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Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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

Import-substitute parts manufactured in Myaungdaga Steel Industrial Zone

YANGON, 3 NOV — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met industrialists in Myaungdaga Steel Industrial Zone this afternoon.
Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected connection of Kamanat-Bago-Myaungdaga power grid and display of import-substitute
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Buywa Dam project under implementation on Mone Creek

Earth work of Buywa Dam Project in Sedoktara Township being implemented with the use of heavy machinery.—(See page 11)

World's rarest big cat gets a check-up
PRIMORSKY KRAI, 3 NOV — The world’s rarest big cat is alive and well. At least one of them, that is, according to researchers from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) who captured and released a female Far Eastern leopard in Russia last week.
The capture was made in Primorsky Krai along the Russian-Chinese border by a team of scientists from WCS and the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Biology and Soils (IBS). The team is evaluating the health and potential effects of inbreeding for this tiny population, which experts believe contains no more than 10-15 females.
Other collaborators include: Wildlife Vets International, National Cancer Institute, and the Zoological Society of London.—Internet
**PERSPECTIVES**

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Strive to become qualified media persons capable of serving the national interest

Combining the print media and the electronic media after firmly establishing the information pillar, those from the media world are to strive to carry out the news and information tasks in an extensive and pragmatic manner.

A ceremony to mark the anniversary of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information was held at the meeting hall of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street, Yangon on 2 November.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the staff members are to work hard reviewing themselves as well as weaknesses they had in the previous years, to try to improve themselves physically and mentally and to enhance their work efficiency with a competitive spirit.

Nowadays, there is competitiveness in every sphere and competitiveness among the countries of the world has led to more advancing technologies. And there will be no progress without competitiveness. Today is the IT Age. Some big nations taking advantages of the IT development are interfering in the internal affairs of other nations, using media as a tool.

Such being the case, media personnel are to be loyal to the State and the people and to refute and rebut fabricated news of the foreign nations, using media as a tool.

Therefore, those from the media world are to try their best for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map and to strive to become qualified media persons capable of serving the national interest.

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JHON SECRETARY-1 of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association Dr Myo Thet and honorary auditor Dr Khin Ko Latt seen on their departure for Singapore to attend 17th work committee and conference of ASEAN Furniture Industries Council. — MNA

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**People's Desire**

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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**Information Minister inspects machines for MMPE**

**Yangon, 3 Nov.**—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited Feature Film Office of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise in Bahan Township today.

At the office, the minister inspected renovation of the building of the office. Next, Managing Director of MMPE U Aung Myo Myint and officials concerned reported to the minister on renovation of the building and preparations for the film developing room.

The minister fulfilled the requirements for the building.

At the office, the minister also inspected production process of films using Colour Printer, Colour Analyzer and Stereo Optical Recorder in the film room. — MNA

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**Eighth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 3 Nov.**—At the invitation of U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar delegation led by Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic arrived here via Yangon by air on 30 October morning to attend the Eighth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint and Lao Deputy Foreign Minister Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak sign agreement of the eighth meeting of Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level. — MNA

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On 30 October, the meeting was followed by a detailed discussion at the senior officials’ level on a wide range of bilateral issues of mutual interest including cooperation between border authorities and in view of maintaining and further consolidating the existing friendly relations and cordial cooperation between the two countries and peoples. Then the closing session was held and the leaders of the two delegations signed the Agreed Minutes of the meeting.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint hosted a lunch in honour of the visiting Lao delegation at Thongha Hotel at noon on 30 October. The Lao delegation left here for Yangon by air on 31 October morning.

The delegation members visited Chaungtha during their stay in Myanmar. — MNA
Bombings kill nine, wound at least 33 in Iraq

BAGHDAD 3 Nov — A string of bombings killed nine people and wounded at least 33 others on Monday, including a senior Oil Ministry official, authorities said.

Six people died in central Baghdad

Six people died when two bombs — one of them hidden in a trash can — exploded in Taharitary square in central Baghdad during the morning rush hour. Police said 21 people were wounded, including 10 policemen and two women.

Also on Monday, Abdul-Sahib Salman Qutub, one of three senior undersecretaries in the Oil Ministry, suffered minor injuries when a bomb went off at his house as he left for work, ministry spokesman Assem Jihad said. He said Qutub’s driver was seriously injured.

Another bomb exploded around noon near a police patrol in west Baghdad, injuring one policeman and a civilian, police said.

In Baqouba, a car bomb exploded in a parking lot across the street from the Diyala provincial council headquarters, killing two policemen and a 10-year-old girl, authorities said.

Nine others — three of them policemen — were wounded in the blast which happened as a conference on defending journalism and freedom of expression took place inside the building. None of the meeting’s participants was injured in the attack. — Internet

An injured man is transported to Ibn al-Nafees hospital, after a bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 3 Nov, 2008. Two bombs, one of them hidden in a trash can, exploded in a central Baghdad square Monday, killing six people and wounding 21 others, police said. — Internet

Pakistan warns Petraeus against missile strikes

ISLAMABAD, 3 Nov — Pakistan warned Gen David Petraeus, US Commander of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Monday that frequent missile strikes on its territory risk inflaming anti-American sentiment.

A Defence Ministry statement said Pakistani Defence Minister Ahmad Mukhtar told Petraeus, Assistant US Secretary of State Richard Boucher and others in the entourage that the missile strikes from drones “generate anti-America sentiments as well as create outrage and uproar among the people.”

Washington is suspected in at least 17 missile strikes in Pakistan since August. Despite repeated Pakistani condemnations, the strikes have continued.

In September, a US ground assault in a tribal region in Pakistan’s northwest spurred outrage in Pakistan and prompted a flurry of diplomatic activity. — Internet

Hong Kong’s last governor says Bush is worst US President

HONG KONG, 3 Nov — Hong Kong’s last colonial governor Chris Patten said in a radio interview Monday that he thought President George W Bush was the worst American president he had seen.

“I think that President Bush has been the worst American president in my lifetime,” Patten, who was in the former British colony this week to promote his latest book on global politics and economy, told broadcaster RTHK.

“I don’t happen to think that President Bush is as foolish as lots of Euro-peans and others suggest. I think he’s actually perfectly intelligent,” he said ahead of Tuesday’s US presidential election.

“But I don’t think he’s got a first-class tempera- ment, put it mildly. And I think he’s deeply uncuri- ous intellectually.”

Patten, a former minister under conser-vative gov- ernments, said the Bush presidency was marked by “happless unilaterism” which had led the United States and Britain into war with Iraq.

He blamed the Bush administration for feeding anti-Americanism and for what he called a fixation with taxation policies for the rich and mismanage- ment of the economy. — Internet

Children bear brunt of Congo’s humanitarian crisis

KIBATI (Congo), 3 Nov — They wail and yell to show their distress: the youngest victims of eastern Congo’s latest eruption of violence have no other way to say they’re fam- ished, sick and weary.

Thousands spent the night in the open, their mothers tending vanyly to shield them from the chilly rain with cotton cloth or plastic sheets torn from sacks. Many are so weak and malnourished they have no protection against disease.

The UN humanitarian agency said Sunday that the violence has forced 250,000 people from their homes since rebels began their offen- sive in late August, swell- ing a refugee population that already stood at 1 mil- lion.

More than 60 percent of the refugees are children, according to UNICEF.

Aid groups say that children are being dispro- portionately hit by a cri- sis that could expand into a full-blown humani- tarian disaster if assist- ance is not widely distrib- uted soon. — Internet

Officials say gunmen kidnap French national in Kabul

KABUL, 3 Nov — Security officials in Afghanistan say gunmen have kidnapped a French aid worker in Kabul.

Security companies that provide threat assess- ments to international workers in Kabul said Monday that a French aid worker was kidnapped, but that an- other international worker in the group escaped.

A witness — Mohammad Shafi — says gunmen attacked a group of foreigners and made off with one of them. Shafi says an Afghan intelligence official tried to intervene and was shot dead. — Internet

Children run as a rumor spreads that a truck is to bring food aid at a camp for displaced people, on 2 Nov, 2008 in Kibati, just north of Goma in eastern Congo. — Internet

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Venezuelan President voices support for Obama

CARACAS, 3 Nov—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday there were good chances for the Democratic candidate Barack Obama to win the US presidential elections slated for Tuesday.

“It is not a small thing that an African-American attains the US presidency,” Chavez said.

Obama and rival Republican John McCain are in their final campaigning stretch ahead of the coming elections. On many occasions, Chavez has expressed his disfavor with McCain, but he has adopted a different view on Obama, who was born to a Kenyan father.

“We don’t ask him (Obama) to be a revolutionary, but to adapt himself to what is happening, to peace,” Chavez said at a ceremony to inaugurate the construction of the Barinas international airport in his hometown of Sabaneta, 520 km southwest of Caracas.

Chavez said that a lifting of the US economic embargo on Cuba and a withdrawal of US forces from Iraq, could be a good beginning in case Obama wins the elections.

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Iraqis say “Whoever next US President would be, we want peace”

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov—As final hours are coming for the Americans to decide who will be the next president, Iraqis said no matter whom the next US president would be, they want the United States to pull out its troops and they want peace.

Abu Abbas, 39, a stall vendor who sells vegetables in Baghdad mixed neighborhood of Mansour, said “It doesn’t matter whoever the US president would be, what we need is peace and security; we had enough of killings and sectarian strife; we want to live in peace.”

After more than five years of occupation, Iraq and the United States are still at odds over security agreement, which the United States needs as a legitimate support for the station of its troops beyond 2008 after the current UN mandate ends on 31 Dec.

“Whoever the US president would be, we want him to know that we don’t want their troops here; we have enough from troubles and bloodshed,” Abbas said.

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Three explosions occur in eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Nov—A series of three explosions occurred on Monday in eastern Indonesia’s North Maluku province, damaging some administration and council buildings, the official news agency Antara reported.

The explosions were heard at about 02:30 am local time (GMT 1730 on Sunday). There were no injuries reported yet, and the police have launched investigations.

According to a witness, the first explosion damaged a side part of the official residence of a local governor. The second one that occurred five minutes later blasted the ceiling of this governor’s office, which is about 1 km from his house.

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Over 500 Nepal-India border pillars missing

KATHMANDU, 3 Nov—Nepali Police said that 557 border pillars along Nepal-India borders in the five eastern districts were missing, local newspaper The Kathmandu Post reported on Monday.

According to latest records of eastern regional headquarters of Armed Police Force (APF), 1,108 border pillars in the border areas of Itaha, Morang, Sunsari, Saptari and Siraha districts in eastern Nepal were found intact while records at the Survey Department showed that altogether 1,665 pillars were erected in the same areas in the past.

The APF began keeping records of the pillars after the establishment of APF’s Border Security Force two years ago.

“It’s mainly because of encroachment, erosion by various rivers and lack of awareness among locals about the border issue,” said the APF headquarters in Biratnagar, the headquarters of Morong district, some 240 km east of Nepali capital Kathmandu.

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Five die in light aircraft accident in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Nov—Four men and one woman died on Sunday when a light aircraft which they were aboard, crashed in the Brazilian state of Parana, some 250 kilometres from the border with Paraguay (southeast).

The aircraft felt in the playground of a school in the municipality of Paranavai, next to a house, without killing or injuring people on the ground, according to information broadcasted on Sunday by Brazilian local news TV channel GloboNews.

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File photo shows old artists play the Naxi music in ancient Lijiang city, southwest China’s Yunnan Province.

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All items from Xinhua News Agency

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Actors perform in a Chinese folk music drama at the opening ceremony of the 15th BESETO Drama Festival initiated by drama workers of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK), in Zhangjiagang City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 2 Nov, 2008. —Xinhua

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Bakers prepare “dead bread” at the Zocalo square during a bread-making contest special for the day of the dead in Mexico City on 2 Nov, 2008. —Xinhua

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Malaysia's JAKS eyes $1.4b Vietnam power plant
HANOI, 3 Nov—Malaysian water firm JAKS Resources planned to invest $1.4 billion in a coal-fired power plant in northern Vietnam, a state-run newspaper reported on Monday. The company has sought permission from Vietnam's government to invest in a 1,200-megawatt plant in the northern province of Hai Duong, 50 km east of Hanoi, the Vietnam Investment Review said.
The plant would use coal from Vietnam's top coal producer Vinacomin, the report said.
Vietnam is struggling to meet soaring energy demand at home and plans to slash coal exports this year by more than 32 percent to about 22 million tonnes to save more for new power plants, officials from the Industry and Trade Ministry have said.—Internet

Police extrude three Tunisians to Italy
LONDON, 3 Nov—Britain has extradited three Tunisian men to Italy to face charges of membership in a banned organisation and recruiting young men for military training in Afghanistan between 1997-1999, police said on Sunday. In a statement, the Metropolitan Police said they are also suspected of being members of an unnamed banned group, identified by newspapers as al Qaeda's North Africa wing.
The arrests in 2007 were linked to the detention in Italy of nine Tunisians suspected of belonging to the al Qaeda Organisation in the Islamic Maghreb, previously known as the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat, Italian police sources said at the time. Habib Ignoua, 47, from north London, Ali Chehidi, 35, from Surrey, southeast England, and Mohamed Khemari, 54, of no fixed address, were sent to Italy on Saturday.—Internet

South Korea unveils $11 billion economy package
SEOUL, 3 Nov—South Korea unveiled on Monday an economic stimulus package worth at least 14 trillion won ($10.98 billion) to help assure a soft landing in Asia's fourth-largest economy in the face of a looming global recession.
The Finance Ministry said in a statement it would expand fiscal spending by 11 trillion won in 2009 and offer additional tax cuts totaling 3 trillion won. It also said it would sharply raise the size of bond sales to fund intervention in the foreign exchange market and offer a state guarantee on foreign-currency deposits at local financial institutions.—Internet

World's largest aircraft arrives Zhuhai
ZHUHAI, 3 Nov—The Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger jet, landed at Zhuhai Airport on Monday for the 7th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, which is taking place from 4 to 9 Nov in the south China city of Zhuhai, Guangdong Province. The aircraft that appears at the show is an Airbus development with a manufacturer's serial number (MSN) 001. A380 MSN 001 will be on display and perform a daily demonstration flight from 4 to 7 Nov.
It is the second visit by the A380 MSN 001 to China. It was one of the two aircrafts that Airbus sent in May to transport 2,000 tents procured by the Chinese Embassy in France to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, after the devastating May 12 earthquake. MSN 001 performed the ever first A380 flight on 27 April, 2005. Having flown for more than 1,600 flight hours, it has been used to do a series of technical tests on the quality and performance of the aircraft.—Internet

Mexican soldiers seize some $900,000 at northeastern border
MEXICO CITY, 3 Nov—Mexican soldiers seized nearly 900,000 US dollars from four people trying to enter the United States in the border city of Nuevo Laredo, northeastern Tamaulipas state, Mexico's National Defence Ministry said in a communiqué Sunday. The seizure took place Saturday aboard a passenger bus at the control checkpoint of the international bridge Juarez-Lincoln in Nuevo Laredo, said the communiqué. The Mexican soldiers detained four people, who were the only passengers on the bus.—Internet

Czech President to pay working visit to Serbia
BELGRADE, 3 Nov—Czech President Vaclav Klaus will pay a two-day working visit to Serbia at the invitation of Serbian counterpart Boris Tadic and meet with top Serbian officials, reports said on Sunday. On the first day of his visit on Monday, Klaus will meet with Tadic, Prime Minister Mirko Cvetkovic, Serbian parliament speaker Slavica Dzijdic-Dejanovic and Belgrade Mayor Dragan Djilas, the Serbian official news agency Tanjug reported.
Klaus will on Tuesday visit the Serbian northern province of Vojvodina, where he will be hosted by Vojvodina Executive Council President Bojan Pajtic, said the reports.
In an interview with the Belgrade daily Vecernje Novosti, Klaus said that as Prague takes over the EU presidency on 1 Jan, one of its priorities will be trying to bring Serbia closer to the organisation.
According to EU officials, Serbia is expected to make a formal application for EU membership in January, a forthcoming assessment of its cooperation with UN war crimes investigators was not strongly critical of the Belgrade government.—Internet

World's largest aircraft arrives Zhuhai for Airshow
ZHUEHAI, 3 Nov—The Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger jet, landed at Zhuhai Airport on Monday for the 7th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, which is taking place from 4 to 9 Nov in the south China city of Zhuhai, Guangdong Province. The aircraft that appears at the show is an Airbus development with a manufacturer's serial number (MSN) 001. A380 MSN 001 will be on display and perform a daily demonstration flight from 4 to 7 Nov.
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Mexican city's 'water monster' nears extinction
MEXICO CITY, 3 Nov—Beneath the tourist gondolas in the remains of a great Aztec lake lives a creature that resembles a monster — and a Muppets' slimy tail, plumage-like gills and mouth that curls into an odd smile.
The axolotl, also known as the “water monster” and the “Mexican walking fish,” was a key part of Aztec legend and diet. Against all odds, it survived until now amid Mexico City's urban sprawl in the polluted canals of Lake Xochimilco, now a Venice-style destination for revelers poling along by Mexican gondoliers, or trajineros, in brightly painted party boats.

Boeing machinists return to work after eight-week strike
LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov—About 27,000 machinists begin to return to their jobs at Boeing's assembly lines across the country late Sunday, after they voted overnight to end their eight-week strike that has shut down the company's jetliner production and cost at least 2 billion dollars in profits.
Members of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) Saturday evening voted overwhelmingly to approve a new one-year contract reached last week between the union and Boeing, ending the strike, which began early September and became the third longest in Boeing's history.
The new labour contract, brokered by a federal mediator in Washington, give the machinists more job security, a 15 percent pay raise and bonuses of at least 8,000 dollars. The first machinists are expected to return to work Sunday night, with a large majority being back at work Monday, according to union officials. “It’s over,” said Mark Blondin, the union's national aerospace coordinator. “It’s been hard on our members. They’ve earned this contract.” The strike shut down Boeing's jetliner production at a time when the airplane manufacturing giant company has a record backlog of fuel-efficient jets to build.—Internet
Zambian ruling party candidate elected new president

LUSAKA, 3 Nov—Rupiah Banda was sworn in here Sunday as Zambian president after he narrowly won the presidential by-election.

Banda, who is candidate of the ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy, scored 718,359 votes, or 40.09 percent of the valid ballots, Justice Florence Mumba, chairperson of the Electoral Commission of Zambia, announced Sunday at a news briefing.

Banda’s top challenger, Patriotic Front leader Michael Sata, took 683,150 votes, or 38.13 percent.

Wealthy businessman Hakainde Hichilema finished third with 353,018 votes or 19.7 percent while Heritage party candidate Godfrey Miyanda gained less than 1 percent of the ballots.

Narrowly won the presidential by-election.

Official results also showed election apathy in Zambia’s 3.9 million registered voters. Poll turnout rate fell to 45.43 percent from 70 percent in the 2006 elections.

Chief Justice Ernest Sakala immediately declared Banda “duly elected” after the full results were announced and said Banda should rule until 2011 to finish the remainder of late president Levy Mwanawasa’s second term.

Uruguay – Lightning struck only once — but kills 52 cows

The world’s first true blue roses were unveiled at a Tokyo flower show after 20 years of research.

Scientists find genes that lift lung cancer risk

London — An international research team has identified two genetic variations that appear to increase a person’s risk of developing lung cancer by up to 60 percent, they reported on Sunday.

In April the same researchers identified another gene that raised lung cancer risk and they said their latest finding was relevant for both smokers and non-smokers.

“We are looking at differences in the DNA that makes you more or less likely to develop lung cancer,” said Paul Brennan, a cancer epidemiologist at the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer. “The idea is if you can identify genes then that might indicate why people develop lung cancer.”

Fine arts technician Patrizia Ritiuna demonstrates the process in which Italian artist Raphael’s 1506 oil-on-wood painting “Madonna of the Goldfinch” was restored at a laboratory in Florence.

Reluctant groom sets hotel on fire

A Japanese man set fire to the hotel where he was due to get married at the weekend, rather than go through with the ceremony later the same day, newspaper reports said Monday.

Tatsuhiko Kawata, 39, had gone along with wedding plans despite already having a wife, the Yomiuri newspaper said.

“I thought if I set a fire I wouldn’t have to go through with the wedding,” the Yomiuri quoted him as telling police.

Guests at the hotel were evacuated and no one was injured when he set the fire in the early hours of Sunday morning at the resort hotel in Yamanashi Prefecture, west of Tokyo.
Bago River Crossing Bridge to help secure smooth transport...

When the bridge is completed, we can take our traffic lane, and driving will be safer and easier. (Ko Myat Tun Aung, a driver of Waw-Bago-Yangon Bus Line)

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road accidents. Now, Special Group (2) (Bridge) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction is constructing the new bridge.

When asked about the project, an official said, "There were two bridges of girder type over the Bago River. The first was constructed in 1954 and was of RFP girder type, and the other was constructed in 1994 and was of CH girder type. These two bridges were too old. They were on Yangon-Mandalay Highway and were located in the city centre. So, the bridges had to cope with a lot of traffic. In particular, trucks and buses used the major bridges at all times. Now, we are constructing a bridge in the places of the two old ones. So, there will be a new bridge over the Bago River with a six-lane motorway on it."

The project was launched in May 2007. The bridge is of reinforced concrete (bore piles) type. Its total length is 360 feet, and its motorway is 72 feet wide and has two six-foot-wide walkways on it. It can withstand 60 tons. So far, the project has been completed by about 75 per cent. The bridge is scheduled to be completed by December 2008. Now, the engineers, staff and workers are working hard to complete the project on schedule.

When the project is over, local people and all those who use the bridge will be able to enjoy a lot of benefits. Local resident U Yin Sein said, "When the project is completed, goods and people can be transported smoothly and safely. There will be a lot of benefits when the project is completed. Previously, when the river was in flood in the rainy season, the bridge was not clear of the current. The new bridge has high pillars, so I think it will be clear of the current even if the river is rising."

Driver Ko Myat Tun Aung from Waw-Bago-Yangon Bus Line said, "It is a little dangerous to drive in the city centre because the traffic is heavy there. So, I have to take care when I drive there, and it takes me more time than it should be. When the bridge is completed, we can take our traffic lane, and it will be safe for us and we can take it easy to drive."

We also interviewed Ko Thant Zaw Oo and Ma Khin Nan Aye, a couple from Thanatpin Township.

Arctic Sea ice suddenly getting thinner, receding

London, 3 Nov—Last winter, the thickness of sea ice in large parts of the Arctic fell by nearly half a metre (19 per cent) compared with the average thickness of the previous five winters. This followed the dramatic 2007 summer low when Arctic ice extent dropped to its lowest level since records began.

Up until last winter, the thickness of Arctic sea ice showed a slow downward trend during the previous five winters, but after the summer 2007 record low extent, the thickness of the ice also nose-dived.

What is concerning is that sea ice is not just receding but it is also thinning.

Internet
Well wishers may donate gold foil, marble slabs for Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov— It will be like paying obeisance to Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. The 325 feet high Uppatasanti Pagoda, a replica of Shwedagon Pagoda, is being built here for public obeisance. A ceremony to confer titles on monks and lay persons to be held here on the Fullmoon of Tabuung, 1370 ME will be held along with the ceremony to mark the successful completion of the Uppatasanti Pagoda. Those wishing to donate gold foil and marble slabs for the pagoda may make donations at the rate of K 1.62 million each for 1 foot x 1 foot gold foil, K 22,000 each for 2 feet x 2 feet marble slab, K 13,000 each for 2 feet x 2 feet alabaster slab and K 13,000 each for Myittha stone slab, and they are to contact the Secretary of the Pagoda Fund Raising Sub-committee (Tel 067-414205, 414202, 414205).—MNA

Myanmar bag 3 gold, 5 silver

YANGON, 3 Nov—Myanmar Wushu Team won three gold medals and five silver medals in the 3rd World Wushu Tournament held in Shi Yan, the People’s Republic of China from 31 October to 2 November. The team will arrive at Yangon International Airport tomorrow.—MNA

International Humanitarian Response Workshop

YANGON, 3 Nov—International Humanitarian Response Workshop jointly organized by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was held at Mindon Hall of Sedona Hotel here this morning. Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered an opening address. Mr. Bharaja Panday, Resident Representative of UNHCR also made a speech. Also present were representatives of UNOs and INGOs, responsible persons of e-Centre, departmental officials under NDPC, undertaking rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks and 36 trainees from INGOs and the seminar will continue up to 7 November.—MNA

Import-substitute …

(from page 1) parts manufactured in Myaungdaga Industrial Zone. Next, Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win reported on implementation of industrial tasks in the zone, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on completion of connection of 230 KV power grid, generation of hydro electric power and distribution of power and construction of sub-power stations. Kamanat-Bago-Myaungdaga power grid is 40 miles long and altogether 186 pylons have been installed. The industrialists reported on their requirements and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Myint Swe corridorally greeted the industrialists and fulfilled the requirements. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party went to Myaungdaga main sub-power station and inspected connection of power grid and construction of pylons. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party proceeded to Hlayhlaw-Inn Village where Director of Power Distribution Project U Thein Hlaing reported on connection of Kamanat-Bago-Myaungdaga power grid across Yangon-Mandalay Highway. Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected connection of power lines and gave instructions.—MNA

Computer associations to hold annual meeting

YANGON, 30 Oct—Myanmar Computer Federation and computer associations will hold the 10th anniversary of annual meeting at Myanmar Info Tech in Hline Township at 8 am on 7 November. Invitation letters have been sent to members of Myanmar Computer Scientists Association and Myanmar Computer Industry Association. Application Development Competition for IT professionals was held on 19 October. ICT Products and Services Competition for IT companies and Educational Project Competition for enthusiasts will be held on 5 November. Talks on computer will be held from 7 to 9 November. Software Solutions Show will be staged. MNA

Film Festival for Korean film fans

YANGON, 3 Nov—The 2008 Korean Film Festival will be held at Thamada Cinema Hall here from 7 to 10 November. The festival is aimed at promoting cultural exchange programme and understanding culture between the two peoples. The film festival has been held three times in Yangon— in 1998, in 2006 and in 2007. Three films— “Le Grand Chef”, “Hello, Grand Chef”, “Le Grand Chef” and “My love” will be screened. Each film will be shown two times. Admission is free and tickets are available at the Korean Embassy beginning 3 November. For detail information, dial 5271424.—MNA

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe speaks at International Humanitarian Response Workshop.—swd
Advocacy on Linkages Between Component of SRH and HIV/AIDS course opens

YANGON, 3 Nov—Organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Department of Health and IPPF, a ceremony to open advocacy on linkages between component of SRH and HIV/AIDS was held at the meeting hall of the MMCWA this morning.

President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin made an opening speech and presented cash assistance and aids through Secretary Dr Huay Aung of Mon State Supervisory Committee for MCWA. A total of 30 trainees are attending the course.

Meeting on National Immunization Days held

YANGON, 3 Nov—Work Committee for Organizing National Immunization Days-2009 held its work coordination meeting at Ministry of Health here today.

It was attended by representatives of ministries, World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), NGOs, heads of state/division health departments and officials of the immunizing project.

First, Chairman of the committee,Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivered an address at the meeting. Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to requirements for the immunization project and tasks which have been undertaken for successful implementation of the project.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks of the deputy minister.

4th Show and Competition on Knowledge of Traffic Rules sponsored by Yangon

YANGON, 3 Nov—The 4th Show and Competition on Knowledge of Traffic Rules sponsored by Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee will be held in conjunction with the prize- presentation ceremony at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here from 10 to 16 November.

There will be departmental booths, shops, automobiles produced by industrial zones on display along with entertainment programmes and computer quiz at the show and contest.

It will be open to the public from 8 am to 8 pm daily.

 Winners of fourth competition of knowledge on traffic rules announced

YANGON, 3 Nov—Winners of the fourth competition of knowledge on traffic rules, organized by Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee were announced yesterday.

U Ohn Myint won the first prize, Daw Khin Htar Aung, second, and U Kan Kyaw Yin, third and five contestants, consolations in the novel competition; Daw Yin Thu Win, first, Daw Thun Than Naing, second, U Hein Lin, third and five contestants, consolations in the essay competition; U Kyaw Kyaw Se (Damy), first, U Myint Thein (Physics), second, U Kyaw Win Hlaing (University of Culture), third and three contestants, consolations in the photo competition; U Kyaw Htun, first, Daw Aye Ei Soe San, second, U Aye Min, third and five contestants, consolations in the poster (open) competition; Ma Seint Thinzar Nyunt, first, Ma Nay Zin Hnin Htet, second, Maung Kaung Htet Kyaw, third, seven contestants, consolations in basic education level poster competition; U Aung Kyaw (Cartoon Aung Kyaw), first, U Khin Maung Oo (Cartoon Show Ky Oo), second, U Min Min Oo (Min Min), third and five contestants, consolations in the cartoon (open) competition; Maung Than Paing Soe, first, Ma Aye Nyein Paing, second, Maung Kaung Htet Kyaw, third and five contestants, consolations in the basic education level cartoon competition; Ma Hein Hnian, first, Ma Nan Mya Moe San, second, Ma Myat Phyo Aye, third in the basic education level cartoon competition; Ma Hein Hnian, first, Ma Nan Mya Moe San, second, Ma Myat Phyo Aye, third in the basic education level digital poster competition.

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YANGON, 3 Nov—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha Soe looked into paddy husk-powered electric generator at Thawuntaw village in Twantay township yesterday.

The minister met with township elders, members of social organizations, and local people from Thawuntaw, Buchaung-gyi, Abesaphyyu, Kalitaw, Kattia, Mawun and Kyisient village-tract at Thawuntaw village BEHS (branch).

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Minister meets with executives of MMPA

YANGON, 3 Nov—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with executives of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon at the meeting hall of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise this morning.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech on the occasion, saying that officials are to participate in the discussions for the realization of motion picture services. MMPA is to carry out five aims and twelve basic principles in the interest and development of movie world, he said. He continued to say that five basic facts for entrepreneurs have been laid down. He urged officials to discuss possible difficulties encountered.

Next, MMPA Chairman U Myint Thein briefed on sector-wise measures and requirements while Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint and officials gave supplementary reports. In response to the reports, the minister attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions. —MNA

Fund raising DVD for storm victims to be released

YANGON, 3 Nov—Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) will release DVD covering the fund raising concert for the storm victims and the charity trip to Mawlamyinegyun.

To raise funds for storm victims, Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) organized the concerts in Mandalay and Yangon and earned about K 170 millions.

The DVD includes documentary on the charity trip to the storm hit area and 56 songs of singers accompanied on Lazy Club, The Trees and Metal Zone music bands during the fund raising concert in Mandalay, and will be released on 7 November. MNA

Specialists provide free medical treatment to villagers

YANGON, 3 Nov—Members of a medical team from the Health Division of Yangon City Development Committee, Yangon Eye Hospital and University of Dental Medicine (Yangon) this morning made a field trip right down to the villages of Taunggon, Sekkyi, Kyunghyaung, Myitdaw, and Nyaungwai that are contiguous with Tawkhayan Village, Kungyangon Township, Yangon South District and provided free medical treatment to 1,040 people and donated medicines to needy patients.

Members of the medical team are Dr. Daw Khin Hsan New, Dr. Nay Lin, Dr. Aung Than, eye specialist Dr. Nilar Thein, dentist Dr. Nay Lin, Dr. Aung Than, eye specialist Dr. Nilar Thein, dentist Dr. Kyawt Thida Tun and other specialists. MNA

No. 11 LID becomes Hockey champion

YANGON, 3 Nov—No. 11 LID beat Yangon Command 2-1 and became the champion of Hockey tournament here this evening.

The final match of the tournament took place at Thimbabya Hockey pitch in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. The team representing the Central Command won the third prize.

Officials of US, British embassies visited NLD Headquarters 27 times in October

YANGON, 3 Nov—People are keeping an watchful eye on movements of National League for Democracy (Headquarters) which was criticized by the people for continuously contacting the US and British embassies and following their instructions.

Officials of the US and British embassies visited NLD Headquarters on West Shwegondine Street 27 times in October 2008. During the visits, they met NLD CEC members and sent large and small parcels. MNA

STI offers communicative English courses at various levels

YANGON, 3 Nov—STI Education will conduct English-to-Go Classes at different levels for those aged 14 and above. Depending on the score that they achieve in placement tests conducted by STI, they will find places elementary, pre-intermediate and intermediate classes.

Students after taking the courses will find themselves improved in self-confidence, prepared for public speaking, better presentation skills, teamwork, project writing and empowered with strong leadership ability.

The courses will be opened from Monday to Friday (morning and evening sessions) and each level will last three months. Those who have completed the above courses will have the opportunity to study for diploma, bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Curtin University and Edith Cowan University in Australia.

Courses available at STI are Diploma in TESOL, Diploma in Business Management, Diploma in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Diploma in Information System, Diploma in Design (Interior, Communication, Multimedia), Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Those interested can contact STI Education of Brik-4, Room-7, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, Yangon, and No. 377, Upper Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon (Ph: 250056, 700273, 507048, 507151, 52). — MNA
In accord with the guidance of the Head of State to carry out supply of water for agricultural purpose and prevention against flood as well as to generate hydropower to meet the demands of the country, the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is implementing dam projects on Mone Creek in Sedoktara Township of Magway Division.

Millions of acre-feet of water flow into Mone Creek annually. Therefore, plans were laid down to implement the dam projects along Mone Creek. These dam projects are: Upper Buywa Dam Project, Buywa Dam project, Mone Creek Dam project and Kyeeohn-Kyeewa Dam Project.


A news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily recently made a trip to Upper Buywa Dam Project and Buywa Dam Project.

Upper Buywa Dam Project site is located near Thagaungkyin Village, 25 miles from Mone Creek in Sedoktara Township. On completion, the power plant of the dam can generate 534 million kilowatt hours yearly. By generating electricity, Upper Buywa Dam can supply water to Buywa Dam for the latter’s hydropower generation. Likewise, hydropower generating facilities of Mone Creek Dam and Kyeeohn-Kyeewa Dam will be upgraded. Furthermore, the four dams will supply water for agriculture purpose in the rainy and summer seasons. Indeed, Mone Creek will supply the dams with water to generate 341 kilowatts, he said.

The deputy director added that ardent efforts are being made for generating 195 million kilowatt hours from Buywa Dam Project annually. On completion of Buywa Dam, Mone Creek Dam can yearly generate 70 million kilowatt hours more than first planned. Likewise, on completion of Buywa Dam, Kyeeohn-Kyeewa Dam can produce about 120 million kilowatt hours yearly more than its planned, he said.

The embankment of Upper Buywa Dam is gravel-filled type and its measurement will be 451 feet high and 3,300 feet long. The dam will store 1,459,400 acre-feet of water at its brim and at least 174,530 acre-feet of water.

Upper Buywa Dam is an earthen type. The dam will store at least 37,298 acre-feet of water and 169,446 acre-feet of water at its full brim.

It is estimated that Upper Buywa Dam is being built at a cost of K 124,826.22 million while Buywa Dam is being constructed at a cost of K 39,712.95 million.

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Coal efficiency set to get boost
BEIJING, 3 Nov—The authorities aim to boost the efficient use of coal supplies by raising the average recovery rate of the resource in the country from about 30 percent currently to at least 50 percent by 2010, a senior government official has said.
The country’s top economic planning agency, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), had in 2006 set the goal of a 40 percent coal recovery rate by the end of the decade, Zhao Xiaoping, deputy director of the National Energy Administration (NEA) under the NDRC, said to participants of the 2009 China Industrial Development Forum on Saturday.
China uses 3.3 tons of raw material to produce 1 ton of coal, while the US is said to use 1.25 tons.

Report says Israeli security chief warns of assassination
JERUSALEM, 3 Nov—Israel’s internal security agency is “very concerned” that extremists in that country might assassinate an Israeli leader to disrupt the peace process with the Palestinians, Shin Bet’s director said on Sunday, according to Israeli newspaper Haaretz.
“We discern a willingness among the far-right to resort to using guns in order to prevent progress in the diplomatic process,” Yuval Diskin, head of Israel’s Shin Bet security service, told the Israeli Cabinet, according to Haaretz.
Haaretz reported that a participant of the meeting released Diskin’s comments on condition of anonymity because the session was closed.

Gunmen kill Mexican police, cartel capo caught
TOLUCA, 3 Nov—Eleven policemen have been shot to death in the central Mexican state of Mexico State on Sunday, just hours after a top narcotics capo was arrested last month.

Jordan, France’s Areva discuss plans to build nuclear plant
AMMAN, 3 Nov—Energy-thirsty Jordan on Sunday discussed with French nuclear giant Areva plans to join hands to build a nuclear plant in the kingdom.

Russia’s Alexei Smirnov (L) and Yuko Kawaguchi skate during the exhibition gala during the Skate Canada International figure skating competition in Ottawa 2 Nov. 2008.— NINAIA

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Talks between Jordan’s Prime Minister Nader Dahabi and visiting Areva CEO Anne Lauvergeon covered a time-frame for the project, Areva’s key role in building a nuclear plant in the kingdom.

Internet
**Latest data security breach probed**

**LONDON, 3 Nov** — A computer memory stick containing passwords for one of the biggest public sector websites has been found in a pub car park, the latest Whitehall data security breach, the government said on Sunday.

The Government Gateway, a site where people register to use more than 100 public services including tax and benefit claims, was temporarily closed after the loss was discovered. A Department for Work and Pensions spokeswoman said it had ordered an investigation into how it happened.

The stick contained the usernames and passwords of a “handful” of members of the public, although their details were encrypted, she said. “Having looked in detail at the stick we are satisfied neither the Gateway nor members of the public have seen their security compromised.

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**Scientists turbo-charge immune cells to fight cancer**

**PARIS, 3 Nov**—Scientists in the United States have created supercharged immune cells that helped beat back cancer tumours in half of a small group of patients tested, according to a study released Sunday.

Adding an artificial receptor to T lymphocytes immune cells boosted their ability to fight a deadly form of cancer called neuroblastoma, the researchers reported. Neuroblastoma attacks the nervous system. While fairly rare, it accounts for seven percent of all childhood cancers, and 15 percent of non-adult cancer deaths.

In two-thirds of cases, it is not diagnosed until it has already spread to other parts of the body. In their natural state, T lymphocytes do not survive very long and lack the molecules that would target cancer cells in tumours.

To overcome this double deficiency, a team of researchers led by Malcolm Brenner at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas first selected immune cells naturally stimulated by a common but harmless virus called Epstein-Barr.

They then modified these cells to express a receptor key to specific proteins found in human neuroblastoma cells.

“This effect, the T lymphocytes trampoline off the virus and onto the tumor,” said Brenner.

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**London drum-maker dies of anthrax**

**LONDON, 3 Nov**—Police will Monday examine the house of a London drum-maker who died after inhaling anthrax spores while handling imported animal skins, the hospital treating him said.

Fernando Gomez, 35, from Hackney in east London, had been in intensive care for several days but his condition deteriorated overnight and he died around lunchtime, the Homerton University Hospital said.

Health Protection Agency (HPA) staff have sealed off his flat and are due to inspect his workshop this week to test for further signs of the disease, which can cause a skin infection or, as in this case, be inhaled into the lungs.

Seven people who had been in the room where the animal hides were prepared have been given antibiotics as a precaution, but HPA officials said no-one else has developed symptoms of anthrax.

Anthrax is a highly contagious infection that usually only affects livestock, but can be transmitted to humans who handle or eat infected animals. Anthrax inhalation is very rare, and is not contagious.

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**Two died in light plane crash in S Russia**

**MOSCOW, 3 Nov** — Two people died when a light plane crashed in southern Russia on Monday, Russian news media reported, citing local emergencies ministry.

Firefighters arriving at the scene found out that the pilot and passenger were dead when the small aircraft crashed near a village in the Kalmykia Republic, the Interfax and Itar-Tass news agencies said.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, reports said.—Internet

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**Study publishes children increasingly medicated**

**CHICAGO, 3 Nov** — More and more US children are being given drugs to fight chronic conditions such as asthma and hyperactivity, according to a study published on Monday.

From 2002 to 2005 prescriptions for medicines to treat type-2 diabetes doubled, asthma medications rose by more than 46 percent, medicines for attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder increased by more than 40 percent and prescriptions for cholesterol-lowering drugs were up by 15 percent.

The study was conducted by Emily Cox of Express Scripts Inc in St Louis, a manager of pharmacy insurance benefit plans, Dr Donna Halloran of the Pediatric Research Institute in St Louis, and Douglas Magee of the Kansas Health Institute in Topeka.

In a report published in the November issue of Pediatrics, they said the increases could mean that chronic conditions are on the rise.

But they said the trend could also reflect other factors such as changes in the way doctors prescribe drugs and better screening that identifies more chronic conditions.

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**Gunmen kidnap Afghan government adviser in Pakistan**

**CHITRAL, 3 Nov** — Gunmen in Pakistan have kidnapped an Afghan government adviser visiting relatives in a northwestern border region, police said on Monday, the third prominent Afghan kidnapped in Pakistan in recent weeks.

Akhtar Kohistani, an adviser at the Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, was abducted in Seendid, Kadak, a village in Pakistan’s northwestern Chitral district, while visiting his in-laws.

“Unidentified armed men broke into his in-laws’ house last night and took him away,” said Chitral police chief Sher Akbar Khan. Chitral is opposite the insurgency-plagued Afghan provinces of Kunar and Nuristan.

Late last week, gunmen kidnapped Zia-ul-Haq, a brother of Afghan Finance Minister Anwar Ul-Haq Ahady, in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar, security officials said. Kidnapping by criminal gangs is also a problem in both countries.—Internet

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**KQ launches non-stop flights to Madagascar**

**NAIROBI, 3 Nov** — Kenya’s national carrier, Kenya Airways (KQ), has launched non-stop flights to Antananarivo, Madagascar projecting the route will increase the airline’s load factor by between 65 to 70 percent. The airline’s cEO Titus Naikuni said Kenya Airways will use flight KQ 464 and KQ 465 to eventually operate three non-stop flights between Antananarivo and Nairobi on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

“We are looking at 65 to 70 percent rise of the load factor in the next year or so that is by using the 737s that carry on average, 120 passengers,” said Naikuni in a statement issued in Nairobi on Sunday.—Internet

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**This image released by US Department of Defence (DoD) Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Programme, shows Bacillus anthracis spores.**—Internet

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**Vera Zvonareva of Russia talks to the media during a news conference for the WTA Tour Championshipships in Doha on 3 Nov, 2008. The tennis tournament will take place in Doha from 4 to 9 November.**—INTERNET

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Bolton off the bottom after beating Man City

LONDON, 3 Nov — Bolton Wanderers moved off the bottom of the Premier League and out of the relegation zone with a 2-0 home defeat of Manchester City on Sunday. A poor game was settled by two late goals, the first a close-range effort from Ricardo Gardner and the second an own goal from City defender Richard Dunne. Bolton climbed above Newcastle United, who play Aston Villa on Monday, and Tottenham Hotspur who were 2-1 winners against Liverpool on Saturday. West Bromwich Albion drop into the bottom three. City stay 10th despite a sequence of just one win in six league games that will not please the club’s Abu Dhabi owners.

Top tennis seed Petrova rallies to take WTA title

QUEBEC CITY, 3 Nov — Russian top seed Nadia Petrova rallied to defeat American sixth seed Bethanie Mattek 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 here in the final of the 175,000-dollar WTA Quebec Challenge. Petrova took home the 28,000-dollar top prize on Sunday and her ninth career WTA title. It was the 11th-ranked Russian’s second title of the year after a victory in Cincinnati in August.

AC Milan go top as Denis own goal breaks Napoli hearts

ROME, 3 Nov — AC Milan went top of Serie A for the first time in four years after a late own-goal by Argentine forward German Denis gave them a 1-0 victory against 10-man Napoli at the San Siro on Sunday. Udinese are a point behind in second after fighting Lazio to a 2-2 draw at home to Genoa while Inter Milan, who beat Reggina 3-2 on Saturday, are third with Napoli dropping to fourth. The defeat was harsh on visitors Napoli who had Cristian Maggio dismissed and deserved more for a performance full of heart and belief. But Milan midfielder Clarence Seedorf said it was good to finally be back on top for the first time since May 2004, when Milan last won the scudetto.

Hamilton wins F1 title in last lap drama

Sao Paulo, 3 Nov — McLaren’s Lewis Hamilton roared into the record books as Formula One’s youngest champion on Sunday when he snatched the title in last lap drama at the Brazilian Grand Prix. In one of the most thrilling finales the sport has seen, the 23-year-old Briton was seconds from failure for the second year in a row. Needing to finish fifth to become his country’s first champion since Damon Hill in 1996, Hamilton began the final lap in sixth place and with Ferrari title rival Felipe Massa cruising to victory. Forced to pit for wet tyres while in fourth place after a rainstorm in the closing stages, Hamilton had dropped to fifth and was then passed by Vetel’s Ferrari-powered Toro Rosso on the 60th of 70 laps. With the title disappearing as fast as Massa’s Ferrari was taking him to the chequered flag in front of his home fans, Hamilton’s family looked on aghast while Brazil prepared to celebrate.

Radcliffe wins at NYC marathon

NEW YORK, 3 Nov — Paula Radcliffe won the New York City marathon for a third time in emphatic fashion on Sunday, while Marilson Gomes dos Santos of Brazil posted a dramatic come-from-behind win in the men’s race. Radcliffe led from start to finish and pulled away with a commanding performance to defend her 2007 title with a time of two hours 23 minutes 56 seconds. She had also won the race in 2004. Finishing second nearly two minutes behind was 40-year-old Ludmila Petrova of Russia, the 2000 winner, in a time of 2:25:53. American Kara Goucher, running her first marathon, was third in 2:25:53, almost two minutes ahead of Rita Jeptoo of Kenya.
US unmanned aircraft crashes in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 3 Nov — An unmanned aerial vehicle of US Air Force based in Afghanistan crashed on Sunday in the south of the country where the Taliban have been increasing the insurgency, a US military statement said Monday.

It said an MQ-1 Predator, a medium-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft, crashed at about 11:20 am on Sunday local time, adding that the vehicle’s primary mission is conducting “armed reconnaissance.”

The US military gave no more information, but said an investigation will be launched.

Unmanned aerial vehicles are commonly used by the US forces in Afghanistan, with many used in bombing suspected militant hideouts across the border into Pakistani soil.

Some 33,000 US troops are deployed across the war-ravaged country fighting an increased Taleban-led militancy. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran sends relief to quake-stricken Pakistan

TEHERAN, 3 Nov— An Iranian Red Crescent Society official Gholam Haqiqi said Sunday that Iran has sent relief supplies to the quake-stricken people of Pakistan, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Iran sent a 71-ton relief consignment including tent, mattress, washing powder and canned food to Pakistan, the report quoted Haqiqi, the Red Crescent Society chief of Iran’s southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan as saying.

The consignment was delivered to the Red Crescent Society of Pakistan through the border of Zahedan, the capital city of Sistan-Baluchestan.

“Iran is also prepared to send specialized and medical teams to Pakistan,” the Iranian English language satellite channel (Press TV) quoted Haqiqi. — MNA/Xinhua

21 people die after taking toxic alcohol in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 3 Nov— Twenty-one people died after drinking toxic alcohol in different parts of Bangladesh’s northwestern Bogra and Joypurhat districts in the last two days, leading English newspaper The Daily Star reported Monday.

Police said a total of 17 people died in Bogra while four others in adjoining Joypurhat District after they take homemade alcohol from drug dealers on Friday night. — MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Monday, 3 November, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan, Kayah and Mon States, isolated in Kayin State, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls, in Mon State. Night temperatures were (4°C) below November average temperatures in Rakhine State, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (7°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperature was Hakha (1°C), The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (2.83) inches, Pinlaung (2.24) inches and Lekhim (1.69) inches.

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**Industry-2 focuses on successful implementation of Myaing Industrial Region project**

**NAY PSI TAW, 3 Nov—**Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein visited the project site of machinery plant in Myaing township, Pakokku district, Magway Division on 1 November.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on construction of factory buildings, paving of roads, arrangements for supply of electricity and water, tasks for development of surrounding villages presented by U Tin Tun Aung, director of the project. U Kan Chun, plant manager, elaborated on arrival of machinery and progress in installation, test-running of the plant, organizational set-up, arrangement for welfare of the staff and beautifying the surroundings. U Soe Win, managing director of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services gave supplementary reports. The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project and fulfillment of health, education and social needs of the staff and their families.

The minister later looked into installation of four machining centers in lathe workshop, installation of CNC machines in mould workshop, installation workshop, warehouse, and forgery plant.

The minister then met with staff and personnel of the factory and stressed the need to make relentless efforts for industrial development. He also gave instructions on successful implementation of the project. The minister and party, on 2 November, looked into staff quarters, dining rooms, and cordially greeted staff members and fulfilled the requirements.

**Bago River Crossing Bridge to help secure smooth transport between upper and lower Myanmar**

*Article, photos : Thar Nyan (MNA)*

The first river-crossing bridge a person on a trip from Yangon to Mandalay or upper Myanmar finds is Bago River Bridge in downtown Bago which is one of the strategic bridges on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. The facility needs regular maintenance to ensure that there is no road accidents and traffic jams. The previous bridge has been at the ripe old age and is no longer in good condition. So, it calls for a new one in place of the old one in order to avert heavy traffic and 

**CHELSEA, 3 Nov—**Chelsea will be without Ashley Cole for at least a week after a calf injury he picked against Sunderland at the weekend.

The England left-back will miss the midweek Champions League clash with Roma and weekend’s Premiership meeting with Blackburn Rovers.

The former Arsenal player suffered the injury in the first half of the 5-0 victory over the Black Cats and compatriot Wayne Bridge came in as the replacement.

Luiz Felipe Scolari’s side are also missing injured defender Ricardo Carvalho, midfielder Michael Ballack and Michael Essien.—Internet