Head of State Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister U Thein Sein on departure for Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov.—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister U Thein Sein who left here for Cambodia by special flight to attend the 5th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit and the 4th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia at the invitation of H.E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10 am today.

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives-elect announced

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov.—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No.136/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.136/2010
9th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1372 ME
15th November 2010

Announcement of names of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives

According to the statements issued in accord with the Article 49 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law by Region and State Subcommissions that the following persons are representatives-elect in the Multiparty Democracy General Elections held on 7 November 2010, it is hereby announced that they are Pyithu Hluttaw representatives in the constituencies shown against them.

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Sr. Name: U Thein Sein
CSC number: 001988
Constituency: Chin State
Party/Independent Candidate: Progressive Party

Four economic objectives

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

Four political objectives

1. Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
2. National reconciliation
3. Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
4. Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four social objectives

1. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
2. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
3. Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
4. Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation
Harvest, winnow and store monsoon paddy in time

National economy relies mainly on agriculture. With the advancing agricultural technique, farmers are trying for promotion of cultivation capacity and per-acre high yield and growing quality paddy strains.

It is now in mid-November. The rice-growing regions have started harvesting monsoon paddy as there is no more rain. Many parts of Ayeyawady and Bago Regions are harvesting monsoon paddy. Some areas have already harvested two thirds.

According to weather condition, there might be untimely rainfall. So, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has issued notices on preventive measures against loss and wastage of newly-harvested monsoon paddy. It is necessary to winnow and store harvested paddy in a shelter as quickly as possible.

If harvested paddy is left on an embankment or in another suitable place for long, it can be broken. As broken paddy can reduce the output rate of rice-milling, paddy should be harvested and winnowed with the use of machinery.

Winnowed paddy must be first dried and sent to a shelter in time. Otherwise, about three baskets of rice per acre can be wasted. The rice produced can be broken and inferior in quality.

All in all, by following the notices of the ministry, farmers will gain benefits from the high yield of quality paddy.

Korean Food Fair 2010 of Orange Supermarket kicks off

YANGON, 15 Nov — Korea Food Fair 2010 was opened at Orange Supermarket in Wayzayanna this afternoon.

Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Cho Byungjae and Managing Director Daw Myint Myint Win of Creation Myanmar Co Ltd formally opened the fair. Korea Food Fair 2010 will be also held at Orange Supermarkets in Kyimyindaing, North Okkalapa and Tamway Townships and Blazon Department Store till 30 November. As a special programme, food fair goers will have a chance to enjoy the taste of Korean food served by Korean restaurants.

Different kinds of Korean noodles, Korean traditional foods, biscuits, and juices and powders to be used in cooking Korean food will be on display at the food fair.

MMA donates books and publications for self-reliant libraries

YANGON, 15 Nov — A ceremony to donate Sarana Magazines published by Sarana Co of Myanmar Medical Association for self-reliant libraries being run by Ministry of Information, took place at Hall (B) of MMA this morning.

At the ceremony, chairman of MMA Professor Dr Kyaw Myint Naing donated 7727 Sarana magazines and 339 MMA annual magazines through Director (Production) U Aye Kywe of Information and Public Relations Department. The books and publications donated by MMA for self-reliant libraries are worth K 14,949,900.
Karzai wants US to cut back Afghan military operations

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov—Afghan President Hamid Karzai wants the US military to scale back the visibility and intensity of its operations in Afghanistan and end night raids that he said incited people to join the Taliban insurgency, The Washington Post reported on Saturday.

“The time has come to reduce military operations,” Karzai told the Post in an interview. “The time has come to reduce the presence of, you know, boots in Afghanistan to reduce the intrusiveness into the daily Afghan life.”

The Post said his comments put him at odds with US General David Petraeus, who has made “capture-and-kill” missions a central part of counterinsurgency strategy.

In the past three months, such night raids of Afghan homes by US Special Operations forces had killed or captured 368 militancy leaders, the Post said.

Karzai was quoted as saying his comments were not meant as criticism of Washington, adding that candor could improve what he termed a “grudging” relationship between the two countries.

A senior Afghan official was quoted by the newspaper as saying that Karzai had repeatedly criticized the night raids in meetings with Petraeus and was seeking veto power over the operations.

“The raids are a problem always. They were a problem then, they are a problem now. They have to go away,” Karzai said in an interview. “The Afghan people don’t like these raids, if there is any raid it has to be done by the Afghan Government within the Afghan laws. This is a continuing disagreement between us,” he said.—MNA/Reuters

Two killed, 11 wounded in bomb attack in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 15 Nov—A powerful bomb blast designed to target a police vehicle rocked Spin Boldak, a border town in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, killing two people and injuring 11 others, a local official said.

“The explosive device planted on a motorcycle was detonated by remote control at around 9:00 am local time when a police van was passing by a bus stop, as a result two persons were killed and 11 others sustained injuries,” Hajji Abdul Ghani, the governor of Spin Boldak district told Xinhua, adding that all victims were civilians.

The official blamed the attack on the enemies of peace, a reference to Taliban militants though no group has claimed responsibilities. A border town connecting Afghanistan to Pakistan’s Baluchistan Province, Spin Boldak has experienced repeated deadly bomb blasts.—Xinhua

French charge four suspected in terror training

PARIS, 15 Nov—A judicial official says that four men suspected of belonging to a network sending French residents to the tribal zones of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border to train for combat have been charged.

A woman who was detained with them has been released.

The official said on Saturday that the men, aged 25 to 30, have been charged with “criminal association linked to a terrorist enterprise.”

The official said the four are also suspected of plotting to kill the head of the Grand Mosque of Paris, Daila Boubakeur but there wasn’t enough evidence to justify charges. The official, not authorized to discuss cases publicly, demanded anonymity.

Two of the suspects were detained Monday after disembarking from a flight from Egypt. The others were picked up Tuesday in Paris.

Afghan militants torch NATO convoy; blasts kill three

KABUL, 15 Nov—Militants set fire to a convoy of NATO fuel tankers in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, while a series of bomb blasts in the south killed a NATO service member and two civilians. The civilians were killed in an explosion in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar Province, just east of the Pakistan border, said district government chief Abdul Ghani. The bomb was attached to a motorcycle parked in the main market, he said. The blast injured more than 10 people.

The NATO service member was killed in a separate explosion. The international military coalition did not provide further details or the nationality of the dead service member. The convoy attack started in the early morning when a group of gunmen rushed on the trucks in Behsud district of Nangarhar Province —

In the file photo, a man killed in a blast is surrounded by his relatives in a hospital in Kandahar City, south of Kabul, Afghanistan recently.—INTERNET

Pakistan security forces kill six militants in Swat

MINOBA, 15 Nov—A Pakistani army spokesman says security forces have killed six militants in clashes in Swat Valley, a former Taliban stronghold in the country’s northwest.

Maj Mushtaq Ahmed says militants attacked a security checkpoint near Shaker Dara Saturday night.

Authorities imposed a curfew as they searched for the assailants.

A soldier uses a forklift to load humanitarian aid onto a helicopter at an airfield in Herat. INTERNET

NATO soldier killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Nov—A soldier with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in a suspected Taliban bomb attack in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, ISAF said in a press release.

“An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan on Sunday,” the press release said.

However, it did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

More than 620 soldiers of ISAF with majority of them Americans have been killed so far this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua
Earthworms play essential role in Chinese recycling scheme

ZHENGZHOU, 15 Nov.—A Chinese environmental group is recruiting volunteers to take part in a scheme to breed earthworms in a bid to recycle kitchen waste in several Chinese cities. Friends of Nature, one of the oldest environmental groups in China, has recruited 21 families since the scheme was started in March in Zhengzhou, capital of central China’s Henan Province.

“We keep thousands of earthworms in our flower bed. They eat most of the kitchen waste my family produces every day,” said Fan Xiaohong, a woman from one of the families. “They convert the waste into fertilizer.”

Guo Mingliang, a woman from one of the families, said the scheme is making headway, as big as two soccer fields. We use half of it to raise earthworms and the rest for growing organic vegetables with the worms’ dirt,” he said. The group’s volunteers believe the loess soil will be turned fertile through the worms’ activity. “If the scheme is successful, we will have more evidence to lobby the government with to support our ‘green community project,’” Guo said.

He said more efforts should be made to raise people’s environmental awareness. It is not easy to convince people to breed earthworms as it requires a lot of energy and time, said Yang Xiaojing, one of the group’s volunteers. Even though scheme in Zhengzhou is making headway, the volunteers admitted the project was not going well in the other two cities, Beijing and Shanghai, as families seemed less eager to join the scheme.

More ash-buried bodies found at Indonesia volcano

Mount Merapi spews volcanic material as seen from Manis Renggo, Klaten, Indonesia, on 13 Nov, 2010.— Internet

MOUNT MERAPI, 15 Nov.—Rescuers digging through several feet (a metre) of ash discovered nine more bodies on the slopes of Mount Merapi, whose explosive eruption a week ago buried whole villages. As confirmation of more deaths trickled in Sunday, the toll from a series of blasts at the Indonesian volcano rose to at least 250. The mountain, which has let off blasts of hot gas clouds over the past two days, resumed spewing ash on Sunday as it continued to spew drifts of ash several feet (a metre) deep — for rescuers to work. Conditions have improved in the past few days, pushing the death toll from the devastating eruption higher, said Waluyo Rahardjo, a search and rescue official.

Small quake shakes Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, 15 Nov.—A 5.6-magnitude earthquake has shaken buildings in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic but caused no damage. The quake happened early Saturday in the Mona Passage between the US Caribbean territory and the island of Hispaniola, which the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti.

US Geological Survey geophysicist Randy Baldwin said the tremor was not an aftershock of the devastating 12 Jan earthquake that killed an estimated 300,000 people and left millions homeless in Haiti. A couple of tremors reported earlier this week in Haiti have been identified as aftershocks, however.— Internet

Snowstorm causes 400 Minn crashes; two die in Wis

NEW YORK, 15 Nov.—Parts of the Upper Midwest dug out from a heavy snowfall Saturday that caused more than 400 traffic accidents in Minnesota, and wintry conditions also were being blamed for a collision in northern Wisconsin that killed two people. Nearly a foot of snow had fallen in parts of the Twin Cities area by Saturday evening, downing trees and causing sporadic power outages.

The storm that began late Friday night was blamed for a collision Saturday morning that killed both drivers and left a passenger hospitalized. The sheriff’s department in Wisconsin’s Bayfield County said the storm produced "rapidly deteriorating road conditions” that likely contributed to the crash. Kevin Kraujalis of the National Weather Service’s Duluth office estimated that Bayfield County had a couple of inches of snow on the ground when the collision occurred. The meteorologist said the county had about 5 inches as of 6 pm Saturday.

The Minnesota State Patrol responded to 401 crashes as of 4 pm, with 45 of them involving minor injuries, Patrol Capt Matt Langer said. There were no other immediate reports of fatalities or major injuries. The storm dumped 11 inches of snow in parts of Eden Prairie, Minn, and 10 inches in the Forest Lake and Mankato areas, said Todd Krause, a federal meteorologist in Minneapolis. The major snowfall activity ended by early afternoon, and Sunday’s forecast looked milder, he said.— Internet

4.7-magnitude aftershock hits New Zealand’s Canterbury Region

WELLINGTON, 15 Nov.—New Zealand’s Canterbury Region in central South Island was rocked by a 4.7 magnitude earthquake in the early hours on Sunday. The shallow aftershock occurred at 1.34 am local time, centred 20 km west of Christchurch, and was at a depth of 7 km.

Two earlier aftershocks registered 3.8 and 3.1 on the Richter scale. Seismologist Caroline Ashenden said it could be two years before Christchurch is free of aftershocks in the wake of the 7.1 magnitude quake on 4 Sept this year. Police said no damage to roads and homes has been reported.—Xinhua

The image of a wolf head made of turnip lamps is paraded during the Raebecchil (Turnip Fair) in the village of Richterswil on Lake Zurich, Switzerland, on 13 Nov, 2010.— Xinhua
Asia-Pacific leaders vow to work for freer trade

YOKOHAMA, 15 Nov—Asia-Pacific leaders endorsed a blueprint for future growth Sunday that calls for pushing ahead with free trade agreements and rolling back protectionist measures put in place during the financial crisis.

Wrapping up the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, the leaders of 21 economies put aside differences over currency policies to voice a strong commitment to increasing the trade and investment crucial to the region’s growth and resilience.

Leaders representing the US, China, Japan, Russia and other regional economies also agreed on the need to reduce trade imbalances and government debt and avoid sharp, potentially disruptive fluctuations in exchange rates.

While many participants remained at odds over currency policies and other issues, they appeared to agree on the vital role freer trade can play in sparking growth.—

Internet

China to play role in General Motors IPO

DETROIT, 15 Nov—Among the banks helping General Motors with its initial public stock offering next week are two identified by initials only: ICBC and CICC.

Americans uncomfortable with US government ownership of General Motors may want to hear more: One of those banks is the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, one of China’s four big central government banks. The other, China International Capital Corp, is a joint venture run primarily by Central Huijin Investment Ltd, an arm of the state, and Morgan Stanley.

This is the first time Chinese government banks have participated in a major US issued IPO, according to IPO tracking firm Dealogic. The banks are listed as co-managers in the offering, meaning they will sell a portion of the new shares.

Chinese automaker SAIC, GM’s partner in China, is finalizing plans to buy a roughly 1 percent stake, worth about $500 million, in GM’s IPO, the Wall Street Journal reported Friday. SAIC is owned by the Shanghai City government.—

Internet

Property bubble fears weigh on Spanish recovery

MADRID, 15 Nov—Knockdown home prices, idle cranes and builders forced to retrain for new jobs: despite sliding prices, the spectre of a Spanish property bubble is hurting a fragile economic recovery.

The new labour minister, Valeriano Gomez, summed it up when he took over at the end of October: “Three out of four jobs lost in the crisis are in construction and related sectors.” Spain has the euro zone’s highest jobless rate at about 20 percent.

All-out building in suburbs, the country and especially on the coast was the engine of the economy in the past decade.

“In the last eight years, two thirds of the homes built in Europe were in Spain,” said Christian Palau, director of the online real estate advertising site Fotocasa. From 2000, Spain built about 700,000 homes a year, as many as in France, Germany and Britain combined, until the 2008 glut pricked the bubble, with a price slump and a slew of property developer bankruptcies.

File picture shows a residential development in Alicante. Knockdown home prices, idle cranes and builders forced to retrain for new jobs: despite sliding prices, the spectre of a Spanish property bubble is hurting a fragile economic recovery.

Internet

Australian students cheat by outsourcing homework on foreign websites for two US dollars

CANBERRA, 15 Nov—Australian high school and university students have been found outsourcing their homework to websites in India, Pakistan and Egypt which provide English essays and maths papers for as little as two US dollars, Australia’s media reported on Sunday. According to News Ltd newspapers, these websites offer fixed-price tariffs or auction-style services where students post their assignments, and mostly graduates from India and Pakistan bid to take on the projects.

The Sunday Telegraph tracked down one worker offering his services, graduate Mohammed Ali Khan, 23, of Islamabad, Pakistan. “It’s my part-time job,” Khan told The Sunday Telegraph on Sunday. “I get work from all over the world including Australia, the US and the United Kingdom.” Schools are powerless to stop cheaters using the outsourcing services, because custom-made work cannot usually be detected by plagiarism software. And Academics expressed concerns about the new customized cheating factories on the net.

According to University of Western Sydney associate dean Craig Ellis, in the past five years there has been an explosion in sites where you can download pre-written assignments.

He said the trend towards custom-produced work at such low costs is particularly worrying, because it is much harder to spot. Meanwhile, Australia’s New South Wales Department of Education warned that any students caught cheating would be given zero marks.

Xinhua

Chubby galaxy cluster suggests dark energy was stronger long ago

NEW YORK, 15 Nov — Astronomers have created a new, incredibly detailed map of dark matter by using the Hubble Space Telescope to peer through a huge cluster of galaxies as if it were a cosmic magnifying glass.

Though invisible, dark matter makes its presence known through its gravitational tug on normal stuff. Scientists now calculate that dark matter could make up 80 percent of all the matter in the universe. The new dark matter map could reveal secrets not just about dark matter, but about its equally enigmatic sibling, dark energy. This is the name given to the perplexing force that is pulling against gravity, causing the universe to balloon in size ever more rapidly.

The dark matter map was created with observations from the Hubble telescope of a large galaxy cluster called Abell 1689, located 2.2 billion light-years from Earth. This cluster is famous as a stunning example of gravitational lensing — a phenomenon predicted by Einstein that happens when massive objects warp the space-time around them, causing even light to travel on a bent path when it passes by.—

Internet
**Somali pirates free British couple**

ADADO, 15 Nov—Somali pirates on Sunday freed British couple Paul and Rachel Chandler, ending an ordeal that started when their yacht was hijacked off the idyllic shores of the Seychelles a year ago. An AFP correspondent said the Chandlers arrived in Adado, a central Somali town near the Ethiopian border, after the pirates handed them over to the forces of the local self-proclaimed administration of Himan and Heeb.

The couple looked tired but happy as they were given mobile phones to make calls as soon as they entered the safety of the compound housing the administration headquarters under heavy guard. “They are OK. They are being given breakfast now,” said Abdi Mohamed Helmi “Hangul”, a Somali surgeon who was instrumental in the Chandlers’ release. “They look in relatively good health but they need to be checked,” he told AFP. “Security is huge here, inside and outside the compound, nothing can happen to them now.”

The Chandlers were wearing the same clothes they have worn during most of their captivity and were invited to take a shower upon arriving at the compound of Himan and Heeb president, Mohamed Aden “Tisceey”. A deal was struck with the pirates this week and although no official involved in the negotiation spoke of a ransom, local elders in the region said the Chandlers were exchanged for money.

**Wildlife officer killed on patrol**

HARRISBURG, 15 Nov—A Pennsylvania wildlife conservation officer was killed in a shootout with a man using a spotlight for illegal hunting, police said. David Grove, 31, died Thursday night while he was on patrol south of Gettysburg. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. He was the first wildlife officer to die in the line of duty in the state since 1915.

Christopher Johnson, 27, of Fairfield, was arrested and charged with murder Friday. Investigators said he was wounded in the exchange of gunfire and was camped near the spot where Grove died. Johnson allegedly pulled out a gun as Grove tried to handcuff him. Investigators say Grove saw a truck equipped with a spotlight parked on the side of a back road and heard shots.

Grove became a fulltime conservation officer two years ago after several years as a volunteer deputy. He graduated from Penn State with a degree in wildlife science and also attended Appalachian Bible College in West Virginia.

**Two women, two children missing in Ohio**

HOWARD, 15 Nov—A full-scale search Saturday failed to find an Ohio woman, her two children and a woman friend who lived nearby, authorities said. The Columbus Dispatch said the hunt for Tina Herrmann, 32, of Howard; her children, Sarah Maynard, 13, and Kody Maynard, 10; and Stephanie Sprang, 2 of Howard Township was concentrated in the Knox County countryside around the women’s homes. The four have been missing since Wednesday. Knox County Sheriff David Barber said an unusual amount of blood was found Thursday in Herrmann’s home.

“It was not from someone stabbing a toe, cutting a finger or peeling an apple,” said Barber, who added he still considered it a missing persons investigation. “We still hope for a positive outcome.” The sheriff said authorities were “brainstorming, backtracking, trying to figure out where Stephanie went, where Tina went, where they could be.” Herrmann’s pickup truck was found abandoned on the Kenyon College campus in nearby Gambier Thursday night.

**Daughter of Mich stabbing victims in jail**

YALE, 15 Nov—The stabbing victims’ 17-year-old daughter was one of three people in custody Saturday in the investigation of a small-town attack that killed a man and seriously injured his wife, police said.

Two intruders in Halloween masks climbed through a bedroom window about midnight Thursday and attacked Paul and Mara Skinner as they lay in bed. The couple’s disapproval of a relationship between their daughter and a male “may have been a factor” in the attack, said detective Pat Young of the Michigan State Police.

**Wildlife officer killed on patrol**

No charges have been filed in the stabbings. The couple’s adopted daughter remained in jail along with two males, ages 18 and 19. Yale Police Chief Michael Redman said. Meanwhile, an autopsy confirmed Paul Skinner, 47, died of multiple stab wounds. “There was nothing that we didn’t expect,” Young said of the autopsy. Mara Skinner, a 44-year-old teacher, was recovering from her injuries at a hospital. She had more than 20 knife wounds.

**Body of a transient woman— in her 40s— found floating in Guadalupe Creek**

SAN JOSE, 15 Nov—San Jose police are investigating the death of a transient whose body was found Saturday night floating in the Guadalupe Creek.

Police were called to the creek, near Julian Street and Highway 87, where they found the unidentified woman, in her 40s.

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner’s office is expected to investigate the cause of death to help investigators determine if there was any foul play.

**26 animals die in fire at German zoo**

BERLIN, 15 Nov—Police say a fire at the Karlsruhe zoo in southwestern Germany has killed 26 animals including Shetland ponies, goats, sheep and a llama. Karlsruhe police said elephants and hippos were saved from their enclosures next to the petting zoo that caught fire and burned down early Saturday.

Some 100 firefighters fought against strong winds that threatened to spread the flames from wooden structures of the petting zoo to neighbouring buildings. Authorities have launched an investigation but no cause has yet been determined. The zoo is temporarily closed to the public.
**Maiden flight of Ho Chi Minh-Yangon-Ho Chi Minh**

**Shergild Bilga Soe**, Deputy Chairman, Union Election Commission, Union of Myanmar, is Announcing that On 15 November the Union Election Commission publicized the following persons are representatives-elect in the Multiparty Democracy General Elections held on 7 November 2010, it is hereby announced that they are Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives in the constituencies shown against them.

### Sr. Name, Constituency and Party/Independent Candidate

#### Chin State
1. U Kyan Jenn No.1, CPP
2. U Zone Hlal Htun No.2, CPP
3. U Paul Htun Htai No.3, CNP
4. U Steven Thar Beik No.4, CNP
5. U Kham Swin Mon No.5, USDP
6. U Son Deke Kyint No.6, USDP
7. U Nain Khinn Paung No.7, USDP

#### Sagen Region
8. U Aung Chit Lwin No.11, USDP

#### Shan State

1. U Myo Htun No.1, USDP
2. U Kyaw Wi n No.2, USDP
3. U Kyaw Wi n No.3, USDP
4. U Zam Kyint Paw No.4, USDP
5. U Kyint Hlyan Paung No.5, USDP
6. U Hauk Khin Kham No.6, USDP

#### Sagaing Region

11. U Saw Myint Oo No.1, USDP
12. U Aung Myaung No.2, USDP
13. U Kyaw Win No.3, USDP
14. U Khin Maung Swe No.4, USDP
15. U Aung Win No.5, USDP
16. U Kyawt Nar No.6, USDP

#### Announced on remaining lists of representatives-elect to be continued

**Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Nov — Of representatives-elect for respective Hluttaws in Multiparty Democracy General Elections held on 7 November 2010, the announcement on remaining lists of representatives-elect will be issued.**

**Storm Giri-hit areas provided with health care**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Nov — A mobile health team led by Deputy Director-General (Disease control) Dr Saw Lwin, accompanied by Dr Myo Han from Yangon People’s Hospital, health staff of State/Township Health Departments, made a field trip to Myeik and Mawlamyine; they provided the storm victims with health care and gave educative talks. On 11 November, Dr Myo Han from YGH and health staff of State/ Township Health Departments extended their trip to Lorn Lonepine Village, giving health care to the victims.**
Head of State Senior General Than Shwe sees off... (from page 1) Together with the Senior General at the Airport were Vice-Chairman of the SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann, SPDC Secretary-1 Thih Taung Myint Oo, SPDC Head of State Senior General Than Shwe sees off... Member U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, departmental heads and Charge’ d’ Affaires at Mr Veth Nareth of the Embassy of Cambodia. Prime Minister U Thein Sein was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and high-ranking officials from the departments.—MNA

Chinese super league football club arrives to play friendly against Myanmar

YANGON, 15 Nov – Dalian Shide, a leading football club of Chinese super league, arrived here by air this morning to play a friendly match against the tentatively selected Myanmar football team, which is training extensively in order to win AFF Suzuki Cup 2010 which will be jointly held in Indonesia and Vietnam in December.

Chinese Super League club Dalian Shide arrives in Yangon for friendly match against Myanmar.—MNA

Central Committee for Organizing 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium meets

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov — The third work coordination meeting of the central committee for organizing 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium was held at the meeting hall of Myanma Gems Museum in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this afternoon. It was attended by members of panel of patrons of central committee for organizing 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium Minister for Mines U Ohn Myint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, the vice-chairmen of the central committee, secretaries and central committee members, officials, executives of Myanma Gems Entrepreneurs Association. Secretary of the central committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Gems Emporium explained preparations for organizing 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium. Next, officials reported on preparations for holding opening ceremony of the emporium. Minister U Ohn Myint made a supplementary report. Minister U Ohn Myint held discussions with those present and made concluding remarks. The 2010 Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 17 to 29 November.

MES to organize talks on Geotechnical Engineering

YANGON, 15 Nov — Mining Engineering Group of Myanmar Engineering Society will organize a seminar at the Seminar Room of the MES on 20 November. Geotechnical Design Engineer, ECAS-El Consultant Pte Ltd of Singapore U Zaw Win will gave talks entitled “Theoretical Concept and Practical Solution of Underground Station and Cut & Cover Tunnel Design (Geotechnical Engineering Aspect)” Those may contact MES (Ph: 519676) for more details.—MNA
Transport Minister arrives back from Brunei Darussalam

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Nov—Minister for Transport U Thein Swe attended the 16th ASEAN Transport Ministers’ Meeting, the 9th ASEAN-China Transport Ministers’ Meeting, the 8th ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers’ Meeting, the 2nd ASEAN-Korea Transport Ministers’ Meeting held in Brunei Darussalam from 11 to 12 November.


At the meetings with ASEAN dialogue partners, the PRC, Japan and ROK, the priority list of projects to be implemented in 2011 according to the Strategic Plan for A S E A N - C h i n a Transport Cooperation, the draft of ASEAN-Japan Cooperative Program on Development of Technical Regulations and Establishment of a Type Approval System for Vehicle and the draft of ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership Work Plan for 2010-2011 and the draft of ASEAN-ROK Transport Roadmap were approved.

On 12 November evening, Minister U Thein Swe received Parliamentary Vice-Minister Mr Toshiaki Koizumi of Ministry of Land Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and discussed matters related to promotion of bilateral cooperation.

The Myanmar delegation led by Minister U Thein Swe arrived back here on 13 November by air.—MNA

9th anniversary of MAXXIS Tires marked

YANGON, 15 Nov—The 9th anniversary of MAXXIS Tires distributed by Hein Si Trading Co Ltd which is a sole agent for Myanmar was marked at Western Park Restaurant (II) (Western Park Ruby) on Strand Road, Ahlon Township here yesterday evening, with an address of Director U Ko Lay of Hein Si Trading Co Ltd. Managing Director U Thein Htwe presented gifts and prizes to U Ye Tun (A1 Tires Trading) and Director U Ko Kyee (Managing Director of Octagon International Services Co Ltd) and those present partook in the lucky draw programme.

Buyers may contact No 1, Zayyaron Complex on Bayintnaung Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon, Ph: 682513 or 682472 and Nay Pyi Taw showroom in Paunglong Ward, Pyinmana, Ph: 067-23761 or 067-24138.—MNA

Myitkyina gravel …

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US officials try to address air security worries

WASHINGTON, 15 Nov — The US Department of Homeland Security said it is trying to address concerns of pilots about stepped-up screening at US airports and worries in the travel industry that fliers will limit trips because of more rigorous checks.

Security officials have defended the measures after foiled plots by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, which tried to hide bombs in clothing and parcels that made it aboard a US passenger airliner and two cargo planes.

After fierce complaints by pilots about new full-body scanners and more thorough patdowns that began recently, the Transportation Security Administration has started testing other methods for them, a DHS official said.

TSA is examining “alternative security protocols for airline pilots that would expedite screening for this low-risk population while maintaining high security standards,” the DHS official told Reuters. The new tests come after talks earlier this week between TSA Administrator John Pistole and the head of the Air Line Pilots Association, the largest US pilot union, about how to address the concerns among cockpit crews.

The union has advised its members who are uncomfortable after being patted down to call in sick and notfly. Pilots have also expressed worries about health risks from the body scanners because they go through them more often than travellers. DHS officials have said they are safe and people are exposed to more radiation naturally than from one scan.

Climate change worsens plight of Iraqi farmers

BAGHDAD, 15 Nov—Frequent dust storms and scarce rains are stalling Iraq’s efforts to revive a farming sector hit by decades of war, sanctions and isolation.

Wheat and rice production has suffered from a severe drought in the past two years, due in part to rising temperatures, along with a dearth of water in the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

The UN Inter-Agency Information and Analysis Unit (IAU) says water levels in the two rivers — Iraq’s main water sources have dropped to less than a third of normal capacity.

“The tendency of rainfall in general is continuously declining. The same for temperature ... you can see there is a rise,” said Deputy Environment Minister Kamal Hussein Latif.

Farmers like Akram Mousa now face a struggle to keep their land cultivable in the once fertile country watered by rivers that nurtured Mesopotamia’s ancient civilisations. “The temperature rise has deformed our crops. They either don’t grow properly or wither. It has made me abandon half my farms,” said the 65-year-old farmer who owns seven farms of tomato, cucumber and melon near the city of Kirkuk.

He told the Washington Post that the Central Water Authority had failed to address the concerns of farmers, who are now losing their livelihoods and money. “I used to employ 150 workers, now only five,” said Mousa.

TSA: Thorough patdowns and new body scanners raise security concerns among pilots. (Photo: MNA/Reuters)

Moroccan forces dismantle a camp housing thousands of refugees in the Western Sahara, near Laayoune. (Photo: MNA/Reuters)

Palestinians critical of US settlement proposal

JERUSALEM, 15 Nov — Palestians are expressing strong reservations about a US proposal meant to entice Israel to reinstate limits on West Bank settlement construction and revive peace talks.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat did not reject the proposal outright on Sunday, but said a decision on whether to endorse it would be made after consultations with Palestinian and Arab leaders.

The proposal calls for a 90-day ban on housing starts in the West Bank but not in war-ren east Jerusalem, the Palestinians would be capital. Erekat says the Palestinians “have a major problem in not including east Jerusalem.”

In exchange, the White House would ask Congress to supply 20 US cargo planes.

A Palestinian man carries a sheep in the Rafah refugee camp, southern Gaza Strip, on 13 Nov, 2010. (Photo: MNA/Reuters)

Japan, China agree ways to improve ties

YOKOHAMA, 15 Nov—Japan and China’s foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to improve ties through private and cultural exchanges, a Japanese official said, after tensions spiked over a territorial row in the East China Sea.

Relations between Asia’s two biggest economies soured after Japan in September detained a Chinese skipper whose fishing boat collided with Japanese patrol vessels off the disputed islands.

The boat captain was later released and sent home, but tensions have persisted, prompting worries about a fallout for business. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan has come under domestic fire for appearing to cave in to China’s demands.

The top spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Ma Zhaoxu, told reporters that Beijing was “satisfied with the outcome” of the meeting, which comes a day after Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan met Chinese President Hu Jintao on the sidelines of an Asia-Pacific summit in Yokohama, near Tokyo.

Rabat arrests 96 in connection with W Sahara unrest

RABAT, 15 Nov — Moroccan authorities said Saturday they had arrested 96 people accused of inciting violence during a controversial police raid on a squatter camp near the Western Sahara town of Laayoune.

Most of those detained are blamed for setting fires and destroying private and public goods, the Moroccan public prosecutor’s office in Laayoune said in a statement.

At least three “are accused of threatening the state’s internal security”, it said. Half a dozen of those arrested have appeared before the military court chief, including anti-Morocco activist Annaa Maasfari, according to a source close to the Sahrawi independence movement. Morocco recently announced 163 arrests following a police raid on a camp near Laayoune housing thousands of Sahrawis who moved there to protest their living conditions.

Farming is one of Iraq’s biggest employers, but contributes less than 3 percent of state revenue and gets little investment compared to the oil sector, the source of 95 percent of revenue. Iraq is among the world’s top 10 importers of wheat and rice, purchased mostly for a huge public food ration scheme.

New housing units are seen in the West Bank Israeli settlement of Har Gilo, near the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, on 11 Nov, 2010. (Photo: Reuters)

A recent study by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) said more than 10 million Iraqis were food insecure, with access to food barely enough to satisfy basic needs.

For the world’s 1.2 billion farmers, who produce three-quarters of the world’s food, the economic downturn is squeezing profits and forcing many to turn to their governments for handouts to keep them farming.

The Conference of Family Farm Associations (COFACE), the largest US farmer union, has advised its members the government should pump $10 billion into the farm economy.
Five years comatose, Israel’s Sharon taken home

JERUSALEM, 15 Nov — Israel’s comatose former Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, was moved back to his desert ranch on Friday, leaving the secure hospital ward that has been his home for almost five years, officials said. Sharon, 82, will continue to receive treatment at Sycamore Farm, where as premier he would summon advisers to plan strategies such as Israel’s 2002 offensive in the Palestinian West Bank and the surprise 2005 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Felled by a stroke in January 2006, the ex-general left behind an often jittery Jewish state that has since fought two wars while charting an uncertain course in US-sponsored peace talks with the Palestinians.

“Today, in 2010, the aspiration of any patient, our aspiration in the hospital, is to ensure that any chronic patient, when possible, is with his community, at home,” said Professor Shlomo Noy, director of rehabilitation at the Sheba Medical Centre outside Tel Aviv, where Sharon had been receiving care.

Asked whether there was any chance of Sharon making a significant recovery or even returning to public life, as a few of his loyalists envisage Noy told Israel’s Army Radio: “Clearly what’s behind this is the hope that his situation will get better. But the improvements that we talk about in such situations are not great improvements, not dramatic improvements.”

After his stroke, Sharon settled into what medical staff and the friends who were allowed to visit describe as a limbo state uncommunicative but apparently responding to basic stimuli and television.

Germany lifts passenger flight ban from Yemen

BERLIN, 15 Nov — Germany has lifted a suspension of passenger flights from Yemen but left in place a ban on air cargo imposed after bombs were found in packages sent from there two weeks ago, the Transport Ministry said on Saturday.

The discovery of suspected al-Qaeda parcel bombs at the end of last month prompted governments, airlines and aviation authorities around the world to review their security. Several western states have implemented flight suspensions.

Packages intercepted in Britain and Dubai contained bombs sent from Yemen and addressed to synagogues in Chicago. One, found on a United Parcel Service cargo plane at East Midlands Airport in Britain, had been trans-shipped at Cologne Bonn airport in Germany.

A Transport Ministry spokeswoman said passenger planes had been given permission to fly from Yemen to Germany as of 1300 GMT on Friday. Cargo flights, and the transport of cargo on passenger flights are still banned.

The decision to lift the ban on passenger flights followed a new security report from Germany’s Interior Ministry, which sent German police to Yemen to investigate security at airports, the website “Spiegel Online” reported.— MNA/Reuters

Nigerian military warns of action in oil delta

YENAGOA, 15 Nov — Nigeria’s military threatened on Saturday to carry out raids against what it said were camps of criminal gangs in the creeks of the oil-producing Niger Delta, and told civilians in the vicinity to leave.

Any major offensive by the Armed Forces would be the first in the Niger Delta, the heartland of the OPEC member’s energy industry, since an amnesty programme brokered by President Goodluck Jonathan began in August 2009.

Seven expatriate workers were kidnapped from an oil rig off the Niger Delta almost a week ago, while the home of President Goodluck Jonathan’s main adviser on the region was attacked with explosives late on Thursday.

“We have observed with concern some criminal acts within the past few days by some people claiming to be militants ... Many of these criminals are known to be hiding in camps within the creeks of the Niger Delta,” Chief of Defence Staff Oluseyi Petinrin said in a statement.

“These camps will no longer be tolerated. To avoid any collateral damage, we are seizing this opportunity to instruct all law-abiding citizens who live around the vicinity of these camps to leave immediately,” the statement said.

The military taskforce in the Niger Delta (JTF) said one camp in Bayelsa, one of the three main oil-producing states, was raided on Friday. Officials said there was an exchange of gunfire, and weapons and maps of oil facilities were seized.— MNA/Reuters

London sprays roads in bid to reduce pollution

LONDON, 15 Nov — London began spraying its roads with a dust suppressant on Friday to tackle its high air pollution levels. The capital is close to breaching European Union legal limits for particulate matter (PM10), a pollutant produced mainly by engine emissions along with tyre and brake wear. London Mayor Boris Johnson hopes a six-month trial of the dust suppressant, designed to stop vehicle emissions recirculating and choking residents, will cut PM10 levels by 10 to 20 percent.

“We expect this new measure to have an immediate impact on air quality in the most polluted areas of central London,” he said. Tests in Sweden, Norway, Austria, Italy and Germany have recorded similar success, Johnson said. The dust suppressant, made from calcium magnesium acetate, works by sticking the particulate matter to the road. Johnson is running the dust trial in two of London’s worst affected areas, Victoria Embankment by the Thames river and the road west of King’s Cross station, at a cost of 300,000 pounds.

“We have scoured the globe to find new ways to tackle pollution and found this wonderful contraption that tackles air quality head on, sticking particles to the roads’ surface and preventing their dustily escape back into the air we breathe.” Johnson said. — MNA/Reuters

Kenya Navy kills three suspected Somali pirates

MOMBASAS, 15 Nov — Kenyan Navy officers on patrol in the Indian Ocean shot dead three suspected Somali pirates who boarded their vessel after mistaking it for a merchant ship, a military spokesman said on Saturday. The Kenya Navy said the three were in the company of several others who tried to seize the patrol vessel late on Friday some 21 nautical miles off Kilifi.

“The Navy vessel was on normal patrol at around 11 pm in Kilifi area when four suspected Somali pirates on board a speed boat climbed the vessel, mistaking it for a merchant vessel,” Bogita Ongeri, Deputy Chief of Defence spokesman, told Reuters by phone. “Three of them ... gunned down by naval officers while one dived into the sea with bullet wounds during the scuffle.” Ongeri said the fourth pirate most likely died from his wounds.

“Several others, whose number could not be immediately established, escaped in the speed boat that they were using,” he said, adding that the dead pirates’ bodies had been taken to Mombasa’s Coast General Hospital.

Somali pirates have plagued the busy shipping lanes off the Somali coast, where the Gulf of Aden and its adjacent seas links Europe to Asia, raking in millions of dollars to release ships in captivity.

A man uses a laptop to browse the Internet. Pope Benedict XVI has warned that the Internet does not make people more humane but instead risks increasing a “sense of solitude and disorientation” among “numbed” young people.

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Tango : Megumi Morita (L) and Minato Kojima of Japan compete in the danceport standard tango event at the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou.
Five dead in SoCal crash, seven cycles involved.

OCCOLOTO, 15 Nov—Five people were killed on Saturday in a crash involving seven motorcycles and at least one other vehicle on a rural desert highway east of San Diego, authorities said. The five fatalities occurred in the collision shortly before 1 pm on Route 98 near Occoito in Imperial County, just miles from the U.S.-Mexico border.

California Highway Patrol spokesman Pablo Torrez told the Imperial Valley Press, Torrez said he did not know whether one or two vehicles other than the motorcycles were involved. It was not clear which vehicles the dead came from or why so many motorcycles were riding together. The CHP said it was not clear if any of those six injured, but it was not believed any injuries were life-threatening.

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DECLARATION FOR THWTARNUTETA DAUGHTER

I have to declare as follows according to my friends’ instructions who are U Shwe Tun and Daw Yi and residing at No. (112), Mandalay Road, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon.

As Daw Win Win Hlaing (a) Too Mar, daughter of my friends, U Shwe Tun and Daw Yi, does not obey and abide by teachings of my friends, U Shwe Tun and Daw Yi formerly and up to now again and again repeatedly, and makes interferences to her parents’ mind, my friends, U Shwe Tun and Daw Yi declare Daw Win Win Hlaing (a) Too Mar as Thwarmuteta daughter with effect from today for public notice.

According to instruction given by U Shwe Tun and Daw Yi

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Australian airline Qantas finds more engine problems

Canberra, 15 Nov — Australian airline Qantas has been plagued with more engine problems, with a domestic flight carrying 234 passengers to Melbourne forced to turn back to Perth, local media reported on Saturday. Qantas said the flight from Perth to Melbourne that turned around after experiencing engine problem, has nothing to do with concerns over Qantas’ Airbus A380 fleet.

According to Australia Associated Press, the flight crew noticed the problem between five to 10 minutes after QF768 took off from Perth on Friday. The crew then followed with precautionary procedure, sought priority clearance from air-traffic control at Perth Airport before landing. The aircraft has grounded all six of its A380s, after flight QF32 from Singapore to Sydney of Australia had to turn back when one of its four engines exploded over Indonesia on 4 Nov.

The manufacturers of the A380 engine, Rolls-Royce, on Friday announced it had drawn two important conclusions about the incident. “First, as previously announced, the issue is specific to the Trent 900 engine,” Rolls-Royce said in a statement on Friday. “Secondly, the failure was confined to a specific component in the turbine area of the engine.”

Confucius opens Bulgarian film festival

SOFIA, 15 Nov — The newest Chinese mainland-Hong Kong movie “Confucius” and a direct descendant of the great thinker opened here on Friday evening the 24th Bulgarian film festival Cinemania. “For the first time, we will open Cinemania with one superb Chinese film,” Dimitar Dereliev, Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Culture told the opening ceremony of the 17-day festival where 72 movies will participate.

The Chinese ambassador to Bulgaria Guo Yezhou said they sincerely hope that the screening of this movie will build between China and Bulgaria a bridge of mutual understanding, to deepen mutual understanding and respect between Chinese and Bulgarian people, and to stimulate the process of Sino-Bulgarian and Sino-European cooperation.

Kong Xianglin, a 75th generation direct descendant of Confucius, said Confucius was the greatest Chinese thinker, educator and politician, and also one of the greatest philosophers of the world. Earlier on Friday Kong, who is paying a one-week visit in four Bulgarian cities ending on Tuesday, gave a public lecture in the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry entitled “The ideas of Confucius and China’s development.” Many Bulgarian media were interested to take an interview from him.

First foreign cruise ship docks in Cuba in three years

HAVANA, 15 Nov — A Spanish cruise ship carrying 220 tourists anchored in Havana Friday, the first foreign cruise ship to visit the US embargoed nation. The Gemini, owned by the Spanish Happy Cruises company, has a capacity for 800 passengers. It carried tourists from 11 countries, mostly Spain, who will start to tour Cuba and Mexico on Saturday. The Spanish cruise company, together with the Cuban travel agency Cubatur, operates the tour, which will take the tourists to the Mexican ports of Cozumel and Cancun, and conclude in Havana.

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Low pressure area over southwest of Bay of Bengal

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