Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister to attend Summits in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — At the invitation of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be visiting the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the near future to attend “the 4th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) Summit” and “the 3rd Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit.” — MNA

Factories in industrial zones in Dagon Myothit (South), (Seikkan) in full operation

YANGON, 1 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Tha Myint and departmental officials, arrived at Soe Electric & Machinery Co Ltd on No. 1 Industrial Zone Road in Industrial Zone No. 1 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

At the meeting hall of the factory, Lt-Gen Myint Swe heard reports on functions of the factories in the industrial zone presented by Secretary U Kyin Tun of Management Committee of the Industrial Zone No.1.

Chairman U Soe Tun gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe fulfilled the needs.

Next, he inspected manufacturing process of transformers of Soe Electric & Machinery Co Ltd, paper recycling process of Myanmar Paper Mill on Muse Road and printing works on plastics of Myint Shwe Wah Industry Co Ltd on Haka Road.

At Kanaung Hall of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Industrial Zone Management Committee, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party heard reports on matters related to the factories in the industrial zone submitted by Chairman U Aye Lwin of Management Committee. Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to their needs.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into production of rattan furniture of Classic Home Co Ltd on U Tun Nyo Road, manufacturing of electrical and electronic equipment of SOGO Electrical Industry on Yaw Atwinwun U Po Hlaing Road and production of plasticwares at Popular plastic factory. — MNA
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Raise public awareness about benefits of consuming iodized salt

The government is taking measures in a well-organized way with national outlook to provide better health care to the people in its bid to uplift the health and fitness standard of the entire nation.

It is also engaged in the fight against malnutrition, obesity, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease and makes healthy diets popular among the people.

Iodine deficiency is one of the root causes of public health problem. It is required to take necessary measures in order that the people are free from the diseases resulting from iodine deficiency. Adults with iodine deficiency may suffer goitre, and cannot produce quick movements.

Pregnant women with iodine deficiency are likely to suffer abortion, give subnormal births including mentally and physically-handicapped babies. Moreover, iodine deficiency can stunt the cognitive and physical growth of such children.

So, everyone should consume food rich in iodine such as sea food, sea fish, sea crabs, fruit, vegetables, crops and iodized salt every day.

The Ministry of Health has worked hard for 15 years to encourage the people to consume iodized salt on a wider scale. Now, 90 per cent of the people consume iodized salt.

Therefore, the Department of Health and local organizations have to work together to give educative talks on benefits of consuming iodized salt, and distribute standard iodized salt, and the people should consume iodized salt daily in order that every citizen is healthy and fit with high intellectual power.

F&R Minister receives Dy Division Chief of IMF

Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets Deputy Division Chief Mr Ranil Salgado and party of IMF.—MNA

CPT Dy Minister attends GOS concluding course

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun made a speech. They discussed financial and monetary matters.

NLM staff donates blood for 48th time

Blood donor U Thein Ngwe

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Dr Daw Sanda Aung accepts membership applications from a trainee of Thingangyun Education College.

Educative talks given

Yangon, 1 Nov—At the hall of Thingangyun Education College yesterday morning, Leader of Social and Culture Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung made a speech before giving the educative talks, jointly organized by the Social and Culture Working Group and the Education and Culture Sub-working Groups under the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation.

Member of the Education Sub-working Group Daw Min Thet Mon and Deputy Leader of Social and Culture Working Group Dr Daw Htoo Htoo Aung gave lectures. The leader of the working group accepted 300 WAO membership applications from female trainees of the college.

Later, the leader and party visited the Education College.—MNA
Suicide bomber kills 9 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 1 Nov — A suicide bomber killed nine people Friday in an attack on police in the northwestern Pakistani town of Mardan.

Pakistan has seen a surge in militant violence, mainly in the northwest, since last year with security forces attacking militants in sanctuaries near the Afghan border and the militants responding with suicide bomb attacks.

The violence has unnerved investors and compounded an economic crisis that looks set to force Pakistan to agree to international monetary fund assistance.

Mohtasim Billah, a senior doctor at Mardan’s main government hospital, said four policemen and five civilians had been killed and about 30 people were wounded, five of them seriously.

A severed head, apparently of one of the bombers, had been found, Shah said. Suicide bombers usually strap explosives to their bodies and their heads are cut off in the blast.

Mardan, 110 km (70 miles) northwest of Islamabad, is the gateway to the Bajaur region on the Afghan border where security forces have been fighting militants since August.

Coalition soldier killed in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Nov — One serviceman was killed by small-arms fire on Friday in eastern Afghanistan, a Coalition statement said.

However, it did not provide any further information about the incident just saying “the incident is under investigation and the name and nationality of the service member are being withheld in light of Coalition policy.”

In another incident, Afghan and Coalition forces detained three suspected militants during operations to disrupt the Taliban and Haqqani networks in eastern Afghanistan’s Khost province and the south Zabul province on Thursday.

The combined forces, according to the Coalition statement, searched compounds in Khost district, capital of Khost province, targeting a Haqqani associate believed to facilitate the movement of foreign fighters into Afghanistan.

“One suspected militant was arrested in the operation,” it said.

25 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Nov — US-led coalition forces killed 25 militants, including a woman fighter, in separate raids aimed at a suspected al Qaeda commander and Taliban insurgents in eastern Afghanistan, the US military said on Saturday.

One operation targeted a “known al Qaeda leader,” believed to have facilitated the movement of foreign troops into eastern Kunar province, it said without naming the suspect.

“The al Qaeda leader is also believed to be in contact with other militants in the region . . . .”

Seven militants were killed in that operation including an armed woman, it said. The military did not say if the al Qaeda leader was among the dead.

Other raids targeted the network of Jalaluddin Haqqani, a top military commander for the Taliban-led insurgents in southeastern Khost, it said.

At least 18 militants were killed in those attacks in a compound, the US military said. — Internet

‘US strikes’ on Pakistan villages

ISLAMABAD, 1 Nov — More than 20 people have been killed in two suspected US missile attacks in northwest Pakistan near the border with Afghanistan, security officials said Friday. About 15, including an al-Qaeda leader, were killed in an attack near the village of Mirali, North Waziristan.

In a second attack, seven people were killed in South Waziristan. The US military has not commented. It has launched many missile strikes from Afghanistan against suspected militant targets recently.

Officials named the al-Qaeda leader in Mir Ali as Abu Kasha, believed to be Iraqi.

Local officials told the BBC that at 2030 (1430 GMT), a drone fired two missiles and destroyed the target - a house in the Esori area about 30 km from the town of Mirali. — Internet

Two killed in police raid of kidnappers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Nov — Afghan police clashed with a band of kidnappers who abducted four engineers of a road construction company in eastern Afghanistan’s Paktiya province Saturday, leaving 2 people dead, a press release of Interior Ministry issued here said.

“One engineer and a kidnapper were killed in fire exchanging,” the statement added.

“Acting upon information, police forces raided Syed Karam district where harbourled the kidnappers and exchanged fire with them ,” it said. “And three remaining abductors were successfully detained after clash.” — Xinhua

Security officials walk at the site of a suicide bomb blast in Mardan, northwest of Islamabad, 31 October, 2008.—Internet

A man carries a girl wounded in a roadside bomb attack into a hospital, where she later passed away, in Baquba on 30 October, 2008. A roadside bomb killed a 4-year-old girl and wounded eight other civilians including women and children at a market in central Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.—Internet
Obama home city beefs up security for election night

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama’s home city of Chicago is beefing up security before election night on 4 Nov.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley told reporters Friday that a million people might show up for an election night rally for Obama in the downtown Grant Park, and said Secret Service will conduct security screenings.

“Everyone should be concerned, when you get a million people — that’s a lot of people,” he said.

The city has ordered all off-duty firefighters to bring helmets, breathing tanks and other gear home in case of any emergency on 4 Nov. The Chicago Police Department has also canceled all days off for officers on election day next Tuesday.

Everyone will be working 12-hour shifts, police spokeswoman Monique Bond said.

The city also named a security veteran of the 2005 Chicago White Sox World Series games as the security coordinator for the Obama rally. Last week, the Chicago government announced it was ready for 70,000 or more supporters to crowd Grant Park and the surrounding area, and said the event could cost at least 2 million dollars, which the Obama campaign quickly said it would underwrite.

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US newspapers, magazines to slash thousands of jobs

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Gannett Company, Inc., the largest US newspaper chain, announced Tuesday that it will lay off about 10 percent of its workforce by early December. The move, together with projected job cuts at Time Weekly, New York Times and other big-name media organizations, has made the US economic scenario look even gloomier for many.

Over the past few weeks, a number of US newspapers and magazines have announced their plans to shed jobs so as to lower their operation costs as the pain of the financial crisis spreads well beyond Wall Street.

According to a New York Times report, Gannett’s layoffs will not apply to the company’s flagship paper, USA Today, but to the company’s 84 other daily newspapers in the United States, and more than 800 small, non-daily local papers.

Clean energy to meet most of Asia’s electricity needs

MANILA, 1 Nov — Renewable energy sources will account for 67 percent of the electricity produced in the developing Asia by 2050, according to a report released on Friday.

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The “Energy (Re)volution: A Sustainable World Energy Outlook” says that aggressive investment in renewable power generation and energy efficiency could create an annual 360 billion-US dollar industry worldwide, provide half of the world’s electricity, and slash more than 18 trillion dollars in future fuel costs while protecting the climate. “This report shows that there is a way forward toward economic prosperity in Asia while at the same time protect our future generations from the threats of climate change,” said Beau Bacongwis, Philippines Campaign Manager for Greenpeace Southeast Asia, in a statement.

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The European food giant established a research and development (R&D) centre in Zhongguancun Environmental Protection Park, a hi-tech industrial park in Beijing.

With approximately 70 million yuan of investment, the Beijing R&D Centre will be a new branch of the company’s global R&D network, which includes 24 centres. The Beijing center was the second one in China, after its Shanghai R&D centre which was built in 2001.

Road accident kills six Belgian tourists in upper Egypt

CAIRO, 1 Nov — A tourist bus overturned in Upper Egypt on Friday morning, killing six Belgian tourists and injuring 29 others, the Egyptian MENA news agency reported.

The accident occurred when the bus carrying the Belgian tourists was traveling on the road between the southern tourism cities of Asswan and Abu Simble, said the report. An investigation is underway.

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Crude prices rise as OPEC to cut production

NEW YORK, 1 Nov — Crude prices rose Friday as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) moved to cut production.

Kuwait said on Friday it was cutting crude supplies by 5 percent in November while Venezuela suggested that the cartel should cut oil output by another 1 million barrels per day.

OPEC decided last week to cut output by 1.5 million barrels per day as crude prices plunged more than 50 percent from its peak of 147.27 US dollars a barrel set in July.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery was 1.85 US dollars to settle at 67.81 dollars on the New York Mercantile Exchange. London Brent crude settled up 1.61 dollars at 65.32 dollars.

China’s rich, silver lining on turbulent global wealth market

BEIJING, 1 Nov — As recession is hitting, global wealth measured as household financial assets is expected to shrink 14 percent from last year’s 109 trillion US dollars to 97 trillion US dollars this year, reversing a six-year-long upward trend.

Emerging markets and China in particular are likely to represent the strongest potential for continued growth in wealth, according to the latest Global Wealth Report 2008 of the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). North America — epicenter of the financial crisis — and Europe would remain the wealthiest regions but the size of their aggregate wealth, about two-thirds of the world’s total in 2007, was expected to continue dipping in the next five years.

However, the sustained expansion of the Asia-Pacific region (excluding Japan), was projected to grow eight percent a year on average, the fastest among all emerging markets — which also include Middle East, Africa and Latin America — would largely offset the declines in the wealthiest regions and help the global wealth market to secure an average rise of one percent every year to 2012.

“Given further declines in the financial markets and the economy, the full impact on global wealth may not have yet been fully observed.” Tijn Tang, partner and managing director of the Boston Consulting Group, told Xinhua.

Persistent drought worsens water shortage in California

LOS ANGELES, 1 Nov — Severe water shortage worsened by a two-year persistent drought would prompt California, the most populous state in United States, to impose water rationing, officials said on Friday.

If the drought continued, water deliveries would be slashed next year, a move that could lead to widespread rationing, according to the state Department of Water Resources (DWR).

The state could cut as much as 85 percent of the water it delivers to local suppliers, the second-lowest allocation estimate in modern California history, DWR officials said.

The decision could have an impact on agencies all over California that receive some of their supply from the state. Those agencies serve 25 million Californians and 750,000 acres (about 303,750 hectares) of farmland. Less rain, delta pumping cutbacks and an eight-year drought on the Colorado River led to scattered urban rationing this year and irrigation cutbacks in parts of the state.

The state’s crop losses totaled nearly 260 million dollars this year as farmers either let their fields sit idle or abandoned their crops, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s latest figures.

President Hu Jintao calls for more domestic needs to keep economic growth

BEIJING, 1 Nov — Chinese President Hu Jintao has called for creating more domestic needs to keep stability of the country’s financial market and economic growth.

Hu, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remark during his visit to Yulin city in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province from 28 to 29 Oct.

He told the accompanying provincial Party chief Zhao Leji and governor Yuan Chunqing that the basic situation of China’s economic development was still fine amid the international financial tsunami and the world economy’s slowdown.

Government at all levels and the public should have firm confidence and be resolute to strive, the President told local officials. And government should make more efforts to create domestic needs, especially the consuming needs.

China adopts flexible monetary policy to boost economy, cope with crisis

BEIJING, 1 Nov — China’s decision to cut interest rates on Thursday is part of its flexible monetary policy to cope with the world financial crisis and boost domestic economy, a central bank spokesman said on Friday.

Li Chao, spokesman of the People’s Bank of China (PBCO) explained the government’s cut in interest rates for the second time in one month.

On Wednesday, the PBOC announced to cut interest rates by 0.27 percentage points as of 30 Oct to spur economic growth. The benchmark one-year deposit rate dropped to 3.60 percent from 3.87 percent, while the benchmark one-year lending rate fall from 6.93 percent to 6.66 percent.

The previous cut was on 8 Oct, when the PBOC announced a lowering of deposit and lending rates by 0.27 percentage points and decided to cut the reserve requirement ratio by 0.5 percentage points from 15 Oct.

Li said the move was in response to a spreading and worsening world financial crisis. “The severe crisis was beyond most people’s expectations.”
Settlers clash with police, Palestinians in Hebron

HEBRON (West Bank), 1 Nov — Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said four policemen were lightly injured and three settlers were arrested. A photographer for French news agency Agence France Presse was injured when he was hit in the head by a stone thrown by a settler.

Settlers resisted the demolition of the outpost’s single home, fighting police and throwing stones at a nearby Palestinian home.

A 12-year-old boy trick-or-treating; two injured

SUMTER (SC), 1 Nov — A 12-year-old boy trick-or-treating with his family in central South Carolina was shot from inside a home Friday and killed, and his father and brother were wounded by the gunfire, authorities said.

The shooting suspect, Quentin Patrick, was in custody, a jail official said. Patrick, 22, has been charged with murder and three counts of assault and battery with intent to kill. The jail official said she didn’t know whether

Chinese wins category award in wildlife photography contest

LONDON, 1 Nov — Chinese photographer Zhu Yongkang is among the winners in the 44th annual Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition held here.

Zhu’s “Snow Swans” won the “Animals in their Environment” category in the world renowned competition held by the Natural History Museum and BBC Wildlife Magazine.

Zhu, who is from Wuxi City in east China’s Jiangsu Province, took his winning image at Rongcheng Swan Lake Nature Reserve in eastern China. In the fairy-tale image, the whooper swans are forced to find food in snowy fields. He captured a moment when one swan took off into the squall, followed moments later by the others.

“Everything comes together to create the perfect moment — a swan soaring, the rest of the flock looking on, the gawky youngsters and the joyful yelow of the birds’ bills against the monochrome snowy landscape,” commented Sophie Stafford, editor of the BBC Wildlife Magazine and judge for the competition.

Ancient officials and their scrolls

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A handout image shows a wooden boat called ‘Spirit of Mystery’ pictured at Plymouth Sound and Rame Head in Cornwall in July 2008. A British adventurer and his three-man crew have set sail for Australia late Monday in the 37-foot (11-metre) boat that he built himself, in a bid to re-create a 150-year-old voyage.

Jewish settler youth throw rocks at members of the media at an unauthorized outpost called Federman’s Farm outside the West Bank city of Hebron, on 31 Oct, 2008. — INTERNET

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Sabay Dam of Pakokku Township to irrigate farmlands

In line with the guidance of the Head of State to ensure rice sufficiency and exploit water resources in Pakokku District, the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation built small dams in Pakokku District. Of them, Sabay Dam, constructed by Construction (2) of the department, was successfully inaugurated in the district on 23 October.

Sabay Dam Project commenced in 2006-2007 financial year. Yayngan Creek was dammed near Sabay Village, and its embankment is 6,900 feet long and 32 feet high.

On 19 October, a newscast of the Myamna Alin Daily made a trip to the dam and had an interview with Staff Officer U Win Htay of Construction (2) of the department. In the interview, Staff Officer U Win Htay said that a total of 71 small dams and lakes were built for greening Pakokku District and ensuring water supply. Of them, 24 small dams and lakes were constructed by the local authorities and 47 facilities were built by the Irrigation Department.

He added that the 6,900 feet long earthen embankment has 5,000 feet long main canal and it irrigates 400 acres of cultivable land. The embankment of old Sabay Dam built by local people was breached in 1982 due to overflow of water. Taking the lessons from the past event, officials conducted a test to make sure that there were favourable soil conditions, he said.

The staff officer continued to say that Pakokku Township has an average annual rainfall of 26 inches. Due to the low rainfall, plan was set to store rainwater by building dams for greening the region. Thanks to construction of the dam, potable water can be supplied to the local people and fed draught cattle. After storing rainwater up to November, it is expected to supply water to the farmlands through canals, he explained.

A separate interview was held with Primary Assistant Teacher Daw Than Than Oo of Sabay Village Basic Education Primary School No. 63. She said that water was scarce in the region. Thanks to construction of the dam, the region will gain water sufficiency. The roads to the dam become better transport facilities for students to go to school. They thanked the government for its initiative to build the dam.

The news crew had another interview with Ma Thet Khaing Hwre from Sabay (East) Village, second year student majoring in Chemistry. She said that she is attending the University of Distance Education in Mandalay. The dam supplies water, they all will cultivate summer paddy with might and main. She expressed thanks to the Head of State and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for undertaking the development task.

Sabay Dam Project was implemented to convert 300 acres of croplands into farmlands in Pakokku Township with the use of irrigation facilities. The remaining 100 acres of land is put under other crops to increase individual income of the farmer. Actually, Sabay Dam was built as an irrigation facility for serving the interest of the State.

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Filling station No. 0353 (Nay Pyi Taw) commences operation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — A new filling station No.0353 (Nay Pyi Taw) was put into operation yesterday.

Director (Sale) U Hla Myint Maung of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy explained facts about the station.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe cut the ribbon to open the station and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi unveiled its signboard.

The minister, the deputy ministers and guests observed the station, which has been selling four kinds of fuels including octane and 92 Ron.

At one time 16 vehicles can be filled simultaneously.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads of the and guests.

Myanmar trounce Singapore 11-0

YANGON, 1 Nov — Myanmar drubbed Singapore 11-0 in Group-A qualifying match for the AFC U-19 Women Championship in Kuala Lampur, Malaysia today.

Moe Sandar Aung scored four goals, Zin Mar Win three goals, Nunn Hkam Mo two goals, Khin Mar Lin and Su Mon Aung one goal each.

Myanmar have gained six points with two wins and one loss after three matches, and will meet Jordan on 4 November.—MNA

Weather Report

YANGON, 1 Nov — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an announcement today that the amount of rainfall 232 mm (9.13 inches) observed at 9:30 hours MST on 1st November, 2008 in Kyaukhami is the 24 hours new rainfall record at the station for the month of November during last 27 years. The maximum former record was 109 mm (4.29 inches) on 14th November, 1982.

UMFCCI President meets Pakistani Ambassador

YANGON, 1 Nov — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing met Mr Khalilullah, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Union of Myanmar, at the UMFCCI building, here, yesterday.

They cordially discussed trade promotion between the two countries and more cooperation among business organizations.

Air Bagan Open Golf Championships 13-16 Nov

YANGON, 1 Nov — The Air Bagan Open Golf Championships, jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation (MGF) and Myanmar PGA with the sponsorship of Air Bagan Ltd, will be held at Bagan Resort Golf Club in Bagan, Mandalay Division, from 13 to 16 November.

Professional golfers and amateur golfers between handicap 0-12 may take part in the championships.

The championships will be held under Saint Andrew rules and local rules. Prizes will be awarded to Hole-In-One winners.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament may enroll at Bagan Resort Golf Club and Myanmar Golf Club at 9th Mile (Tel: 01-651374 and 09-2037671) not taken than 11 November.—MNA

AIDS is a national concern.
Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from 7th Summit of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM-7)

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here yesterday after attending the 7th Summit of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM-7) held from 23 to 25 October 2008 in Beijing and after completion of his subsequent goodwill visit to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea from 27 to 30 October.

During his stay in Beijing he attended 7th Summit of Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM-7) on behalf of the Prime Minister.

It was attended by high level representatives including heads of State/Government of 43 countries from Europe and Asia and heads of European Community and ASEAN Secretariat.

They exchanged their views on five topics—global issues such as food security, disaster preparedness and management, international and regional developments, global economic and financial crisis, sustainable development and deepening dialogue among civilizations.

On 24 October, the minister delivered a statement on disaster preparedness and management and approved the meeting of Myanmar’s experience on disaster management with emphasis on the efforts of Myanmar government for the relief, recovery and reconstruction in the areas affected by cyclone Nargis in cooperation with the Tripartite Core Group.

The minister attended the Working Lunch hosted by Premier of the PRC Mr Wen Jiabao at the Great Hall of the People on 25 October. He explained the recent developments in Myanmar and progress of recent developments in China. He also attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and ASEAN Leaders’ Working Dinner at Grand Hyatt Hotel on 23 October and discussed strengthening financial cooperation to respond to the current global financial crisis. He also attended the ASEM +3 Leaders’ Breakfast Meeting on the current global financial crisis at the Great Hall of the People on 24 October.

Minister U Nyan Win meets Mr Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK. —FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Commander on inspection tour of Cocogyun Township

YANGON, 1 Nov—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife visited Cocogyun Township Police Force, 16-bed Hospital (16-bed) in Cocogyun Township.

While in Pyongyang, the minister paid a courtesy call on Mr Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK and held a bilateral meeting. They discussed promotion of relations and cooperation between the two countries.

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Minister U Nyan Win shakes hands with Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao. —FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Myanmar archery team secures two gold, five silver

YANGON, 1 Nov—Ma Aung Hngein secured one gold and one silver in the compound (woman single) event of the third world level designating Asia round robin archery contest and the third Southeast Asia Championship archery contest held in Manila, the Philippines from 25 to 30 October 2008.

In the team-wise recurve event held on 29 October, Myanmar secured silver.

Ma Aung Hngein secured one gold in the compound (woman single) event and one silver in the individual event held on 30 October and Ye Min Swe secured one silver in the compound (man single), and Zaw Win Htak secured one silver in the scurse (man single) event totalling two gold and five silver.

Myanmar archery team secured two golds and five silvers in total up to 30 October. —MNA
Yellowish paddy plantations greeted us as we entered the village of Phahti (Phado Aung San). I noticed villagers raising Phayagon Special Region and Htoe Kawkoe Region enjoying fruits of peace.

I am very pleased that our country will soon be transformed into a discipline-flourishing democratic one in accordance with the State Constitution. (Phado Aung San)

Lovely Htoe Kawkoe Village in Kayin State.

When we returned to the legal fold, the government provided us with 500 acres of farmlands, tractors, and vehicles and departments provided us with assistance for the agriculture, livestock farming, and regional development work. Our village has a school, a health care centre, and Aung San Thuriya Saw Myint library. We also have a plan to build Aung San Thuriya Saw Myint assembly hall.

Now, we have led a peaceful life. Throughout the period of our armed insurgency, we stayed in a state of panic. As you see, the development we have achieved in our region is an example of a result of peace. After his long explanation, he conducted us round the village.

Dawei-dan Bridge, which contributes towards smooth transport of Kayin State.

Then, we proceeded to Htoe Kawkoe Village that was on the path toward development thanks to stability and peace restored in the region. The village had fine houses, buildings, electricity, sufficient clean water, 6 miles and 6 furlongs long Nabu-Htoe Kawkoe road section, and a 116-foot-long bridge. The government also built Dawei-dan Bridge in the village.

The government also had provided the village with a library and a school, fulfilled requirements, reclaimed 300 acres of fallow lands, and provided assistance to grow Waynet (5) strain paddy in 112 acres, Hsin-thwelatt strain paddy in 10 acres, and Khaukdin (hilly) strain paddy in 12 acres, and to run livestock farms.

Those regions used to be wetlands and vacant lands covered with wild plants and bushes. Soon, the region will be able to produce rubber and paddy in abundance. The government is now conducting feasibility study to construct two dams by damming the Nabu Creek and the Pata Creek. On completion, the two irrigation facilities will benefit about 10,000 acres of arable lands and generate 2 megawatts.

Throughout the way back to Hpa-an, the words Phado Aung San had said to me were on my mind. "Entitle this article 'Fruits of peace', please."

The entire people are, therefore, duty-bound to constantly restore peace and stability of the whole Union including Kayin State.

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UK commander in Afghanistan resigns

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The British newspaper The Daily Telegraph, however, reported Saturday that Morley “resigned in disgust” because military commanders and government officials repeatedly ignored his warnings about the safety of Snatch Land Rovers used by the British Army in Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Defense spokesman, who declined to be named in line with policy, said Morley had previously expressed concerns about military equipment but did not mention that in his resignation.

“Equipping our personnel is a clear priority and we are absolutely focused on providing them with a range of vehicles that will protect them from the ever-shifting threats posed by the enemy,” the ministry said in a statement Saturday.

An investigation team was established to probe the accident. —Xinhua

Two killed, 20 injured in SW China tunnel blast

CHONGQING, 1 Nov — Two people were killed and at least 20 injured in a tunnel blast on an under-construction highway, on Saturday, in southwest China’s Chongqing municipality, according to local transport authority.

The accident occurred at 12 am when more than 20 workers were in the tunnel on Dianjiang-Linshui highway. One worker died on the spot, and another died on the way to hospital.

At least 20 others were injured, with one severely. An investigation team was established to probe the accident. —Xinhua

Photo shows a view of a Petrobras off-shore oil platform under construction in Angra dos Reis, near Rio de Janeiro. Brazil has inked a multi-million-dollar deal to explore for oil off the Cuban coast, joining India, Vietnam, Malaysia, Spain, Norway and Venezuela in cash-strapped communist Cuba’s quest for black gold.—INTERNET

Egypt detains 1,000 infiltrators since January

CAIRO, 1 Nov — Egyptian security authorities have foiled attempts of 999 illegal immigrants who tried to sneak into Israel via the Egyptian border since the beginning of this year, the state MENA news agency reported on Saturday.

The infiltrators include nationals from African, Asian and some European countries, said the report, noting the number of detained illegal immigrants stood at 64 in October.

The Egyptian border with Israel in the Sinai peninsula is the scene of frequent attempts by illegal immigrants of different nationalities to cross into Israel for work or smuggling.

Since the beginning of this year, Egyptian border guards have shot dead at least 24 illegal immigrants in a bid to curb the border infiltration. —Xinhua

That Iran will cut crude sale to France’s Total company by 70,000 barrels per day, the official IRNA news agency reported.

“The cut comes on the heel of Iran’s decision to slash its production by 199,000 bpd based on a newly specified OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) quota,” the report quoted Nozari as saying.

He referred to Total as one of the clients of the Iranian National Oil Company and maintained that other clients would be gradually notified of their share of reduction.

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DALLAS 1 Nov—Northern Texas has been getting more rare earth tremors, one day after several minor earthquakes made Halloween memorable for some people in the area.

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An United Nations soldier passes by internally displaced people as he patrols a street in Goma. Thousands of war-weary refugees returned to their homes in eastern Congo, struggling toward their homes as a fragile cease-fire between the army and rebels held and diplomats tried to find a political solution to the crisis. Rebels were manning checkpoints outside Goma, the provincial capital of eastern Congo where Laurent Nkunda's fighters halted their advance Wednesday and called for a cease-fire. Peacekeepers had retreated to within 3 miles of Goma. The conflict has been fueled by festering ethnic hatred left over from Rwanda's 1994 genocide and Congo's unrelenting civil wars.

Panasonic in talks to buy Sanyo Electric

TOKYO, Nov. 1 — Japanese electronics maker Panasonic Corp (6752.T) is in talks with Goldman Sachs (GS.N) and two other major shareholders of Sanyo Electric Co Ltd (6764.T) to buy a controlling stake in its smaller rival, sources said on Saturday.

The three major shareholders combined hold nearly 430 million Sanyo preferred shares, which can be exchanged for 10 common shares. That would value them at about 621 billion yen ($6.4 billion) based on Friday's closing price for the common shares.

Panasonic and Sanyo would together have revenues of 11.22 trillion yen ($114 billion), according to their forecasts for the year ending March 2009, surpassing projected 10.9 trillion yen at Hitachi Ltd (6501.T), Japan's top electronics firm in sales.

Sudan says kidnapped Chinese found but one dead

KHARTOUM, Nov. 1 — Sudanese armed forces have found one surviving Chinese worker and the body of another who had been kidnapped along with seven colleagues from an oil field near two weeks ago, state media said on Friday.

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Rare cello set for record fails to sell at auction

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“We are now working val, company and financial sources said on Saturday. Talks with DaWa Securities SMBC, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp and Goldman are at a preliminary stage and the firms have not entered into price negotiations, the sources said. The three major shareholders combined hold nearly 430 million Sanyo preferred shares, which can be exchanged for 10 common shares. That would value them at about 621 billion yen ($6.4 billion) based on Friday's closing price for the common shares.

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Probiotic for babies doesn’t ward off allergies

NEW YORK, 1 Nov—Giving children a type of “good bacteria” during their first 6 months of life doesn’t reduce their risk of developing allergies in early childhood, researchers from Australia report.

But it’s possible that other strains of probiotics could be more helpful in allergy prevention, Dr Susan L Prescott and colleagues from the University of Western Australia in Perth note in the journal Allergy.

Based on the “hygiene hypothesis” — or the idea that children in the developed world are increasingly likely to develop asthma and other allergic conditions because they are living in overly clean environments — probiotics are being investigated both for treating these conditions and possibly preventing them.

In a previous study, Prescott and colleagues gave 178 children either a preparation of the good bacteria Lactobacillus acidophilus every day for their first 6 months of life or a placebo. At 1 year of age, they found the children given the good bacteria were actually more likely to develop sensitivity to allergens.—Internet

Scientists to measure quake effect on Acropolis

IRVING, 1 Nov—Several minor earthquakes that shook apartment buildings and set off car alarms. A 3.1-magnitude earthquake occurred Thursday about 11:30 am near McLoud, Okla, a 5,000-resident town some 180 miles north of Dallas, with no reports of injuries or damage, according to the USGS.

Austrian pilot Hannes Arch celebrates his World Series victory on the temporary airfield at Langley Park, during the qualifying session for the Red Bull Air Race World Series in Perth, on 1 Nov, 2008. The race takes place on 2 November.—Internet

Minor quakes hit Dallas area; no damage, injuries

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—According to new research by US scientists, the degree of change in blood triglyceride levels following a fatty meal may indicate susceptibility to diet-induced obesity.

The findings, published in the International Journal of Obesity and available here on Friday, open doors to new methods of identifying people, including children, who are at risk for becoming obese. Triglycerides are a form of fat that is transported in the blood and stored in the body’s fat tissues. They are found in foods and also are manufactured by the body.

“These findings suggest we may someday be able to use a simple blood test to identify those at risk for obesity,” said senior author Mark Friedman, the researcher at Monell Centre. “The ability to identify more susceptible individuals would make it possible to target obesity-prevention resources on those who need them most.”

The global obesity epidemic is thought to be caused in part by consumption of a diet high in fat and carbohydrates, which promotes weight gain.

Simple blood test predicts obesity
Federer and Nadal pull out injured in Paris

PARIS, 1 Nov — Hopes of a dream final between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer were dashed on Friday when the top two seeds pulled out injured from their quarter-final matches at the Paris Masters.

Federer withdrew with a back injury a few hours before his match against American James Blake, while Nadal quit his showdown with world number six Nikolay Davydenko after losing the first set 6-1. Wimbledon champion Nadal had the trainer massaging his right thigh and knee at the change of ends when trailing 4-1 and threw in the towel two games later.

The duo’s exit left the tournament without any of its top four seeds after number three Novak Djokovic was beaten earlier in the week while fourth-ranked Andy Murray also perished on Friday, going down 7-6 6-3 to an inspired David Nalbandian. — Internet

Alonso fastest in Brazil practice

SAO PAULO, 1 Nov — Renault’s Fernando Alonso set the pace in Brazilian Grand Prix practice on Friday while home hero Felipe Massa lapped comfortably quicker than title favourite Lewis Hamilton.

Alonso, who took his two Formula One titles at Interlagos in 2005 and 2006 but is out of the reckoning this time, set a best time of one minute 12.296 seconds on a damp and blustery afternoon.

Ferrari’s Massa was fastest in the morning in 1:12.305 and led the timesheets after lunch until Alonso put in a late quick lap.

The Brazilian, seven points behind McLaren’s Hamilton, is embarking on the final stage of what some see as a Mission Impossible to prevent the 23-year-old becoming Formula One’s youngest champion on Sunday.— Internet

Maradona compares Argentina team to dirty Rolls Royce

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Nov — Diego Maradona, expected to be confirmed as Argentina’s new coach on Tuesday, has likened his future team to a grimy Rolls Royce.

Maradona also said Sergio Batista and Jose Luis Brown, two of his team mates in the 1986 World Cup-winning side, had agreed to join former coach Carlos Bilardo on his backroom staff.

Argentina boast one of the best squads in world football, led by Lionel Messi and Juan Roman Riquelme. But they have failed to perform this year, winning only one of their last eight games.

The impending appointment of Maradona, one of the game’s greatest players but also one of its most troubled, is an attempt to galvanise the team.

“The Argentine national side is like a Rolls Royce covered in dirt, it needs to be cleaned,” the 48-year-old told reporters after a meeting at the Football Association’s training camp outside Buenos Aires. — Internet

Tsonga victory maintains Masters Cup hopes

PARIS, 1 Nov — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France boosted his Masters Cup hopes with a 5-7 6-4 7-6 victory over Andy Roddick in the Paris Masters quarter-finals on Friday.

The 13th seed must now win his semi-final against American James Blake, who can also qualify for the season-ending tournament in Shanghai, to maintain his qualification hopes.

However, Tsonga’s victory on Friday has ended fellow Frenchman Gilles Simon’s hopes of making the Shanghai event.

“I have my destiny in my hands,” Tsonga told reporters. — Internet

Boxers are seen during a fight at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. This Friday, British boxer Peter Buckley steps into the ring in Birmingham, central England, for the 300th bout of a professional career which has witnessed 256 defeats. — Internet
Chinese kungfu already an international sports

SHIYAN, 1 Nov—Even though the Chinese martial arts, or kungfu, failed to enter the Olympic programme, it has become an international sport.

Some 2000 athletes from 69 countries and regions, including Britain, the United States, Poland, Russia and Greece, are competing in the 3rd World Traditional Wushu Championships, which opened in Wudang Mountain here on Friday. The athletes, many of whom are students studying in China, all expressed their passion for this precious treasure of Chinese culture.—MNA/Inthau

Pakistan’s earthquake death toll exceeds 300

ISLAMABAD, 1 Nov—The death toll from the destructive earthquake in Pakistan’s southwestern Balochistan Province has crossed 300, the state television reported Friday. Around 40,000 people were displaced and 200 villages were affected in the earthquake, reported state-run PTV.

The Dawn newspaper reported Friday that thousands of earthquake survivors spent another night in open places, threatened by biting coldness and hunger.

The Balochistan provincial government has sent tents, blankets and other relief goods to the affected areas, but these could not reach a majority of the affected people.

Meanwhile, aftershocks have made it more difficult for relief operations. More than 250 aftershocks have been recorded, local newspaper Daily Times quoted a Meteorological Department official as saying.

He said that aftershocks were likely to continue into next week and fortunately would decrease in strength.—MNA/Inthau

Gunmen threaten to kill French hostages in Cameroon

Yaounde, 1 Nov—Gunmen in speedboats seized 10 mostly French crew members in an attack on an oil vessel off Cameroon on Friday and threatened to kill them “one by one” if the Cameroonian Government did not meet their demands.

A spokeswoman for oil services firm Bourbon said the 10 kidnapped workers were among 15 employees on board the vessel “Bourbon Sagitta”, contracted by French oil major Total, when it was attacked early on Friday.

Two allied militia groups from Cameroon’s Bakassi Peninsula claimed responsibility and threatened to start killing the hostages if the Cameroonian Government did not meet their demands within three days. Bakassi was handed over to Cameroon by Nigeria earlier this year after a decades-long border dispute.

The Ambazonia situation in Cameroon

The Interim Government of Ambazonia, a group that is seeking independence from Cameroon, has appealed to the international community to intervene in the country.

The group said the Cameroonian Government has not taken the necessary steps to address the crisis in the English-speaking regions.

Meanwhile, the United Nations has called for an immediate end to the violence and the deployment of a peacekeeping mission.

The situation in Nigeria

The situation in Nigeria remains tense with reports of violence and displacement in the country.

The government has assured citizens that security measures are in place to ensure their safety and the smooth running of the country.

Weather

The weather in Myanmar is expected to remain partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain or thunderstorms.

Forecast for the second half of November: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions, and isolated in Rakhine State and Mawlamyine Division. Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continued of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-11-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yagon and neighbouring area for 2-11-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-11-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).
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Northern Command team crown in U-21 Tatmadaw Football Tournament

YANGON, 1 Nov—The final match of the 24th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament was held at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), here, this afternoon, attended by Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence.

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Barca dismisses £100 million Xavi for Arsenal’s Fabregas swap

BARCELONA, 1 Nov—Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola has moved quickly to dismiss speculation in Spain that Barca midfielder Xavi is to be part of a swap deal to bring Arsenal’s Cesc Fabregas to the Nou Camp.

The LaLiga giants have made no secret of their desire to lure Fabregas away from the Emirates Stadium, with recent reports suggesting that the midfielder could leave the Gunners as part of a swap deal that would see Xavi arrive in the Premier League. 28-year-old Xavi (left) has been at the Catalan club since the age of 11 and is Barca through and through, with the Spanish International keeping Fabregas out of the starting line-up for Spain in EURO 2008 and is under contract at the Spanish club until 2010, with a buyout clause of £100 million.—Internet

Myanmar Wushu team secure one gold, four silver

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—Ma Shwe Yee Win of Myanmar Wushu team this morning secured one gold in the (drinking sword) event, Ma Eint Mi Mi secured one silver each in the (Nanquan) event and the (Nangun) event and Maung Hein Zaw secured one silver in the (monkey stick) event of the third World Wushu Traditional Wushu Contest held in Shiyian, the People’s Republic of China, numbering one gold and four silver.

 Altogether 69 countries are taking part in the contest which is being held on 1 and 2 November. —MNA

Phayagon Special Region and Htoe Kawkoe Region enjoying fruits of peace

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A thriving paddy field in Phayagon Village, Hpa-an, Kayin State.

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