President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win visit Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya, India

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Myanmar goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win visited Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya of Gaya on 13 October morning.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, accompanied by Union ministers and delegation members, paid homage to the Buddha image at the temple built by King Siridhama Asoka and offered meal, fruit, flower, water, lights and Shwekyar robe.

The President and party paid homage to the Buddha Image on the upper terrace of the temple, Aparajita throne and Mahabodhi tree.

They offered meal, flower, water, lights and joss sticks to the bronze Buddha image in front of Aparajita throne and Mahabodhi tree and circumambulated the temple.

They visited Sattamahathana, seven sacred sites, and feed fishes at Mucalinda Lake, the sixth Sattamahathana.

The delegation also visited Bodh Gaya Park. On arrival at Bodh Gaya Temple Management Committee, the President and wife and party donated cash through the committee officials who returned replica of the temple, Buddha image and books on Bodh Gaya published by the committee as Dhamma gifts.

The President and party attended Kathina Robe-Offering Ceremony at Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery in Gaya.

The congregation led by the President received Nine Percepts from Sayadaw of Myanmar Monastery Member of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Chairman of Pradesi Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Naninda. Members of Sangha recited Parittas.

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win offered Kathina robe and provisions to members of Sangha from 27 Myanmar monasteries in India.

Wife of the President Daw Khin Khin Win offered robes to nuns. Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on Religious affairs.

They received sermon from Abbot Sayadaw of Bodh Gaya Myanmar Monastery Sassanadaja Dhammaçariya Dr Tejinda and shared merits.

Also present on the occasion were President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Dr Daw Moe Mya Mya and (See page 8)
President U Thein Sein, wife meet staff and families of Myanmar Embassy in India

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win meet staff and their families of embassy, military attaché office, including Myanmar scholars and staff of WHO at the residence of Myanmar Ambassador to India. — SNA

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win giving presents to staff families of embassy and military attaché office. — MNA

Long live India-Myanmar friendship

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, who paid a goodwill visit to India at the invitation of Indian President Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, attended the dinner hosted by the Indian President at Presidential Palace in New Delhi on 13 October.

India and Myanmar sharing a common border have been living peacefully together as good neighbouring countries for a period countable by the years in the thousands. The peoples of both countries are closely linked by historical, geographical, cultural and religious affinity.

At the dinner, Indian President Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil in her address said: The relationship between India and Myanmar has stood the test of time. The two countries have deep and abiding historical, cultural, religious and social bonds. When Myanmar regained independence, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Indian Prime Minister, aptly described it as an “event of significance to the whole Asia”.

In his speech, President U Thein Sein said: Myanmar places a special emphasis on the policy of maintaining good and friendly relations with India and highly appreciates India’s “Look East” Policy. He said he is confident that these two policies play a vital role in further cementing existing friendly relations between the two countries. Moreover, he inserted that Myanmar on its part while maintaining cooperative momentum, will continue to stand ready to support India at regional and international arena.

As the dialogue between Indian and Myanmar leaders will promote friendly ties between the two countries and the goodwill visit opens a new chapter for cementing bilateral relations with high momentum, we believe that greater success will be achieved on a basis of bilateral cooperation.

Work Committee for Organizing 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions meets

NAV PVI TAW, 16 Oct.—The Work Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions met at Forest Research Department in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township this evening, with an address by Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin.

Next, members of the work committee, secretaries of subcommittees, panel of judges discussed respective works and follow-up tasks and the secretary coordinated essentials.—MNA

Enthusiasts may enjoy Performing Arts Competitions

NAV PVI TAW, 16 Oct.—The 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions is being held on a grand scale with five ams in Yezin Universities’ Campus, here, from 15 to 23 October. The enthusiasts and audience may enjoy presentation of contestants in the competitions.—MNA
21 militants killed, 19 arrested in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Oct—The Afghan and NATO-led Coalition forces during operations in different parts of the country have killed 21 militants and detained 19 others over the past 24 hours, Afghan Interior Ministry said on Saturday.

“Afghan National Police (ANP), Afghan National Army and Coalition forces launched 10 joint operations in surrounding areas of the Kabul, Laghman, Parwan, Kandahar, Helmand, Nimroz, Zabul, Paktiya and Paktika Province, killing 21 armed militants and detaining 19 others over the past 24 hours,” the ministry said in a statement.

Four suspected militants were wounded in the same operation, the statement said, adding “During these operations, ANP also confiscate two pistols, 27 rifles, four AK-47 assault rifles, 40 boxes of machine gun bullets, 52 different types of mines, two vehicles and 120 kg narcotics.”

Separately, a joint patrol of Afghan and coalition forces killed 17 insurgents in Narang District of country’s eastern Kunar Province Friday night, a spokesman with coalition forces in eastern region Sabawon Hotak told Xinhua on Saturday. Afghan officials often use the word “insurgents” referring to Taleban militants, however, the militant group has yet to make comments.—Xinhua

NATO helicopter makes forced landing in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Oct— A NATO helicopter makes forced landing in restive southern Afghanistan on Friday, the military alliance said on Saturday.


The helicopter was flying a troop transport mission with 12 passengers and five aircrew members on board. Shortly after landing, another ISAF helicopter arrived on the scene and transported the passengers to a nearby ISAF facility without further incident, the statement added.

“No members of the aircrew or passengers were harmed,” it said. A maintenance team conducted an initial assessment and it appears that the forced landing was the result of a mechanical issue.

No militant activity was reported during the landing, the statement said, adding “A complete assessment will be conducted to determine the nature of the forced landing. The aircraft was repaired on site and flew back to its operating base late last night.”—Internet

Five leftist rebels confirmed killed in S Philippines gunfight

DAVAO CITY, 16 Oct— The military on Sunday said five leftist rebels including a rebel leader were killed, in a clash with government troops in southern Philippines early this month.

Major Eugenio Julio Osias IV, spokesperson of the government Army’s 4th Infantry Division, said families of the New People’s Army (NPA) rebels confirmed to the military the death of the five guerrillas in an encounter in Calabuan village, Esperanza town in the southern Province of Agusan del Sur on 6 Oct.

“The dead included Ricardo Manili alias Joker, commanding officer of the NPA’s Northeastern Mindanao Regional Operations Command in the resources-rich Caraga region, according to Osias.”

“Those rebels were among the group of NPA guerillas encountered by the army’s 5th Scout Rangers Company where 12 high-powered firearms were also recovered by the government troops,” Osias said in a text message to Xinhua.—Xinhua

Two police officers, policeman killed in attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 16 Oct—Two police officers and a policeman were killed Saturday in separate gunfire attacks in Iraq’s capital of Baghdad and the eastern province of Diyala, the police said.

Saad Muhsin Alwan, an Interior Ministry Lieutenant Colonel, was gunned down in a drive-by shooting by armed men using silenced weapons while driving on a high way in Baghdad’s northwestern District of Shula, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In western Baghdad, Abdul Razzaq Khalaf, a Brigadier General from the Iraqi intelligence service, was killed when gunmen using weapons fitted with silencers attacked his car in Jamia District, the source said.

In Iraq’s eastern province of Diyala, gunmen shot dead a policeman near his house in al-Abbara area, northeast the provincial capital of city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from the provincial operations command anonymously told Xinhua.

Also in Diyala, Iraqi security forces carried out operations across the Province during the past 24 hours and arrested seven suspects, including five wanted individuals, the source said.—Xinhua

20 killed in Mexican jail fight

MEXICO CITY, 16 Oct— Twenty prisoners were killed and 12 others injured Saturday in a skirmish at a Mexican prison bordering the US state of Texas, local media reported.

The violence erupted in the morning after two inmates fought each other in a prison in the Mexican City of Matamoros bordering Texas state, according to an official statement.

Police were deployed to restore order at the scene, it said.

Seven prisoners were killed Thursday in a riot at a prison in the northern city of Monterrey. Drug-related violence is common in Mexican prisons. Drug cartels often fight turf wars for control of smuggling routes in border regions.—Xinhua

An Afghan policeman walks at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Panjshir Province on 15 Oct, 2011. Suicide bombers struck inside Afghanistan’s fiercely anti-Taliban Panjshir valley on Saturday, the first time in a decade of war that the insurgents have managed to use their trademark tactic in the normally peaceful northern Province.—INTERNET

An Afghan security personnel holds his weapon as he leaves the area after a battle with Taleban militants who took over a building near the US embassy in Kabul on 14 Sept, 2011.—INTERNET

Ali Sabah, 4, receives treatment at a hospital after a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq on 14 Oct, 2011. Two explosions on Thursday night in Sadr City neighbourhood killed and wounded scores of people, police said.—INTERNET

A civil defence personnel is seen as fire rises from a house after a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 260 km (150 miles) north of Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

Mexican drug violence is common in prisons. Drug cartels often fight turf wars for control of smuggling routes in border regions.

Bomb rises near a house following a fire on 25 Oct in the eastern province of Diyala, Iraq. Gunmen used silenced weapons in drive-by shooting near his house in al-Abbara area, northeast the provincial capital of city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, a source from the provincial operations command anonymously told Xinhua.
Green veggies help improve body’s immune defences

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct
—Researchers have found that green vegeta-
bles—from bok choy to broccoli—are the source
of a chemical signal that is important to a fully
functioning immune system. They do this by
ensuring that immune cells in the gut and the
skin known as intraepithelial lymphocytes
(IELs) function properly.

“After feeding otherwise healthy mice a
vegetable-poor diet for two to three weeks, I was
amazed to see 70 to 80 percent of these protec-
tive cells disappeared,” said Marc Veldhoen of
the Babraham Institute in Cambridge.

Those protective IELs exist as a network beneath
the barrier of epithelial cells covering inner and
outer body surfaces, where they are important
as a first line of defence and in wound repair.

Veldhoen’s team found that the numbers of
IELs depend on levels of a cell-surface protein
called the aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR),
which can be regulated by dietary ingredients
found primarily in cruciferous vegetables.

The new work found that mice fed a synthetic
diet lacking this key compound experience a
significant reduction in AhR activity and lose
IELs. With reduced numbers of these key
immune cells, animals showed lower levels of
antimicrobial proteins, heightened immune
activation and greater susceptibility to injury.

Apple’s iPhone 4S was on sale on
Hong Kong’s grey market at the
weekend, attracting hundreds of fans paying
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WASHINGTON, 16 Oct
—Apple’s iPhone 4S
was on sale on Hong
Kong’s grey market at
the weekend, attracting
hundreds of fans paying
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prices to get their hands
on the latest model.

The smartphone,
released in seven coun-
tries on Friday, was not
yet officially for sale in
the southern Chinese
city but dealers had imported
them, mainly from
Australia and Japan, for
resale to local customers.

The phones are
retailing for between
HK$10,000 and
HK$12,000 ($1,300-
$1,500) on the grey
market. Depending on
their memory capacity
they are priced between
$199 and $399 in the
United States with a two-
year contract.

“I have sold about
100 iPhone 4S since
yesterday,” dealer Ma Hui
of Chu Lok Telecom in
the bustling shopping
district of Mongkok said
Sunday.

“Several customers
bought 10 of them to resell
to others,” he told AFP, as
he brought the new phones
into his shop before
opening for business.

But Ma said the
demand for the 4S was
less than the frenzy that
accompanied the launch
of the iPhone 4.

The latest Apple
product will be released
for sale in another 22
countries on October 28
but dealers in Hong Kong,
which has many enthusi-
astic Apple followers,
only expect it to be
launched there towards
the end of the year.

The Chinese-lang-
age Apple Daily News
reported Sunday that one
mainland Chinese custo-
mer had spent HK$861,000
for 82 new phones.—Internet

Bank failures reach 80 for the year

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct
—US regulators said four
banks was closed this
week, including the 20th
bank closed this year in
Georgia, which leads the
nation in bank failures for
2011.

The Federal Deposit
Insurance Corp said the
Piedmont Community
Bank in Gray, Ga., has
been closed by state
regulators and State
Bank & Trust Co. of
Macon, Ga., will assume
Piedmont’s retail
accounts.

In Illinois, Country
Bank of Aledo was
closed with Blackhawk
Bank & Trust of Milan,
Ill, assuming its deposits
and buying $113.3
million of its assets.

Blue Ridge Savings
Bank Inc of Asheville,
NC, also failed this week,
closed by the North
Carolina Office of
Commissioner of Banks.

Blue Ridge’s deposits
and most of its assets
would be assumed by
Bank of North Carolina,
the Journal said.

The four banks push
the nation’s total for
bank failures this year to
80.

Boston hospital performs double hand
transplant

BOSTON, 16 Oct—A quadruple
amputee who received new hands
through a transplant operation says he
is looking forward to doing ordinary
things again: getting dressed, taking a
shower, making coffee and, sweetest
of all, touching the faces of his two
grandsons.

Richard Mangino, 65, of Revere,
lost his arms below the elbows and his
legs below the knees after he had a
kidney stone in 2002 and contracted a
severe bloodstream infection.

Last week, a team of more than 40
surgeons, nurses and support staff at
Boston’s Brigham and Women’s
Hospital worked for more than 12
hours performing a hand transplant.

Mangino said at a news
conference Friday that he had adjusted
to his life as a quadruple amputee. The
former director of the ground crew for
United Airlines at Boston’s Logan
airport, Mangino taught himself to do
daily activities with his prostheses,
moving the lawn, shoveling snow
and painting. He said people kept
telling him what a “miracle” he was.

“But the one miracle I have prayed
for, since my oldest grandson Trevor
was born, was to be able to feel the
sense of touch again ... to touch his
and Nicky’s little faces, and stroke
their hair, and to teach them to throw a
ball,” he said. “To me, that would be a
miracle. And today, my miracle has
come true.”

Doctors said it will take six to nine
months for Mangino to regain sensory
function in his hands, but days after
surgery he began independently
moving his fingers.

The donor’s name was not
made public. In a statement, the wife of
the donor said her husband, in talking about
donation, always said, “It’s just a body.”

Many people set their car seats at the wrong angle. If the seat is reclined,
you may slouch forward to grip the steering wheel. This pulls your head
away from the headrest and can cause neck pain.—Internet
Tiny fossil fragment reveals giant-but-ugly truth: Part of Biggest-Ever Toothed Pterosaur from Dinosaur Era

LONDON, 16 Oct—New research from the Universities of Portsmouth and Leicester has identified a small fossil fragment at the Natural History Museum, London as being part of a giant pterosaur — setting a new upper limit for the size of winged and toothed animals.

Dr David Martill from the University of Portsmouth and Dr David Unwin from the University of Leicester examined the fossil — which consisted of the tip of a pterosaur snout that had been in the Museum collections since 1884.

Their identification of the fossil as being part of the world’s largest toothed pterosaur has been published in Cretaceous Research.

Dr Unwin, from the School of Museum Studies at the University of Leicester, said: “Our study showed that the fossil represented a huge individual with a wingspan that might have reached 7 metres. This is far larger than, for example, any modern bird, although some extinct birds may have reached 6 metres in wingspan.

Pterosaurs are flying reptiles, famously seen in Jurassic Park, that lived in the Mesozioc Era alongside dinosaurs between 210 and 65 million years ago.

There are six or seven major groups of toothed pterosaurs, but in this study the researchers focused on just one: the ornithocheirids. Unlike other toothed groups, all of which were of relatively modest size (wingspans at most of 2 or 3 metres), they are known to have achieved very large and possibly even giant sizes with wingspans of 6 meters or more. Ornithocheirids were specialised fish-feeding pterosaurs that used a fierce set of teeth in the tips of the jaws, to grab their prey as they flew low and slow over the surface of the water.

“This fossil, now in the collections of the Natural History Museum, London, consisted of the tip of a pterosaur snout.”—Internet

Nvidia announces 3D Vision 2 glasses with improved technology

NEW YORK, 16 Oct—Announced earlier today, Nvidia revealed the second generation of its 3D Vision wireless glasses kit. Compared to the previous model, the 3D Vision 2 glasses have 20 percent large lenses allowing for a wider viewing area. In addition, the new version of the glasses offer a higher colour fidelity due to a more efficient design when it comes to blocking out external light. The previous version was designed from hard, black plastic that would dig into the side of a user’s head leaving indentations.

The new version has been designed out of a much softer composite material and should end up being more comfortable for users. The new version of the 3D glasses are also backwards compatible and will work with previous content. Nvidia is hoping that more computer users will invest in 3D gaming technology and start playing the library of 550 3D-compatible PC games with the glasses.

According to the company, the number of 3D-capable notebooks has increased by 126 percent over the first six months of 2011 and the number of 3D monitors has increased by 112 percent in the same time period. Nvidia is recommending pairing the 3D Vision 2 glasses with a monitor that supports the 3D LightBoost technology. Nvidia claims that the technology delivers 3D images that are twice as bright as monitors without the technology in addition to decreasing the ghosting effect.

Pirahnas converse, do not confront

LIEGE, 16 Oct—Pirahas, which have a nasty reputation and are feared for their sharp teeth, would rather talk than fight with one another, European scientists say.

Researchers at the University of Liege in Belgium say the notorious tropical fish use sounds to communicate and often try to intimidate rather than attack rivals, the BBC reported Thursday.

Researcher Eric Parmentier and his colleagues put a hydrophone, an underwater microphone, into a tank of piranhas as they interacted and recorded three distinct sounds made by the fish, each with a seeming “message.” The first was a “bark” the fish made when “displaying” to each other, face to face but not fighting.

The piranhas produced a drum-like percussive effect when they chased one another and a softer croak when they finally resorted to biting each other in rare physical fights over food, researchers said.

“For animals, it’s less expensive [in terms of energy] to make a lot of noise and impress the other guys, rather than fight,” Parmentier said.—Internet
Maung Deh Doe: Voices! A lot of voices these days! So, I come to you, Uncle Phyo, as you are a man of wisdom.

Uncle Phyo: What’s new, Maung Doe?

Doe: As you know, the recent issue of Myitsone project has caused scores of repercussions in the periodicals as well as in the political arena.

Phyo: I know. You see, the President already sent a message to the Hluttaw, saying that the project was suspended in accord with public wish. Actually, his decision won internal and international praise. Anything else?

Doe: But Uncle, there are news that the Chinese company concerned is going to claim compensation through legal procedures; and that this issue may even harm Sino-Myanmar goodwill relations. What’s your opinion, Uncle?

Phyo: Normally, a government has to look into to public wishes. It also has the duty to make wise decisions in serving the interest of nation and people in the best way with maximum benefits and minimum detriments.

Doe: Please elaborate on the wish and interest?

Phyo: Generally, “wish” is an immediate want, while “interest” means determining the utmost and most beneficial need after logically weighing up the pros and cons from a wide angle. You see all Myanmar people love and value the Ayeyawady which is their live blood. Naturally, people will never tolerate any thing that may harm the Ayeyawady. Obviously, the easiest and quickest way to stir up political incitement is through public emotions. There are voices coming out from people’s sincere love for the Ayeyawady.

On the other hand, that may be various kinds of instigations too. As we are still in the transition to new nation, age and system, there is also the danger of immature democracy easily turning towards anarchy. In my view, the President has suspended the project to prevent unfavorable consequences from coming out in the country and to positively respond to the public concerns after seriously taking into consideration the possible outcomes.

Doe: Anyhow, there may be an issue of liability for suspending a contract made in accordance with international procedures.

Phyo: Of course! You see, the President’s message to the Hluttaw, saying that the project was suspended in accord with public wish, was suspended in accord with public wish.

Doe: I remember successive Myanmar governments have maintained friendly ties with China all the way in line with Myanmar’s policy of maintaining amity with neighbours later on. And I notice that bilateral relation has become closer especially after the two neighbours have switched over to market economy in these years.

Phyo: It is natural that countries with the same national interests are more likely to become strategic partners. Commercially, China is the biggest trade partner of Myanmar amidst mountains of sanctions and also the largest investor in Myanmar. Geopolitically, relationship with China, the world’s most populous country sharing thousands of miles of border is of greatest importance to Myanmar. From China’s point of view, Myanmar which can serve as the strategic back door to sea through Indian Ocean is pivotal for its energy security, commerce and trade. I found that the two neighbours are closely cooperating in international relations, world’s political affairs and regional political affairs in these years on a reciprocal basis. I, I don’t think some minor cases would make a profound impact on such strong bilateral ties and cooperation.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin discussed the affair with the Chinese Vice-President and Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister as the special envoy of the President and reached an agreement to jointly settle the issue correctly on friendly terms without harming amity. I would like to urge Myanmar people to take a lesson from this case, i.e. for every single case, it needs to reason with wide range of views and caution rather than making emotional decisions.

Maung Deh Doe

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Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAO P.N.TAW. 16 Oct.—A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about (35) miles Northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory (about 8 miles North of Hseaw Village, Madaya Township, Mandalay Region) was recorded at (12) hrs (29 min) (32 sec M.S.T on 16th October, 2011, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Be logical, well-informed and prudent

Dy Education Minister meets trainees of English Language Proficiency Course

YANGON, 16 Oct.—Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu attended at the opening of English Language Proficiency Course for JAT and PAT teachers at Ruby Hall of Basic Education Middle School No. 1 in Dagon Township here this morning.

In his address, the Deputy Minister said that only when English language is used in international relations, will all tasks be smooth. English language is to be provided to the students to be able to smoothly connect with international community and to study modern technologies. He stressed the need for the students to adore mother language as well as use English language as a communication tool.

At the office of No. 3 BED, he met district and township education officers and school heads of BEHSs.

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(Translation: TMT+TOKK)
President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win arrive in Gaya of India

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — At the invitation of Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of the Republic of India, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win together with delegation members left here by air for Gaya of the Republic of India on 12 October morning.

Accompanied by Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental heads, President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win arrived in Gaya of the Republic of India at 10 am local standard time.

Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and Mr. Manish Kumar, In-charge of Protocol Department of the Ministry of External Affairs of India boarded the plane and welcomed President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win.

Next, the President and wife were welcomed by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, Dr. Daw Khin Thiri, wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to India, District Majestic Mrs. Vandana Preyashi of Gaya and departmental heads.

Then two Myanmar youth presented a bouquet to the President and wife.

Afterwards, Consul General U Kyaw Tint Swe of Myanmar Consult General in Kolkata and wife, staff and family members of the embassy and consulate general welcomed the President and wife.

The Myanmar delegation led by President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win arrived at Royal Residency in Gaya in a motorcade.

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Union Ministers hold discussions with Indian counterparts

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win holds talks with Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General V.K. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC.

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and Union Ministers who were accompanying President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win on a goodwill visit to India discussed matters related to their respective sectors with officials of the Republic of India.

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief on 14 October met Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General V K Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC of Indian Armed Forces at Directorate General of Military Intelligence in New Delhi, and held comprehensive discussions on further strengthening of friendship between the two armed forces.

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win met Home Secretary Mr. RK Singh of the Ministry of Home Affairs of India at ITC Maurya Hotel yesterday. They exchanged views on security of borders. Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay on 14 October met Minister of State with Independent Charge Mr. Pahan Singh Ghatowar of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and Secretary Mrs. Jayati Chandran at the latter’s office.

At the meeting, they held discussions on long-term assistance to be given by India for friendly relations between Myanmar and India, stability and regional development along 1640-kilometre border and betterment of road transport in Naga Self-Administered Zone.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called on Indian Minister of Agriculture Mr. Sharad Pawar at the latter’s office on 14 October. They exchanged views on further cooperation in agriculture sector, technical assistance for establishment of Agriculture Research Centre in Myanmar and matters related to food sufficiency and mutual cooperation of agriculturists.

Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein met Indian Minister for Heavy Industry and Public Enterprise Mr. Praful Patel at Krishi Bhwan in New Delhi on 14 October. The Indian minister was accompanied by Deputy Secretary Mr. S.S Mahlawat of Department of Heavy Industry and officials.

They held comprehensive discussions on sharing Indian experiences and knowledge on industrial development for public enterprises of Myanmar, investments of Indian entrepreneurs, boosting (See page 8)

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay holds discussion with Indian Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Mr. S. Jaipal Reddy.—MNA
Union Ministers hold discussions…

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Investment and trade activities of India upon completion of Kyaukpyu deep-sea port and Dawei region special economic zone and further cooperation between India and Myanmar.

Union Ministers for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, and Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint attended the meeting between the Republic of Myanmar and India. The meeting was held at the FICCI in New Delhi on 14 October.

It was attended by RUMFCCI President U Win Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Chit Khaing, Chairman of Myanmar Beans, Pulses and Sesame Merchants Association U Tun Lwin, and Chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd U Kyaw Win, and Chairman of Aung Chantha Co Ltd U Naw Aung, the President of FICCI and executive council members.

Both sides held discussions on investment and trade activities between the two countries.

Next, RUMFCCI President U Win Aung explained prospects in Myanmar investment sector and potentials for boosting trade. An MoU on further cooperation in trade and investment between RUMFCCI and FICCI was signed.

Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min met Indian Minister for Energy Mr. Sushil Kumar Shinde at the latter’s office on 14 October. They held discussions on hydropower projects being implemented on a mutual basis.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay met Indian Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Mr. S Jaipal Reddy at the latter’s office on 14 October. At the meeting, they held comprehensive discussions on bilateral cooperation in energy sector, sending Indian experts to Myanmar for holding a detailed discussion with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, cooperation in establishment of LNG Plant and distribution of petroleum products.
President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win visit Akshardham Temple

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win and delegation members visited Akshardham Temple in New Delhi, India, on 14 October evening.

The President and wife and party were welcomed there by responsible persons of the temple who explained the history and architecture of the temple to them.

Next, responsible persons of the temple welcomed the President and wife and party again in a cultural and traditional way.

Then, the President and wife and party observed ancient cultural heritage of India, Hindu religious edifices made of stones and stone-curving arts works, paintings and statues and took Hall of Values and Cultural Boat Ride.

Afterwards, the President signed visitors’ book, made cash donation and presented gifts. — MNA

President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win visit Mahabodhi Temple of Bodh Gaya in Gaya. — MNA

Famous religious sites in Bodh Gaya of Republic of India

Photo shows Mucalinda Lake where Buddha sojourned for seven days after enlightenment. — MNA

President U Thein Sein and party visit Akshardham Temple in New Delhi of Republic of India. — MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win arrived at the Palam Airbase in New Delhi of the Republic of India to come back home from India at 12:45 pm yesterday.

They were seen off by Minister of State for Defence Mr. M.M. Pallamraju, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zin Yaw and wife, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri and wife, military attaché Col Thein Lwin and wife, family members of the embassy and military attaché office, Chief of Protocol of Ministry of External Affairs, and officials concerned.

The President-led delegation left India for home by Myanmar Airways International Special Flight at 1:00 pm. They arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

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Performing Arts Competitions continues for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—The 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the second day at the designated places in Yezin Universities’ Campus in Zeyathiri Township today.

Among the enthusiasts were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin and deputy ministers, members of the work committee and subcommittees, members of the central panel of judges and those from states and regions, team managers and contestants, departmental personnel and national race excursion groups.

A total of 15 contestants participated in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls’ Maha Gita song contest and seven in the amateur level (first class) men’s Maha Gita song contest at the Assembly Hall of University of Agriculture.

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Drama contest titled Birth of Buddha continues

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Union Sports Minister meets trainees, officials of SPEI (Yangon)

Yangon, 16 Oct—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan inspected the sites for extended construction of gymnasiums and buildings in the compound of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) in Tamway Township yesterday morning.

In meeting with officials and trainees of the institute and Basic Education High School, the Union Minister spoke words of encouragement and cash assistance to 172 trainees selected for the XXVII SEA Games and trainees from Sports Plus Education Training Course.

At the Myanmar Shooting Range in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, the Union Minister viewed training of selected Myanmar shooters.

At Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaukkasan Sports Ground in Tamway Township, the Union Minister met officers of the ministry who will discharge duties in XXVI SEA Games and then attended the national level workshop on promotion of Myanmar football skills at the Gold Hotel of Myanmar Football Federation in Thingangyun Township.—MNA
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Jail on cards for foolish barber

A barber is facing jail after shaving the word “fool” in inch-high letters on to the back of a head of a man with severe learning difficulties. Michael Campbell (35), who was found guilty of common assault on Michael Ricketts by Bristol magistrates, was told to return to the court on 4 November following the production of pre-sentence reports. The incident took place on 11 February this year. — Internet

Marathon man undone by bus trip

A marathon runner was stripped of his third place medal after catching a bus to complete the last six miles of the race, held in northern England last Sunday. Organizers of the event said Rob Sloan, 31, withdrew 20 miles into the race, caught a spectator bus, then completed the final section of the course and crossed the finish line in third place. — Internet

Lorry driver’s licence to cheat

A lorry driver used a device out of a James Bond film to get out of paying the toll on a bridge in New Jersey. Nelson Vaquiz used a cable in his cab to flip up his front licence plate while going through a gateless E-ZPass lane toward New York. He was charged with theft of service, possession of burglar tools and eluding arrest. He was released on bail. — Internet

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The array has been undergoing a radical upgrade of its electronics since 2001. To celebrate the project’s finish, the observatory that runs the array wants to rename it — and is asking the public to submit ideas.

The contest, found at namethearray.org, is open until 1 December and the winner will be announced at the American Astronomical Society conference in January.

The VLA was constructed in the 1970s and much of the electronics that collect and process the radio signals from its 27 gigantic antennas date from that era.

The array has been used for more than three decades to tease out details of far-flung galaxies, supernovas and black holes — when not appearing in films.

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Burglar found sleeping in car

Florida police said a man accused of burglarizing several cars was arrested after the owner of one of the vehicles drove it away with him sleeping in the back.

Miami Beach police said Joe Jesus German, 19, stole property from several vehicles Sunday in a valet parking garage at the Fontainebleau Resort before falling asleep in the back of a white Infinity, WTVJ-TV, Miami, reported Tuesday.

“The defendant was later located inside of a vehicle he burglarized, by the vehicle owner who was driving home and found defendant passed out in his back seat,” the arrest report said.

Alan Rodriguez, the

Woman sought pot on Craigslist

Police in New Mexico said they arrested a woman accused of posting a Craigslist ad saying she was looking to purchase marijuana.

Roswell Police said Anamika Dave, 29, put a posting on the Web site explaining she was new to the area and looking to purchase marijuana, KOBI-TV, Albuquerque, reported Wednesday.

“I was surprised, I was really surprised that someone would actually put on there they were looking for weed, an actually illegal product, to the fact that I called my boss to make sure it wasn’t one of our guys trying to do a reverse sting,” Sgt Ty Sharpe said.

Police said they communicated with Dave via text messages while posing as a potential seller. Officers arranged to meet Dave in a parking lot and she was placed under arrest. Dave was booked on a charge of criminal solicitation.

Woman ticketed three months after death

A Florida county commissioner said her sister received a red light camera citation three months after her death.

Broward County Commissioner Ilene Lieberman said her sister, who died 19 May, was issued the citation in August after she learned death is not on the list of exceptions allowing the ticket to be dismissed. the South Florida Sun Sentinel reported Wednesday.

Lieberman said the ticket, which was issued in Miami Gardens, must have been a mistake because her family had turned in the tags for the car and canceled the registration.

Michael McAllister of American Traffic Solutions Inc, which operates the cameras, said the tickets are issued by vehicle and may not always identify the correct driver.

“The car gets the ticket, not the driver,” McAllister said.

Bieber warns fans to stay away from him

LONDON, 16 Oct—Singer Justin Bieber has warned fans to stop trying to gain access to his hotel room, after footage of young girls storming a building was released online.

The 17-year-old is staying in South America and is staying in Argentina ahead of his show which is scheduled at the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires.

It was reportedly said that hundreds of young fans flocked outside his hotel which resulted into chaos, reports contactmusic.com.

“My Fans go Hard!! ha. Epicfans !!! wait... but don’t break into my room, that ain’t cool. this is still epic(s),” Bieber posted on micro-blogging site Twitter.—Internet

Julia Roberts ‘felt bizarre playing Ryan Reynolds’ mum in new flick’

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct—Julia Roberts has revealed that she felt “bizarre” playing mother to Ryan Reynolds, who is only nine years her junior in real life, in their upcoming movie ‘Fireflies in the Garden’.

At the LA premiere of the movie, the actress confessed that playing a mother-relationship with Reynolds was “awkward” at first, because he’s so tall.

“But it worked out all right. He’s a good boy!” the US Magazine quoted her as saying. Although the movie was ready in 2008 but distribution issues delayed its release for three years.—Internet

Whitney Houston almost kicked off plane for refusing to tie seatbelt

LONDON, 16 Oct—Whitney Houston was almost thrown off a flight in Atlanta after refusing to fasten her seatbelt. According to TMZ.com, the 48-year-old singer was nearly ejected from the Delta Airlines flight in Atlanta for her boorish behaviour, after refusing to tie her seatbelt when asked to do so by a steward . Another crew member then came over and warned the singer that if she did not buckle up she would be kicked off.

She eventually relented, but left it to a steward to fasten her up, after which the plane was cleared for takeoff. According to sources, the singer “overreacted” a bit after she missed an earlier flight to Detroit to shoot a new movie, reports the Daily mail.—Internet

Lindsay Lohan’s ‘yellow teeth’ do not make her less attractive—says representative

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct—Lindsay Lohan showed up looking less attractive with yellow teeth on a red carpet in Los Angeles.

A recent photo of the ‘Mean Girls’ star, shows her looking very unattractive with yellowing teeth, as well as nail polish streaks and blotches on her hands.

However, her representative, Steve Honig was quick to comment, saying it did not detract from her beauty.

“Lindsay is widely acknowledged as one of the most stunning actresses of her day, and we get requests every week wanting to do photo shoots with her from top photographers,” People quoted Honig as saying.

“She’s been on the cover of Vanity Fair, and the top beauty and fashion magazines. She’s a beautiful and glamorous actress,” he added.—Internet

Renee Zellweger to produce ‘Cinnamon Girl’

LONDON, 16 Oct—Actress Renee Zellweger, who has co-written a new TV show “Cinnamon Girl” is also set to produce it. The plot features similarities to Zellweger’s own journey from Texas to Hollywood. The actress who has helped in creating the script will also take on the role of executive producer.

The show will air on America’s Lifetime network. “Renee’s passion, clarity of character and deep emotion for this project immediately transported us to the late 60’s/early 70’s and created a resonance with us wanting to relive that energy,” contactmusic.com quoted Lifetime president Nancy Dubuc as saying.
Los Angeles, 16 Oct — Dewey Bozella landed a hard right cross on his opponent’s jaw at the final bell, and the 52-year-old boxer raised his arms in victory. After 26 years behind bars for a murder he didn’t commit, Bozella triumphantly realized a dream deferred in his first and only professional fight. Bozella won his pro boxing debut on Saturday night, beating Larry Hopkins by unanimous decision in the latest stunning chapter of a remarkable story.

“This was my first and last fight,” said Bozella, who lives in Newburgh, NY. “It’s a young man’s game. I wanted to do it, and I’m happy. I appreciate everybody that made this possible. This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.” Although the crowd loved Bozella’s fight, he said he had “done what I needed to do.” He hopes to spend his life training fighters in Newburgh.

“I’m going to concenterate on the Dewey Bozella Foundation, which really means opening a gym in my town.” Bozella said. “Because there are no gyms, and I’d like to see kids who are on the street have something productive to do. No more fighting for me.” — Internet

Van Persie doublelifts Arsenal

London, 16 Oct—Robin van Persie lifted the gloom around Arsenal as the Dutch forward’s double clinched a much-needed 2-1 win over Sunderland at the Emirates Stadium on Sunday. Van Persie insisted in the club’s matchday programme that he has no intention of following Cesc Fabregas and Samir Nasri out of the Emirates and then undermined his commitment with a masterclass as the match display capped by a brilliant winner with 11 minutes left.

Arsene Wenger’s side kicked-off just two points above the relegation zone after their worst start to any season for 58 years. But Arsenal will always be a club with a rich history, and his performance was a perfect example of how things can change once you get going. The Dutch forward scored on a free kick as well, his 16th goal of the campaign.

West Bromwich Albion’s Chris Brunt (right) celebrates scoring the opening goal as his teammate Billy Jones runs after him during their match against Wolverhampton Wanderers during the Premiership football match at The Hawthorns.

Albion win Wolves derby to escape drop zone

London, 16 Oct—West Bromwich Albion climbed out of the Premier League relegation zone after defeating bitter rivals Wolves 2-0 in the Black Country derby at the Hawthorns on Sunday.

Roy Hodgson’s side started the day third bottom of the table with just one win in their seven league games this season, but goals from Chris Brunt and Peter Odemwingie ended that dismal run and earned the bragging rights over their hated neighbours.

Brunt opened the scoring early in the first half and Nigerian striker Odemwingie came off the bench in the closing stages to clinch Albion’s first top-flight win against Wolves since 1982.

While Albion are finally on the up, Wolves are still struggling and sit 19th in the table with just six points from 13 games. They have also been tipped as possible relegation candidates this season.

Amoebi strikes late as Newcastle draws with Spurs

Newcastle, 16 Oct—Shola Amoebi preserved Newcastle’s unbeaten record in the Premier League by coming off the bench to score a equalizer in a 2-2 draw with Tottenham on Sunday.

Amoebi drove home a low, angled shot in the 86th minute at St James’ Park just when it appeared substitute Jermain Defoe’s goal in the 68th would earn in-form Tottenham a fifth straight league win.

Netherlands playmaker Rafael van der Vaart converted a penalty in the 40th to put Spurs ahead before Emmanuuel Adebayor was tripped by Steven Taylor, but Demba Ba’s fifth goal of the season leveled the match three minutes.—Internet

FA probes Evra’s claims of racist abuse by Suarez

London, 16 Oct—The English Football Association has launched an investigation into allegations from Manchester United’s Patrice Evra that he was racially abused by Liverpool striker Luis Suarez during Saturday’s Premier League match. Evra, a black French defender, was quoted as saying to French TV station Canal Plus: “There are cameras, you can see him (Suarez) say a certain word to me at least 10 times.”

English football’s governing body said in a statement: “Referee Andre Marriner was made aware of an allegation at the end of the fixture and has subsequently reported this to The FA. The FA will now begin making inquiries into the matter.”

United did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Javier Hernandez salvaged a 1-1 draw for United after Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard scored on a free kick.

Messi scores 2, Barcelona beats Racing 3-0

Barcelona, 16 Oct—Lionel Messi scored a double to lead Barcelona to a comfortable 3-0 win over Racing Santander on Saturday, while fellow Argentine international Gonzalo Higuain netted a hat trick in Real Madrid’s 4-1 win over Real Betis.

Messi had provisionally moved ahead of its fierce rivals, but Higuain kept the defending champions top of the standings and a point ahead of Madrid with a goal in each half while Xavi Hernandez added another in Barcelona’s third straight win.

Surprise pacesetter Levante can draw level with Barcelona with a victory over Malaga on Sunday.

With 196 goals for Barcelona in all competitions, Messi moved past Laszlo Kubala (194) into sole possession of second place on the club career scoring list, behind only Cesar Rodriguez (235). “The only thing I have to do is give him a shirt with the No. 10 on the back and send him out to play,” Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola said about Messi, who has 16 goals in 12 games overall this season and leads the Spanish league with 10 goals— two more than Higuain. Also Saturday, three of Spain’s “second tier” teams all failed to win.—Internet

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Stosur, Bartoli reach Japan Open final

Osaka, 16 Oct—Top-seeded Samantha Stosur of Australia and second-seeded Marion Bartoli of France advanced to the Japan Open final in a rare semifinal-championship doubleheader on Sunday.

Stosur, the US Open champion, beat unseeded Zie Zheng of China 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3 in a match that lasted 2 hours, 36 minutes at the Utsunomi Tennis Centre. Bartoli defeated third-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany 6-1, 7-6 (5). Bartoli was never broken and won 81 per cent of her first-serve points.

Stosur and Bartoli were set to return to the court for the final later Sunday. The semifinals were originally scheduled for Saturday, but were delayed until Sunday due to rain.— Internet

French Open champ Bartoli of France

Internet

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi, from Argentina, centre, duels for the ball against Racing Santander’s Bernardo Espinosa, right, during a Spanish La Liga soccer match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, on 15 Oct, 2011.—Internet

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Weather forecast for 17th October, 2011

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1. Paritta By Venerable Min Gun Sayadaw Uppatasanti
2. Morning News
3. Dhamma Puja Song

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2. Morning News
3. Jatha Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song
5. Health Programme
6. Cute Little Dancers
7. Documentary
8. Song of National Races
9. International News
10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
3. Dance Variety
4. Musical Programme
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Oriental)
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
8. Myanmar League
9. Myanmar Idol
10. Evening News

5:05 pm
11. Weather Report
12. Sing & Enjoy
13. TV Drama Series
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. World’s Stars
18. India Drama Series
19. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011)

Murray beats Ferrer to win Shanghai Masters

SHANGHAI, 16 Oct— Defending champion Andy Murray defeated David Ferrer 7-5, 6-4 to win the Shanghai Masters on Sunday, ensuring he’ll vault past Roger Federer to No 3 in the ATP rankings.

The Scot, currently ranked fourth, has made finishing the season at No 3 one of his main goals for the end of the year. It will be the first time Federer has fallen out of the top three since June 2003 — just before he won his first Wimbledon title.

Murray has been unbeatable during the autumn Asian swing of the ATP tour, capturing consecutive titles in Bangkok, Tokyo — where he beat Rafael Nadal in the final — and Shanghai.

He has also won 25 of 26 matches since mid-August, the only loss coming to Nadal in the semifinals of the US Open. After accepting the trophy on court, Murray said a few words to the crowd in Chinese. “Da shi, shi bu ke dang,” which roughly translates to “Masters are unstoppable.”

Murray’s reached a career-high ranking of No 2 in 2009 but has never finished the year higher than No 4. Federer reached the final in Shanghai last year but skipped this year’s event.

Slam title for the first time since 2002, is expected to return for the Swiss Indoors in Basel but still has to defend a number of points to defend after winning the ATP World Tour Finals in London last year. —Internet

Andy Murray of Britain reacts after he lost a point to David Ferrer of Spain during their singles final of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Sunday, 16 Oct. 2011.
NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein visited the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) at Pusa Campus in New Delhi of India at 9.40 am yesterday.

They were welcomed by Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food Processing Industries & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Harish Rawat and officials of IARI.

IARI Director Dr HS Gupta and Additional Director Mr HS Gaur reported on tasks of IARI and research works.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein and President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung explained cooperation in technology for development of agriculture sector of Myanmar, earliest establishment of Agriculture Research Centre in Myanmar with assistance of India, promotion of production and quality of paddy for Myanmar farmers, cooperation in Basmati hybrid seeds production that gets good price in the world market, conventional cultivation system to good agricultural pattern to ensure food security for increasing population, assistance and cooperation of agriculturalists from India are most essential. Therefore, technologies are to be shared for enabling Myanmar scholarship students at IARI and for agricultural technology development of Agriculture Research Centre.

In his address, the President said that agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in cooperation in all sectors between Myanmar and India. It is necessary to reform production and quality of paddy for Myanmar farmers, cooperation in Basmati hybrid seeds production that gets good price in the world market, provision of technology and quality strain assistance for paddy and other crops production, and providing pedigree cows and value-added product technology for milk and dairy product sector.

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win lay wreath at Mahatma Gandhi’s Samadhi

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win proceeded to Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, in New Delhi after attending the welcoming ceremony of President of the Republic of India Mrs. Pratibha Devisingh Patil at 9 am on 14 October.

First, President U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win laid a wreath and paid tribute holding a minute silence at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi.

Next, the President and wife went around the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi clockwise and scattered petals of flowers on it.

Then they signed visitors’ book. The secretary of committee of memorial of Mahatma Gandhi gave an account of maintenance works and presented a commemorative book and a life sized half sized statue of Mahatma Gandhi to the President.

Next, the President and wife and party arrived back the hotel. —MNA

Myanmar emerge champions in Mekong Region Youth U 21 International Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—In the final of Mekong Region Youth U-21 International Football Tournament in Cambodia today Myanmar Team emerged champions after beating Thailand 2-1.

Panpak of Thailand scored the leading goal at 40 min of the first half of the match and midfielder Zaw Lin from Nay Pyi Taw F.C levelled after just one minute. Nay Pyi Taw F.C midfielder Thet Naing secured the winning goal in the 106 minute of the additional time to get revenge for Myanmar’s defeat in U-19 ASEAN Football Tournament.—MNA

Earthquake news

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced that a moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.4 Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about 1000 miles south of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 23 hrs 48 min 10 sec MST today. —MNA