Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Special Adviser to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General and party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar at the hall of the President’s Office, here, at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and departmental heads.

The Special Adviser to the UNSG and Under-Secretary-General and party were accompanied by UN Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr. Ramesh Shrestha and senior officers.

They had a cordial discussion on cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations.

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Our Three Main National Causes

- Non-disintegration of the Union
- Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoys entertainment of Chinese disabled people’s performing art troupe

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoyed the performance of the My Dream Chinese disabled artist troupe at Auditorium of Myanma Radio and Television in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 6 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, deputy ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and officials of the Chinese embassy, departmental personnel of ministries and guests.

Acting Union Minister for Information and for Culture Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Zaw extended greetings.

Next, Chinese Ambassador Mr. Li Junhua extended greetings.

Afterwards, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party enjoyed entertainments of the My Dream Chinese troupe.

The Vice-President presented a flower basket to the Chinese troupe.

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Guarantee dwellers quality housing

Reforms are tangible in Myanmar. Confidence in new history of the country soars. Market economy is taking shape. New urbanization has formed. Thanks to economic development, citizens are earning higher incomes. Population grows. Housing increases to equal growing world population.

Contractors consider costs and customers in constructing towering buildings. Customers think about price and endurance. Entrepreneurs help contractors and customers to be in harmony. Looking forward the future of the State, advanced housing estates are being developed which meet standards of developed countries. Low-cost high-rise buildings are being constructed as well.

Quality and sustainability are keys to assessment of every building. Tenants in dilapidated apartments were exposed to dangers in the years before 2000. Apart from quality, resistance against earthquake, storm and other natural disasters is needed. Demands for focusing on sustainability of urban buildings have begun to rise. Quality of buildings is important for dwellers as well as in marketing the buildings.

Building Quality Law is being drafted and will be enacted in 2013. The law will ensure high-class buildings.

Reducing cost to attract customers with low price should not harm the quality of buildings. Contractors should maintain the standard despite lower profits. Customers in nature prefer low price. Though, the reduced quality should not cause dangers to residents.

Price and quality are intertwined. To develop low-cost housings, low-cost land should be chosen. Pan Hlaing Golf Course Housing, Mingaladon Garden City and FMI Padethabin City Housing are good examples for low-cost and reasonable-standard housings.

All in all, development of the State comes together with urbanization. The Building Quality Law which will be enacted soon will ease concerns of building quality.

Cash assistance provided to those temporarily moved to Bhamo District

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs Daw Bauk Ja on 27 October met departmental officials at Bhamo District General Administration Department and gave instructions on assistance, accommodation, health and education tasks for those who temporarily arrived there due to present conflict.

The minister shared K 650,000 for assistance at relief camps in Bhamo, Momaik, Shwegu and Mawlamyine townships, the Kachin State education officer K 500,000 for 666 students, Kachin State Relief and Resettlement Department relief aids containing six items to 621 households that moved to Bhamo District.

On 28 October morning, the minister met those who moved there due to present conflict at Momaik and Bhamo and presented cash assistance to them. In the afternoon, she gave cash assistance to patients at Bhamo General Hospital.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General and party

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw at Hluttaw Building, here, at 3 pm today.

At the call, their discussions focused on developments of Myanmar, legislative tasks of the Hluttaw, accomplishment of the Hluttaw on wishes of the people, process of strengthening national unity, talks on internal peace and release of prisoners, and cooperation of Myanmar with the UN and ASEAN countries in international issues.

Also present at the call were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyin, secretaries and members of Amyotha Hluttaw committees, Hluttaw representatives including those from political parties and national races and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

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Special Adviser meets Peace Making Group

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Mr Vijay Nambiar and party currently in Myanmar met the Peace Making Group of the Union Government at Thingaha Hotel, here, at 2 pm today.

U Aung Thaung, leader of the Peace Making Group of the Union Government and four members attended the meeting. They discussed the development issues in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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Leadership award

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Winners awarded in competitions to mark International Year of Forests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—With the sponsorship of Mon State Forest Department, the prize-presentation ceremony of Essay, Painting, Cartoon and Photo Competitions in commemoration of the International Year of Forests 2011 was held at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 21 October.

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Russia denies deterioration in ties with US

MOSCOW, 1 Nov—Relations between Russia and the US have not worsened, an aide to the Russian President said Monday. “Claims about deterioration of Russia-US relations are being imposed by those who do not see the real results of huge work done and who are not interested in the real improvement of the relations,” Sergei Prikhodko was quoted as saying by Xinhua.

He said the claims could be seen as an attempt to misguide both the Russian and US public and divert attention from their joint work in countering common challenges and sustaining strategic stability. He said Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his US counterpart Barack Obama would meet on the sidelines of the upcoming Group of 20 summit in Cannes, France.—Internet

Civilian killed by Australian soldiers in S Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 1 Nov—Australian soldiers shot and killed a civilian in southern Afghanistan, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) confirmed on Monday.

In a statement, ADF said Australians soldiers on Saturday opened fire after the Afghan man failed to follow directions to stop while he was riding a motorbike in Tarin Kot, Uruzgan Province.

The incident happened as Australian soldiers were securing a site for a meeting of the provincial reconstruction team.

The ADF said it takes all reasonable steps to ensure its operations do not put the lives of civilians in jeopardy.

The victim was a local aged in his twenties named Hayatullah, who ran a phone card stall, and there are some reports that the killing has drawn anger from some residents in Tarin Kot.

The ADF is promising to cooperate with investigations into the shooting.—Xinhua

Pak denies spying on German forces in Afghanistan

TOKYO, 1 Nov—Pakistan officials have rejected a German newspaper report that suggested that the country’s secret service spied on German security forces in Afghanistan. Without citing its sources, Bild am Sonntag had reported that Germany’s BND foreign intelligence agency warned its interior ministry that Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) had spied on 180 German police officers deployed in Afghanistan to train locals.

A Pakistani foreign ministry official, however, described the report as “ridiculous and useless”, the Dawn reports. Pakistan military spokesman Major-General Athar Abbas said the report was not worth commenting on.

According to the interior ministry, the BND suspected a German email had been intercepted but could not give confirmation. The ministry added it was not aware of any comprehensive interception of German police data, the paper said. Bild am Sonntag had earlier said private telephone calls, messages to the ministry, military mission orders and lists of police officer names had been intercepted.—Internet

Iran demands apology from US

TEHERAN, 1 Nov—Iran has demanded an official apology from the US over a recent accusation that said Teheran plotted to kill the Saudi Arabian envoy to Washington, Press TV reported Monday.

In a recent letter to the US government, Teheran insisted that Washington must publicly apologise to the Iranian government and its citizens for the false accusations that violated international norms.

On 11 Oct, the US Justice Department accused Iran of plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia’s Ambassador to Washington Adel al-Jubeir, with help from a suspected member of a Mexican drug cartel.

Iran also demanded compensation for “material and moral damages” caused by the US anti-Iran campaign. The letter was handed over to the Swiss Embassy in Teheran, which represents US interests in Iran, since Teheran and Washington severed diplomatic relations in 1980.—Internet

Dates set for US general election debates

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—While the Republican presidential nomination is far from settled, the dates and sites for debates between the Republican nominee and President Barack Obama have been announced.

Frank J Fahrenkopf, Jr, and Michael D McCurry, co-chairmen of the non-partisan, non-profit Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) on Monday announced sites and dates for three presidential and one vice presidential debates during the 2012 general election. The first presidential debate will be held on 3 Oct at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

It will be followed by a vice presidential debate on 11 Oct at the Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

The second and third presidential debates are scheduled for 16 Oct at the Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, and 22 Oct at the Lynn University, Boca Raton, Florida, respectively.

Following the announcement, Obama’s campaign manager Jim Messina released a statement. “The President looks forward to next year’s debates,” the statement said. “Once the Republicans have selected their candidate, we will work through the details with their campaign and the Commission on Presidential Debates.”
Dollar soars after Japan’s intervention

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—The dollar soared on Monday after Japan’s latest intervention.

The Bank of Japan sold yen and bought dollars during Tokyo trading Monday to stop the yen from rising. The yen has risen 7 percent against the dollar since the beginning of this year, hitting a post-World War II high, which hurt Japan’s important industry of export and triggered the new round of intervention.

The dollar jumped to the three-month high of 78.05 Japanese yen late Monday from 75.75 yen late Friday. And lingering European debt worries kept pressuring the euro as the newly-reached debt deal lacked details and Italy’s yield of 10-year bond rose above 6 percent.—Xinhua

Yoga may help ease chronic back pain

BEIJING, 1 Nov—Yoga might help people reduce chronic back pain, according to a new British study carried by the Annals of Internal Medicine.

The study, conducted in Britain, followed 313 adults with nonspecific chronic back pain.

It found that three months of weekly yoga classes can ease back pain more than the usual course of care. Even a year later, patients with such pain who had participated in yoga classes reported less pain than those who hadn’t.—Xinhua

US stocks end robust October on down notes

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—US stocks ended a robust October on down notes, taking away a big chunk of the monthly gains, as renewed concerns over the European debt crisis spurred sell-offs on Monday.

The blue-chip Dow fell more than 2.2 percent at the close. The broader S&P declined nearly 2.5 percent and the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped nearly 2 percent.—Xinhua

Mysterious role of renin in hypertension unlocked

SYDNEY, 1 Nov—A Sydney medical scientist has finally uncovered a secret central to the cause of high blood pressure after a 40-year long hunt.

Professor Brian Morris and his Sydney University team have found hitherto mysterious role of the enzyme renin in triggering the condition.

The research is the first of its kind to use human kidneys. It opens the way for more targeted drugs, a very strong risk factor for heart attack and stroke.

Morris, one of Australia’s leading genetic scientists, first began studying renin as a young student in the early 1970s.

Now another young scientist, his PhD student, Brazilian Francine Marques, has performed the laboratory work, under his supervision, which helped clinch these new findings that may have international significance.

While renin was thought to play a significant role in high blood pressure, how it worked to achieve this was something that had eluded researchers for many years, Professor Morris noted.

His team identified the decisive role of two micro-RNAs - novel genetic material that has a destabilising effect on the production of renin from its gene.

Their research showed that in hypertensive kidneys the renin gene was six times more active while the micro-RNAs were six times less so.

“That is the key. These two micro-RNAs are very much lower in hypertensive people. So if you lose those, the renin goes up, thus raising blood pressure,” the Sydney Morning Herald quoted Morris as saying.

“This is a totally new concept … tremendously exciting. No one has ever found anything like this to do with rennin,” he added.

The discovery of the role of the two micro-RNAs could lead to the development of hypertension drugs, which could be designed to “knock down renin expression at its source.”

The study has been published in the online version of Hypertension, the journal of the American Heart Association.

Internet

Oil edges down on stronger dollar

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—US oil price edged down on Monday as the dollar strengthened after Japan’s latest intervention. The dollar rose more than 3 percent to its three-month high against the yen Monday after Japan’s new round of intervention. And the euro dropped sharply against the dollar. The dollar index, tracking the greenback’s performance against a basket of currencies, rose about 1.5 percent. Stronger dollar pressured the dollar-denominated crude oil.

MF Global Holdings, a futures broker, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, triggering caution across the markets. Traders trimmed positions. And the trading volumes continued and investors awaited the Federal Reserve’s new direction in monetary policy.—Xinhua

In this photo taken on 12 Oct, 2011, an employee poses for photographs with a pack of Beneforte super broccoli at a branch of Marks & Spencer in London. The new variety was bred to contain two to three times the normal amount of glucoraphanin, a nutrient believed to help ward off heart disease.—INTERNET

Foreign exchange dealers work at a dealing room in Tokyo, Japan, on 31 Oct, 2011.—Xinhua

US federal government to borrow 305 billion dollars in current quarter

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—The US Treasury Department announced on Monday that it expects to borrow 305 billion dollars in the October to December 2011 quarter.

This borrowing estimate is 21 billion dollars higher than previously announced in July 2011, said the department in a statement.

During the January to March 2012 quarter, the US federal government is estimated to issue 541 billion dollars in net marketable debt.

The Treasury also said that during the July to September 2011 quarter, it issued 286 billion dollars in net marketable debt.

Due to the financial crisis and economic recession, borrowings of the US government have increased dramatically over the past three years.

The US federal budget deficit hit almost 1.3 trillion dollars in fiscal year 2011 ending in September, 50 billion dollars more than in the previous year.

In this 28 Sept, 2010 file photo, smokeless tobacco products, including Ariva, are displayed in a grocery in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 31 Oct, 2011. Owing to the surging rises of beef price in the country, the per capita consumption of beef is only 53 kilograms a year, the lowest level in Argentina in 52 years.—Xinhua

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**Science**

**Beijing, 1 Nov—**

China has successfully launched its unmanned spacecraft *Shenzhou-8* for the country’s first space docking. It marks a major step towards the nation’s ultimate goal of building a permanent space station by around 2020-20.

It’s a breathtaking countdown to another milestone on China’s space journey. *Shenzhou-8* blasts off, high into the sky.

It’s carried by a modified version of the Long March CZ-2F rocket.

Escape tower, rocket booster and fairing are sequentially separated.

Back on the ground, space engineers are tracking the spacecraft to check whether everything is working as expected.

The staff declare all systems normal, the interfaces of different systems are well coordinated, and all facilities are sound.

Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang and Vice chairman of the Central Military Commission Xu Caihou were on hand at the launch centre to witness the exciting moment.

When *Shenzhou-8* entered its intended orbit, cheers of celebration burst out at the mission control.

It was relief as well as elation in the air as the chief commander declared the launch a success.

Chang Wanquan, Chief Commander of China Manned Space Engineering Project, said, “According to the Aerospace command and Control Centre in Beijing, *Shenzhou-8* has entered the targeted orbit. I declare the launch a success.”

The spacecraft is due to dock with China’s first space lab module, *Tiangong-1*, within two days.

They will separate after flying together for 12 days but are set to carry out a second docking later on.

The successful completion of the mission will make China the third nation in the world to master the docking technology after the US and Russia, paving the way for the nation to place a space station in orbit around 2020. But more challenges remain ahead for China as it strives to realize its dream of a manned space station.

*Shenzhou 9* and *Shenzhou 10* are awaiting take-off to work with the space lab *Tiangong-1* on future missions.”

**Asteroid may yield clues about Earth’s formation**

**Science**

LONDON, 1 Nov—A half-km wide asteroid which streaks past the Earth next week could provide clues about how the planet was formed.

The space rock, which is known as “2005 YU55” and is as big as an aircraft carrier, will pass earth within 320,000 km on 8 Nov.

The asteroid, in orbit around the Sun, has not been this close to the Earth in 200 years and will come closer to the planet than any other asteroid of its size in the past 35 years, the *Telegraph* reports.

The last time a similarly large rock passed by at such a short distance was in 1976, but it went largely unnoticed because everybody—the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the US included—failed to notice it.

Now, astronomers who missed that event will have another chance of a close encounter as the gigantic object whizzes by the earth next Tuesday.

It will not be visible to the naked eye but amateur astronomers stand a good chance of catching a glimpse of it provided they have a telescope at least six inches in diameter.

NASA scientists, who have officially classified the asteroid as a “near-earth object”, will use a radar telescope to analyse exactly what it is made of and get a better idea where it comes from.

A spokesman said: “We hope to obtain images that should reveal a wealth of detail about the asteroid’s surface features, shape, dimensions and other physical properties.”—*Internet*

**Apple’s iPhone 4S has battery trouble**

**Tech**

BEIJING, 1 Nov—Hundreds of people are reporting on social networks that the iPhone 4S is running out of power far sooner than expected and much quicker than Apple promised, according to *Mercury News* reports Tuesday.

Some users are complaining that even with minimal use, the device can’t make it through a weekday without needing to be recharged.

Apple says that iPhone 4S owners should get up to 8 hours of talk time and up to 6 hours of time surfing the Web when connected to 3G networks and up to 200 hours of standby time.

So far, Apple hasn’t commented publicly on the problem and company representatives didn’t respond to requests for comment.

But Apple engineers have quietly contacted some users who have complained about the problem, according to *The Guardian* report last Friday.

However, the problem doesn’t affect all iPhone 4S users worldwide.

Tim Bajarin, a principal analyst at Creative Strategies, a tech research firm and consultancy, said his company has been testing out three or four iPhone 4Ss, but hadn’t been able to duplicate the problem.

Battery problems aside, the iPhone 4S has been a big hit so far.

Apple sold 4 million units in the first weekend when the new gadget was on sale, setting a record not only for Apple, but for any phone.—*Xinhua*

**E-books get heavier as you download more text**

**Tech**

LONDON, 1 Nov—E-books get heavier whenever users download a new text, a new study has suggested.

However, the increase in weight does not make a significant difference, as each new book is just as heavy as a single molecule of DNA.

Thus, filling a 4GB Kindle to its storage limit rather than allowing them to float around takes up extra energy – about a billionth of a billionth of a gram.

Prof John Kubiszowicz a computer scientist at the University of California, Berkeley, explained in the *New York Times* that storing new data involves holding electrons in a fixed place in the device’s memory, the *Telegraph* reported.

Although the electrons are already present but keeping them plastic, rather than allowing them to float around takes up extra energy – about a billionth of a micrometre per bit of data.

**Soon, ‘supra’ plastic that heals itself when broken or cut**

**Science**

LONDON, 1 Nov—Dutch scientists have come up with a self mending plastic, dubbed ‘Supra B’ that heals itself when broken, without the help of glue.

With the development of this new material, children’s broken toys could be easily put back together even after the most destructive play session, they say.

The material—supramolecular polymer, which is being developed by chemical company AkzoNobel in conjunction with scientists at the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands, can repair itself simply by holding the two pieces together.

“We are working on polymers that are able to heal themselves,” *Telegraph* quoted Graham Armstrong, corporate director of research, development and innovation at AkzoNobel, as saying.

“They use supramolecular chemistry, which exploits some of the lessons we have learned from the way proteins bind together in biology. It means we can have solids that genuinely can heal.”

The scientists have also claimed that the new plastic could be used in car chassis to evade the need for costly repair work after an accident.

The material takes advantage of hydrogen bonding that gives water its viscosity and surface tension.

In Supra B, the scientists have quadrupled the number of hydrogen bonds between the small plastic, or polymer, molecules to make it as strong as other forms of plastic, but does not entail a chemical reaction to join them together.
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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Norwegian Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Norwegian Minister of the Environment and International Development Mr. Erik Solheim and party at the Hluttaw Building here today.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on environmental conservation in Myanmar and measures being taken by the Hluttaw for meeting expectations of the people and cooperation with international organizations in international affairs.

Also present at the call were Vice-Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and chairman and secretaries of the committees for Hluttaw affairs.

Statement at the Conclusion of the Article VIII Mission to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — A representative team from the International Monetary Fund visited Myanmar from 19 October to 1 November.

A statement issued by the team after conclusion of its mission is as follows:

Press Release
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November 1, 2011

Statement at the Conclusion of the Article VIII Mission to Myanmar

The following statement was issued today in Nay Pyi Taw, after the conclusion of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) Article VIII mission to Myanmar:

“A team from the Monetary and Capital Markets, Legal, and Asia and Pacific Departments of the IMF has visited Myanmar during October 19–November 1, 2011, at the request of the Central Bank of Myanmar to discuss its plans to unify the exchange rate regime and lift restrictions on current international payments and transfers with the intention of accepting Myanmar’s obligations under Article VIII, Sections 2 (a), 3 and 4 of the IMF’s Articles of Agreement. IMF members accepting the obligations of Article VIII undertake to refrain from imposing exchange restrictions on the making of payments and transfers for current international transactions or from engaging in discriminatory currency arrangements or multiple currency practices without IMF approval.

“The team met with government officials, banks, and public and private sector representatives to conduct an initial diagnostic assessment of the legal framework and actual market practices governing the exchange rate system of Myanmar and, in particular, the existing exchange restrictions and multiple currency practices. The mission team would like to thank their counterparts for their cooperation and productive engagement.

“The team will continue its work from the IMF Headquarters in cooperation with Myanmar authorities as they formulate their policies towards accepting the obligations of Article VIII. The team expects to visit Myanmar again for a follow up mission in early 2012.—MNA

Vehicle Import Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — The Meeting No (1/2011) of Vehicle Import Supervisory Committee was held at the Ministry of Commerce here this afternoon, with the address by Chairman of the Committee Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

The meeting focused on issuing permits for opening Used Car Sale Centre and Vehicle Import permits.

Members of the committee, deputy ministers, directors-general, and officials of Industrial Development Committee, and Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committee also attended the meeting.

For enquiry and making complaints, one may contact the Ministry of Commerce (Ph: 067-408002, 067-408216, 067-408232, 067-408316) and the Ministry of Rail Transportation (Ph: 067-405034). MNA
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Next, the Vice-President and party posed for documentary photo together with members of the Chinese troupe. The Chinese disabled people’s performing art troupe has a plan to perform entertainment as My Dream Charity Show at the National Theatre in Yangon on 3 and 4 November. The proceeds from the show will go to charity for units for the disabled in Myanmar.

Special Adviser to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General and party calls on Union Election Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party at the commission office, here, at 5 pm today. Also present at the call were members of the Union Election Commission. They cordially discussed matters related to election and political parties.

Rehabilitation continues in flood-hit areas in Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Tatmadawmen have volunteered to clean up homes and roads, to carry out road works to remove debris in the flood-hit villages in Pakokku District.

Joining hands with local villagers, the Tatmadawmen from Pakokku, Yesagyo, Monywa, Meiktila, Kyaukpadaung, Magway stations also sank tube-wells, dredging drains, provided medical treatment to villagers. Besides, the Tatmadawmen from Pakokku and Monywa stations volunteered to construct five houses where flood-hit families in Ward-3, Pakokku would be resettled and to construct 18 tents, and so far a total of 299 tents have been set up.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives a delegation led by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung.

Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye receives Special Adviser to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General Mr. Vijay Nambiar.

Union A & I Minister receives Vietnamese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—President and CEO Mr Cao Hoaiduong of PetroVietnam Oil and Gas Group and Chairman Mr Nguyen Duc Thanh of PetroVietnam Fertilizer and Chemicals Corporation, accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung, paid a call on Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing at his office here this morning.

The Union Minister and Vietnamese guests discussed cooperation in agricultural sector of the two nations, importation of fertilizer from Vietnam and matters related to agricultural development.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Ohn Than and officials.
approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the Constitu
tional Tribunal of the Union for vetoing is a proposal. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 60 states those eligible for submitting proposals and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule 61 suggests the procedures for submitting proposals. The proposal is not accorded with Law and Rules as no representative made it.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law Chapter (6) Sections (42), (44) and (45) prescribes that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has legislative power and the Hluttaw Speaker shall send these bills to the President in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules (106). Duties of the Consti
tutional Tribunal of the Union are mentioned in Section (322) of the Constitution. They are also prescribed in Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law Chapter (3) Section (12). The Tribunal has rights only to assess laws prescribed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Tribunal Rule (3) Sub-Rule (b) and Rule (3) Sub-Rule (b). So, the decision of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker to send bills to Constitutional Tribunal of the Union for vetoing is not accorded with Law and Rules of the Tribunal.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discharges duties to carry out legislation. The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union assumes duties of judiciary prescribed in Chap
ter (6) of the Constitution. It means Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker included the Tribunal’s judicial sector to legislation. If the bills are doubted whether they are accorded with the Constitution, the cases will be submitted only to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and discussed there. When the arguments arise after enacting as law, the judgment of the Tribunal should be acquired. Eligible persons to submit laws to the Tribunal are stated in Sections (325) and (326) of the Constitution.

The Hluttaw Rights Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw concluded that the decision should be objected and cancelled as it is not accorded with the Constitution or other Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law and Rules concerned.

The proposal was made to seek approval of the Hluttaw through the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, he said.

U Ba Shein of Kyaukkpyu Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingyanngon Constituency, Daw Dwe Bu of N’Jangyang Constituency, U Thaung of Maawlaik Constituency, U Thein Shee of An Constituency, U Aung Mya Thein of Nyaungdon Constituency and Daw Khin Maung Htet of Thingyanngon Constituency discussed that the matter should be submitted as proposal and there should be seconded, suggested and discussed. So, it is legally incorrect. And the proposal to object and reverse decision in Agenda 13 of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on that day is intensely seconded.

As there is no one against the proposal while seeking approval of the Hluttaw, the proposal was approved.

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The Yangon Electricity Supply Board, depending on the annual allotted fund, carrying out village electricity supply works in expanding power supply system. If a village wishes to use electricity prior to the prioritized electricity supply plans of the ministry, it can set up a self-reliant village electricity supply committee under the agreement of the villagers and apply to the ministry through respective township engineering officer’s offices.

U Thaung of Mawlaik Constituency asked if the government could provide a 150 KVA diesel engine for power supply in Mawlaik, the deputy minister said that the electricity is currently supplied to 608 users in Mawlaik of Sagon Region about 2 hours a day with one 608 KVA Skoda generator, one 300 KVA Camming generator, one 5 KVA Nissan generator and one 25 KVA Nibban generator, using 1250 gallons of diesel monthly.

Monywa power grids have been proposed in connection with Hmantani and Mawlaik hydropower projects and on completion of those projects, national grid can supply electricity to Mawlaik. It is being arranged to provide one 500 KVA diesel generator to Mawlaik within 2011-2012 fiscal year before the launch of those projects.

The adjustments of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee decided to re-hear the discussion on the national grid to Mone Sub-township in Kyaukkyi Township of Bugs Region. The deputy minister said that electricity is currently supplied to 263 users about two hours a day in Mone Sub-township with one 100 KVA Skoda generator and one 36 KVA Skoda generator.

To supply electricity to the sub-township from the national grid through 33/11 KV (5) MVA power station in Pyu, it will be needed to construct 19 miles of 11 KV power lines, three 110/0.4 KV 315 KVA transformers and 3.18 miles of 40-volt power lines. The Ministry of Electric Power No (2) will arrange this depending on the budget of priority, said the deputy minister.

Regarding the question of U Hla Myint Oo of Pyinmana Constituency about arrangements for supply of electricity to hilly regions in the east of Pyinmana Township, the deputy minister replied that electricity is to be supplied to the hilly regions in the east of Pyinmana Township from ongoing Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project and Nanco Hydropower Project and 230 KV power grid and power stations are needed to send electricity generated by those projects to the national grid. It will be needed to construct 60 miles of 33 KV power lines to Pogon Village of Hteinhbin Village-tract, one 33/11 KV (2) MVA power station in Pogon Village, 30 miles of 11 KV power lines from the power station to Ywawgyi, and 10 miles of 11 KV power lines to Lenili to supply 20-mile radius of Pogon Village. The Ministry of Electric Power No (2) will take responsibility of constructing hydropower plants and the Ministry of Electric Power No (2) power stations.

According to current conditions, supply of electricity to villages in other hilly regions, that are out of the reach of the national grid through solar power system, bio-gas power plant and diesel generator should be arranged by the region or state concerned and the Ministry of Electric Power No (2) will provide technical assistance if necessary.

The meeting came to an end at 3.30 pm and the 45th day session continues at 10 am on 3 November. MNA

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The proposal submitted by U Nay Win Tun of Shan State Constituency No. 9 was amended as the proposal to allow establishment of mining development foundation in line with existing laws. Then the wishes of the representatives were gathered through standing system. As over 40 members of representatives have stood, the proposal was approved.

In seeking approval for the bill, member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Mahn Aung Tin Myint explained scrutiny of the Bill Committee on the report concerning the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill, and the Hluttaw sought paragraph-wise approval.

The Hluttaw approved amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Bill Committee on paragraphs 2 (b), 2 (f) and 2 (h) in Chapter I, paragraph 3 in Chapter II, paragraph 6 (c) in Chapter III, paragraphs 10 (a) and 11 in Chapter IV, paragraphs 16 (b) and 16 (c) in Chapter VI, paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 22 (c) in Chapter VII, paragraph 25 in Chapter VIII and paragraph 30 in Chapter X. As there was no objection against the proposal “From paragraphs 1 to 34 of the bill shall be part of the bill” and the proposal “the title of the bill shall be part of the bill”, the proposals were approved.

With regard to the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill, U Paul Hlyan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No. 9 dis-
Dense fog shrouds east China, rain to hit central and western regions

BEIJING, 1 Nov—Thick fog continued to blanket China's eastern regions on Tuesday morning, the National Meteorological Centre said, warning of increased traffic safety risks.

The country's top meteorological authority issued a blue alert Tuesday morning, the lowest in a four-scale alert system, urging people in fog-affected areas to be aware of the air quality which will be worsened by the fog.

Fog and haze will decrease visibility to within 1,000 metres in some parts of Beijing, Shandong, Hebei, Henan, Jiangsu, Anhui, Zhejiang and Jiangxi, and as low as 500 metres in some areas, the centre said.

Moderate rainfall is expected to hit central and eastern China over the next three days, with some areas accumulating up to 60 mm of precipitation, according to the centre.

The fog will disperse as rains move in, the centre added.

5.5-magnitude quake hits Sichuan-Gansu border region, China

BEIJING, 1 Nov—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale jolted Sichuan-Gansu border region, China at 2011-11-01 05:58:16 Beijing Time on Tuesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10.10 km, was initially determined to be at 32.593 degrees north latitude and 105.3239 degrees east longitude.

6.0-magnitude quake hits NW China’s Xinjiang

BEIJING, 1 Nov—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted Kazak Autonomous Prefecture of Il, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region at 8:21 am Tuesday Beijing Time, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre, with a depth of 10 km, was monitored at about 43.6 degrees north latitude and 82.4 degrees east longitude, the centre said in a statement.

Thai flood death toll reaches 384, two missing

BANGKOK, 1 Nov—A total of 384 people were confirmed dead and two people were missing in the floods that have inundated the upper part of the country for almost three months, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Tuesday.

Three more people were confirmed dead on Monday in central province of Chantaburi.

Central Province of Nakhon Sawan has the highest death toll of 59 people, following by central Province of Phichit, of which 50 people killed by flood.

Flash floods were caused by the heavy monsoon “Nock-Ten” and overflows from several dams in upper part of the country since mid-July.

On Saturday, floods still prevail in 26 of 77 provinces and are affecting about 2.1 people from 720,000 households. The flood has affected about 3 million households and about 9.9 million people in 63 of 77 provinces since 25 July.

About 73 main highways in 15 provinces are flooded and cannot be passed and 18 north-bound train routes were cancelled.

Falling telecom mast crashes two to death in southwest Ghana

TAKORADI, 1 Nov—Two workers of a telecommunications engineering company were killed here on Monday when an obsolete mast they were dismantling fell down, crashing them to death.

The deceased, Paul Opare, 30, and Solomon Babby, 31, who were employees of IPF Mast Construction Company Ltd, were in the company of six other colleagues when the incident took place at Mpoporo, 90 km north of the Western port City of Takoradi, 218 km west of the Capital Accra.

Speaking to Xinhua, Kwesiemintsim District Police Commander DSP Ayamga Aklogo Yakubu said the company had been contracted by Mobile Executives Network (MTN), Ghana’s largest mobile telephone company to erect a mast for them.

“Upon reaching the location, the company realized there was an obsolete mast on site, so the two were asked to climb and dismantle it,” Yakubu said.

“Paul Opare died instantly but Solomon Gabby was later confirmed dead at the Effiakwesimintsim Regional Hospital,” he added.

He said the two corpses had been deposited at the hospital at Effiakwesimintsim, suburb of Takoradi, while police had started investigations.

10,000 held at British borders in six years

LONDON, 1 Nov—Over 10,000 criminals, including rapists and murderers, have been arrested at Britain’s border points since 2005, according to a government report.

Immigration Minister Damien Green said an average of 52 arrests were made each week at airports and ports, thanks to the system of computerised screening of passengers titled “e-Borders”, the Daily Express reported.

In six years, 62 murderers, 200 sex offenders and 454 drugs traffickers have been arrested. Huge amounts of heroin and cocaine have been seized.

In 2011, 11 murderers, 22 rapists and 316 violent criminals have been held.

The e-Borders system screens over 90 percent of all flights into the country from outside the European Union. Compulsory exit checks will be introduced by 2015.

The country’s top meteorological authority continued to shroud the city as influenced by the changing of seasons.

Xinhua
Cyber attacks reach disturbing levels in Britain

London, 1 Nov—Hacker attacks on British government websites have rocketed to “disturbing” levels, a top official has said.

Iain Lobham, director of the country’s biggest intelligence agency, the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), said government computers containing sensitive data as well as defence, technology and engineering firms’ designs were among targets, The Sun reported.

GCHQ is one of the three British intelligence agencies — the others being the Security Service (also known as MI5) and the Secret Intelligence Service (also known as MI6).

Lobham said there was “one significant (but unsuccessful) attempt to break into the Foreign Office” computers.

“We are witnessing the development of a global criminal market place where cyber dollars are traded in exchange for British citizens’ credit card details,” he said.

Cyber crime costs Britain 27 billion pounds (around USD 43 billion) a year.—Internet

Drone aircraft that can stay in air for four days set for maiden flight

London, 1 Nov—A revolutionary drone aircraft that can stay in the air for four days at 65,000 feet is set to make its maiden flight in a few days.

The Phantom Eye, made by Boeing’s secretive Phantom Works division, is powered by hydrogen and is designed to carry out surveillance and reconnaissance missions while remaining at high altitude.

It will produce only water as a by-product.

Its inaugural flight will take place at Edwards Air Force Base in California and is expected to last between four and eight hours.

“Phantom Eye is the first of its kind and could open up a whole new market in collecting data and communications,” the Daily Mail quoted Darryl Davis, president of Boeing Phantom Works, as saying. “It is a perfect example of turning an idea into a reality. It defines our rapid prototyping efforts and will demonstrate the art-of-the-possible when it comes to persistent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.”

“The capabilities inherent in Phantom Eye’s design will offer game-changing opportunities for our military, civil and commercial customers,” Davis added.—Internet

Bangladeshi women trafficked

Dubai, 1 Nov—Five Bangladeshi nationals have been sentenced to five years each in jail on charges of human trafficking, a media report said Monday.

Prosecutors said the men conspired with a travel agent in Bangladesh and flew in a 21-year-old woman to work in Dubai. But they forced her into prostitution, the Gulf News reported.

A Dubai court convicted the five men of forming a human trafficking group and selling the woman. They will be deported to Bangladesh after serving their terms.

The prosecutors said the woman was severely beaten by her captors and confined to a flat for four days because she resisted their attempts.

The men later sold her to an undercover policeman, who told them he planned to make her work as a prostitute.—Internet

Ships to carry armed guards off Somalia

London, 1 Nov—To protect against pirate attacks, British merchant ships sailing near Somalia’s coast will be allowed to carry armed guards, Prime Minister David Cameron said.

“The fact that a bunch of pirates in Somalia are managing to hold to ransom the rest of the world and our trading system, I think, is a complete insult, and so the rest of the world needs to come together with much more vigor,” Cameron said on a BBC programme.

The British broadcaster said 49 of the world’s 53 hijackings last year occurred off the coast of Somalia.

As many as 200 vessels under the British merchant navy flag regularly sail close to Somalia. The Home Office said it hoped to begin accepting shipping company licensing requests within a month, Financial Times reported.

“The Times” said companies with British-registered ships have had to deal with complicated legal and financial implications of carrying armed guards and firing on suspected attackers.

Cameron called the hijacking and ransoming of ships around the Horn of Africa “a complete stain on our world.”

Officials stressed firearms should be used only in “exceptional circumstances” and those licensed to carry armed guards would face “stringent checks” to make sure weapons were being used properly.—Internet

British official lauds relations with UAE

Abu Dhabi, 1 Nov—A top British official, who is on a visit to Abu Dhabi, has lauded the relationship Britain shares with the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Alistair Burt, minister for the Middle East and North Africa, Sunday delivered a lecture on the Arab revolutions.—Internet

The Chinese research vessel and icebreaker Xue Long, or “Snow Dragon,” arrives in the northern port of Tianjin on 31 Oct, 2011. Xue Long will leave the port on 3 Nov for a six-month Antarctic expedition, the vessel’s 28th voyage since 1984.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 29 Oct, 2011 shows the Kangding Airport in Kangding County, Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. At an altitude of 4,280 metres above sea level, the Kangding Airport is the world’s second highest airport after the Bungla Airport in Tibet’s Chando Prefecture.—Xinhua

Tourists listen to WA Mozart’s work at his house in Salzburg, Austria, on 27 Oct, 2011. Xinhua

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Wine snob ghost ‘haunting pub’

BIRMINGHAM, 1 Nov — A “wine snob” ghost is lurking in the cellar of a pub making its feelings known about the house wine, it has been claimed.

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Designers inspired by the past

BEIJING, 1 Nov — Haute couture mixing traditional Chinese touches and styles from more than 1,000 years ago with Western designs opened China Fashion Week as the world’s fastest-growing market for luxury products catches the eyes of more designers.

Models showed off a wide range of long gowns in bright colors, some featuring traditional Chinese embroidery and replicas of attire from the Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907), from NE TIGER, China’s oldest luxury brand. “The haute couture industry in China is developing vigorously without any signs of slowing down. This is above my expectation,” said Zhang Zhifeng, who founded the brand 19 years ago.

“I thought my haute couture would live only with a small group of people, but now it is expanding very quickly. Consumers have become increasingly fond of Chinese traditional culture,” Zhang said he wanted the Spring/Summer 2012 collection “Tang, Jing” to highlight Tang culture for the 500-strong audience at the show on Wednesday, the start of the 10-day Fashion Week, which NE TIGER has opened for the last decade.

Boeing lease space shuttle hangar

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Boeing is to announce plans to lease the hangar that housed the space shut- tles to build similar crafts that will bring people and cargo to space. Governor Rick Scott’s office and President Barack Obama’s administration confirmed plans for the announcement between Space Florida, the state’s space agency, and Boeing.

The deal will create 140 jobs over the next 18 months and $50 jobs by 2015 in an area that has lost jobs as the space shuttle programme was retired earlier this year.

The reusable space capsules will be able to bring up to seven people into space. Currently, the United States does not have a way to transport people or cargo to the International Space Station.

Hundreds of sheep are driven along Alcala street during an annual parade in Madrid.

Shepherds drive flocks through city

MADRID, 1 Nov — Spanish shepherds have led flocks of sheep through the streets of Madrid in defence of ancient grazing, migration and droving rights threatened by urban sprawl and man-made frontiers. Jesus Garzon, president of the shepherds council established in 1273, said 5,000 sheep and 60 cattle crossed the city on Sunday to exercise the right to droving routes that existed before Madrid grew from a rural hamlet to the capital city it is today.

Following an age-old tradition, a chief herdsman paid 25 maravedis — coins first minted in the 11th century — to use the routes that existed before Madrid grew from a rural hamlet to the capital city it is today.

Scientists are just beginning to understand bone-eating “zombie worms”...

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Fossil feast for ‘zombie worms’

LONDON, 1 Nov — Traces of bone-eating “zombie worms” have been found in a three-million-year-old fossil from Italy, say researchers. Osedax worms feed on whale skeletons on the seabed using root-like tissues to bore into and dissolve the bones. Scientists from the Natural History Museum in London identified telltale borings in the fossil using a scanner.

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Two arrested in pizza war arson

Two managers at a Lake City, Fla., Domino’s Pizza restaurant were charged with arson after allegedly torching a Papa John’s Pizza location, police said.

Lake City police arrested Domino’s manager Sean Everett Davidson, 23, Thursday for the 20 Oct fire, the Ocala (Fla) Star-Banner reported. The second manager, Bryan David Sullivan, 22, was arrested Friday after being questioned by police.

Police allege the two confessed to the crime and their motive was that their Domino’s location would receive more business if the Papa John’s Pizza restaurant was put out of business.

The fire was discovered early on 20 Oct, police said. By the time it was brought under control, the establishment had been gutted. During an interview with police, the suspects allegedly told police they made an ignition device by using a clock, a 9-volt battery, a golf-ball-size amount of gunpowder and a plastic bag.

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James Cameron unveils first scenes from Titanic 3D

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—James Cameron screened the first preview of the much-anticipated Titanic 3D, at Paramount Studios, Hollywood.

On the occasion of screening the 18 minutes footage of the 1997 blockbuster’s 3D version, Cameron revealed that he considers 3D to be an enhancement even for just normal, narrative scenes. “I firmly believe that 3D is an enhancement even for just normal, narrative scenes, not necessarily the action scenes,” Sky News quoted Cameron as saying.

“This is a film that many people have seen, obviously, sometimes multiple times, but there is a whole generation of people who haven’t seen it in theaters.”

“I love the 3D, I think it’s spectacular. If I had had 3D cameras at the time, if there had been 3D theatres at the time, I would have certainly shot the film in 3D,” he added.

The film is slated for April 2012 release.

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Passengers stage UK plane sit-in

About 100 passengers refused to leave a grounded charter flight in Britain for several hours, police said. West Midlands Police sent officers aboard the aircraft at Birmingham Airport to “make sure it didn’t get out of hand,” a police spokesman told the BBC.

The Viking Hellas charter to Greece was supposed to leave a week ago, but was rescheduled to Friday. Then there was some sort of problem that prevented the plane from taking off again. Police said the passengers refused to deplane after a four-hour delay and remained defiantly in their seats for another seven hours before giving up and returning to town by bus. Passengers said there was no food or air-conditioning during the sit-in.
Fresh blow for Gerrard

Kenny Dalglish says Gerrard has an infection in his ankle

LIVERPOOL, 1 Nov — Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard could be out for a month after needing to have fluid drained from his ankle. Gerrard, who has been on the comeback trail after six months out with a groin problem, suffered a cut on his ankle in training last week. He travelled to the Midlands ahead of Saturday’s match with West Bromwich Albion but the injury became infected and he was forced to return to Merseyside.

The 31-year-old midfielder was photographed leaving hospital on crutches after having the fluid drained on Sunday and must be doubtful for England’s upcoming matches with Spain and Sweden, and key Barclays Premier League encounters with Chelsea and Manchester City which follow. Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said after the win over West Brom: “Will Steven be fit for England v Spain? I haven’t got a clue. “It’s nothing to do with any injuries before, it’s an infection. He was in our minds for the game and it just flared up. I suppose it’s like having an abscess on your mouth.”

AC Milan’s Gianluca Zambrotta: Antonio Cassano’s situation is ‘under control’

MIlan, 1 Nov — AC Milan defender Gianluca Zambrotta has said that he has been in touch with his teammate Antonio Cassano and that the forward “seems fine”. Cassano fell ill following the Italian champions’ return from Rome on Saturday night after their 3-2 victory over Romain Serie A and has been in the hospital since. The exact nature of the Italian international’s problem is yet to be confirmed by Milan, which has, however, dismissed suggestions that he suffered a stroke.

The 29-year-old will miss the Rossoneri’s Champions League Group H clash against BATE Borisov in Minsk on Tuesday, but Zambrotta claims that Cassano is recovering well.

Dzeko: United still title favourites

MancHester, 1 Nov — Manchester City’s Edin Dzeko insists rivals Manchester United are favourites to win the Barclays Premier League. City have been made bookmakers’ favourites for the championship after opening up a five-point lead over United at the top of the table. Roberto Mancini’s men proved their title credentials with their stunning 6-1 win at West Brom last weekend, but striker Dzeko insists their neighbours remain the team to beat.

“My dream is to win the Premier League title,” admitted Dzeko. “After we won the FA Cup last season, this is our target. But there are still a lot of games to play. “We’ve played 10 games and we have five more points than United, and for me they are still favourites for the title. “We’re growing up every game, but United are United. “Nine points ahead of Chelsea after 10 games is fantastic. Nobody expected that but nothing is finished. It’s not just between us and Man Utd.”

Charlton helping Rooney control temper on pitch

London, 1 Nov — Manchester United great Bobby Charlton has been advising Wayne Rooney on how to curb his fiery temper on the pitch. The burley striker will miss the entire group stage of the 2012 European Championship after receiving a three-game ban for kicking a player during England’s last qualifier against Montenegro.

“I’ve known Wayne a long time and I’ve spoken to him a lot,” Charlton told the Mail on Sunday. “He’s the sort of lad who likes to be told if he’s made a mistake.”

Federer easily reaches Starace at Swiss Indoors

Basel, 1 Nov — Roger Federer made a winning return from a six-week break, beating Potito Starace of Italy 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the first round of his hometown Swiss Indoors event on Monday. The fourth-ranked Federer took time to find the rhythm in his ground strokes, and saved a break point at 5-all before winning the first set tiebreaker.

The 30-year-old Swiss then broke the 54th-ranked Starace’s serve in the opening game of the second. Federer last played on 18 September in a Davis Cup match on grass in Australia where he beat Bernard Tomic in four sets. After opting to rest and recharge, Federer played his first match ranked outside the top three since winning the 2003 Wim- bledon title as the No 5. Federer easily beat Starace at Swiss Indoors

Fit-again Djokovic asks for time to find top form

Novak Djokovic

BASel, 1 Nov — Novak Djokovic says he needs time to regain his form after a season in which he won three majors was cut short because of back injury that sidelined him six weeks.

The top-ranked Serb resumes play at the Swiss Indoors with a 6-4-1 record this year. A muscle injury forced him to retire from a Davis Cup singles semifinal against Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina on 18 September.

Davydenko beats 5th-seeded Simon in Valencia

Valencia, 1 Nov — Nikolay Davydenko beat fifth-seeded Gilles Simon 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 on Monday in the first round of the Valencia Open.

Davydenko controlled the match at the City of Arts and Sciences despite dropping the second set. The 36th-ranked Russian rallied in the decisive set with a forehand winner for a break point and 2-1 lead. Davydenko saved a break point through a drop shot in the sixth game before breaking Simon for the fourth time in the match to secure a second victory in seven meetings against the 12th-ranked Simon.

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Do or die for Valencia in Champions League

MADRID, 1 Nov — Valencia Football Club know they can’t afford any mistakes when they entertain German side Bayer Leverkusen in the UEFA Champions League on Tuesday night. Valencia were beaten in Germany a fortnight ago and so far have only two points to show from their first three matches in the group stage.

With Chelsea clear leaders in their qualifying group, another defeat to the side that looks like their main rival for a place in the last 16 of the competition would leave Unai Emery’s side needing a miracle to reach the knockout phase of the tournament. —Xinhua

Hungarian soccer legend

Florian Albert dies, aged 70

Budapest, 1 Nov — Hungarian soccer great Florian Albert died on Monday in a hospital in Budapest at the age of 70, after undergoing heart surgery on Friday.

During an illustrious career, Albert played 75 times for Hungary scoring 35 goals. He also scored 255 times in 351 league appearances for Ferencvaros, with whom he won the Inter-Cities Fair Cup in 1965.

Albert was the attac- king playmaker of the exciting Hungarian side of the 1960s which reached consecutive World Cup quarterfinals in 1962 and 1966. Albert finished as top scorer in the 1962 finals in Chile.

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**Weather forecast for 2nd November, 2011**

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**Radium ‘likely cause’ of Tokyo radiation hotspot**

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Tokyo, 1 Nov — Japanese authorities believe radium was to blame for a radiation hotspot at a Tokyo supermarket, a local city office said on Tuesday, in another scare for a nation still on edge over Fukushima.

**Workmen**

Workers wearing protective suits and goggles drilled into the asphalt at one of the two hotspots where inspectors last week detected alarming levels of radiation — up to 10 microsieverts per hour — one metre (three feet) above the surface of the ground.

Despite public worries about how far contamination has spread from the crippled Fukushima atomic power plant, authorities believe radium—a substance not released in the disaster — is likely the cause of the hotspots, the city office said.

“The science and technology ministry said it is highly possible that radium 226 is the source of radiation,” the Setagaya ward office said in a statement.

“The ministry also said this case is not linked to the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant,” it said, adding inspectors plan to continue investigating the hotspots over the next two weeks.

The radiation levels of the hotspots are much higher than the 20 millisieverts per year government threshold that would prompt evacuation, though no evacuation was required as the contamination was highly localised.

The statement gave no indication of the source of the radium.

Internet
Pyithu Hluttaw session continues for 44th day
One proposal submitted and nine questions answered

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 44th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building here this afternoon, with the attendance of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 379 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. One important proposal was submitted and discussed and nine questions were raised and answered.

At important proposal submission session, Secretary of Hluttaw Rights Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw in accord with Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 133 submitted the proposal to appeal against and overturn decision of sending bills approved or deemed to be approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to yet whether the bill is accorded with the Constitution if doubted before sending it to the President to sign and promulgate it as law made at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 28 October 2011 as the decision is not accorded with the Constitution and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law and Rules. He said that seeking approval of Hluttaw for sending bills approved or deemed to be

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 43rd day
Discussion of one proposal continued, one bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—The 43rd-day session of the Amyotha Hluttaw was held at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 208 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

They continued discussion of one proposal and approved one bill.

In the discussion of the proposal, U Tun Kyaw of Shan State Constituency No. 10, U Ye Myint of Bago Region Constituency No. 4, U Khet Hein Nan of Kachin State Constituency No. 1, U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12, U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State Constituency No. 2 and U Zon Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No. 2 discussed matters related to the proposal to allow establishment of mining development foundation. They said that the proposal is in conformity with the programmes on rural development and poverty alleviation being undertaken by the State. If permission is received, the foundation can contribute towards the development of the people in its bit and help improve social economic life of the national races.

Earthquake jolts 920 miles outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.5 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Sichuan Province, China) about 1700 miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 04 hrs 28 min 16 sec MST on 1st November 2011, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

Rehabilitation continues in flood-hit areas in Pakokku District

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receives Special Adviser to UNSG and Under-Secretary-General and party

Federer easily beats Starace at Swiss Indoors

Charlton helping Rooney control temperament