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Land preparation increases value of farmland

Farmland Law guarantees farmers to get loans as much as they need as value of farmland increases

NAYPYITAW, 28 Oct—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a ceremony to harvest paddy of Palethwe strain on 440 acres in Alyinglo Village in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

The President cordially greeted peasants from Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and agriculturalists from the Philippines and Thailand at the ceremony.

Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt reported on plans for transition from the conventional farming to mechanized farming system and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing on efforts for development of the agricultural sector and steps for transition to the mechanized farming system.

Afterwards, Chairman of Myanmar Agro-business public-owned corporation U Chit Khaing donated a water purifier worth K10 million to the villagers through Union Minister U Thein Nyunt.

Afterwards, General-Secretary of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Ye Min Aung reported on plans for buying paddy at the rate of K420,000 for 100 baskets of Palethwe hybrid paddy and construction of the 200-ton rice mill.

Speaking on the occasion, President U Thein Sein said the government has been making economic and political reforms while balancing the development of the economy and political stability.

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Thanks to collaborative efforts of Rakhine State government, authorities concerned, members of security force, monks and locals, situation returns to normalcy

NAYPYITAW, 28 Oct—Renewed communal violence in some townships in Rakhine State that broke out on 21 October, has been put under control on 26 and 27 October, due to immediate measures of members of Myanmar Police Force and the military, community elders and state authorities. In addition, more security forces have been deployed to the conflict areas with increased security measures.

In addition, legal actions have been taken against 1058 persons who involved in violent acts of the communal strife, from 8 June to 26 October, which undermined stability within Rakhine State.

The security forces had to disperse the mob that attempted to commit violent actions around 7 pm on 21 October in Bandoha Ward, MraukU Township. In the incident, one resident was killed under the gunshot of the mob and two offenders were arrested.

On 22 morning, villagers of Paukegon Village in MraukU Township set fire on their own houses, burning 133 houses to the ground, killing three and wounding five. Likewise, Yaingthe Village in MraukU Township came under arson attack of a mob on 23 October morning, leaving 50 houses and one religious building in ashes.

Again on 21 October night, 17 houses turned to ashes under the arson attack of a mob.

(See page 9)
Union Border Affairs Minister makes coordination on relief and resettlement works in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay held discussions on outbreak of conflicts in Rakhine State with departmental heads, UN agencies led UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam, INGOs.

The Union Minister said that the purpose of holding the coordination meeting was to provide humanitarian assistance to victims of the series of conflicts occurred in Maungdaw, Mrauk-U, Yarabe, Kyaukpyu, Paaklaw, Kyaukdaw and Yathetdaung; that officials concerned including himself and representatives of INGOs who made field trips to the conflict-stricken regions had seen real situations; that it was required to carry out relief works for the displaced victims step by step and it was necessary to make collaborative efforts to be able to restore the normal situation; that he would like to urge those present to find ways and means not only for current requirements like food, shelters and relief aids but also for a future plan; that victims still stayed at the makeshift tents as shelters pledged by UNHCR were under construction and they were unable to resume their livelihoods; that there had been more difficulties in dealing with administrative matters as relief camps were packed with those from nearby villages and those from other villages; that it was required to provide, if necessary, food to those from other villages who would be sent back to their own places according to security; that the situation in Mrauk-U was different from that of Sittway; that victims were resettled in new houses in Mrauk-U and most of them resumed their livelihoods and that completion of construction of houses pledged by UNHCR and Care Myanmar was needed.

The Union Minister said that it was required to protect the victims of ongoing conflicts as quick as possible. It can be witnessed that Tatmadaw men and members of Myanmar Police Force were stationed to protect the victims under the supervision of the region ministers in each region. He stressed the need for immediate fulfillment of the urgent requirements in conflict areas as an important point, calling on authorities concerned to protect displaced person while moving them from one place to another.

He suggested the government should put the ongoing assistance to the areas into the sight of international community in consideration of transparency.

He vowed to give a helping hand to the government and cooperate closely with the state government. He called for the local people to settle the problems, he said.

He said that the authorities will conduct a systematic investigation into the recent riots and means would be taken to provide security and stability to the region.

There might be manipulations on both sides and might be political aims behind the riots, he added.

Though the government has promised to use the best way in an attempt to assist in the situation in Rakhine State, the actions that has disrupted the peace and stability needs not to happen again, he said.

A fterwards, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay said that the recent riots jeopardized the prevalence of law and order and peace and stability and urged the two sides to settle the disputes within the legal framework.

Violence and violence cannot help them to achieve their aims and the people should not accept riots, he said.

He said that the economy of the Rakhine State would be developed if the technology and investment flows into the state as much as possible. It is required to create progammes for the local people to take charge of natural resources.

Only if the state is peaceful and stable, will the foreign investment flow into leading to the economic development of the state, he added.

The people has responsibility to build the necessary infrastructure for the future generation. As conflicts and grudges to each other can damage prospects for the future generation, the two sides should find the answer to settle the problems, he said.

The local people are urged to cooperate with the authorities for prevalence of peace and stability in the state.

The Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin said that while committees concerned are working to settle the disputes broke out in June, it was necessary to make coordination of Turkey-donated relief aids to respective relief camps, continued assistance of Turkey and urgent requirements due ongoing communal strife.

The Union Minister, the Turkish Ambassador and party went to Thekkelbyin relief camp to present relief aids and food to the displaced persons.

The Union Minister and party then went to Wagyemyawk relief camp and football stadium relief camp and donated relief aids to local people.

The local people should maintain the prevalence of peace and stability in the state as the government has been making efforts for emergences of Kyaikyu Special Zone, Sittway Industrial Ward, Ponnagyun Industrial Zone in the state.

The chief minister also called for cooperation in taking measures for peace and stability and relief and rehabilitation in the state.

He also stressed the need for systematic security system for the victims and where riots erupted. The Union Minister called on UN agencies and INGOs to give a quick help to the victims in sector-wise. He said that fully cooperation would be made by the state government for the success of relief works.

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Uniforms should be accepted to the fire victims. He suggested job creation programmes for the fire victims.

Next, personnel of such UN agencies, international organizations and NGOs as WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, ICRC, DRC and MRCS explained possible humanitarian assistance to be rendered.

The Union Minister met Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Murat Yavuz Ates and party at Rakhine State government and discussed distribution of Turkish aid.

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**Presidential race still virtually even**

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—President Barack Obama holds a narrow lead of 2 percentage points over Republican challenger Mitt Romney in Reuters/Ipsos poll results released on Saturday, leaving the race effectively tied as fewer voters say they are likely to change their minds.

Obama led Romney by 47 percent to 45 percent among likely voters, a slim margin within the daily national online tracking survey’s credibility interval.

The poll also found that 88 percent of registered voters now say they will definitely vote for their candidate, leaving just 12 percent who say they could change their minds, 10 days before Election Day on 6 November.

An average of about 15 percent said they could switch contenders in Reuters/Ipsos polling last week.

Nearly one in five - 18 percent - said they had already cast their ballots. Among those, Obama led 55 percent to 41 percent for Romney. That result is not considered predictive because more Democrats vote early than Republicans.

The survey was conducted on 23-27 October. It sampled 1,665 registered voters and 1,291 likely voters.

The precision of Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. For this survey, the credibility interval is plus or minus 2.7 percentage points for registered voters and 3.1 for likely voters. — Reuters

**Lebanon**

Lebanon PM stresses his resignation “out of question”

BEIRUT, 28 Oct — Lebanon’s Prime Minister Najib Mikati stressed on Saturday that his resignation was “out of the question”, according to the MTV channel reported.

Mikati also organized a sit-in in front of his residence in the northern city of Tripoli considering it “goes under the law and nothing can prevent me from going to my house in Tripoli whenever I want”. Following the burial of Security chief Maj General Wissam Al Hassan, angry protesters stormed the headquarters of the presidency at the Grand Serail and confronted with the security brigade in charge of protecting the official building. But later, the opposition called for a sit-in in front of the Serail and erected tents in protest against Mikati for not resigning.

Opposition supporters in Tripoli, the home city of Mikati also organized a sit-in blocking the entrance of his house. — Xinhua

**Backgrounder: Parliamentary elections in Ukraine**

Kiev, 28 Oct—Ukraine will hold parliamentary elections on Sunday with a total of 22 parties expected to contest in the polls, according to the Central Elections Commission (CEC).

As the supreme legislative body in the country, the Ukrainian parliament, or Verkhovna Rada, has 450 seats with a five-year term. Its last elections were held in 2007.

Sunday’s elections will see some changes as Ukrainians will vote under a mixed election system. A total of 225 lawmakers will be elected via a party-list system, in which the voter casts a ballot for a party which presents a list of candidates, while the remaining 225 seats will be elected directly from individual candidates in electoral districts.

In the party-list voting, parliament’s threshold will be raised from 3 to 5 percent of the total ballot.

In the individual races, a candidate with the most votes but no less than 30 percent of the total votes wins a seat.

According to pre-election surveys, at least four parties will obtain over 5 percent of the total ballot and win seats in the parliament, including incumbent President Viktor Yanukovych’s ruling Party of Regions, the United Opposition or “Fatherland” Party of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, the “Punch” Party led by heavyweight boxing champion Vitaly Klitschko and the Ukrainian Communist Party.

In addition, the National Patriotic Party “Freedom” and “Ukraine-Go forward” parties also have chances to get seats in the next parliament.

Ukraine’s population of some 46 million and around 36.6 million voters are expected to cast their ballots during the elections.

According to the CEC, the poll will open at 8:00 am local time (0600 GMT) and close at 8:00 pm (1800 GMT). There will be over 33,000 polling stations in Ukraine and 14 overseas stations in 77 countries and regions.

Meanwhile, the elections were monitored by about 3,800 international observers and some 240,000 local observers.

— Reuters

**Senior Chinese political advisor meets Moldovan leaders on ties**

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA, 28 Oct — A delegation of China’s top political advisory body met here Friday with Moldovan President Nicolae Timofti and Parliament Speaker Marian Lupu respectively on ways to push bilateral cooperation to a new level.

Zhang Rongming, the vice chairman of the National Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) who led the delegation, said during the talks that relations between China and Moldova have witnessed steady and healthy development since the two countries established diplomatic ties 20 years ago.

The two sides have maintained frequent high-level exchanges, with political mutual trust continuously enhanced and bilateral cooperation in various areas increasingly broadened, she said, adding that the two countries have also kept close cooperation on international affairs and supported each other on major issues of common concern.

China would like to join hands with Moldova to take the opportunity of the 20th anniversary to continue to deepen political mutual trust, broaden mutually beneficial cooperation and consolidate traditional friendship, Zhang said — Xinhua

**Berlusconi says to stay in politics after tax fraud verdict**

Milan, Italy, 28 Oct— Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said on Saturday that he felt obliged to leave politics after “judges have plunged into a person endowed with a natural tendency to criminal acts, which I do not tolerate anymore.”

He confirmed that he would not stand for prime minister again, but said he had changed his recent plans to leave politics after judges in Milan have defined me a person endowed with a natural tendency to criminal acts, which I do not tolerate anymore.

A Milan court on Friday sentenced Berlusconi to four years in jail and banned him from holding public office for five years. The sentence is definitive until all appeals are exhausted.

Berlusconi, who has faced a number of trials, said he was being persecuted by left-leaning judges in a country which is being governed by “politicianized magistrates.”

He said he wanted to “reform the justice system” so that what happened to him will not happen to other citizens.

The 76-year-old media tycoon said his center-right People of Freedom (PDL) party would propose an alternative plan to the austerity they have plunged into.

In this view, an economy with very solid fundamentals as the Italian one should not have merely followed the path of austerity which triggered a “painful recession” and started a “downward spiral.”

Therefore, he will remain the president of his political movement and continue to work actively together with his colleagues “in order to participate in the modernization and change of the country.”— Xinhua

**Photo taken on 27 Oct, 2012 shows the autumn scenery around the Issyk-Kul lake in Kyrgyzstan. — Xinhua**
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Health

Landmark Medicare settlement could change lives

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 — A landmark Medicare settlement could change the lives of women who smoked before middle age and are now suffering from heart disease.

The settlement, announced this week, is expected to transform the way Medicare covers long-term care. It requires regular skilled nursing services in a hospital setting.

This week, is expected to shorten the four-hour limit for Medicare coverage for skilled nursing care in a hospital setting. It also covers skilled home healthcare — like physical therapy or nursing services — if a physician has certified that it is necessary.

The settlement also includes a below-the-knee amputation stemming from diabetes. "But it’s been an interesting, full life," she says. "I have four children."

Slope of Alaska, officials say. "I have four children."

The US Army Corps of Engineers has been making progress on the Point Thomson field project, which is expected to begin production in 2017.

Anchorage, Alaska.

EXXON gets key permit for Alaska's Point Thomson field

Exxon has been granted a key permit by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources for the construction of a pipeline and facilities.

The pipeline will connect Point Thomson to the existing Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

The permit allows Exxon to begin construction on the pipeline and facilities.

Business

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Alaska has received the key permit needed to proceed with the construction of a pipeline and facilities.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has granted Exxon a wetlands-fill permit for construction of drill pads, roads, an access pipeline, and other facilities needed for production at the Point Thomson field.

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**Yezagyo sees winter crops output growth**

**Yezagyo, 28 Oct** — With the thriving winter crops plantations, edible oil crop output is not only sufficient for local consumption but also in surplus in Yezagyo Township. During the winter crops cultivation season for 2012-13 fiscal year, a total of 2,765 acres were put into monsoon groundnut plantation, 19,326 acres into winter groundnut plantation, 4,912 acres in monsoon sesame plantation and 6,916 acres in winter sesame plantation. Thanks to a good rainfall in late monsoon period, winter sesame plantations are thriving in the township. Kyemon

**Motorbike at speed goes straight to bridge**

**Yedashe, 28 Oct** — A fatal incident occurred at a place on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw expressway between mile post Nos (168/5) and (168/6) on 22 October morning. A motorbike drove at speed by Tun Myat Hlaing (36 years) accompanied by Win Soe (30 years) on the passenger seat hit the Kanbe bridge after skidding out of control. Both of them were killed in the accident. Thagara Police Station filed this case. Kyemon

**Buddhism Course for basic education teachers**

**Yangon, 28 Oct** — Chairman of the association U Hla Myo said that the purpose of organizing this course was to propagate the fundamentals of Buddhism, spreading it to schoolchildren through teachers and to open Sunday Dhamma School.

The course for 250 basic education teachers will be opened at No (1) Basic Education High School in the township.

The best papers on respective fields will be awarded on 27 October. Kyemon

**Log, sawn timber seized in Kani Township**

**Monywa, 28 Oct** — A total of 86,0576 tons of logs and sawn woods were seized in Kani Township, Monywa District of Sagaing Region during the period from 17 to 19 October.

Under the supervision of Director U Soe Win-3 of Sagaing Region Forest Department, a team led by Head of Office U Thaing launched an operation against illegal timber extraction in the township. During the operation, U Khin Maung Ngwe of Malaarchan ward of Yezagyo of Magway Region was arrested in possession of illegal logs — 13 Thityar logs and one Ingyn log — at the beach of Chindwin River near Aayar village in the township, and 114 logs and 15.5 tons of sawn woods near Bayar village and Yar village in Minkin Township of Kalay District. 191 logs near Tawthit village and five tons of sawn woods near T on village were seized. Actions are being taken in accordance with the laws. — Kyemon

**Myanmar Garment Industry generates more income**

**Yangon, 28 Oct** — Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association is providing necessary assistance to the nation’s garment industry which is operating under the CMP system that makes enormous demands on skillful workers.

**Technological assistance and investments of Japan and seminars**

For the development of Myanmar Garment Industry, JETRO opened in M yangmar conducts courses in which Japanese experts provide techniques for ensuring high productivity, improving quality of products that can win the market share in Japan and minimizing loss and wastage.

It’s learnt that the Myanmar Garment Industry had an income of around $ 498.6 million during 2011-12 fiscal year. — Kyemon

**Paper-reading session held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Oct** — with its aim of conducting and giving guidance on research works which will benefit the country and nurturing arts and sciences scholars, the executive committee of Myanmar Arts and Science Academy organized its 12th paper-reading session at Yangon University on 24 October morning.

A total of 62 papers on arts, 125 papers on science, five papers on economics, three papers on law, 15 papers on linguistics and nine papers on teaching were read out by resource persons at designated places in the university.

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**Crash involved three cars occurs on Strand Road**

**Yangon, 28 Oct** — Three cars involved in a crash near Thegwin bus-stop on Strand Road in Zaykala Ward in Kyimyindaing Township at 8.40 am on October 25.

A Hilux driven by U Myo Win Latt from north to south ran into the back of a car driven by U Than Hlaing and collided with a container driven by U Than Hlaing from south to north after skidding out of his lane.

Two men and six women on the Hilux were injured in the accident and they were sent to Yangon People’s Hospital.

Shopkeepers said road accidents occur frequently at the place. “It is difficult to drive on the road were bowser and 10-wheeled and 12-wheeled containers stopped on both sides of the road before and after filling fuel at the yard”, a taxi driver said.

Myanmar Alinn

**Risk reduction course concludes**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Oct** — A ceremony to conclude Risk Reduction Course and seminar was held at the office of Dawei Fire Department on 26 October.

Taninthayi Region Social Affairs Minister U Win Swe delivered an address at the closing ceremony and presented certificates of honour to trainees.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**35th Pavarana of Shwephonepint Pagoda on 30 October**

**Yangon, 28 Oct**—The Shwephonepint Pagoda Board of Trustees will organize the 35th Pavarana Ceremony at 3 pm on 30 October.

"Pavarana is also called the conclusion of retreat. At the ceremony, members of the Sangha apologize to other another for their mistakes. The Pavarana ceremony of the Buddhism had started for about 2600 years and it is the best deed of Buddhism," said the chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Myanma Alinn

**Shrimps released into lake for local food sufficiency**

**Yangon, 28 Oct**—Ingyeey Lake in Kyayow Township of Ayeawady Region is one of the marine product sources for production of fish and prawn. It's the largest lake in Pathein District. The lake is seven nautical square miles.

The lake produces 0.25 million viss of fish and prawn annually. To avoid depletion of fish species, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Kyaw Soe and staff in cooperation with Kyunthaya Fish Cooperative Society released 316,800 fry shrimps into the lake on 23 October.

"We release fish and prawn into the lake as it is reliable not only for the region but also for nation. Last month, we released fingerlings worth K 18 million. Now, we released fresh water prawn into the lake," said an official.

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**Motorboat sinks in Myanmya River**

**Myanmya, 28 Oct**—Toe Tet Aung motorboat driven by Thein Zaw Oo, 25, from Myanmya- Yanma lain-Ngayabo route sank in Myanmya River at 8 am on 27 October due to breakdown of its keel after departing Myanmya jetty last five minutes.

As soon as the motorboat had sunk, other motorboats saved all the passengers without casualty.

The motorboat was loaded with 40 bags of rice, 30 bags of bran and four barrels of fuel in addition to 30 passengers. Officials gave words of encouragement to the passengers and arranged transport of their destinations.

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The squad seized notes used in betting, K 65,000 and one U S$ 5 note.

The two were bankers for those who bet in foreign football matches through TV programmes.

Taungsun Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against two bankers under section 13(a), 14(a) and 16(a) of the Gambling Act.—MN

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**Yangon, 28 Oct**—Organized by Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation of Ministry of Sports, the Myanmar traditional boxing challenge, managed by Myanma Media Group, will be held at Aungmye Mandalay Gymnasium in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay at 6 pm on 2 November.

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The match between Iranian M asut and M andalay dweller Po Kay is the first meet in the challenge.

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**Myanmar to take part in Thai Track & Field Championship**

**Yangon, 28 Oct**—Myanmar Track and Field Team which is making preparations for taking part in the XXVIII SEA Games will participate in the Thai Track & Field Championship.

The championship will be held from 2 to 5 November. Myanmar team will comprise 11 players headed by Manager Daw Khin Nyo (Myanmar Track and Field Federation) together with Coaches U Than Myint Swe (Sports and Physical Education Department) and U Kyaw Swa Moe (YCDC).

The athletes are Yin Yin Hlaing (400-m), Myint M yint Wa (long jump, triple jump), Than Than Soe (20km walk race), Kay Kaing Lwin (200-m), Kyaw Zaw Oo (20km walk race), Soe Moe Win (400-m hurdle), Tun Lat (Decathlon), Moe Win (400-m hurdle), etc.

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Melodious voice

Food and shelter are the priority requirements for any human community setting in any place. The community then gradually develops its culture and standard including costumes, family values, and faith. Later, human civilization involving language, literature and other fields of arts evolves territorial-wise based on topographical features. Like other human races, the brethren of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have already possessed own characteristics emerged through cultural evolution.

The wall paintings of Pyadalin Cave in Ywangan region, Shan State, bear witness to the flourishing of Early Stone Age Civilization in Myanmar. First, people set up city states, and built religious edifices including pagodas and statues. They then composed poems based on their faith. These poems were the platform from which performing arts flourishes in all parts of Myanmar. We have firm evidence in the excavations, or in the literature that today’s flourishing performing arts stemmed from these poems.

Today the world sees technological advancement and material development every single minute at breakneck speed. Now is the time that the entire national people of the Union must constantly monitor and mend in order that the national traditional cultural heritage and the national values of such heritage are not adversely affected by those technologies and materials.

Among basic factors to be taken into consideration for long existence and propagation of Myanmar arts, ensuring further development and peace and stability through mutual understandings and unity is the duty of all our national brethren. Fine art is a melodious voice of the country. Only when the country sees peace, prosperity and stability, would melodious voice be heard across the country.

Speaker of Polish Senate and party back home

YANGON, 28 Oct— A delegation led by Speaker of Polish Senate Mr. Bogdan Borusewicz from the Republic of Poland left here by air this morning. They were seen off by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Roads are improved. Bridges are magnificent. And what’s next to get better?

Preparation so that irrigation water can reach their farmland, he said.

He assured officials concerned to learn the factors causing low production of rice in Myanmar and to take measures for boosting production rice as the rice production rate of Myanmar is lower than that of neighbouring country Thailand and Vietnam.

To achieve the three-fold increase in the GDP when the government is tight with its budget.

He assured that double and triple cropping system can create job opportunities for daily-waged farming labourers.

Factories in the industrial sector would also create job opportunities for the people, improving the socio-economy of the people.

He urged farmers to harvest so that they can invest in the second harvest and to abstain from drugs and gambling.

He continued to say that the milk and dairy products factories should be established across the country from the health point of view and food security.

He also urged the farmers to conduct livestock breeding while growing crops to earn high income. Afterwards, the President inspected the acres of Paletwe hybrid paddy.

The President also viewed the rice, oil crops and peas and pulses exhibited at the ceremony and gave instructions on the farming sector.

The President and party also visited the agricultural products and seeds booth jointly setup by Shwethanlwin Company and CETC Co Ltd at Chaing Village in Dedhiniathiri Township and viewed farming machinery.
Rapid completion of infrastructural... (from page 16)

by ensuring participation of all concerned in political developments on the common ground setting aside differences to settle the disagreement and argument along the course of history due to different ideological beliefs, racism and regionalism.

Agriculture, the long-existed core industry of the nation, alone is incapable of socio-economic development, but industrialization can, stressed the Vice-President who described establishment of special economic zones as a way of acquiring investment required for industrialization process. He called for making effective use of natural resources and favourable land and climate. He pushed for rapid completion of infrastructural construction to invite larger foreign investment to penetrate into global market.

The special economic zone project, said the Vice-President, on its completion would create jobs, better education, and health care with prospects for higher living standard. He quoted the instruction of the President demanding not to pose threat to interests of own national people, national image, sovereignty of the State and ecological balance in inviting foreign investment.

The Vice-President heard reports on progress of the project along with measures against environmental degradation and social security for local people within project area, as well as difficulties of resettlement of villages, compensation scheme, land utilization and current sea transportation.

The Vice-President then viewed small-scale industrial establishments and houses for local people.

Thanks to collaborative efforts of Rakhine State... (from page 1)

On 22 October morning and afternoon, 150 houses in Thayeok Village and 200 houses in Aungdang Village in M’ibya Township fell victims of the arson attack of mobs.

On 22 October evening, security forces had to deter a large rampant mob from approaching to Ngayag Village in M’ibya Township. In the incident, two rioters were killed.

Thada Village in M’ibya Township came under arson attack of a mob on 24 October evening, leaving 108 houses in ashes. The mob again set fire on Sinohdan Village in the evening. In the incident, 64 houses and one rice mill were burnt to ground, forcing security forces to disperse the mob.

Samale Village in M’ibya Township met the same fate the same evening, losing 100 houses and two religious buildings.

While the security forces were trying to stop a mob from destroying a house in Zaybaing Ward in M’ibya Township on 23 October evening, a resident set fire on own house, turning 10 houses to ashes.

While a mob was setting fire on houses in Taungbw Ward in M’ibya Township on 23 October midnight, the residents put ablaze their own houses, leaving 269 houses, four religious buildings and three rice mills on urban wards in ashes, killing four and wounding 14.

The security forces had to disperse the mobs that set fire on Ayanishi Ward on 22 October evening and Peikseik Ward following night in Kyaukpyu Township. In the attacks, 69 houses were burnt to ground, two killed and 28 wounded.

Again, riots occurred in Aunakpaing Ward and Taunggyin Village-tract on 24 October morning, forcing security forces to disperse the mobs.

Pyinphyume Village came under arson attacks on a mob the same morning, leaving 20 houses in ashes.

Peikseik Ward saw two arson attacks the same day, losing 50 houses in the morning and 693 houses in the evening.

The security forces had to take control of the attempts of mobs in Aunakpaing Ward and Thanpanchaung Ward in Kyaukpyu Township on 25 October.

Two men were killed and one wounded in the mob attacks at extended ward of Taunggyin village tract in Kyaukpyu Township.

Due to arson attacks at Lathsaungkauk Village at 6.10 am in Kyauktaw Township, 18 houses were burnt down. The situation returned to normal at 6.45 am due to the efforts of members of security forces. In the incident, 44 percussion lock firearms were seized and some people who held the firearm were put in detention.

Security forces dealt with arson attacks at Lathsaungkauk village in Kyauktaw Township at 6.30 am. In the incident, seven percussion lock firearms were seized.

A total of 133 houses and one religious building were set ablaze by a mob at east ward of Pauktaw Township 2 pm on 25 October and 183 houses and religious building were burnt down at Bawanchawgwasu.

As villagers of M’inthapha village in Pauktaw Township set fire on their own houses at 8.30 am on 26 October, 74 houses and one religious building were destroyed.

Due to terrorist acts of mob at 5.00 pm, one house and a boat were damaged.

Due to riots and violence occurred from 21 to 27 October in Rakhine State, 2950 houses, 14 religious buildings and eight rice mills were burnt down and 84 people were killed and 129 injured.

Thanksto collaborative efforts of Rakhine State government and authorities concerned and members of security force and the monks and locals, the situation returned to normalcy.

In order to avoid conflicts from occurring again, security measures were tightened and members of security force reinforced. Relief and rehabilitation works are being carried out for displaced victims of riots and violence.

Monday, 29 October, 2012
UN Grants Republic of Congo to 8 m USD for national forest programme

Brazzaville, 28 Oct—The Republic of Congo and the United Nations (UN) on Friday signed an 8 million USD agreement for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), an official source in Brazzaville has said.

The 2012-2015 program will be funded by the Congolese government which will contribute 600,000 dollars, the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) which will contribute 3.4 million dollars and the UN-REDD which will contribute 4 million dollars.

The UN-REDD will provide both technical and financial support to this national REDD Program for a three-year period.

The UN-REDD agreement covers the organization, dialogue, strategic analysis and technical management of the REDD mechanism.

The programme was signed by Congolese Forestry Minister Henri Djombo, the representative of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Congo, Dieudonné Koguyaga, as well as the deputy representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Congo, Elói Kouadio.

The Republic of Congo boasts forests of 22 million hectares, covering two thirds of the Central African country’s total surface area of 342,000 square km.

Sino-Dutch cooperation focuses on green economy

The Hague, 28 Oct—To mark the 40th anniversary of Sino-Dutch diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, a seminar on the theme “doing business in green economies” kicked off in the parliament building of South Holland Province on Thursday.

The seminar, which was organized by the European Investment Council (EIC) and the Dutch Chinese Young Entrepreneurs, called on more attention of sustainable development while the bilateral economic cooperation expanded very quickly in recent years.

The theme why we want to use ‘green economies’ is about the future. The Netherlands is very strong in sustainability,” Nico Leenders, Vice Chairman of EIC told Xinhua. “I think there are a lot of opportunities in trade, tourism and cultural cooperation with China that both countries can cooperate for better development in sustainability,”

The Hague, 28 Oct—A Mario game fan decorates the windows, celebrating the award ceremony at the Sculpture Park in Wuhan City, east China’s Hubei Province, 27 Oct 2012.—Xinhua

Support for Scotland’s independence put at 29 percent

Edinburgh, 28 Oct—Support for Scotland’s independence was put at 29 percent while more than half of voters support keeping Scotland in the UK, shows a new poll.

There was out of the YouGov survey, published by the Courier newspaper, the opposition to Scotland’s independence at 55 percent, while the findings are broadly in line with two other polls this month from different organizations, the online Herald Scotland and reported on Friday.

More than 1,000 people in Scotland took part in the survey conducted by YouGov, a global market research organization, after the Scottish National Party (SNP)’s autumn conference was held more than one week ago in Perth, a major city in east Scotland.

On the Scottish government’s preferred question “Do you agree that Scotland should be an independent country?”, 14 percent’s response are undecided, while 54 percent to 39 percent among those who are aware of the campaigns, think Yes Scotland demonstrates the best evidence to support its case, compared with 32 percent for Better Together, said the report.

Earlier, two different poll findings separately suggested support for independence stands at 30 percent compared with 58 percent for the Union, and a 28 percent support with a 53 percent opposition.

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Two girls take pictures of a sculpture at the Sculpture Park in Wuhan City, east China’s Hubei Province. A chinaware museum, which is under construction, is expected to open to visitors in the first half of 2013, displaying many pieces of precious chinaware from ancient China’s Yuan Dynasty.—Xinhua
Two Malaysians arrested in Lebanon for terrorists link

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Oct — Two Malaysians were arrested in Lebanon for allegedly linked to Al-Qaeda, diplomats said on Saturday.

The two suspects, aged 21 and 28 respectively, were detained by the Lebanese authorities at the Beruit International Airport, reported Bernama, Malaysia’s official news agency.

The duo were arrested several days ago for suspected links to Al-Qaeda and would be brought to court on Monday, said K aruppannan, Malaysian Ambassador to Lebanon.

Lebanese media reported earlier this week that the two were nabbed by the army’s intelligence unit for allegedly being the members of the terrorists organization.

Investigations showed they were recruited by another Malaysian, and had tried to enter Syria via Turkey to carry out attacks on several targets, mostly US objects in Indonesia.

The arrests were conducted in four cities in Java, National Police Spokesperson Suhardi Alius said. “Those suspects were arrested in Madiun, Solo, Bogor and Jakarta,” Suhardi told a Press conference.

He said that based on the interrogation, the targets included US embassy in Jakarta, US consulate general in Surabaya, US mining firm’s office, Australian Embassy in Jakarta and police mobile brigade headquarters.

He added that the anti-terror squad also confiscates in terrorist hideouts high explosive bomb and bomb assembling manual book.

Death toll of tropical storm surges to 27 in Philippines

MANILA, 28 Oct — Tropical storm Son-Tinh (local name Ofel) has left the Philippines with 27 people dead, nine missing, and 19 injured, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said on Saturday.

In its latest report released on Saturday evening, the state agency said of the 27 victims died in the storm, 15 people were killed by drowning. 5 died after they were hit by fallen trees, and the others were killed in various accidents such as electrocution and landslides.

A round 14,700 families or about 66,800 people were affected by the storm and of them, some 3,400 families or 15,200 individuals were staying in 97 evacuation centres. NDRRMC said, adding that three provinces in northern Philippines were still flooded.

Authorities have pegged the cost of damage by the weather disturbance at around 55.34 million pesos (about 1.34 million US dollars).— Xinhua

Chines e Culture Week opens in Armenia

YEREVAN, 28 Oct — A Chinese Culture Week was launched on Saturday in Yerevan in a bid to further enhance bilateral cooperation.

Hansheng, an art troupe from the Southern China city of Zhuhai, will give concerts in Yerevan and Gyumri during the Chinese Culture Week, which coincides with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Armenia.

A Chinese art exhibition also will be held at the National Art Gallery of Armenia.

China held an Armenian Culture Week in 2011, during which the two sides signed a 2012-2016 programme of cooperation in the field of culture.— Xinhua

Seven die, 42 injured in bus accident in C. Philippines

MANILA, 28 Oct — Seven people has died and 42 others injured when a passenger bus bumped with a concrete fence in Toledo City in central Philippines Cebu Province, police said Sunday.

Samuel Trocio from the city police said the accident happened at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday when the bus was on the way to Pinaungajan town in Cebu. "It malfunctioned and rammed into the fence of a residential house," Trocio said.

The injured passengers were taken to the Toledo City Hospital and Carmen Copper Hospital. The bus driver, 40, were among those injured.— Xinhua

Hospitals and schools rebuilt in quake-hit Yushu

YUSHU, 28 Oct — Schools and hospitals have been reconstructed in northwest China’s Yushu Prefecture after a devastating earthquake hit the area in 2010.

A total of 44 schools and 53 hospitals have been rebuilt in the Tibetan autonomous prefecture in Qinghai Province, at a cost of 2.8 billion yuan (484 million US dollars), local government said in a statement on Saturday. The statement was made after the People’s Hospital of Yushu Prefecture, the last in the project, opened.

By the end of September, construction of all 16,710 residences for farmers and herdsmen in Yushu has been completed. Construction on all the 22,439 houses for urban residents has started, the statement said.

A 7.1-magnitude earthquake jolted Yushu on 14 April, 2010, taking 2,698 lives and injuring over 12,000 people.
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The 22-year-old singer—who has dated a host of Hollywood hunks in the past including Taylor Lautner and Jake Gyllenhaal—and the 18-year-old schoolboy started dating during the summer but Conor is said to have called things off because Taylor got too serious, too fast. A source told RadarOnline: “Conor’s just an 18-year-old kid and wasn’t ready for anything super serious. But Taylor is looking for her soulmate and it kind of freaked him out with how strong she came on.” Soon after she started dating Conor—the son of Robert Kennedy Jr. and the late Mary Kennedy—they were spotted across the street from his grandmother Ethel Kennedy.— PTI

Vanessa Paradis still believes in lasting love

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct—The French actress, who split from long-term partner Johnny Depp in June after 14 years with him, dislikes the term “soul mates” as she feels giving a term to a significant other doesn’t allow for the fact relationships constantly evolve.

She said: “I believe in love and I believe in wanting to make it last.” “But as soon as you start to say: ‘Here’s my soul mate’, it feels like you’re done. Love is a constant, evolving emotion. And the fact of putting a title on it, whether it’s your husband or your wife or your soul mate, then it seems like you know the end of the book. And I don’t like to know the end of the book or the movie.

However, despite her views, Vanessa, who has children Lily-Rose, 13, and Jack, 10, with Johnny, admits being described as someone’s soul mate is a “beautiful” thing.

She added to W magazine: “But I mean it’s beautiful when one day someone tells you you’re their soul mate — it makes you feel good.” — PTI

Ang Lee to begin Life Of Pi promotions from India

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct—The film follows the journey of a boy who is stranded in the middle of the sea after his family is drowned in a ship accident. Oscar-winning director Ang Lee is set to fly down to India Sunday to begin the promotions of his new film, Life Of Pi, an adaptation of Yann Martel’s Booker Prize winning book of the same name.

Lee, who shot the film at Puducherry and Munnar, will visit Mumbai and Chennai along with co-producer David Lee and actors— debutaute Suraj Sharma, Tabu and Irrfan Khan—to promote the movie.

“We are privileged to announce Academy Award winning director Ang Lee’s visit to India...Life of Pi international promotions will be flagged off in India along with Lee’s special visit along with the cast from the film.” — PTI

My first boyfriend was gay: Alicia Silverstone

LONDON, 28 Oct—Actress Alicia Silverstone says that her first boyfriend was gay.

The Clueless star admits she was so in love with the person that she ignored her friends’ suspicions about his sexuality, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

“I’ve had so many crushes on gay boys. My first love was so gay, and I didn’t know. I used to defend him because everyone would say he was gay, but he’d say he wasn’t. Then, about six years later, he had the big talk with me,” said the 36-year-old. Silverstone is now married to rocker Christopher Jarecki.— Reuters

Rolling Stones play $20 surprise gig in Paris

PARIS, 28 Oct—The Rolling Stones performed an energetic warm-up gig in Paris on Thursday for a few hundred fans after announcing on Twitter that tickets would go on sale for 15 euros ($19.45) just hours in advance.

“I can’t believe we’re all still standing up, you’d think by now one or two of us would be sitting down, but we’re not,” lead singer Mick Jagger, 69, told fans at the Trabendo, a 700-capacity venue in northern Paris, during the 75 minute surprise show.

Fans said the small space created an optimal setting for the show which kicked off with “Route 66” and ended with “Brown Sugar”.

“We were right next to them, we could see them perfectly,” said one French fan who gave his name as Gianni. “It was a very small room and they were running all over the stage...they seemed really happy.”

Some got an additional perk after the show, as Jagger signed autographs before being whisked away in a black Mercedes sedan.

Earlier this month, the band announced they would perform four concerts at large arenas—two in London and two near New York— to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Their last world tour ended in 2007. — Reuters

I am not a victim: Cheryl Cole

LONDON, 28 Oct—Singer Cheryl Cole says she is a strong woman now and has moved on from the cheating drama her footballer ex-husband made her go through.

“I’m not unlucky in love or anything else. And I’m absolutely not a victim. I’m strong, happy and settled — and I really don’t give a s**t anymore,” Glamour magazine quoted her as saying.

The 29-year-old, who parted ways with Ashley in 2010 after he was caught cheating on her, is now dating dancer Tre Holloway and says starting a relationship with a new man was tough for her.

“It takes a long time after you’ve been with someone as long as I was with Ashley to feel like you’re cheating on them,” Cheryl said.

“That may sound crazy, but it’s the way I felt after him. I had completely committed myself,” she added.— PTI

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**Goals could bring belief and confidence, says Allegri**

**Milan, 28 Oct** — AC Milan head coach Massimiliano Allegri claimed he was never worried about his job before his side beat Genoa 1-0 in the Italian Serie A on Saturday and all his side needed is goals that could bring belief and confidence.

The Rossoneri ended their three-loss streak with the win at San Siro thanks to a late Stephan El Shaarawy strike. It had been reported Allegri was facing the axe if he failed to win this game. “I was very relaxed because the team had always put in strong performances. We just needed to find some belief and confidence, especially in front of goal,” he said.

“With goals everything becomes easier. I experienced a similar situation when I was at Cagliari,” he said. “It was a deserved victory and I think so far the criticism has been harsh considering what the lads did on the field,” the coach added.

**Schalke and Dortmund victorious in German Bundesliga**

**Berlin, 28 Oct** — Schalke’s Jefferson Farfan scored the only goal of the match against passive Nuremberg while defending champions Dortmund wrapped their fourth win of the season with two goals against Freiburg, at the ninth round of German Bundesliga on Saturday.

Schalke craved the sixth win of the season following the late winner by Jefferson Farfan. The victory was a still piece of work against Nuremberg that looked for the first win after six winless matches.

Still Schalke controlled the match for long periods as Nuremberg made no move to stage offensive actions. Despite Schalke’s dominance they struggled to create golden opportunities against Nuremberg’s bulwark. Finally, with 77 minutes into the match Farfan exploited a cross by Christian Fuchs to slot the winner from the penalty area to seal the deal ahead of time.

Borussia Dortmund and Freiburg struggled with snowy weather nonetheless the reigning champion wrapped three points thanks to the goals by Neven Subotic and Mario Goetze.

Freiburg staged a bright start on home soil as Dortmund were unable to implement their short passing game due to the adverse weather conditions. Thus Dortmund needed some time to adjust their style of play meanwhile Freiburg squandered a couple of scoring opportunities at the first half. With beginning of the second half Dortmund seized the initiative to set the hosts under pressure.

Dortmund were rewarded for their efforts when Neven Subotic nodded home from 11 metres into bottom right following a long cross by Marco Reus.

Freiburg almost equalized the score through Erik Jendrisek but Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller denied the leveler. In the closing period of the match Mario Goetze doubled the lead with a low shot into the bottom left to wrap the fourth win in Freiburg, at the ninth round of German Bundesliga on Saturday. — Xinhua

**Japan’s Tanaka set for Super Rugby move**

**Tokyo, 28 Oct** — Japan’s Fumiaki Tanaka is set to become the first player from his country to compete in the southern hemisphere’s Super Rugby competition next season for the Dunedin-based Highlanders. Tanaka’s Panasonic Wild Knights club said on Saturday that the 27-year-old scrumhalf would be joining the New Zealand team in 2013.

“I feel so honoured to be becoming Japan’s first Super Rugby player,” said Takana. “I hope to improve at the higher levels of rugby and bring those skills back to Panasonic.” — Reuters

**Serena Williams beats Radwanska to reach WTA Championship final**

**Istanbul, 28 Oct** — Serena Williams advanced to the final of the WTA Championship after brushing aside Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 6-1 on Saturday.

Williams had little problem against the fourth-ranked Radwanska, who seemed off her top form after a record-breaking three-and-a-half hour match against Sara Errani the night before.

Williams, who is seeking her third title in the season-ending tournament that features the top eight players in the world, will play the winner of Victoria Azarenka, the world number one from Belarus, and Maria Sharapova of Russia. — Xinhua
Festival of Rajamaniçula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda

SAGAN, 28 Oct—The Buddha Pujañiya Rajamaniçula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda is held annually. On the full moon day of Thadingyut, meals, flowers and oil lights are offered to the Buddha Image.

Religious associations from wards of Sagan went round the pagoda with dancing and music.

From 6th to 8th of Thadingyut, the lighting festival with merit sharing is marked to successfully complete construction of the pagoda by King Thathan and crown prince Pintale.

In successive era, oil lamps are ignited in dedicating to the Lord Buddha.

In Tazaungdaing Festival in the month of Tazaungmone, theatrical drama performance and other festivities are held at the pagoda. The people from surrounding areas arrive at the pagoda by cart to enjoy the festivities two days ahead of the festival.—Myanna Alinn

Threat of Hurricane Sandy grows as it targets East Coast

NEW YORK, 28 Oct—Hurricane Sandy closed in on the United States on Saturday as coastal communities along the East Coast scrambled to prepare for torrential rains, high winds, major flooding and power outages a week before the presidential election.

Governors in states in the hurricane’s path declared emergencies, mandating evacuations of vulnerable areas. New York City officials discussed whether to shut the subway system on Sunday in advance of the storm. On its current projected track, Sandy could make US landfall on Monday night or Tuesday morning anywhere between Maryland and southern New England, forecasters said. Some computer models show a likely landfall between Delaware and the New York/ New Jersey area.

As it merges with an Arctic jet stream, forecasters said Sandy has all the ingredients to transform into a “superstorm” unlike anything seen over the eastern United States in decades. “There’s no avoiding a significant storm surge event over a large area. We just can’t pinpoint who’s going to get the worst of it,” National Hurricane Centre Director Rick Knabb said.

Reuters
Rapid completion of infrastructural construction to invite larger foreign investment to penetrate into global market

Special economic zone project, on its completion would create jobs, better education, health care with prospects for higher living standard

Vice-President U Nyan Tun cordially greets local people.— MNA

Premier League - Everton fight back to hold Liverpool in derby classic

Premier League, Goodison Park - Everton 2 (Osman 22, Naismith 35) Liverpool 2 (Baines o.g. 14, Suarez 20)

Liverpool, 28 Oct— Everton came from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Liverpool in a blood-and-thunder Merseyside derby in the Premier League.

Everton raced into a 2-0 lead thanks to Luis Suarez, whose 14th-minute shot went off Leighton Baines before a deft header soon afterwards extended the advantage.

Everton quickly fought back through Leon Osman and Steven Naismith and had the better of second half that saw Liverpool sit deep and look for the counter attack.

Suarez thought he had won it deep in injury time but his goal was disallowed for a foul in the build up, with the draw a fair result, as both sides fought to win it.

Merseyside derbies are always fiery affairs, and usually provide goals, and this was no exception.

Liverpool drew first blood on 14 minutes when a superb Jo Enrique cross landed at the feet of Suarez whose low shot took a huge touch off Baines to fly in.

Credit must be given to referee Andre Marriner, who twice resisted temptation to blow for fouls as he played advantage to good effect.

Though it was later called a Baines own-goal, Suarez claimed it and divied at the feet of David Moyes in celebration, an ironic response to pre-match comments about simulation.

It was 2-0 soon after, with Suarez the bona-fide claimant as his header converted a fine Steven Gerrard free-kick from the right. Most sides would be reeling at this point but Everton are made of stern stuff and within seconds they had pulled one back.

There was time for some last-gasp drama too as a Gerrard free-kick deep into injury time saw Suarez bury what Liverpool believed was a winner. It was initially thought he had strayed offside but replays showed Coates fouled his marker while flicking on the initial delivery. The flag was very late, which irked Liverpool, but should not have stood.— Reuters

A spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in Kaduna said that five people had been confirmed killed, while 98 people were receiving treatment for wounds at two local hospitals.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Islamist sect Boko Haram has claimed similar attacks in the past and has attacked several churches with bombs and guns since it intensified its campaign against Christians in the past year.

“We killed them and we’ll do more,” shouted a youth, with blood on his shirt, before police chased him and his cohorts away.

Police set up roadblocks and patrols across town in an effort to prevent the violence spreading.— Reuters

Slight earthquake hits inside Myanmar

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Oct— A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, (about 17 miles south-southeast of Monywa) about (55) miles west of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (17) hrs (33) min (59) sec MST today, announced by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.— MNA

Depression over Bay of Bengal forecast to woe westward

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 Oct— According to observations at 5:30 p.m. today, a depression formed yesterday in southeast and southwest in the Bay of Bengal intensified into depression and the centre of the depression is about 400 miles southeast of Chennai, India.

It is forecast to move westward the depression stands at yellow level and it is not likely to move towards Myanmar, said meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Suicide bomber kills five in Nigeria church

Malali (Nigeria), 28 Oct— A suicide bomber drove a vehicle packed with explosives into a Catholic church in northern Nigeria on Sunday, killing at least five people, wounding nearly 100 and triggering reprisal attacks that killed at least two more, officials said.

The bomber drove a jeep right inside the packed St Rita’s church, in the Malali area of Kaduna, a volatile ethnically and religiously mixed city, in the morning.

“We killed them and we’ll do more,” shouted a youth, with blood on his shirt, before police chased him and his cohorts away.

Church attacks often target Nigeria’s middle belt, in which its largely Christian area,” said survivor Linus Lighthouse, saying he thought there had been two explosions in different parts of the church.

Other witnesses and the police said there was just one bomber. A wall of the church was blasted open and scorched black, with debris lying around. Police later moved and cordoned the area off.

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