules, which cut to the heart of funding models not only for technology firms but also for many online news sites and blogs.

“People should be able to give their informed consent to the processing of their personal data,” the European Commission said Thursday in a new strategy paper.

It also wants users to be able to modify and delete any information that has been collected, giving them “a right to be forgotten.”

Thursday’s strategy paper will form the basis for an overhaul of the EU’s 15-year-old laws on data protection scheduled for next year. It is open for public consultation until January, and the commission aims to propose legislation by mid-2011. Any new laws would have to be approved by the European Parliament and national governments.

Italian to liberalise wifi access from 2011

ROME, 7 Nov — Italy will liberalise public wifi access to the Internet from next year, Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said Friday, referring to a much-criticised law restricting wifi connections for security reasons.

The measure “allows us to lift restrictions... that have now been superseded by technological evolution,” Maroni said at a press conference, following a government meeting that approved a package of security-related measures.

Italy in 2005 imposed serious restrictions on wifi access in public places after a series of bomb attacks in London, forcing wifi providers to require documents proving the identity of users and to track their Internet activity.

Antonio Palermi, a lawmaker from the ruling People of Freedom party, said the removal of the restrictions was “a balanced position that combines requirements for security and for the modernisation of Italy.”

Dell switching off BlackBerry, onto own smartphone

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 Nov — Dell Inc will shift thousands of its employees off Research In Motion Ltd’s BlackBerry and over to Dell’s smartphones, the company said on Thursday.

The money-saving switch affects the roughly 25,000 Dell employees who carry a company-issued Blackberry. Dell employs around 100,000 people worldwide.

Dell is also launching an effort to convince its business customers to switch to the company’s smartphone.

News of the company’s plans was first reported by the Wall Street Journal, and confirmed by Dell spokesman David Frink.

Frink said the switch will begin soon, but said it will take some time to complete. RIM did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Russian Facebook investor soars on London stock debut

LONDON, 7 Nov — Shares in Russian Internet company Mail.ru, an investor in social networking site Facebook, surged on Thursday after trading opened.

Shares in the largest Internet company in the Russian-speaking world were offered at 27.7 dollars each (19.6 euros) but leap up over 30 percent to 37 dollars shortly after the market opened.

The shares are only being conditionally traded at the moment and will be officially available for open trading on 11 November.

The company, which was 34-percent owned by Arsenal Football Club ma-

Dell founder and CEO Michael Dell delivers his keynote address at Oracle Open World in San Francisco. —INTERNET
Jesse L Martin is no stranger to Shakespeare

In this 15 Oct, 2010 photo, actor Jesse L. Martin poses for a portrait in New York. —Internet

New York, 7 Nov—Jesse L Martin has achieved a fair amount of fame from roles in Broadway’s “Rent” and TV’s “Law & Order” but he is still awed around Al Pacino’s portrait in the Park. He doesn’t regret leaving behind his gold shield.—Internet

Spider-Man musical stuck in a web of troubles

New York, 7 Nov—The bugs apparently still need to be worked out on Broadway’s version of Spider-Man. Producers of “Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark” have been forced to delay by three weeks the official opening of the costly and complicated show, and it will have been forced to delay by three weeks the official opening on Broadway without an out-of-town tryout, and it will eventually would get over to that tuna sandwich and take a big chunk and eat it and say, “I’m eating Al’s sandwich! This is Al’s sandwich! He said we could have it,”’ Martin says, laughing. “We get a little geared out that we get to eat Al Pacino’s sandwich.” Martin, who is quick to smile and looks jaunty in a flat cap and jeans during an interview, has been enjoying life since he ended his nine-year stint as Detective Ed Green on “Law & Order,” in 2008. He’s spent time in South Africa for a TV show, done an upcoming indie film in Texas called “Puncture” and performed Shakespeare in the Park. He doesn’t regret leaving behind his gold shield.—Internet

Eliot Spitzer exposed again in film “Client 9”

Los Angeles, 7 Nov—Alex Gibney is the Oscar-winning director of anti-war documentary “Taxi to the Dark Side,” who has examined many issues including what led to the demise of energy company Enron. In his new documentary, “Client 9,” Gibney has focused his lens of displaced, former New York Governor Eliot Spitzer, who prosecuted many corporate and Wall Street chieftains for misdeeds when he was the state’s Attorney General. He was investigated by the federal government, although never charged with a crime, and he resigned as governor. —Internet

Belgian euthanasia comedy wins Rome film festival

Rome, 7 Nov—Belgium’s “Kill Me Please”, a black comedy about euthanasia shot by French director Olias Barco, won the Golden Marc’Aurelio best film award at the Rome film festival on Friday.

The film tells the life of Dr Kruger who wants to turn suicide into a simple, medically assisted act. His clinic attracts a strange cast including a a travelling salesman, a rich Luxembourg heir and an old Berlin cabaret singer.

“It’s a film to have fun but also to talk about the big question of death,” transsexual actor Zazie de Paris, who plays the cabaret singer Madame Rachel, told reporters at the film’s showing earlier this week.

The film discusses a political question. —Internet

Italian longs for its heyday on ‘La Dolce Vita’ anniversary

Rome, 7 Nov—There is a whiff of nostalgia in Rome these days — with posters all around showing the celebrated Trevi Fountain kiss between Marcello Mastroianni and Anita Ekberg in the 1960 film “La Dolce Vita”. Fifty years since the masterpiece. Fifty years in which that sweet life has unfortunately become only a distant memory,” the Il Messaggero daily said of the movie that nonetheless tested the limits of its day and was condemned by the Vatican and banned by Spanish dictator Francisco Franco.

The film’s 50th anniversary has been accompanied by exhibitions, shows and the release of a digitally remastered version of the cult classic, with 10 additional minutes of scenes with the famously voluptuous Swedish actress and a glimpse of director Federico Fellini.

Ekberg and US director Martin Scorsese attended the world premiere of the renovated movie at the Rome Film Festival taking place in the Italian capital. “It seems like light years have gone by since the time in which everything was possible in Italy, just like in the American Dream,” Il Messaggero mourned. —Internet

French actress Zazie de Paris poses during the photocall of her movie “Kill me please”. —Internet
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Nay Pyi Taw
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Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 6-11-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 7-11-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-11-2010 was (65%) Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2010 was (9) hours. Rainfall on 7-11-2010 was (Nil) at Kaba-Aye Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (82.20) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.46) inches at Central Yangon. Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2010 was (9.1) hours.

September pending home sales fall 1.8 percent
WASHINGTON, 7 Nov — Pending sales of previously owned US homes fell unexpectedly in September, a report showed on Friday, and activity may remain volatile for months as troubles with foreclosures disrupt the market. The National Association of Realtors said its Pending Home Sales Index, based on contracts signed in September, fell 1.8 percent to 80.9 from an upwardly revised 82.4 in August. Economists polled by Reuters had expected a 3 percent rise. The data reflects home sales contracts, not closings, and is seen as a leading indicator of housing market trends.

Existing home sales have shown some improvement but the foreclosure moratorium is likely to cause some disruption and contribute to an uneven sales performance in the months ahead,“ NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun said in a statement. Several major US mortgage lenders temporarily halted foreclosures in October as attorneys general in all 50 states investigated whether banks had submitted faulty paperwork to back evictions.

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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 trouble

List of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect announced

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.118/2010
1st Waxing of Tazaungmone 1372 ME
7th November 2010

Announcement of list of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect
Region and State Subcommissions concerned today announced that the following persons as Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect shown against the Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies according to the provisions of Article 41(a) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law as there was only a single Hluttaw candidate in a constituency in the multiparty democracy general elections held today.

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Cyclonic storm “Jal” coded yellow stage not moving towards Myanmar Coasts
Nay Pyi Taw, 7 Nov — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced that according to the observations at 5.30 pm today, severe cyclonic storm “Jal” over southwest Bay of Bengal downgraded to cyclonic storm and centered at about 50 miles northeast of Chennai (India). It is likely to move further northwestwards and cross tonight between southern Andhra Pradesh and northern Tamil Nadu Coasts of India.

The present stage of cyclonic storm “Jal” 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

New library opened in Insein Township
Yangon, 7 Nov.—The opening of a new library in Ywama (west) ward, Insein Township, Yangon North District, took place at the library on 29 October, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Zaw Oo, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khin Hnin Kyi and chairman of ward PDC U Aung Zaw Oo opened it.

After that, the township chairman presented certificates of honour to the library donor, in-charge of World Vision Daw Khin May Aye.—MNA