Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to King of Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 9 NOV—On the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2010, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Cambodian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 NOV—On the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2010, U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.—MNA

Diplomats of foreign missions observe voting process in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 NOV—The 2010 Multiparty Democracy General Elections were held at the respective polling stations in townships of Kachin State at 6 am yesterday.

Second Secretary Mr Rhys Thompson of Australian Embassy and Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Kallayana Vipattipumiprat of Thai Embassy together with Chairman of Kachin State Election Subcommission U Nyunt Shwe, member of the Kachin State Election Subcommission U Thein Tin and Secretary of Myitkyina District Election Subcommission U Kyaw Min Khaing visited polling stations in Myitkyina and viewed free and happy voting of people and counting of ballots at the stations.

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Utilize sound foundations for uplifting living standard

Ayeyawady Region has rich in natural resources. The region is blessed with vast arable lands and various kinds of thriving crops. The region is also engaged in fishery and salt industries at the seaside areas.

Due to devastating cyclone Nargis in 2008, the region lost a large number of human lives and faced massive destruction. Thanks to the efforts of the State and the people, towns and villages and businesses are back to normal.

In Mawlamyineygun Township, Kyetshar Model Village, Ngwezinyaw Model Village, Hlinephone Model Village and Danichauf Model Village in the past were just scattered houses and huts. Basic education schools, hospitals and clinics and religious edifices hit by the storm have now been reconstructed there.

Likewise, rural housings, basic education schools, new 200-bed hospital, dispensaries, domestic science and vocational schools and roads have been built in Labutta District.

Road networks and new bridges are contributing a great deal to regional development. The region has a great potential to extend agriculture, fishery, salt and livestock breeding tasks. Ardous efforts are to be made for boosting production of crops, and innovative measures are to be taken for establishment of industries to produce chemicals from salt.

Ayeyawady Region has sound foundations such as businesses of agriculture, meat and fish, prawn, salt and coconut production. Not only motor roads but also new railroads are under construction. Better transport in the region helps improve trading of commodities. Natural resources are to be tapped through modern technology in order that local people see their living standard uplifted.

Government rents stadiums to MFF and football clubs

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—The Government signed a contract with Myanmar Football Federation and football clubs to rent state-owned stadiums at Government Office here today.

Present on the occasion were Director-General of the Government Office U Thant Shin, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports U Thaung Hsak, personnel from Attorney-General’s Office, President of MFF U Zaw Zaw and owners of football clubs.

Director-General U Thant Shin made an introductory speech on the contract. Director U Kyaw Hsan of Attorney-General’s Office discussed matters on agreement of stadium rental.

Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov—On the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2010, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. — MNA

Then, MFF and football clubs signed contracts.—MNA

Star Resources to open new class of Hospitality Operation & Service Course in Nov

YANGON, 8 Nov—Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will open new class of Hospitality Operation & Service Course in third week of November.

Lecturers who had served in international five-star hotels will gave lectures in accordance with course guideline of National Vocational Qualification (UK) and Institute of AH&LA (USA).

The attendees of three-month course will earn a chance to complete On-Job Training at local hotels.

The academy will open IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course during the third week of November as well.

Those interested may enrolled at Star Resources at Building No (267), Room No (302), Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, here (Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 441 2256, 095020302).

MNA

Gallant to open engineering courses

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Gallant training school is conducting internationally recognized engineering diplomas as well as Gallant-certified applied engineering course and applied-engineering computer course. The engineering courses, which last between two and four months, are low-cost subjects. Those who are basic education high school level youths, arts and science graduates, AGT1 and B.E graduates may attend these courses. Based on their education levels, the subjects are subdivided. The school opens applied engineering course and computer course monthly. For more information, contact No.5, B(5), fourth floor, U Tun Lin Chan Street, Hledan, Kamayut Township and dial Ph-73032670, 539403, 513804 and 09-5128026.

MNA
**Car bombs wound 25 in Iraq’s Kirkuk**

Simultaneously outside the homes of three officials of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan in north Kirkuk, wounding 25 people,” said Brigadier General Adel Zeinalabedine, a senior police commander in the city. The PUK, a Kurdish former rebel movement, is led by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani.

The multi-ethnic city of Kirkuk, 240 kilometres (150 miles) north of Baghdad, lies at the heart of an oil-rich province which is at the centre of a dispute between Arabs, Turkmen and Kurds.

In other violence on Saturday, twin mortar attacks, targeting Baghdad’s Abu Nawas neighbourhood and the fortified Green Zone which houses many embassies and government institutions in the capital, wounded two people. Both casualties were in Abu Nawas.

**Residents gather around the wreckage of a vehicle at the site of a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 6 Nov, 2010.—INTERNET**

**Bodies of five Afghan policemen found in east**

KABUL, 8 Nov—The bodies of five Afghan policemen have been found in eastern Afghanistan nearly a week after the men went missing during an attack by Taliban fighters on a local government headquarters, police said on Sunday.

Wardak provincial police chief Gen. Abdul Haq H'Neillawaz said villagers discovered the bodies Saturday night in Chek District.

Sixteen Afghan policemen went missing Nov. 1 after Taliban fighters overran Khogyani District in Ghazni Province and torched government buildings.

The bodies of four of the policemen were found a few days later in Ghazni city. Seven policemen are still missing. Separately, a vehicle hit a mine in Helmand Province Sunday, killing five civilians.

Provincial spokesman Daud Ahmad says the blast wounded seven other civilians, including two children.—INTERNET

**Afghan soldier may have killed two NATO troops**

KABUL, 8 Nov—NATO says it’s investigating whether an Afghan National Army soldier killed two coalition service members in southern Afghanistan.

NATO said on Saturday the coalition and the Afghan government are jointly investigating how the two service members died on Friday evening in Sangin, a dangerous district of Helmand Province.

The Taliban issued a statement early Saturday saying that an Afghan soldier shot and killed the American service members on their base and then defected to the insurgency. Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef said in the statement that the Afghan soldier killed the Americans, then joined up with insurgents who took him to a safe place.—INTERNET

**Kenyan police officer shoots 10 dead**

NAIROBI, 8 Nov—A Kenyan police officer shot 10 people dead in three bars in a small town northeast of Nairobi before surrendering, a police spokesman said on Sunday.

“Half went from one bar to another and was shooting indiscriminately. Apparently he was looking for his girlfriend after he left duty,” Charles Owino, a Nairobi-based deputy spokesman in the regular police division, told Reuters. “Among the 10 dead were two of his colleagues who were investigating the shootings,” Owino said, adding that beyond those who died, no one else was wounded.

Five men and three women were shot first at the New Coconut and Club Tha Shrek bars in the market town of Siakago and the two police officers were killed in the shooting spree on Saturday night. The officer tried to shoot himself but had run out of ammunition, and later surrendered to police.

Owino said the officer, Peter Karanja, went on the rampage after he finished his shift as a guard at the District Commissioners’ (DC) residence.—MNA/Reuters

**Situation in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 8 Nov—Following are security developments in Afghanistan at 1030 GMT on Sunday.

MAIDAN WARDAK—Afghan forces in Maidan Wardak Province west of Kabul found the bodies of five policemen who were abducted by Taliban militants last week from neighbouring Ghazni Province, a provincial official said on Sunday.

KABUL—An ISAF service member died following an military attack near Kabul, according to the alliance. It gave no further details.—MNA/Reuters

**Situation in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 8 Nov—Following are security developments in Iraq as of 1900 GMT on Sunday.

TAL AFAR—A suicide bomber was killed by the Iraqi Army before he was able to reach his target, a school, in a village west of Tal Afar, 420 kilometres (260 miles) northwest of Baghdad, the Iraqi Army area commander, Brigadier General Abdul-Rahman Hamdhel, said.

MOSSUL—A roadside bomb targeting a police patrol on the road between Mosul and Tal Afar killed one policeman and wounded five others, including three policemen, police said.

BAGHDAD—Armed men killed the imam of a Sunni mosque when he was leaving the place of worship in the southern Baghdad District of Doura, an Interior Ministry source said.

A roadside bomb went off near a police patrol in Baghdad’s southern district of Ilaam, wounding three people, including two policemen, an Interior Ministry source said. One Katyusha rocket landed in the vicinity of Baghdad’s fortified Green Zone district of government offices and embassies, an Interior Ministry source said, adding it was unclear whether there were any casualties.

**Libya orders US diplomat to leave**

ALGIERS, 8 Nov—Libya has ordered a diplomat at the United States embassy in Tripoli to leave the country within 24 hours for breaching diplomatic rules, two Libyan newspapers reported on Sunday.

The Libyan authorities gave no confirmation of the reports while a spokesman for the US Embassy in Tripoli, contacted by Reuters, said he had no comment.

“The Libyan authorities asked the Political Affairs Secretary at the US embassy in Tripoli to leave Libya within 24 hours,” the Internet edition of the Osa newspaper reported.

Citing what it called informed sources, the newspaper said the expulsion followed the diplomat’s visit to the city of Iftane, 130 kilometres (80 miles) south-west of the capital.

The was “considered by the Libyan authorities to be contrary to the rules and norms of diplomacy,” the newspaper said, without giving any more details.

A second Libyan newspaper, Qarqura, also reported that a US diplomat had been ordered to leave the country.

The United States and Libya had no diplomatic relations for decades until 2004, after Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi renounced weapons of mass destruction.

**Gaza rocket hits Israel, no casualties**

JERUSALEM, 9 Nov—Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip fired a rocket into southern Israel on Saturday but caused no casualties or damage, the Israeli army said.

The rocket exploted in an open field near the Gaza border, a military spokesman said.

Since the start of this year, Palestinians have fired more than 165 rockets or mortar rounds at Israel from the Hamas-controlled coastal strip, according to the military.

**An Israeli soldier keeps watch on the border between southern Israel and Hamas-controlled Palestinian coastal territory.**—INTERNET
China gives green light to Disney park

SHANGHAI, 8 Nov — Just days after Shanghai wrapped up its role as host to the World Expo, the country’s commercial capital is setting its sights on another big tourism draw—a long-awaited Disney theme park. Walt Disney Co and the city government agreed yesterday on plans for a joint venture to manage the project, the city government said yesterday in a statement.

The cost is reportedly estimated at 25bn yuan (2.56bn). Plans call for the theme park to be a “strong international tourism resort,” with a pleasant, low-carbon environment. Disney has been expanding its presence in mainland China after opening a theme park in Hong Kong in 2005.

Ice Age environment found under snowmass village reservoir site

SNOWMASS VILLAGE, 8 Nov — Workers expanding a reservoir uncovered ancient mammal bones last month in Snowmass Village, and today the Denver Museum of Nature and Science is hailed as one of the most significant fossil discoveries in Colorado history. Buried under a modern-day pond, crews have uncovered a prehistoric snapshot of the region 12 to 16 thousand years ago, sealed in the mud, and preserved by the heavy wet soil.

To date crews have uncovered remains of five mastodons, one young Columbian mammoth, a ground sloth, a yet-to-be identified deer-like animal, and three Ice Age bison, that are 50% animal, and three Ice-sloth, a yet-to-be mammoth, a ground five mastodons, one wet soil. preserved by the heavy specimens’ proper excavation techniques and conservation right on site,” says Miller.

Along with the mammals, Miller says they’ve unveiled the environment in which they lived: “We’ve found plants, huge fossil logs, we’ve got snails this is the first time we’ve found something like this in Colorado.” He says they’ll keep digging until late November. Then they will review specimens to learn everything they can about the Ice Age mammals and their environment. This discovery marks a couple of firsts for Colorado: its only site to have both mammoth and mastodon remains in one location, and it is the most complete mammoth found at high elevation 8,870 feet in the state. —Internet

Bloomberg to promote electric taxis in cities

HONG KONG, 8 Nov — City authorities are often better placed than national governments to combat climate change, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Saturday, vowing to promote the use of electric taxis as he takes over the leadership of a global coalition of major cities.

The billionaire mayor urged delegates at the C40 conference in Hong Kong to wield the power of its large collective population, which accounts for about 1 in 12 people in the world. C40 is a coalition of 40 cities. It was founded in 2005 with the aim of reducing carbon emissions. Nineteen other cities are affiliate members.

Those cities’ huge car and taxi populations mean they have a huge role to play to cut emissions, Bloomberg said. The 19 of the C40 cities where statistics were available are home to more than 20 million cars and 25 member city governments represented in the coalition have oversight of taxi fleets controlling more than 1 million cabs. “Think of that — a million-plus autos, the most iconic vehicles in our downtowns, that we can start to work together to make more efficient and less polluting,” he said.

Satellite launched from Vandenberg

VANDELBURG AIR FORCE BASE, 8 Nov — A rocket carrying an observation satellite for civilian and military use has launched from California’s Central Coast. Vandenberg Air Force Base officials say the Delta II rocket blasted off at 7:20 pm Friday from the base. The payload was the last part of a four-satellite system called COSMO-SkyMed that uses radar to create images for defence and scientific purposes, mainly in the Mediterranean Region. The satellite system was developed under an agreement between the Italian Space Agency and Italy’s defence ministry.

The launch had been delayed since Sunday after problems with a propellant and a heater that kept the rocket’s engines warm.

Black box of crashed plane found in Cuba

HAVANA, 8 Nov — The black box and cockpit voice recorder of a plane that crashed in Cuba, killing all 68 people on board, have been recovered, a media report said. Aereo Caribbean Flight 883, en route to Havana from the eastern city of Santiago de Cuba, crashed late Thursday in the central province of Sancti Spiritus shortly after the crew reported an emergency and contact was lost. Provincial chief prosecutor Rolando Diaz said authorities hope the contents of the recorders will shed light on the cause of the crash, the official AIN news agency reported.

Cement mixer falls on commuter train

LONDON, 8 Nov — A cement-mixing truck fell from a bridge Friday onto one car of a London-bound commuter train, injuring the truck driver and four rail passengers, police said. The truck driver and one person from the train were seriously hurt, The Guardian reported. They were rushed to a London hospital, while the other three were treated at a hospital in Surrey for minor injuries.

The crash occurred near Oxshott in Surrey at about 3:30 pm. The train was heading from Guildford to Waterloo Station. Timi Raji, a semipro soccer player who was in the car next to the one that was hit, told the Guardian one passenger was trapped.

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Death toll from Philippine rains rises to 11

MANILA, 8 Nov — The death toll from heavy rains in the northern Philippines rose to 11, with thousands still sheltered in evacuation centres, the government said. Flooding and landslides over the past four days sent thousands fleeing their homes, with over 19,500 people still in government evacuation centres even after the floods receded, the civil defence office said in a statement on Saturday.

Most of the dead were killed by landslides or drowned in flash floods triggered by the heavy rains pouring on the mountainous region, the office said. Three others remain missing after landslides hit their homes. Several roads and bridges were rendered impassable by floods and landslides. — Internet

Thai flood death toll rises to 161

BANGKOK, 8 Nov — Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said on Sunday the death toll from heavy flood across the country has risen to 161 now. Those killed by the flood would be compensated for by 50,000 baht (1,660 US dollars) each, Abhisit said in his weekly national televised address. “I express my condolence to family members of those who were killed,” the prime minister said.

He said flood water has receded in most regions in the north and northeast, but recent heavy rains have now inundated parts of the south. The cabinet would on Tuesday discuss plans to help farmers suffering from flood and provide support for rebuilding damaged homes and key export industries in the south.

He said flood control would be carried out in the provinces of Nakhon Sawan, Sakon Nakhon, Ubon Ratchathani, Surin, Suphan Buri, and Chaiyaphum, where floods have receded since Saturday.

The government has set aside 4 billion baht for rehabilitation efforts after the floods, he said. The government has begun to pay 5,000 baht (160 US dollars) for the rehabilitation efforts after the floods, he said. The government has begun to pay 5,000 baht (160 US dollars) to each of the households affected by the flood. Abhisit said his government will also map out longer-term flood prevention plans, such as building small reservoirs in various regions of the country to hold rain water. — Xinhua

Somali pirates release S Korean ship

SEOUL, 8 Nov — A South Korean news agency says Somali pirates have freed a hijacked South Korean supertanker and its crew. Yonhap news agency reported Saturday that Samho Dream was now sailing toward the United States.

Samho Dream, loaded with about $160 million in crude oil, was hijacked in April with 24 crew on board. Yonhap said all the sailors were safe and healthy. — Internet

Number killed by Indonesian volcano climbs to 138

MOUNT MERAPI, 8 Nov — The tiny hospital at the foot of Mount Merapi struggled Saturday to cope with victims brought in after the fiery volcano unleashed its most powerful eruption in a century — some with burns covering 95 percent of their body. The only sign of life in one man, who’s eyes were milky grey in colour and never blinked, was the shallow rising and falling of his chest. Others’ their lungs choked with abrasive volcanic ash, struggled to breathe.

A surge of searing gas raced down the sides of Indonesia’s most deadly mountain at highway speed Friday, triggering houses and trees and incinerating villagers caught in its path, many of them as they tried to flee. The number of people killed in the inferno rose on Saturday to 94, as some patients succumbed to their injuries, a hospital official said, bringing the overall toll since the mountain burst back to life nearly two weeks ago to 138. — Internet

Philippine volcano shoots steam and ash

MANILA, 8 Nov — A volcano in the Philippines has released a plume of steam and ash but scientists say an explosive eruption is not expected.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology says on Saturday’s activity at Bulusan volcano was caused by groundwater interacting with hot rocks and not rising magma. The cloud of steam and ash rose 1,980 feet (600 metres) and fell over areas as far as six miles (10 kilometres) from the mountain.

The institute says there could be more hydrothermal disturbances and has warned people to keep away from a 2.5-mile (4-kilometre) permanent danger zone around Bulusan’s summit. Bulusan is one of the country’s 23 active volcanoes. It is located about 240 miles (380 kilometres) southeast of Manila. — Internet

Body found as police hunt for heiress

SLough, 8 Nov — A body found on Friday in a wooded area in Britain’s Windsor Great Park may be missing British heiress Joanna Brown, police said. A spokesman for the Thames Valley Police said the body had not been positively identified but he said police had been searching the specific area of the royal estate after receiving information Brown’s body might be there, the Daily Mail reported. He said an autopsy was to be performed on Saturday.

Brown’s estranged husband, Robert, 47, was ordered held without bail Friday pending another hearing on Monday in Slough Magistrate’s Court. He was arrested on Thursday on suspicion of killing his 46-year-old wife. Joanna Brown, 46, inherited several million pounds from her father, a developer on the Isle of Man. She married Robert Brown, a British Airways pilot, 11 years ago. The couple, who have two young children, separated three years ago, and their divorce was about to become final. — MNA/Reuters

Italian police make nearly 100 mafia arrests

ROME, 8 Nov — Italian authorities arrested nearly 100 bosses and associates with ties to two powerful mafia clans in the southern region of Puglia in a pre-dawn swoop, police said here. The rival Di Cosola and Stramaglia clans were locked in a bloody battle for control over territory in Puglia, police said. More than 600 policemen in the southern city of Bari were involved in the operation to carry out 93 arrest warrants. The arrested have been charged with links to mafia and drug trafficking. About 40 kilos of drugs and guns were seized.

Italian authorities have carried out a string of high-profile mafia arrests in recent months, including one of the biggest recent crackdowns on organised crime in July that led to the arrest of more than 300 mafiosi with ties to the feared ‘Ndrangheta group based in the southern Calabria region. — MNA/Reuters
France says deal ready on Airbus military transport

TOULOUSE, 8 Nov—France said Friday that the seven countries due to buy the A400M military transport aircraft had drafted a new deal to fund the troubled programme and that Paris would receive its first plane in 2013.

Germany, also one of the seven, said that for financial reasons it had reduced its firm order to 53 aircraft from 60 but would maintain an option to acquire the remaining seven.

Britain also reduced its order by three and will now buy 22 of the aircraft.

Securing the A400M contract has been a challenge for manufacturer Airbus and its parent company EADS, with delivery of the planes already running four years late and a massive 5.2-billion-euro cost overrun.

French Defence Minister Herve Morin said France would buy 50 of the turboprops for 8.4 billion euros (11.8 billion dollars) and that its other partners had agreed a revised contract to cover cost over-runs.

“I have very, very good news for you — the conclusion of an agreement on the A400M,” Morin said, on a visit to EADS subsidiary Airbus’ plane-making plant outside the southern French city of Toulouse.—Internet

Qantas says fleet safe after ‘unrelated’ mid-air incidents

SYDNEY, 8 Nov—Dramatic mid-air engine failures that struck two Qantas aircraft in as many days are unrelated, the airline said, adding it was confident of the safety of the planes it is flying.

Qantas grounded its A380 superjumbos on Thursday after one carrying 466 passengers and crew was forced to return to Singapore after an engine exploded during ascent, raining debris onto an Indonesian island. The 90-year-old airline suffered a second engine failure the following day when a Sydney-bound Boeing 747-400 jumbo carrying 412 passengers and 19 crew experienced problems shortly after take-off from Singapore.

Unlike the A380 engine blast — which sent debris flying, causing damage to the plane’s wing — the second incident was a “contained engine failure”, Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce said.

The Qantas Boeing 747-400 flight QF6 which made an emergency landing is seen parked at the terminal at Changi International Airport in Singapore.—Internet

APEC ministers meet as doubts grow over US approach

KYOTO, 8 Nov—Asia Pacific finance ministers, including from the world’s three biggest economies, met on Saturday amid mounting criticism of US monetary policy and its proposals to solve economic imbalances.

The Japanese hosts said the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting will issue a statement that is expected to reaffirm commitments to fiscal discipline, free trade and infrastructure investment.

But the gathering in the ancient capital Kyoto is unlikely to quiet growing discord ahead of next week’s summit of Group of 20 leaders, with several countries, including China, heavily critical of US policy.

The meeting of officials from 21 economics in the fast-growing region follows hot on the heels of last month’s G-20 agreement to avoid competitive currency devaluation and disorderly movements in reserve currencies, aimed at the broad-based decline in the dollar.

China on Friday said a US proposal for numerical targets for current account surpluses and deficits smacked of outmoded central planning. Chinese officials and state media have also weighed in against the latest US quantitative easing steps, warning that they could trigger an influx of “hot money” into China.

Brazil says some in G-20 say Fed moves hurt other states

CHICAGO, 8 Nov—There is a growing consensus among some G-20 countries that the Federal Reserve’s programme of pumping cash into the US economy fuels the risk of bubbles abroad, Brazil Central Bank Governor Henrique Meirelles said on Friday.

“A common theme is emerging that ‘excess liquidity in the US is creating problems in other countries’,” Brazil’s Central Bank chief told reporters in Chicago. “It’s important this is addressed” in South Korea, location of the upcoming Group of 20 rich and emerging nations summit.

The Fed this week said it would pump another 600 billion US dollars into the US economy in an effort to boost sluggish growth and help bring down a stubbornly high unemployment rate.

UAE’s Etihad Air bans cargo from Yemen, Somalia

DUBAI, 8 Nov—Abu Dhabi’s Etihad Airways has stopped cargo shipments from Yemen and Somalia, a spokesman said, as security measures are increased after two US-bound parcel bombs from Yemen were intercepted in Britain and Dubai.

The change, announced on Thursday, aims to meet several countries’ plans to tighten air cargo monitoring after the bomb plot, the company spokesman said.

The parcel bombs are suspected to be the work of al-Qaeda’s Yemen-based regional arm, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

Lawless Somalia is also seen by security analysts as a breeding ground for militants and foreign jihadists.

“Etihad has ceased cargo shipments from Yemen and Somalia until directives from governments around the world permit carriage of goods to these ports,” he said. Most airlines have made similar changes for cargo shipment, he added.

It is the second time AQAP is suspected of trying to strike US targets using aircraft.

The group took credit for a foiled Christmas Day plot last year to bomb a US-bound carrier, though no claim of responsibility has yet been made for the parcel plot.

Younis-inspired Pakistan shock South Africa

DUBAI, 8 Nov—Pakistan tail-end batsman Zulqarnain Haider and Wahab Riaz pulled off a sensational one wicket win for their team over South Africa in the fourth one-day match after Younis Khan’s fifty here on Friday.

Younis’s sedate 73 built Pakistan’s run-chase but they owed it to their tail-enders Haider (19 not out) and Riaz (18) as they put on 28 runs for the ninth wicket to help their team chase down a challenging 275-run target. Fit-again Graeme Smith played a captain’s knock of 92 to steer South Africa to a challenging 274-6 but once again his team choked in the final moments despite having grabbed all top wickets.

Pakistan still needed 31 when they lost Abdul Razzaq (33) — whose robust 72-ball 109 not out which shocked South Africa by one wicket in the second match in Abu Dhabi — but Haider and Riaz held their nerves. Even when Riaz was run out with three needed off as many deliveries, Haider kept his cool, scoring two off paceman Wayne Parnell and then pulled the penultimate delivery for a single, much to the delight of a 25,000 capacity crowd.
A visit to Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction site

Ayeaywady Region is teeming with rivers and creeks more than other States and Regions. Thanks to those rivers and creeks, the region is blessed with fertile soil for cultivation of paddy and other crops. As such, Ayeyawady Region becomes a granary of the State. Rivers, creeks, lakes and wetlands of the region are reliable resources for production of fish, prawn and marine products as well. However, the rivers and creeks had become natural barriers for speedy transport of commodities and passengers in the past.

Although Ayeyawady Region is close to Yangon Region, there was no bridge and motor road between them in the past. At present, railroads and motor roads have emerged in the region thanks to genuine goodwill of the Head of State. So far, Ayeyawady Region has about 50 over 180-foot bridges. In addition, five more bridges across Ayeyawady River are under construction.

In this regard, Ayeaywady Bridge (Sinkhan) which is 3215 feet long main bridge, 1415 feet long approach roads on both sides and 2295 feet long railroad is being constructed near Sinkhan Village of Bhamo Township in Kachin State. Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) with 11431 feet long main bridge, 2106 feet long approach roads on both sides and 9166 feet long railroad is being constructed to link Letpanchepaw Village in NyaungU Township and Pakokku Township of Magway Region. Ayeaywady Bridge (Malun) will have 3215 feet long main bridge, 2624 feet Danubyu and Nyaungdon Townships to write bylines on development of Maubin District, I had the opportunity to visit Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) Project site due to assistance of Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Htay Win and party.

The bridge project is being implemented by Special Project Group (5) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction. At the worksite, I met Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin after greeting Senior Engineer Daw Thit Thit Aung.

The bridge on Yangon bank, 5856 feet long on Pathein bank and 1575 feet long. Approach bridge on Yangon bank, 1837 feet long and the approach road will be 7402 feet long. The pedestrian railroad area, 14 feet wide and the site of motor way will be 28 feet wide and the site of approach railroads. The main bridge and two-way motor road and railroad. The main bridge will be 7402 feet long. Approach bridge with motor way on Pathein bank will be 1837 feet long and the approach bridge on Yangon bank, 1575 feet long. Approach road will be 7316 feet long on Pathein bank and 5856 feet long on Yangon bank.

Thus, the bridge will have 10814 feet long approach motor roads and 20574 feet long main bridge and approach railroads. The motor way will be 28 feet wide and the site of railroad area, 14 feet wide. The pedestrian lanes will be three feet wide each.

There will be 20 bridge spans which are of reinforced concrete and steel frame. The driving stake at RP 19. So far, the bridge has completed by 50 percent. The facility will have two-way motor road and railroad. The main bridge will be 7402 feet long. Approach bridge with motor way on Pathein bank will be 1837 feet long and the approach bridge on Yangon bank, 1575 feet long. Approach road will be 7316 feet long on Pathein bank and 5856 feet long on Yangon bank.

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Shaft works at RP-8 of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

Engineer U Tint Lwin explained progress of the project. The bridge is being built between mile posts No. 40 and No. 44 on Yangon-Pathein Road, 8000 feet upstream of Bo Myay Pathein Road, 8000 feet upstream of Bo Myay.
Diplomats of foreign missions observe voting...

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Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and local journalists covered news on voting of people and counting of ballots.

Kachin State has 866 polling stations for 824,968 eligible voters.—MNA

Diplomats observe voting process in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 were held in respective constituencies across the nation yesterday.

Voters in Mon State cast votes freely for candidates for hluttaws. Counsellor of Japanese Embassy Ms Yukiko Shiba, Third Secretary Mr Josphilo Chad N Jacinto Jr of Philippine Embassy and Military Attaché Brig-Gen Md Shahbubul Haque of Bangladeshi Embassy visited polling stations to observe casting and counting ballots. Together with diplomats from foreign embassies, journalists and correspondents from Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club visited polling stations in Education College, No. 8 Basic Education High School Phetdan Ward, No. 6 BEHS in Mayangon Ward, No. 9 BEHS in Pabedan Ward and BEPS (Taunggon) in Kwinyek Ward.

Chairman of Mon State Election Subcommission U Thein Tun Aye, Secretary U Nyan Lin and personnel conducted the diplomats, correspondents and journalists.—MNA
Counsellor of Japanese Embassy Ms Yukiko Shiba and diplomats visit polling station No. 1 in Mayangon Ward of Mawlamyine.
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**Diplomats of foreign missions visit polling stations in Magway, Magway Region**

**NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov**—The Multiparty Democracy General Elections 2010 of the Union of Myanmar were held across the nation yesterday morning.

Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono, Consul of the Russian Federation Embassy Mr Dmitry Darchenkov and First Secretary Mrs Salinee Phonprapai of Thai Embassy together with officials visited polling stations in wards of Magway in Magway Region.

They viewed free and happy casting vote of local people, systematic counting of ballots and putting on records with the use of designated forms at the polling stations at No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Zaylesoe Ward, brokerage in Aungyadana Ward and BEHS No. 3 in Aungyadana Ward.

Members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and reporters of local journals observed casting of vote and counting of ballots in Magway. Magway has 266 polling stations in 76 wards and villages and 181281 eligible voters. Minbu has 172 polling stations in 74 wards and villages for 117909 eligible voters.

**Personnel of the polling station at No. 1 BEHS in Mingangyi Ward of Magway Township counting votes.**

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**Diplomats, journalists observe casting votes in Haka and Falam**

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Eligible voters cast their votes systematically at polling stations in Haka of Chin State. Charge d’Affaires ai of Serbian Embassy Mr Nino Maljevic, First Secretary of Malaysian Embassy Mr Wankhalid Bin Wan Kamal, First Secretary of the Republic of Korea Embassy Mr Kwon Jae-hwan, member of the Union Election Commission Dr Ba Maung, Secretary of Chin State Peace and Development Council U Nay Win, Chairman of Chin State Election Subcommission U Kathe and Secretary U Ohn Cho observed the polling stations. They visited the polling stations in Haka Town hall, Myothit, Zaythit, Myohaung and Pyitawtha wards.

In the evening, diplomats observed ballots counting at polling stations in Falam. Members of Foreign Correspondents Club and reporters of journals, together with the diplomats, also visited polling stations in Haka and Falam. —MNA

**Charge d’ Affaires ai Mr Nino Maljevic of Serbian Embassy and diplomats visiting polling station No. 1 in Balai Ward, Falam.**

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**Charge d’ Affaires ai Mr Nino Maljevic of Serbian Embassy, diplomats and journalists observe voters casting ballots at the polling station at No. 2 BEHS, Myothit Ward, Haka.**

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Diplomats of foreign missions visit polling stations in Hpa-an Township

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First Secretary Mrs Tuot Kunthea of Cambodian Embassy, Pakistani Military Attaché Col Muzammil Hussain Shah and Indonesian Military Attaché Col Aang Suhar Lan observed casting of votes at the polling stations and counting of ballots in Hpa-an Township.

Secretary of Kayin State Election Subcommission U Thein Zaw Oo and party and the chairman of Hpa-an Township Subcommission and party conducted the diplomats round the polling stations in the township.

Member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and reporters of local journals covered news on casting of votes and counting of ballots by the polling station officers and members and visiting of the diplomats at the polling stations.

Hpa-an Township opened 510 polling stations.

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Indian Ambassador Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and diplomats visiting polling station No.1 at No. 3 BEHS in Naungya (A) Ward, Loikaw Township.

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First Secretary Mrs Tuot Kunthea of Cambodian Embassy and diplomats observing voting process at polling station No. 1 at No. 1 BEHS in Kuseik Ward, Hpa-an Township.—MNA

22nd Ophthalmological Conference on 22 Nov

YANGON, 8 Nov—The 22nd Ophthalmological Conference will be held by Ophthalmological society, Myanmar Medical Association at Chatrium Hotel, Yangon on 22nd and 23rd November.

Those wishing to attend the conference are to register at Yangon Eye Hospital on 21st November.

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Specialists provide healthcare in storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Mobile medical team headed by Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin (Disease Control) of Health Department is providing healthcare to storm victims and have so far given treatment to 9022 patients and chlorinated 2577 wells. Together with mobile medical team of Ministry of Health, five members from WHO, seven members from Myanmar Medical Association and 150 members from Myanmar Red Cross Society are providing healthcare in Myebon, Kyauktaw and Kyaukpyu townships.—MNA

Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi and diplomats observe casting votes at polling station No. 2 in Yongyi Ward, Monywa.

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Singapore-Jakarta flights cancelled due to volcano

SINGAPORE, 8 Nov—Several airlines have halted flights between Singapore and the Indonesian capital of Jakarta due to the risk posed by ashes from an active volcano, Singapore Airlines and Changi Airport said on Saturday.

Mount Merapi in central Java began spewing deadly clouds of ash and superheated gas last week, killing over 100 people and forcing the evacuation of more than 150,000. Indonesia has already halted flights between Singapore and Jakarta from around 3 pm Singapore time on Saturday due to adverse movements in the volcanic ash clouds.

The couple married in 2008. Charlie Sheen files for divorce

NEW YORK, 8 Nov—Two and a Half Men star Charlie Sheen has filed for divorce from his third wife Brooke Mueller. In papers filed in Los Angeles, the 45-year-old cited irreconcilable differences and revealed the couple signed a prenuptial agreement. Sheen wants joint custody of their twin sons while his wife, who has also filed for divorce, wants sole custody.

Both say in legal papers that they separated after an argument in Aspen, Colorado, on Christmas Day. A police report, released in August, stated Mueller feared for her life during the argument. Sheen was sentenced to 30 days at a rehabilitation centre after pleading guilty to assault. Last week, the actor was accused of causing damage to a hotel room in New York. After hotel security reported Sheen was disorderly, the actor voluntarily went with authorities for a psychiatric evaluation. However, Sheen’s publicist said he went to hospital because he had “an adverse allergic reaction to some medication”. Sheen’s ex-wife, actress Denise Richards, was staying at the Plaza in a different room with their two children, Sam and Lola. Sheen and Richards divorced acrimoniously in 2006 after four years of marriage.

Study offers new clues to effective HIV vaccine

CHICAGO, 8 Nov—Slight differences in five amino acids in a protein called HLA-B may explain why certain people resist the human immunodeficiency virus, US researchers said in a study that lends new clues about how to make a vaccine to prevent AIDS.

“For a long time, we’ve known that some people progress extremely rapidly when they get infected, and others can stay well for three decades and never need treatment and still look entirely well,” said Dr Bruce Walker of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University, whose study appears in the journal Science.

“We thought we could apply new techniques from the human genome project to understand what the genetic basis was for that,” he said.

About one in 300 people infected with HIV can suppress the virus with the immune system, keeping the virus at extremely low levels.

The team searched the genetic makeup of nearly 1,000 people with that ability and compared it with the genetic code of 2,600 others who were infected with HIV.

That helped them identify some 300 different sites in the genetic code that were linked with immune control of HIV, all located on chromosome 6.

Standard time returns, set the clock back Saturday

WASHINGTON, 8 Nov—It’s time to reclaim that hour of sleep you lost last spring. That’s right, the clocks are turned back in most of the country. The majority of folks will do the switch before hitting the sack Saturday night, even though the change doesn’t become official until 2 am Sunday local time.

And, of course, a few will forget. You can recognize them because they’ll be an hour early for church, golf or whatever.

Residents of Hawaii, most of Arizona and some US territories don’t have to change since they did not observe daylight-saving time.

Public safety officials say this is also a good time to put a new battery in the smoke alarm, no matter where you live. Daylight saving time returns at 2 am local time the second Sunday in March.

China and Germany express concern over US Fed move

LONDON, 8 Nov—Germany and China have expressed concerns over US plans to pump $600bn ($373bn) into the US economy. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble said the US would not solve its problems, but create “extra problems for the world” instead. Some countries fear that the US Federal Reserve’s move could hurt their exports by making their currencies stronger.

China’s Central Bank head Zhou Xiaochuan urged a reform of the international currency system.

He did not elaborate how the system should be changed. The US central bank announced on Wednesday that it would spend $600bn to buy government bonds, in the hope that the cash injection can kickstart the country’s economy. However, this weakens the dollar, boosting US exports while making imports more expensive.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (011)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV HAL ADMIRALTY VOY NO (011) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KULSAMUT VOY NO (2)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KULSAMUT VOY NO (2) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.P.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SANG THAI RADIMUM VOY NO ( )
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI RADIMUM VOY NO ( ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.W.1 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIAN XIU VOY NO (1054)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIAN XIU VOY NO (1054) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 7.11.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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MV HANARO MELODY VOY NO (SB012-4)
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Cheese sold at Costco linked with E coli outbreak in five US states

Los Angeles, 8 Nov — An E coli outbreak in several US states may be traced to cheese sold at Costco stores, CNN reported on Friday. The Bravo Farms Dutch Style Raw Milk Gouda Cheese was offered for sale and in-store tasting at Costco stores in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada between 5 Oct and 8 Nov, according to the report.
At least 25 people were sickened in the outbreak, the report said. Consumers with the cheese (Costco item 40654) should dispose of it according to the report.
A colourized electron micrograph of a cluster of E coli bacteria is shown in this undated handout from the US Department of Agriculture.

First volume of history of Xinhua News Agency published

Beijing, 8 Nov — The Xinhua Publishing House on Saturday published the first volume of the history of the Xinhua News Agency to mark the 79th anniversary of the news agency’s founding.
The 450,000-character-long book is a comprehensive record of the first 18 years of the official press agency of China (1931-1949).
The book contains hundreds of historic photographs in its three chapters and presents the hard work of Xinhua staff before the founding of new China. Some material in the book is being made public for the first time.

Life term for killer of three in New Jersey schoolyard

Newark, 8 Nov — A Honduran man has been given three life sentences for the execution-style murder of three New Jersey students in a schoolyard in 2007. Prosecutors said Melvin Jovel, 21, lined them against a wall in and shot them one-by-one in the head. Jovel pleaded guilty to three counts of murder and other charges. A fourth person was shot but survived.
Authorities in the city of Newark said he and five accomplices were taking part in a gang initiation ritual. Accused accomplice Rodolfo Godinez was sentenced in July to three consecutive life terms. Four others are awaiting trial. Authorities said Jovel and his alleged accomplices in the August 2007 attack had ties to MS-13, a violent Central American street gang. Prosecutors said the men did not know the students, who they set upon as they relaxed and listened to music in the schoolyard.
Reputed drug kingpin killed in Mexico shootout

MEXICO CITY, 8 Nov — Mexican marines killed a reputed Gulf cartel leader and one of Mexico’s most-wanted drug lords in a spectacular, hours-long gun-battle near the US border, the latest in a growing number of hits on the country’s drug kingpins. Antonio Ez-equiel Cardenas Guillen, also known as “Tony Tormenta” or “Tony the Storm,” was killed Friday along with four of his gunmen and three marines in the city of Matamoros, across from Brownsville, Texas, the Mexican navy said in a statement.

A soldier and a local reporter were also killed in related mayhem that began Friday morning and lasted into the evening.

Across the city, residents holed up in their homes and offices to escape the violence, communicating by Facebook and Twitter. “Shelter, everyone! Don’t leave your houses please. Pass the word,” read one tweet.

Cardenas Guillen, 48, is believed to have run the powerful cartel along with Jorge Eduardo Costilla San-chez, moving cocaine and marijuana into the United States. He had been indicted on drug-trafficking charges in the US, where authorities had offered a $5 million reward for information leading to his arrest.

Motorola works with Chinese NGOs in education programmes

CHICAGO, 8 Nov — Motorola is involved in various education and innovation programmes in China through its partnership with local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), a company executive said.

“Our overall strategy is to continue to improve education and create better communities everywhere with our employees work,” Eileen Sweeney, director for corporate and foundation philanthropic relations at Motorola, told Xinhua in an interview on Chicago on Saturday.

Motorola Foundation, the company’s philanthropic arm, recently hosted its first-ever Asia-Pac Network Grantee Conference in Shanghai, at which 30 NGOs received $21,000 US dollars for local education, she said. Such cooperation with the Chinese NGOs was fruitful, Sweeney said. “We have been involved since 1994 and have helped more than 23,000 children in China return to elementary schools. We donated more than 5 million US dollars to fund 105 Motorola Hope schools in China.”—Internet

China, India, Brazil become ‘major players’ at IMF

WASHINGTON, 8 Nov — China and India received long-sought recognition Friday as global economic heavyweights as the International Monetary Fund gave them and other emerging powers a significantly larger role in stabilizing the world economy.

IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn announced planned reforms to the fund’s voting power after a meeting of the organization’s board, declaring that no longer would emerging economies feel that they are “invited to the table, but minor players.” Brazil, China, India and Russia are now “major players,” Strauss-Kahn affirmed at a news conference. He called on these nations to assume greater responsibility in guiding the global economy. The board’s decision elevates China to No 3 in voting power above traditional IMF powers such as Germany, Britain and France.

A number of smaller European nations and oil-producing countries such as Saudi Arabia lost votes so that “new changes in the global economy will now be reflected in changes in the fund,” according to Strauss-Kahn.—Internet

Rolls-Royce loses stock value after engine fire

SYDNEY, 8 Nov — A day after a massive engine failure on the world’s largest jetliner, manufacturer Rolls-Royce watched a billion dollars vanish from its market value, while another of its engines on a different plane caught fire in flight. The Australian airline Qantas blamed the British aerospace company for the violent mid-flight disintegration on Thursday of an engine on the Airbus A380.

Another Qantas plane equipped with Rolls-Royce engines suffered an engine problem shortly after takeoff late Friday, producing a loud bang and shooting fire before it turned back to Singapore.

Modern passenger jets are designed to fly after one or more engine failures, and both Qantas planes landed safely. On Thursday, one of the 2+1 four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines failed minutes into a flight to Sydney, shedding pieces of metal over Indonesia before it returned to make a safe emergency landing in Singapore.

Qantas CEO Alan Joyce said the problem was “most likely a material failure or some type of design issue” and not related to maintenance.

China gets major stake in IMF vote overhaul

WASHINGTON, 8 Nov — In a historic decision, the International Monetary Fund board agreed on Friday to boost the voting power of big emerging economies and make China the third leading voice in the global lender.

“This historic agreement is the most fundamental governance overhaul in the fund’s 65-year history and the biggest ever shift of influence in favour of emerging market and developing countries to recognize their growing role in the global economy,” IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn told a news conference.

Under the deal, first clinched by finance ministers of Group of 20 leading economies in South Korea last month, 6 percent of IMF voting shares will be transferred to “dynamic” emerging market countries from industrial economies.

The move would vault China over Germany, France and Britain into third spot behind the United States and Japan. It would also lift other large emerging powers India, Brazil and Russia into the top 10 of the 187-member institution.—MNA/Reuters
Metsu searches for

Shanghai, 8 Nov — Qatar coach Bruno Metsu, the miracle worker of Senegal’s 2002 World Cup, hopes that an Asian Games gold will preface a successful Asian Cup assault on home turf in 2011. He knows the punishment for failure is likely to be swift in a Gulf region blessed with sky-high budgets but cursed with wafer-thin patience. “There is passion for football in Qatar,” said the 56-year-old Frenchman, who took Senegal to the World Cup quarter-finals, but who has since bounced from one lucrative Middle East assignment to another.

“There are fantastic stadiums, formidable working conditions. But perhaps it’s also a tougher here than in Europe because they have such vast means. They don’t wait three months to sack you when things aren’t going well. “The day after tomorrow, it’s ‘bye-bye, ciao, finished’.”

He also told www.foot365.fr: “Things happen very quickly. There is a lot of pressure, but I like that pressure and the adrenaline. I have great respect for the people of the Gulf.”

Internet

Qatar magic touch

Olympique de Marseille’s Loic Remy, Andre-Pierre Gignac and Cezar Azpilicueta celebrate a goal during their Champions League match vs Zilina. — Internet

were also buoyed by a hat-trick from striker Andre-Pierre Gignac, who had previously scored just once since his 16.5 million-euro move from Toulouse.

“It augurs well for the game at the Parc,” said Gignac’s strike partner Loic Remy, who had got onto the scoresheet against Zilina. “We started the match really well, even though we’ve been struggling to start well, in the league as well as the Champions League.

Internet

Jiayi Shin wins Mizuno Classic

Shima, 8 Nov — Top-ranked Jiayi Shin won the Mizuno Classic on Sunday for her second LPGA Tour victory of the season and eighth overall, closing with a 5-under 67 for a two-stroke victory over Yani Tseng.

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Glasgow, 8 Nov — Celtic will be looking to return to the top of the Scottish Premier League on Saturday as they take on Aberdeen in their Scottish Premier League match. The Hoops trail league leaders Rangers by one point but host the Dons at Parkhead.

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hours before their rivals are away to St Mirren.

Neil Lennon’s side’s only slip-up this season came in the Old Firm derby and their 3-0 win over St Johnstone last weekend helped them reduce the gap at the top of the table. One player who is desperate to face the Dons this weekend is Niall McGinn. The Northern Ireland international was sidelined for six months with a broken foot but has scored three times in two games since returning and is keen to keep the run going.

Internet

Frankie Molinari stays in front of Westwood

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Jobless Britons could be made to do manual work

LONDON, 8 Nov — Britain’s long-term unemployed could be forced to carry out compulsory manual work or risk losing their welfare benefits under plans being put forward by the government, newspapers reported on Sunday. The US style scheme would see the long-term jobless ordered to take up four-week placements in order to get them used to having a full-time job. The idea is part of major reforms, due to be unveiled this week, to reduce dependency on benefits and weed out those or risk losing their welfare benefits under plans being put forward by the government, newspapers reported on Sunday. The US style scheme would see the long-term jobless ordered to take up four-week placements in order to get them used to having a full-time job. The idea is part of major reforms, due to be unveiled this week, to reduce dependency on benefits and weed out those 

“The vast majority of people in Britain will think that is the right thing to do.”

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Monday, 8th November, 2010

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

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 7-11-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 8-11-2010 was 65°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-11-2010 was (83%). Rainfall on 8-11-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 7-11-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 8-11-2010 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-11-2010 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 7-11-2010 was (8.1) hours.

Rainfall on 8-11-2010 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 (4) mph from East at (12:30) hours MST on 7-11-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, yesterday’s cyclonic storm (Jal) over the Southwest Bay has crossed between Southern Andhra Pradesh Coast and Northern Tamil Nadu Coast of India near Chennai (India). Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th November 2010: Exception of light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-11-2010: Generally fair weather.

Norway’s Fredrik Austbo competes at the men’s half-pipe Snowboarding FIS World Cup final event in November 2009 in Saas-Fee, southern Switzerland. The going only seems to get better in Norway which has been named by the United Nations as the country with the best quality of life for a record-matching eighth time.—INTERNET

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Diplomats of foreign missions, mediamen visit polling stations in Monywa Township

Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. ApiRath Vienravi and diplomats view counting of ballots at polling station No. 2 at post-primary school No. 29 in South Monywa Ward in Monywa Township.

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Nov — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced that according to the observations at 5.30 am today, yesterday’s cyclonic storm “Jal” over southwest Bay of Bengal has crossed between southern Andhra Pradesh and northern Tamil Nadu coasts of India.

Cyclonic storm “Jal” crosses between southern Andhra Pradesh and northern Tamil Nadu coasts of India

Stake driven for construction of library building in Shwegu Township

Shwegu, 31 Oct — With the contributions of the State and the local people, a ceremony to drive stake for construction of new building for Myitta Sanyay Library was held in conjunction with the ceremony to lay cornerstones in Sitha Village of Shwegu Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State, on 7 October morning. Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyi Win, departmental officials, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Soe Naing and staff, Chairman of Village PDC U Than Zaw Lin and member of Library Committee U Maung Ohn drove stakes at the designated place at the auspicious time.

Local people of Sitha Village donated a 40 square feet land plot for the new building of the library. The new building will be 24 feet long, 16 feet wide and 12 feet high.