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Public announcement for MRTV’s transition from analog to digital broadcasting system

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — With advancements in broadcasting technology, Myanmar Radio and Television will introduce an ASEAN digital standard, Digital Video Broadcasting-Terrestrial-2 (DVB-T2), to the country under Free to Air (FTA) system phase by phase.

Following the switch from Analogue to Digital, the first phase will start on 15 October, covering four broadcasting stations in Yangon, Mandalay (Sagaing), Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) and Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon). A total of 21 TV broadcast stations in Mawlamyine, Hpa-an, Bago, Pyay, Lloikai, Phathethin, Patheingyi to the east and Taungnyo to the north, 30) Shwemyo in Tatkon Township on 5 October.

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Basic mechanics special course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — The basic mechanics course (Labutta) of Mechanical Training School under Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs concluded at the training hall in Labutta on 4 October.

It was attended by the deputy commissioner of Labutta District, officials, townsenders, the principal and instructors, trainees totalling 100.

Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Khaing Soe made a speech and presented award to all-round outstanding student Maung Htet Wai Aung of Thayetcchaung Village in Mawlamyine Township.

The commander of District Police Force presented prizes to other outstanding trainees.

Principal U Thein Oo gave certificates to trainees.

The training course was conducted from 7 August to 4 October. It was taken by 35 trainees.

The department provided food and accommodation and teaching aid to trainees.

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Diamond brand cement bags flow into market

SHWEPANNGU, 13 Oct — Tet Nwun vessel carrying 32000 bags of cement running Kawthoung Yangon route arrived at Wadan Jetty in Yangon on 8 October. The cement bags are ready to be distributed to Yangon market. So, the bags of cement were sent to the market with th price at K 5000 per bag.

Merchants arrange smooth and swift sales of cement to the retailers and wholesalers.—Kyemon-Kyaw Myint Aye (IPRD)

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Pollination being carried out at Palethwe-2 hybrid paddy plantation in Ward 3 of Mongyai Township on 5 October.

KYEYMON-HAN HTAY

Shwepanngu Village gets electricity

PA THEIN, 13 Oct — A ceremony to launch supply of electricity to Shwepanngu Village-tract on a self-reliant basis was held in Pathein District of Ayeyawady Region on 28 September.

Moreover, the above-mentioned channels will be available in Cable TV line in Nay Pyi Taw.

Through digital TV and Set-top Box, viewers will have access to 16 channels—five channels of MRTV, seven channels of MWD and four channels of Forever, without paying any monthly fees.

For the sake of the people using Analogue TVs, the analogue system will be available till next three years.

Myanma Radio and Television

Action taken against human traffickers

MUSE, 13 Oct — According to the information, members of Muse Anti-Human Trafficking Squad placed Maung Khant Ko Ko and Ma Myat Su Mon (a) Mi Pon at Shwemyo in Tatkon Township on 5 October.

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US delegation to Iran talks includes sanctions expert

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — The US delegation to next week’s talks about Iran’s nuclear programme includes one of the US government’s leading sanctions experts, a hint that Washington may be giving greater thought to how it might ease sanctions on Teheran.

Undersecretary of State Wendy Sherman, effective-ly the State Department’s third-ranking diplomat, will lead the US delegation to negotiations between Iran and six major powers in Geneva on Tuesday and Wednesday, the State Department said.

The central issue at the talks, which will involve Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia, the United States and Iran, will be to explore what, if any, steps Iran might take to curb its nuclear programme and what, if any, sanctions relief the major powers may offer in return.

Western powers are concerned that Iran is seeking to develop atomic bombs. Iran denies that, saying its nuclear program is solely for peaceful purposes.

The US delegation will include Adam Szubin, the director of the Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, and among the US government’s foremost experts on sanctions.

Szubin has led OFAC since 2006 and is responsible for administering and enforcing the US government’s economic sanctions programs to advance foreign policy and national security objectives.

The US team also includes James Timbie, senior adviser to the under-secretary of state for arms control and international security; Puneet Talwar, senior director for Iran, Iraq and the Gulf States on the White House National Security Staff; and Richard Nephew, principal deputy coordinator for sanctions policy at the State Department, a US official said.

Car bombing kills 14 in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Oct — As many as 14 people were killed and 22 others wounded in a car bomb explosion in Samarra, some 120 km north of Iraq’s capital of Baghdad on Saturday evening, police said.

The car bomb exploded in an outdoor market in Samarra as people were shopping in preparation for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, which begins on Wednesday.

Many of the victims are women and children, the source added.

Iraq is witnessing its worst eruption of violence in recent years, which raises fears that the country is sliding back to the full-blown civil conflict that peaked in 2006 and 2007, when monthly death tolls sometimes exceeded 3,000.

According to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, almost 6,000 civilians were killed and 14,000 others injured in Iraq from January to September this year.

Cyclone Phailin pounds India, rescue workers start to assess damage

BHUBANESWAR/SRIKAKULAM, 13 Oct — Cyclone Phailin powered its way inland over eastern India on Sunday leaving a swath of destruction but the loss of life appeared limited after more than half a million people sought safety in storm shelters.

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The cyclone was one of three major storms over Asia on Sunday. The smaller Typhoon Nari was approaching Vietnam and Typhoon Wipha looped over the Pacific.

More than half a million people in India spent the night in shelters, some built after a storm killed 10,000 people in 1999. Others took refuge in temples.

By first light, winds had slowed to 90 kph (56 mph) from top speeds of 200 kph (124 mph) when the storm made landfall near the town of Gopalpur in Odisha state on Saturday night.

Television images showed cars flipped on their sides and debris-strewn streets in the silk producing city of Bhammapur, one of the hardest hit. A few trucks and motor-bikes returned to the city’s streets as residents emerged to survey the damage.

Large swathes of Odisha, including its capital, were without electricity for a second day after the storm ripped down power cables, and officials said it was too early to give an accurate damage assessment.

“One hundred thousand people are still without power,” said Odisha’s chief secretary J.K. Mohapatra.

There has been pretty severe devastation in Bhammapur town.”

Syria’s Red Crescent evacuates 1,500 civilians in Damascus

People stand around the burnt cars after two mortar rounds hit the Abu Roumaneh neighbourhood of the Syrian capital Damascus, on 12 Oct, 2013. According to Syria’s Arab News Agency SANA, two mortar rounds fell in front of the Dar al-Salam school in the Abu Roumaneh neighbourhood in Damascus, causing casualties and damages.

DAMASCUS, 13 Oct — The Syrian Arab Red Crescent ( SARC) on Saturday evacuated as many as 1,500 civilians from a conflict zone in the countryside of Syria’s capital of Damascus.

Most of the evacuees were women and children who were stuck in the hot-spot of Muadamiyeh, west of Damascus, SARC said in a statement, adding they were relocated into shelters in the countryside of Damascus.

The news came as local media said that the Syrian army opened routes for civilians to leave Muadamiyeh, which has emerged as a battlefield for intense clashes between the rebels and the Syrian troops.

SARC has been carrying out its work amid tough security conditions in the war-torn country. The non-governmental organization has lost about 22 of its volunteers while trying to reach the needy people across Syria.

A man tries to cover himself with an umbrella during heavy rain brought by Cyclone Phailin as he moves towards a safer place at the village Donkuru in Sri-kakulam District in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh on 12 Oct, 2013. —Reuters
Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev speaks during the United Russia political party convention in Moscow on 5 Oct, 2013. — Reuters

Moscow, 13 Oct — Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev dismissed the country’s space agency (Roskosmos) chief Vladimir Popovkin on Thursday, three months after the latest botched satellite launch.

I hope that a number of problems that we have unfortunately seen in Roskosmos’ activity will be overcome with your appointment, Medvedev told Popovkin’s successor to the post, former deputy defence minister Oleg Ostapenko.

Popovkin, a former senior defence ministry official, denied media reports earlier this year saying that he had been hospitalised after a drunken brawl in the Roskosmos office.

Russia lost roughly $200 million after a rocket carrying satellites crashed shortly after lift-off from the Russian-leased Baikonur launchpad in Kazakhstan in July. Medvedev at the time said that Russia had lost 10 satellites in seven failed launches in less than a year.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin, who oversees defence industry in the cabinet, wrote on Twitter that Popovkin would be given a senior post in Russia’s space industry.

The practice to rotate officials regardless of their failures dates back to the Soviet political system dominated by the Communist Party, with one-class clubs with internal disagreements rarely coming to light.

Russia is increasing spending on space and plans to send a probe to the moon in 2015. But the pioneering Baikonur programme that put the first man in space in 1961 has been plagued in recent years by setbacks, including abortive satellite launches and a failed attempt to send a probe to a moon of Mars. — Reuters

Broadcasters could bring Aereo fight to Supreme Court

New York, 13 Oct — The broadcasters involved in a high-profile lawsuit with online TV service Aereo could face an uphill battle to the US Supreme Court as early as Friday, according to two sources familiar with the matter.

Aereo, backed by Barry Diller’s IAC/Interactive Corp, charges about $12 a month to watch live or recorded TV channels on computers or mobile devices.

In federal court in New York, Walt Disney Co’s ABC, Comcast Corp’s NBC, Fox and CBS Broadcasting are among those claiming that Aereo’s service amounts to stealing their proprietary content. In April the US 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Aereo could continue to operate while the New York litigation moves forward.

The television industry is closely watching the case to see whether it could disrupt the traditional TV model. The TV industry sees the service as a threat to its ability to control subscription fees and generate advertising income, its two main sources of revenue.

The main question in all the suits is whether Aereo’s technology provides users with a “public performance” of the plaintiffs’ content. Copyright owners have the exclusive right to public performance of their works.

The news that the broadcasters were considering appealing to the Supreme Court was previously reported by Variety and the Wall Street Journal.

A representative from CBS declined to comment. Representatives from Fox, Disney, NBC and Aereo did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

On Thursday, Online TV service Aereo Inc logged another court victory, with a federal judge refusing to temporarily shut down the IAC-backed start-up in a lawsuit brought by a Boston station owned by Hearst Television Inc. — Reuters

Swedish tech company caught in hoax Samsung bid

STOCKHOLM, 13 Oct — A fake Press release claiming electronics firm Samsung (005930.KS) was buying Sweden’s Fingerprint Cards (FINGb.ST) sent shares in the biometrics company soaring on Friday, prompting an investigation into suspected market manipulation.

The Swedish Economic Agency, which said it would launch a preliminary fraud probe after company news distributor Cision said it had received a statement saying Samsung Electronics Co Ltd was buying Fingerprint Cards for $650 million in cash.

Both Fingerprint Cards, which develops and makes fingerprint scanners used to access computers and mobile devices, and South Korea’s Samsung said the Press release was a fake and denied they had been in talks. Shares in Fingerprint Cards rose more than 50 percent on the false statement, before the Stockholm bourse suspended trading. Cision said its preliminary investigation showed it had been the subject of a “sophisticated fraud”.

Fingerprint Cards’ Chief Executive Johan Carlstrom criticized controls at Cision saying it should have checked that information it was sending out was correct.

“With a bigger Press release, they should call to make sure,” he said. “There are only two people authorized to send Press releases and that is the CEO and financial officer. In those cases they are sent from our e-mail addresses, and this one was not.” Cision said it had followed its guidelines but was making immediate changes to some of its procedures. Chief Executive Magnus Thell said staff had called a contact number to verify the authenticity of the release and had reached a person who had identified himself as Fingerprint’s CEO.

“When it comes to fraud, you cannot protect yourself 100 percent,” Thell said. The contact information in the fake Press release included the e-mail address “investrel@fingerprint-cards.se”. That domain name, fingerprint-cards.se, was created on Thursday, a search of records on the website of SE, Sweden’s Internet Infrastructure Foundation, showed.

The .SE organization is responsible for Sweden’s top-level domain “.se”, including the registration of domain names. A phone number in the release was not available when called by Reuters. — Reuters

Brazil investigates Google over antitrust charges

SAO PAULO, 13 Oct — Google Inc is facing antitrust accusations from Microsoft Corp and Brazil’s antitrust regulators that Google has unfairly used rivals’ content, discouraged their advertisers and favoured its own properties in search results.

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China’s September export growth in surprise slide

AstraZeneca to co-promote J&J prostate cancer drug in Japan

Nissan to sell Infiniti brand cars in Japan market

Extra-padded shoes may not blunt running injuries

BMW’s China sales up 20 percent in Jan-Sept, eyes record sales
**US, Afghanistan agree on draft security pact**

**KABUL, 13 Oct—**US Secretary of State John Kerry and Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Saturday reached a preliminary agreement on a bilateral security pact that now depends on approval by Afghanistan’s tribal leaders.

The pact, announced jointly by Kerry and Karzai after two days of talks in the capital, Kabul, would keep some US forces in Afghanistan after 2014.

It includes a key US demand to retain legal jurisdiction over the troops that will remain in Afghanistan, which would give them immunity from Afghan law.

It will be up to the country’s Loya Jirga, an assembly of elders, leaders and other influential people, to decide whether to accept it. “Tonight we reached some sort of agreements,” Karzai told a news conference, speaking through an interpreter.

US officials said they wanted the pact finalized by the end of October and Kerry’s visit was seen as a last-ditch effort to push the deal through before the deadline.

The United States is insisting it cannot agree to a deal unless it is granted the right to try US citizens who break the law in Afghanistan at home in the United States.

A senior US administration official said the sides had agreed on language in the draft deal that covers the issue of immunity and “that can be put to his Loya Jirga for their consideration.”

“We need to say that if the issue of jurisdiction cannot be resolved, then unfortunately there cannot be a bilateral security agreement,” Kerry told a news conference.

Karzai said the talks had focused on protecting Afghan sovereignty and that major differences had been resolved, including a US request to run independent counter-terrorism missions on Afghan territory. —Reuters

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**Philippines, Muslim rebels end talks without signing of annexes**

**MANILA, 13 Oct—**Negotiators of the Philippine government and the country’s largest rebel group Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) ended on early Sunday the 41st round of formal exploratory talks in Malaysia without signing any of the two remaining annexes of the framework agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB). But both sides said that they have made substantial progress on the remaining annexes on power-sharing and normalization.

“They have proceeded in exhaustive, honest discussions in order to identify the best formulations for an agreement that would respond to the aspirations of both Parties,” they said in a joint statement.

The remaining challenges and the time constraints demand that the panels remain focused on completing the annexes following a break for Eid’ul Adha, the statement added. The government and the MILF said that they have a full understanding of their responsibility as they strive to toward a sustainable and inclusive solution for the benefit of all people in the Bangsamoro.

Both sides signed early this year the annexes on transitional arrangements and modalities and wealth-sharing. The four annexes of the FAB will form part of a comprehensive peace deal that both sides hope to sign before the end of the year. The peace agreement aims to end the four-decade armed conflict in southern Philippines by creating a Bangsamoro government that will replace the autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. —Xinhua

**Truck crash kills 51 people in Peru**

**LIMA, 13 Oct—**At least 51 people were killed when a truck plunged off a cliff in the southeastern Peruvian province of La Convencion, media reported, citing local police.

A total of 51 bodies have been found and rescue operation was still underway, an official of the National Police was quoted as saying on local television.

The victims included 12 children in the accident in the southeastern Province of La Convencion, media reported, citing local police.

A National Police investigation was underway to determine whether drunk driving was involved in the accident.

Due to a shortage of buses, people often travel by truck in the province.

Peru has been plagued with poorly maintained roads and inexperienced drivers, a lethal combination behind many road accidents. —Xinhua

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**Uzbek translates novel to keep friends with Japan**

**TSUKUBA, Japan, 13 Oct—**A young woman from Uzbekistan has published the first translation in her native language of a famous Japanese novel, inspired by her late grandfather, who was an architect, was engaged in construction of the Alisher Navoi Opera and Ballet Theatre in the capital of Tashkent, which was completed in 1947.

The theater project influenced Japanese war prisoners who were sent from Siberia after the end of World War II. They were forced to help construct the building in harsh conditions.

But her grandfather said to her, “No matter what circumstances they found themselves in, Japanese people worked hard with a smile on their face.”

Her grandfather also told her that he became particularly close with one Japanese prisoner and that the man came to see the grandfather, who was badly injured at work, almost every day to offer him encouragement.

The Japanese man died in Uzbekistan without fulfilling his last wish to return home.

“We were able to communicate because we had an understanding in our hearts,” the grandfather said to Nodira. —Kyodo News

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**Protestors hold banners and national flags of Azerbaijan during a protest rally in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, on 12 Oct, 2013. About 6,000 opposition supporters gather on the outskirts of Baku to protest against alleged violations during the presidential election in the oil-rich Caspian country this Wednesday, in which the incumbent president Ilham Aliyev won his third term.** —Xinhua
KBZ Bank donates cash to fund for construction of Seikkantha Bridge in Kalay

KALAY, 13 Oct—The heavy rain that hit Kalay in the last week of September caused damage to 2149 acres of farmlands, 35 buildings and 11 bridges worth K 400 million, said Sagaing Region Minister U Sein Moung in meeting with officials on 9 October.

Among the damages, the northern part of Seikkantha Bridge that linked Pinlon Lanmadaw Street and Bogyoke Street floated in the water.

“Students of Basic Education High School No. 3 are relying on Seikkantha Bridge in going to the school. Due to lack of bridge, they went round it along Sanpya Road and the road in front of the hospital. Parents of the students are worrying about traffic accidents,” said a local people.

“It needs to ensure approach structures of the bridges across rivers or creeks for long term durability of the bridge. The construction tasks should be placed under care. Moreover, retaining walls should be built for prevention of erosion to the approach structures,” said a local. It was estimated that when the cost was calculated for construction of the bridge, it may cost K 5.3 million. Therefore, the coordination was held between Township Supportive Committee and Township Management Committee. Then, they made request to the KBZ Bank for construction. The bank funded the construction cost, according to the Township Supportive Committee. At present, the wellwishers donated cash to the fund for rehabilitation and reconstruction of Kalay.—MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Theoretical drama scholars elected for Five Thiri Tsp Thabin Organization

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—The Thabin Organization was reformed with theoretical drama scholars from five Thiri townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, at a ceremony held on Yazahtani Road in Aungthaya ward of Pobbahthin Township on 4 October morning.

The election was based on those of Pobbahthi, Zabuthiri, Zeyathiri, Ottaratthi and Dekkkhinhathiri townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

It was attended by the Chairman of Myanmar Thabin Organization and members. Those present at the ceremony elected U Yar Tin as Chairman, U Mya Win as secretary and five patrons and nine executives.

About 30 attendees from five Thiri townships discussed reformation of the organization.

Five Thiri Township Thabin Organization will discharge duties assigned by Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture, Nay Pyi Taw Council, Myanmar.

Compensation given to farmers in Zalun Township

ZALUN, 13 Oct—A ceremony to present compensation for farmers who lost farmlands in the area of constructing the embankment was held on 7 October.

Ayeayawdy Region Minister for Economic and Planning U Hla Khin and Assistant Director U Wai Lwin of Hinthada District Irrigation Department made speeches.

Next, Staff Officer of Zalun Township Irrigation Department U Aung Swe gave K 12,456,000 for 10.38 acres of farmlands to four farmers of Zalun Township.— MMAL-District IPRD

Anti-rabies vaccine given to pets in Mayangon Tsp

YANGON, 13 Oct—As a case that some persons were bitten by a male horse with rabies virus happened in Ward 1 of Mayangon Township recently, Assistant Director Dr Kyaw Naing Oo and party of Research and Disease Control Branch of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Head of Mayangon Township LBVD Dr Sein Sein Gyi and staff, injected anti-rabies vaccine to pet dogs and cats free of charge on 9 October.

They also gave anti-rabies vaccine to 186 pets dogs and 436 pet cats and enquird condition of outbreaks of diseases.

Census-taking process clarified in Pyay

PYAY, 13 Oct—A ceremony to clarify process of taking census 2014 was held at Thiri Khattaya Yadana hall in Pyay recently.

Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Mymt explained matters related to the taking census nationwide in 2014. The deputy minister and Director-General U Myint Kyaing of Population Department replied to queries raised by those present.

The talks were attended by over 610 departmental personnel and local people.

Landslide causes in Falam Township

FALAM, 13 Oct—The recent heavy rain caused landslide at 12 noon on 8 October, 100 feet from Lyanjyi Village of Falam Township in Chin State.

The local authorities and local people excavated two houses in danger to safe place and provided necessary assistance to them.

The 49th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was observed at Myanmar Drugs Museum in Kamayut Township, Yangon Region, on 1 October. Patron of Yangon Region Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay presents first prize for sanitation of quarters to the wife of Police L/Cpl Than Swe Oo from Hline Myoma Police Station. MMAL-Mee Mee (H Line)
“Healthy and active lifestyle”

Experts say that everyone needs healthy food and healthy lifestyle as well as regular physical exercise to be always in good physical shape and to enjoy longevity. Here we do not mean heavy exercises, but just a light exercise to maintain your good blood circulation. This we mean heavy exercises, but just a light exercise to maintain your good blood circulation.

Inactive lifestyle increases cholesterol in the blood, which can slow down the blood flow and make you listless. On the other hand, even a light physical exercise can help improve the blood stream, and strengthen bones and joints. So people should pursue an active lifestyle or do some light exercises.

But many people forget or even not have awareness of the correlation between a healthy and active lifestyle and health. So, the number of people pursuing a healthy and active lifestyle is very few.

And there are other people who are very busy that they cannot think about their own health at all. Mostly, these people apply quick-fix remedies to cure minor health problems. Such means are not good for long-term health. The best advice for your lasting health and fitness is a five-minute or a 10-minute exercise or a warming-up exercise after bed or before bath.

METDC seeks economic prospects in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation is seeking economic opportunities for investing in various sectors including energy sector of Myanmar, said Chief Executive Officer Ybhg Dr. Wong Lai Sum at the launch of Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation at a call to Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr. Saw Mra Aung at Prince Hotel in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia.

He continued that the corporation plans to submit the proposal on Smart City Planning in cooperation with Myanmar companies while observing prospects to make cooperation in hotel and tourism industries.

They discussed interests of the corporation in prospects of tourism industry in Myanmar, short-term scholarship awards of Malaysia Technical Cooperation Program of Malaysia, application of Myanmar youths to the trainees of the program and preparations for opening the branch of the corporation in Nay Pyi Taw—MNA.

Condition of Southwest monsoon withdrawal

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the Andaman Sea, South Bay of Bengal and the whole country, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

The Accounts of Suvannabhumi Culled from Various Literary Sources

Dr. Saw Mra Aung

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1. A group led by Ven. Mahajumika was deputed to Thantoo.
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This chronicle does not locate these countries exactly. Subsequently, modern scholars tried to identify them. According to them, Gandhara is identified with Afghanistan, Mahimda with Mysore, Vanavasi with Melabar, Aparanta with Gujarath, Maharattha with Maharashtra, Yonaka with Greek, Turkhish and Southern Russia, Himavanta region with Blutan, Tibet, etc., Tampabanni with Sri Lanka and Suvannabhumi with Ramanna province. Especially, scholars argue heatedly over the identification of Yonaka and Suvannabhumi. Although Ven. Mahanama, the author of the Mahavamsa, did not pinpoint Suvannabhumi, Wilhelm (the editor and translator of this book), mentioned Lower Myanmar with its adjacent districts as Suvannabhumi in the footnote but confessed his doubt about this identification. However, the Mahavamsa describes a visit of a group of monkeys from Kelasa Vilhara headed by Ven. Suryagutta to ceremony of construction of the Mahacetii in Ceylon during the time of king Devanagiri (2nd B.C.). The site of Kelasa Vilhara, which is traditionally believed to have been built to accommodate Sona and Uttara, is still extant on the site of Mt. Kelasa near Thantoo. Therefore, this extract from the Mahavamsa containing evidence proving that Thantoo (Taikakla) is the Suvannabhumi visited by Sona and Uttara, Ceylon, is the most authoritative. It is considered that the writer of this book had not been to South-east Asia personally.

Polomey who himself reached South-east Asia endorsed Rakhine coast as Argyra (Silver Land). He identified the town names Barakura and Sada in Argyra and Tamala, Sabara, Besynga and Sarabai in Chryse.

Gerini who did research on Polomey’s Geog- raphy says that Polomey’s Chryse Chora is partly identical with Suvannabhumi. He identified Barakuwa with Dhamnavee near present Mrauk U, Sada with Thandwe, Tamala with Pathein, Sabara with Dala near Yangon, Besynga with the mart near Singata Hill or with Thaton and Sarabai with Mergui.

Chinese Sources

It is believed that a trade land-route between India and China via an ancient Myanmar was in use about 300 years before the birth of Christ. The Chinese are said to start to use the Silk Road linking China and Rome in about 2nd B.C. During the 1st millennium, Chinese pilgrims made difficult land journeys to India seeking Buddhist scriptures and visited the sites of important events of the Buddha’s life.

(To be continued)
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife …

Together with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (IPU) Joint Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Committee Vice-Chairman Dr Mya Oo and officials of the Hluttaw Office arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife …

the commander of Chengdu Military Region exchanged commemorative medals and souvenirs.

The Senior General and party left the Military Air Base of Chengdu Military Region by special flight of PLA and arrived at Jiuhuagang Airport in Sichuan Province at 3.45 pm. They were welcomed there by Vice-Chairman Wang Ming Hui of Political Consulting Conference of Arba Prefecture of Sichuan Province and Commander of Arba Sub-Military Region Senior Colonel Lai Gui Zhong. They proceeded to the mountain resort of Jiuzhaigou, 500 km north of Chengdu of Sichuan Province. In the evening, the Senior General and party enjoyed the dance and entertainments of national ethnicities at the ballroom of Sheraton Jiuzhaigou Resort.—Myawady

UEC Chairman and party leave for ROK

YANGON, 13 Oct—At the invitation of National Election Commission Chairman Mr Lee In-Bok of the Republic of Korea, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Secretary U Tin Tun and Assistant Director U Kaung Myat Hein left here by air this morning to attend the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) and the Global Elections Organizations (GEO) Conference to be held in the Republic of Korea.

They were accompanied by Country Director of IFES Mr Paul Gerin.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Region Election Sub-Commission U Ko Ko and party and officials of the Union Election Commission Office.—MNA

LT-GEN HLA MIN injects fire-ravaged village in Thandwe

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) together with Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Naing and State Transport Minister U Hla Han inspected fire-ravaged sites in Mgeyun Village in Thandwe Township this morning. They met the villagers at village basic education primary school and clarified matters on the rule of law and rehabilitation.

They then presented cash assistance and food-stuff provide by the Union government for rehabilitation task to the villagers.

Bomb blast at bus stop, no injury reported

According to reports, police also discovered a homemade bomb with a C-4 detonator, a clock wires trigger and caused damage to a bus stop bench and an advertisement billboard nearby.

Photo shows damages caused by bomb blast.

Xinhua
Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images conveyed to Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Prayer Hall

TAUNGGYI, 13 Oct—A ceremony to convey Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images to Atthadisa Vihara prayer hall was held at Phaungdawbyan guest house on 11 October morning. It was attended by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, the chief justice of the State High Court, state ministers, the state advocate-general, the state auditor-general, the Inlay national race minister of the state, the secretary of the state government, departmental officials, traditional dance troups, local people and pilgrims.

Cambodian cane-ball players taking practice at Gold Camp

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—Cambodian cane-ball players are taking exercise in cane-ball event at Nay Pyi Taw Gold Camp up to the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar in December.

The Cambodian team comprises 16 players who arrived in Myanmar on 1 October. Now, they are taking practice of cane-ball event as joint training together with Myanmar players under control of Myanmar coaches.

It was reported that Cambodian team is allowed to take joint training with Myanmar players at the Gold Camp with the aim of attracting players of ASEAN countries in the cane-ball event of Myanmar. Now, they are under training of Myanmar coaches supervised by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Traditional Cane-ball Federation.—Kyemon-Kyaw Thura (Nay Pyi Taw)

World Teachers’ Day observed in Mudon

MAWLAMYINE, 13 Oct—Mudon Township Education Department organized the World Teachers’ Day at Mudon Basic Education High School No 1 in Mudon on 5 October.

The Township Administrator and the Township Education Officer awarded 12 outstanding students. They paid respects to 282 older teachers and provided K 5 million to them.—Kyemon-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

Sanitation marked MPF Day

MAWLAMYINE, 13 Oct—In honour of the 49th Myanmar Police Force Day, a total of 130 policemen of Mon State Police Force carried out sanitation tasks in cooperation with 40 health staff at Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital of Mon State General Hospital in Pabedan Ward of Mawlamyne, Mon State, recently.

The sanitation task was supervised by Mon State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hia Oo, Commander of Mon State Police Force Col Myo Swe Win, Deputy Commander Police Lt-Col Win Bo, Commander of Mawlamyne District Police Force Police Lt-Col Than Tin and Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Nyo Hla.

Collective sanitation held at Kayan Hospital

KAYAN, 13 Oct—The collective sanitation was held in the compound of Kayan Township Hospital on 11 October morning with the aim of enabling the people to receive the situation free from infectious diseases.

Kayan Township Administrator U Tin Myint and departmental officials, Yangon Region Hluttaw representatives U Myint Oo and U Kyaw Aung, Medical Superintendent Dr Saw Thurein of the hospital and health staff, Chairperson of Town Women’s Affairs Organization and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Maw Aung and members, ward administrators, social organization members, workers of Township Development Affairs Committee and local people, totalling 300 actively participated in the sanitation tasks.—Kyemon-Ko Min (Kayan)
**Regional**

**China-Thailand railway cooperation to boost regional interconnectivity**

**BANGKOK, 13 Oct—** Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said here Sunday for an official visit to Thailand, bringing along a fresh opportunity to further consolidate mutual trust and boost bilateral cooperation.

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Xinhua

**China, Vietnam gear up to further advance bilateral relations**

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**Experts and scholars participate in the first cross-Strait peace forum in Shanghai, east China, on 12 Oct, 2013. The two-day forum concluded here on Saturday. According to a summary of the forum, organizers will discuss the possibility of establishing a permanent institution for the forum. —XINHUA**

**Thai flood claims 39 lives**

**BANGKOK, 13 Oct—** The flood, caused by monsoon and depression, has affected Thailand since mid-September, killing 39 people and affecting 26 of 77 provinces, officials said Saturday.

A total of 120 districts of 26 provinces, mostly in the north, northeastern and central regions, have been hit by floods, affecting about 990,000 people, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department said.

More than 7,300 people are evacuated due to the inundation. The Meteorological Department on Saturday issued a warning for people in northeastern provinces to brace for Typhoon Nari which was expected to bring heavy rainfall Tuesday and Wednesday.

Deputy Prime Minister Pridiyathorn Surawasdi said that the flood conditions are easing.

He asserted that there would be no great flood in Bangkok as happened in 2011 when flood killed more than 500 people across the country.

Sources: Tourism and Sports Minister Som-sak Phurissak said that flooding has cost tourism about 22.6 million U.S. dollars.

Somsak said reports about flooding had discouraged tourists from visiting these provinces despite the fact that most destinations and resorts had not been damaged by floodwaters.

Xinhua

**Six killed in fireworks factory explosion in northern Vietnam**

**HANOI, 13 Oct—**A fireworks factory exploded in Vietnam’s northern province of Phu Tho on Saturday morning, killing at least 6 people and injuring 10 others, according to local media.

Starting at 7:55 am local time, consecutive explosions were heard from the fireworks factory in Thanh Tri District of Phu Tho Province, 90 km from capital Hanoi, said the newspaper VNEPress.

Teacher Nguyen Nhu Quynh, who lives about 3 km from the explosion site, was quoted as saying that she heard a string of explosions, which strongly shook her house’s windows.

The loudspeaker called for people living nearby to run away, she added. At 11.30 am local time, the explosion was put under control, said the report, quoting Major General Le Quang Dai, chief of Phu Tho provincial military headquarters, who was present at the site. Dai said that the explosion broke out at the production line 17A in Factory 4 of the Z212 Plant, under the Industrial Defense Department (of Ministry of National Defense).

On working days, there are normally about 300 workers in the factory, but as it was weekend today, there are fewer workers at the site, he said.

The exact number of workers at work was not clear when the blast happened, Dai said, but rescuers found six people dead and another 10 injured, who were brought to hospitals.

Local authorities are looking into the cause of the explosion.

The factory is the sole fireworks producer in the country, said VNEPress.

Xinhua
**Chinese martial art serves as magnet which brings people together**

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct — For Elizabeth Telford, participating in a martial art event is by no means an easy task.

The teenage girl, who lived in Northern Virginia on the east coast, United States, has to take one day off and travel a distance of some 4,300 kilometers and a five-hour flight to get here.

Along with the tall, slender girl were 10 of her classmates at a packed hall at the Los Angeles Cultural Center. They had been preparing for the event. For fear that the registration would be halted, the three martial art centers ran by masters sent their teachers at the local Shaolin temple.

A picture of the event was provided, showing off her skills with her fellow students at a packed hall at the Los Angeles Cultural Center. She was among the 2,000 competitors from the United States. Aside from local and national martial art costumes, traditional national martial art costumes in red, green, grey and colors were very excited to be here.

Eight villagers killed in NW China forest fire

XI‘AN, 13 Oct — Eight villagers died when they were trying to put out a forest fire in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, said local authorities on Saturday.

The forest fire broke out on Saturday afternoon near Fodong Village, Xunyang County, said the Xunyang county government.

Eight out of nine villagers suffered serious injuries while they were trying to quench the blaze. They died despite doctors’ efforts.

All residents near the forest scene have been relocated to safe areas. Fire fighting efforts continued late Saturday night.

Due to the poor telecommunications services in the remote village, authorities are still checking the situation. The cause of the fire is unclear.—Xinhua

**UN envoy slams rebel attack on UN helicopter in eastern DRC**

UNITED NATIONS, 13 Oct — Mary Robinson, the special envoy of the UN secretary-general for the Great Lakes region, said Saturday “strongly condemned” an attack on a UN peacekeeping helicopter in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), saying that such an attack is “unacceptable.”

“I learned with deep concern that a MONUSCO helicopter came under direct fire from positions held by the M23 rebel movement in the Rutambega region,” Robinson said in a statement issued here, referring to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC.

Rutambega, in the resource-rich but unstable province of North Kivu, is about 40 kilometers north of the provincial capital of Goma. It is near an important military base occupied by the rebel group.

“I strongly condemn this serious incident that threatens the security of MONUSCO personnel,” the statement read. “I wish to remind the M23 leadership that any act aimed at obstructing MONUSCO in the exercise of its mandate, as stipulated by the United Nations Security Council resolution 2098, is unacceptable.”

The rebel group, known as M23, is composed of a breakaway faction of soldiers from the DRC’s national army. It seized seven towns in North Kivu province in early December and intensified attacks on schools, hospitals, homes and other civilian targets.—Xinhua

**African nations say sitting head of state immune from ICC charges**

ADIS ABAI, 13 Oct — African leaders emphasized on Saturday the immunity of a sitting head of state from charges and prosecutions by any international court, effectively precluding a trial against Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

In closing remarks after a two-day African Union (AU) summit here, AU Chairman Nkosazana Dlamini Desalegn said the meeting has adopted the decision to speak with one voice and send a strong political message on Africa’s relationship with the ICC.

“In this regard, we have reaffirmed the principles deriving from national laws and international customary law by which sitting Head of State or Government and other Senior State Officials are granted immunities during their tenure of office,” said Hailemariam, who is also the Ethiopian Prime Minister.

“Accordingly, we have agreed that no charges shall be commenced or continued before any international court or tribunal against any serving Head of State or Government or anybody acting or entitled to act in such capacity during his or her term of office,” he said.

“To safeguard the constitutional order, stability and integrity of member States, we have resolved that no serving Head of State or Government or anybody acting or entitled to act in such capacity, shall be required to appear before any international court or tribunal during his term of office,” he stated. —Xinhua

**Craftswoman Lu Shoumei presents Buzha, a traditional handicraft**

Craftswoman Lu Shoumei presents Buzha, a traditional handicraft, in Jianchuan County of Dali Bai autonomous prefecture, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 11 Oct, 2013. Buzha, listed as a China’s intangible cultural heritage, is a unique handicraft of the Bai ethnic group in Jianchuan. A Buzha is made of vivid colorful cloth, stuffed with fragrant herbs and emblazoned with fine embroidery. —Xinhua

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Alex Pettyfer to play gay hero in Lee Daniels’ action movie

Los Angeles, 13 Oct—Actor Alex Pettyfer will reunite with filmmaker Lee Daniels in his next film, an interracial action movie. The director revealed that he’s developing an “interacial love affair action movie” revolving around a gay couple with the Magic Mike star attached to play one of the male leads. Daniels describes the untitled project a gay Mr and Mrs Smith, but with the two good-looking guys as the action heroes. The filmmaker is happy to have scored Pettyfer for the movie. “He’s so hot, isn’t he? So hot. And so aware of his hotness in a way that’s so...I love him to death.”

Pettyfer played a supporting role in the historical fiction drama Lee Daniels’ The Butler, playing the role of a hot-tempered farm owner Thomas Westfall who is shot to death after raping the wife of his sharecropping tenant. Pettyfer in his next film, an action movie based partly on the 2011 Toronto in this 5 Sept, 2013 file photo.—Reuters

Actress Angelina Jolie opens scenes in Maleficent to be re-shot

Los Angeles, 13 Oct—Actress Angeline Jolie’s introductory scenes in Robert Stromberg’s debut film Maleficent will be re-shot. The makers have roped in the Blind Side filmmaker John Lee Hancock to oversee the shoot. Contactmusic.com reports that producer Joe Roth told The Hollywood Reporter that it was good to have Hancock on the set of the film. “We asked (Hancock) to be on set. He’s not directing. He wrote pages and I hired a first-time director and it’s good to have him on set,” he said. Jolie also recently completed her ‘The Mrs Carter Show World Tour’.

Miley Cyrus offered USD 1 million to direct adult movie

Los Angeles, 13 Oct—Singer-actress Miley Cyrus has been offered USD 1 million deal to direct an adult movie. The offer comes from an adult movie retailer, who say that they are ready to pay a hefty amount for Cyrus’ work behind the camera, reported TMZ.

According to a letter obtained by the website, the company will give Cyrus full creative control at the work and even takes an aim at Sinead O’Connor who told Miley to stop “pumping” herself and focus on her music. “This gives you a chance to show the world you are not a little girl anymore, and you won’t bow to pressures of the likes of Sinead O’Connor, who is jealous of your success,” the letter reads.

Cyrus has been in the headlines for her steamy MTV VMA performance and Wrecking Ball video where she appears nude. PTI

Beyonce films new video in bomb shelter

London, 13 Oct—Pop star Beyonce has filmed a new video in a bomb shelter at Greenham Common, Newbury, in the UK. The Halo hitmaker made a video at Greenham Common near London, which is a former Royal Air Force (RAF) base and the alleged site of a nuclear accident back in 1958, reported Contactmusic.

“Beyonce is shooting a music video for every track on her new album.”

“The record has been delayed, so she wants to make a big splash when it eventually comes out. She wants to be in the UK with baby daughter Blue Ivy as Jay Z tours, so this was a good chance to shoot a video in the UK. It’s an amazing location for a music video,” a source said.

Beyonce also recently completed her ‘The Mrs Carter Show World Tour’.

George Clooney denies writing any scene in Gravity

Los Angeles, 13 Oct—Superstar George Clooney has denied that he wrote a scene in the sci-fi film Gravity. Clooney, 52, said the scene was there from the very beginning and he merely suggested something as director Alfonso Cuaron and the team was struggling with it, reported E! online.

“I didn’t write any scene. That scene was there from the minute I was handed the script. The problem they were having was afterward,” he said.

The scene is the one in which Sandra Bullock’sastronaut dreams that she is having a conversation about her daughter with Clooney’s character as she prepares to head back to earth. The space disaster movie has crossed the USD 100 million at the global box office. PTI
Del Potro sinks Nadal to set up final with Djokovic

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Oct—Marc Marquez continued his brilliant MotoGP rookie season by claiming pole position for the Malaysian Grand Prix while his main rivals were consigned to the second row at a wet Sepang on Saturday.

The 29-year-old Scot has a two-shot lead at the halfway point of the 2013 season and is aiming to become the 17th player to win his fourth title.

Honda Moto GP rider Marc Marquez of Spain takes a curve during the qualifying session of the Malaysian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Sepang circuit outside Kuala Lumpur on 12 Oct, 2013.—Reuters

England call up Sterling for final World Cup qualifier

LONDON, 13 Oct—England have called up Liverpool winger Raheem Sterling for the final World Cup qualifier against Poland on Tuesday with defender Kyle Walker suspended and midfielder Tom Cleverley injured, the FA said on Saturday.

Great Scott! Jamieson goes close to magical 59

Oceanico Victoria course in Vilamoura to finish with a 14-under tally of 199.

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Zimbabwean President Pinera endorses struggling right-wing candidate

Chile's President Sebastian Pinera talks during a dialogue session at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, on October 5, 2013. — Reuters

Pinera’s comments on Saturday backing his former labour minister Evelyn Matthei mark his most public show of support for the candidacy struggling in the shadows of popular front-runner Michelle Bachelet, whose amiable style and promises to redress income inequality position her as a near-shoemaker.

But Pinera, who hails from the Renovacion Nacional (RN) party, stressed that Matthei, a fiery economist opposed to the more conciliatory of Chile's President, is losing votes to other right-wing candidates but Pinera has all it takes to be the next president.

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YANGON, 13 Oct.—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending 129th IPU Assembly and related meetings held in Geneva of Switzerland and paying goodwill visits to Bern of Switzerland and Vienna of Austria at the invitations of the president of Federal Assembly of Switzerland and the president of the National Council of Austria. They were welcomed back by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the chairman of (See page 9)

78 under investigation in connection with Thandwe violence

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct.—According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, 78 people who are suspected of manipulating, committing and abetting the riots in Thandwe, Rakhine State, have been detained and under interrogation during the period from 28 September to date. Although it was a normal incident that can be handled in accord with the law, the situation turned into violence due to the instigations of some organizations with the arms of disturbing peace and stability and causing unrests, the ministry said. The violence sparked by an argument over the parking of a tri-motor-bike in front of a shop in Thandwe on 28 September left seven people dead and five injured. A total of 112 houses, three religious buildings and one petrol warehouse were reduced to ashes and 487 people from 112 households made homeless during the violence.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife and party arrive in China

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct.—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and party arrived at Chengdu Airport of China at 11.55 am local standard time yesterday. They were welcomed at the airport by FAO Director-General Major General Guan Youfei of the People’s Liberation Army and wife, Deputy Chief of Staff Major General Zhang Bin of Chengdu Military Region, Chinese Military Attache Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei, Myanmar Military Attache Col Aung Chein and wife. Commander of Chengdu Military Region Lieutenant General Li Zoucheng hosted a luncheon to the Senior General and party. Next, the Senior General (See page 9)

Commerce Ministry, Nishogakusha University sign MoU on cooperation in human resources development

YANGON, 13 Oct.—A ceremony to sign MoU on cooperation in human resources development between the Ministry of Commerce and Nishogakusha University of Japan took place at Se-dona Hotel, here, yesterday evening. It was attended by Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Win Myint, U Kyaw Lwin, U Maung Myint and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers.

Union Minister U Win Myint in academic dress seen with Union ministers.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Commander of Chengdu Military Region Li-Gen Li Zoucheng exchange commemorative medal and souvenirs.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Min Aung Hlaing and wife return to Myanmar.

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Vietnam pays last respects to ‘Red Napoleon’, Vo Nguyen Giap

HANOI, 13 Oct.—Vietnamese poured into the capital on Sunday to bid farewell to Vo Nguyen Giap, the general who mastered historic defeats of France and the United States to become one of the 20th century’s most important military commanders. Crowds lined the streets of Hanoi cheering, crying and holding aloft pictures of “Red Napoleon”, a national legend with a domestic standing second only to the leader of Vietnam’s struggle against colonialism, Ho Chi Minh.

Giap died on 4 October, age 102, after four years in a Hanoi military hospital. Short, slightly built and a man of no formal military training, Giap was ranked by historians among giants such as Montgomery, Rommel and MacArthur for victories over vastly better equipped armies that ushered in the end of foreign intervention and cemented communist rule in Vietnam. Hundreds of thousands thronged to catch a glimpse of Giap’s coffin as it was driven on a military vehicle past an unbroken line of mourners to an airport 30 km (18 miles) away. Giap’s body will be flown to his home province of Quang Binh for burial.

The funeral has brought a show of unity that Vietnam’s leaders have struggled to foster in a country where three quarters of the 90 million population were born after Giap’s battlefield victories.

“I never heard guns or bombs but I know our history,” said Dao Huy Hoang, a 21-year-old Hanoi student. “After Uncle Ho and General Giap, it would be hard to find anyone like them, who dedicate their lives to the country without thinking of their personal interest.”

Television and radio played somber music during the two-day funeral as people queued for hours to view the flag-draped coffin of the man they call the “big brother” of the nation.

Giap’s critics spoke of his ruthless tactics and willingness to sustain heavy losses in pursuit of victory, his most notable, the humiliation of the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954, which heralded the end of colonialism worldwide.